

# **ANNUAL REPORTS**

2016-2017



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# Minutes of the 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Australian Reiki Connection Inc. October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Meeting held at **5 Fleet Street, MT Waverley**, VIC 3149 Meeting opened at 10.19 AM - John Coleman, ARC President & Chairman

**Members Present:** [12]

Louise Riley, Frances Peterson, Alec Menzies, Kate March, Andonnia Gotsi, Elizabeth Secker, William Secker, Hilary McPhee, Amanda Conroy, Nikki Sterel, Rob Farrow, John Coleman.

#### **Members Present BY Proxy: [129]**

Barbara Chisholm, Karen Workman, Kerry Selman, Bertalina Canales, Joy Vargas, Lesley-Anne Becker-Goodman, Jennifer Miller, Marie Fletcher, Kerry O'Brien. Julie Abrahams, Natalie Oakley, John Cataldo, Doreen Van Boxtel, Diana Fels, Linda Geha, Paula Guinane, Jackie Richards, Melanie Van Cleef, Bianca Dowell, Shelley McConaghy, Deborah Dalziel, Anna Morton, Martine Salerno, Mary Swan, Kathryn McKie, Naomi Quick, Deearne Laracy, Wendy Rattray, Bruce Harrison, Shirlevrose Rowe, Chris McGregor, Robyn Neale, Suzanne Adamcewicz, Gail Withers, Jacqueline Turnbull, Marion Vaughan, Karina Campbell, Donna Ward, Tracey Szabo, Joy Nicholson, Kathryn James, Christine Gullefer, Naomi Perry, Debra Redman, Frances Walker, Juliette West, Carmen La Bruna. Diane Low, Danielle Cirillo, Audrey Peepe, Paula Berrettoni, Michele Michaud, Lina Foley, Iona Bertram, Kellie Banks, Olga Curtis, Christine Reynolds, Ajay Chavda, Annette Wilson, Desmond Carter, Vonni Parker, Lilian Kwaitkowski, Joseph Ales, Sharon Dale, Samantha Avery, Mayumi Ueda, Jo-Anne Feirclough, Louise Ryder, Vikki Laskowski, Michele Orman, Ann O'Hara, Arwen Bardsley, Caroline Cormican-Booth, Petra Hamer-Showder, Judy Taylor, Vicki O'Leary, Natalia Kay, Tina Green, Michael Smith, Katleen Meyer, Adrian K H Khoo, Maya Giampa, Mark Logan, Sandra Alvez, WendyJoy Smith, Julie Pritchard, Anne Yee, Matt Smith, Maria D'Apote, Joanna Serpanos, Denise Minettos, Helen Hart, Alexandra Browne-Hill, Helen Martino-Bailey, Bridget O'Shannassy, Klara Rac, Therese Newbon, Karen Myers, Jo Herbert-Doyle, Irena Grigorian. Kirsten Osborne, Lilian Tansing, Sofie Evangelou, Elizabeth Rowson, Beth Colley, Kathryn McKean, Elaine Ballard, Judi Colella, Diane Haden, Sam Atukorala, Eve Lowson, Viola Rosario, Gillian Moxom, Susie Wells, Katia Krassas, Grant Pearce, Tonia Ramis, Tess Mylrea, Sandra Bee, Isabel Lengyel, Marc Ponzi, Christine Dever, Lisa Apeltauer, Milja Trueman, Dianne Parker, Helen O'Connor, Monika Schwientek, Rebecca Jones, Tony Carroll.

Apologies: [10]

Rodney P Swart, Anita Kyriazopoulos, Lorraine Mitchell, Frank Mitchell, Richard Kelly, Michelle Nazzner, Daina Culverwell, Angela Iannacone, Trudie Lam,

Megan Fitzsimons.

Members Guests: [0]

The 10 non-attendance apologies were read out. The 129 present by proxy forms and the list of those names were not read out but were made available for examination by members.

Minutes of the previous [2016] AGM [08/10/2016] were presented and not read. There had been no matters arising from the minutes which were believed read by all ARC Members.

**Motion** that the minutes of the 2016 AGM be accepted:

Moved: Elizabeth Secker Seconded: Hilary McPhee

Carried

Reports presented and read:

President [Read by John Coleman]

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions on the report.

There were some questions put to the meeting and answered by John Coleman.

**Motion** that the report of the President as read be accepted:

Moved: Louise Riley

Seconded: Frances Peterson

**Carried** 

Secretary [Read by Andonnia Gotsi]

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions on the report.

There were no questions put to the meeting.

**Motion** that the report of the Secretary as read be accepted:

Moved: Elizabeth Secker Seconded: Nikki Sterel

**Carried** 

Treasurer [Read by John Coleman]

Questions were taken on the report from Members:

There were no questions put to the meeting.

**Motion** that the report of the Treasure as read be accepted:

Moved: Frances Peterson Seconded: Hilary McPhee

Carried

NOTE: Reports are available on the Australian Reiki Connection website in the Members area and printed copies are posted to Members without an Internet facility.

The existing [2016-2017] Committee of Management stood down with the thanks of the attending Members and all Committee positions were declared vacant

**NOMINATIONS** for Committee positions for the **2017/2018** year;

Mr John Coleman: President; approved by all attending members and declared elected.

NO Nomination: Vice President; Position vacant

Mr Tony Carroll: Treasurer; approved by all attending members and declared

elected.

**Mr Rodney Swart: Secretary**; approved by all attending members and declared elected.

As permitted under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 a resolution was passed allowing the election of two (2) Ordinary Committee Members'.

**Ordinary Committee Member's** 

**Ms Andonnia Gotsi: Ms Anita Kyriazopoulos:** both were approved by all attending members and declared elected.

The membership suggested and agreed that for the year 2017/2018 there would be a seven Member Committee of Management with the vacant positions left open for filing at a later stage.

William Secker has agreed to remain as the ARC Inc. Membership Officer, for which Committee and the Members sincerely thanks William. Ann O'Hara has agreed to remain as Coordinator of Monitors of the ARC - Absent Healing Book for which Committee of Management sincerely thanks Ann.

To confirm or vary the amounts of the annual subscription and joining fee The meeting confirmed that the Associations joining fee of \$40 will remain unchanged for the 2018/2019 year.

With regard to subscription fees which currently for the year 2017/2018 are; \$40 - Member, \$60 - Practitioner Member, \$80 - Teaching Member will from the **01/09/2018 for the 2018/2019** year, following a vote of the membership and confirmed at the AGM (Result: 141 Votes received. 129 in favour and 10 against and 2 spoilt/void) change to \$40 - NON professional Member, \$80 - Professional Practitioner Member NON Teaching, \$100 - ProfessionalTeaching Member.

There was no "business" notified by the membership for presentation to the AGM.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

The attending members offered their thanks and expressed appreciation to the Committee for all their work on behalf of Reiki, ARC and the membership over the years.

The **AGM** of **ARC Inc.** for **2017** closed at 11.10 AM

Rodney P Swart / Secretary 2016-2017

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#### 2016-2017 YEAR - REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AUSTRALIAN REIKI CONNECTION INC. Presented at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on October 14<sup>th</sup> 2017

To all our Members, existing, new and former - who have rejoined, thank you for choosing the Australian Reiki Connection the Association of Australian Reiki Professionals (ARC) as your professional Reiki Association.

My thanks and appreciation to my fellow committee of management members, Tony Carroll, Andonnia Gotsi, Anita Kyriazopoulos and Rodney Swart, for all your support and behind the scenes work that you willingly volunteer to undertake on behalf of ARC members and Reiki I thank the ARC Membership Officer, William Secker for the magnificent work he does and has done since the very early years of our Association. His commitment and dedication is greatly appreciated. I thank also Elizabeth Secker for sharing that workload with William. William has kindly agreed to remain in the role for the coming year.

Thank you to those members who organise the Victorian ARC gathering bimonthly. If you would like to organise a gathering / Reiki share in your area, send your details to me.

Established in 1997 this is the 20th Anniversary of ARC and I offer on behalf of all members, gratitude to the pioneers in Reiki who made the Australian Reiki Connection a reality.

Our Mission is to maintain Reiki as a Spiritual Practice and promote the spirit of Reiki through teaching, healing, fellowship and research, both within the Reiki community and the wider community and our Vision is for the integration of Reiki as a stand-alone therapy, into mainstream health care and community settings.

A very special thank you to the visionary WendyJoy Smith who started the process way back then and was our first President - WendyJoy is now a life member of the Association.

This is my thirteenth year as president of the Australian Reiki Connection the Association of Australian Reiki Professionals (ARC). My role was made easier because of the solid foundations laid by WendyJoy and her colleagues. I feel honoured to be in this role and even though it is a voluntary position I am dedicated and committed to it.

As President, I am proud of the achievements accomplished on behalf of members and for the advocacy of Reiki in Australia both past, present and into the future as outlined below.

Today, as a Peak Reiki body the Australian Reiki Connection the Association of Professional Reiki Professionals, has grown to become the leading Reiki Association in Australia. Its major strength stems from the fact that it is run by members for members.

Since 1997, ARC has constantly pursued for its members and the public, continual communication with relevant agencies and organisations, for the development of professional standards in line with the needs of Reiki practitioners and their clients, Reiki teachers and their students.

Since 2006, as President of ARC, I have been actively involved with Government agencies, for the development of the code-regulation regime called 'A National Code of Conduct for health care workers' (called unregistered health practitioners in some States). Through this involvement I helped ensure that Reiki was recognised as a Spiritual Practice and, facilitated changes in wording to consolidate that fact. (In 2006 when I attended a meeting with a Government representative to discuss the then proposed NSW Code of Conduct, he was under the impression that Reiki was a Massage therapy. By the end of the meeting he knew what Reiki is.)

The Governments of Australia have through the COAG Health Council (CHC) and its advisory body the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC) set in place this code-regulation regime called: A National Code of Conduct for health care workers

This code applies to all health care workers, (whether or not they are members of any association) who are not registered under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for health practitioners and also to registered health care workers who offer health services not covered by their registration. Therefore, the code-regulation regime 'National Code of Conduct for health care workers', is Government Legislated Law and *Health Care Workers* (which includes Reiki Practitioners) are bound to adhere to the law.

Professional Membership Associations / Organisations have a responsibility to ensure that their members are informed of the legally binding code and to ensure to the best of their ability that they abide by the code. It is important to repeat to members, that it is not, as some believe, ARC committee of management who introduced this rule / law.

I urge all members to read the Code of Conduct especially where it refers to Insurance, First Aid, Informed Consent/ Record Keeping, Business Set up, Knowledge of the Code and Operating under the Code. 'A National Code of Conduct for health care workers' (View/Read here) Currently as President I am working with the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services who have been charged with the implementation of the National Code of Conduct. Professional members of ARC are responsible for running their healing business in adherence with Local, State/Territory and Federal Laws

ARC has always maintained high standards and criteria for membership and continues to update these with regular reviews and amendments if required. As exampled by the ARC Criteria for the teaching of the Usui System of Reiki This sets out minimum standards for the teaching of the Usui System of Reiki (Level I/Shoden, Level II/ Okuden, Master-Teacher Level / Shinpiden) thus ensuring that Students will learn the key basics/fundamentals of the Usui System of Reiki at these levels.

For many years, ARC members wishing to upgrade to Teacher Category have been required to submit a copy of their Reiki manuals for each level of Reiki they teach. The reason for submitting is not to alter spiritual context of Reiki teaching, rather it is for ARC committee of management to be aware of what is being taught by our Referred Teachers.

Cooperation from the teachers has helped ensure that the core values of and basics of the Usui System of Reiki teachings are included. At the same time, allowing for certain add ons which have been clearly distinguished as not being part of the System of Reiki as taught by Mikao Usui. One manual from an upgrade application contained a complete mish-mash of different forms of Reiki and non-Reiki modalities. When contacted the member claimed he included them because he believed that they were taught by Usui and Mrs. Takata. That person refused to amend the manual and resigned from ARC. Unfortunately, another Australian Reiki Association has accepted the applicant as a Reiki Teacher apparently not knowing what is being taught. That person is now on their referred directory of Teachers. The students of this teacher will believe that they are being taught the Usui System of Reiki. Fortunately, this was an exception.

For a time now there have been two accredited Certificate IV for the provision of a Reiki Treatment: [10346NAT] Certificate IV in Reiki Treatment Practice [Organisation: Reiki Australia] [10410NAT] Certificate IV in Energy Healing (Reiki Treatment) (Therapeutic Touch) [Organisation: Australian College of Vibrational Healing]

ARC was involved in the writing of the Reiki section contained in the [10410NAT] Currently only the [10346NAT] is being provided as a qualification for Reiki Practitioners It is important to be aware that while useful particularly if you intend to work in hospitals, obtaining a qualification/certificate IV is not compulsory and for many Reiki practitioners the cost, which is in the thousands of dollars is not affordable. It is also worthy to note that even with such a qualification acceptance of Reiki into hospital settings is not guaranteed. More work is needed to make this a reality.

As President of ARC, I represented committee of management, as a consultant in the writing of two (other) non-accredited (Not Certififcate IV) courses for Reiki Practitioners both have been written and are being delivered by ARC members. ARC is pleased to endorse these.

A Foundation Care and an Advanced Care of Palliative Clients for Reiki and Reflexology Practitioners - by Alexander Brown Hill (Naturally Vibrant Reiki Centre)
Professional Practice - Reiki Treatment Delivery & Small Business Skills - by Sue Lake Harris (Reiki Education Services)

Your Committee of Management has as time allowed, been working on many other tasks for the benefit of members and the Association. Including but not limited to the creation of the NEW ARC Website

Work is nearing completion on this and the website will go live before the end of this year. The new website will be more 'user friendly' and contain a dedicated informative member's area which will include an interactive member's forum. It will also include a new format Directory of Professional Reiki Treatment Practitioners and Reiki Teachers.

The restructuring of the Membership Categories. As stated in the report by the Committee of Management to the Membership of the Australian Reiki Connection Inc. in April 2015

Throughout the early years of ARC the emphasis was never put on Members being in the 'category-of-membership' best suited to their Reiki qualifications. That is why today we still have Teachers in the (standard) MEMBER category of Membership instead of the Teaching Category and Practitioners still in the (standard) MEMBER category of Membership instead of the Practitioner Category. There is a need for ARC to require that Level II Practitioners who offer their services professionally to the public and Master-Teachers, who teach and attune students to Reiki, belong in the category of Membership within ARC best suited to their professional situation.

Due to time restraints on the volunteer committee of management, no steps were taken in the intervening years to facilitate this requirement. However, the reality is that with the introduction of the National Code of Conduct for health care workers, there was need to revisit the issue and the Committee of Management, in light of the new Law, have decided it was time to review the current Membership categories and restructure as follows.

#### Membership Category: ANPM: Member / NON Professional

[Qualification: Usui System of Reiki: Level I/Shoden (minimum) attunement certification] Membership in this category is for NON Professionals who have been attuned to the Usui System of Reiki Level I/Shoden; Level II/Okuden; Level Master Teacher/Shinpiden - who do not offer Reiki Treatments for payment to the Public and do not Teach Reiki to the Public for reward This category is to facilitate their inclusion and connection with ARC and the Reiki community. If offering Reiki Treatments for payment see next category

#### **Membership Category:**

APPM: Professional Reiki Treatment Practitioner Member / NON Teaching [Qualification:

Usui System of Reiki: Level II/Okuden (minimum) attunement certification Usui System of Reiki: Level IIIA/Master Practitioner attunement certification]

**Membership in this category** is for **Professionals** who have been attuned to the Usui System of Reiki Level II/Okuden; Level IIIA/Master Practitioner; Level Master Teacher/Shinpiden - who offer Reiki Treatments for payment to the Public but who do not Teach Reiki to the Public. If Teaching Reiki to students see next category

### Membership Category:

#### APTM:

Teaching Member / Professional Reiki Treatment Practitioner & Reiki Teacher [Qualification: Level IIIB/Master Teacher/Shinpiden attunement certification]

**Membership in this category** is for **Reiki Teachers** who have been attuned to the Usui System of Reiki Level Master Teacher/Shinpiden and who Teach Usui System of Reiki - Level I/Shoden and/or Level II/Okuden and/or Level IIIA/Master Practitioner and/or Level Master Teacher/Shinpiden and who may/may not offer Reiki Treatments to the Public for payment

Existing Members will be aware that they renewed their membership this year (2017/2018) based on their current/existing category of Membership.

To allow for a smooth transition members who wish to <u>change their category</u> (formerly upgrade) can do so without any cost between 1st November 2017 and 31st March 2018.

Renewal Invoices for the next (2018/2019) Membership year will of course reflect the annual cost of the changed category. It should be noted that from 1st September 2018 all directory listings will be included as part of your relevant membership category fee. These listings will have a new style and will include the Members photo OR Business Logo (if they choose). Directory listings will also be searchable by State and by Post Code

From the beginning **ARC** was simply named the **Australian Reiki Connection** and over time committees worked hard to develop professional standards and to build a professional association for members. Following on from lengthly discussions with ARC Practitioners and Teachers the professional branch of ARC known as the **Association of Australian Reiki Professionals AARP** was established in 2006 simply as a method of distinguishing our professional members. Every member was a Member of the **Australian Reiki Connection ARC** and those who upgraded to professional practitioner / teacher category, were also a Member of the **Association of Australian Reiki Professionals AARP** and could refer to themselves as ARC/AARP Referred Practitioners and/or ARC/AARP Referred Reiki Teachers.

Now with the introduction of the National Code of Conduct for health care workers the Committee of Management has decided that ARC would best be served by bringing the AARP back into the ARC and therefore adjusting the description of ARC to read - the **Australian Reiki Connection Inc. (ARC)** the **Association of Australian Reiki Professionals** Australia's leading Reiki association established in 1997.

A peak Reiki body representing Australian **Professional Reiki Treatment Practitioners and Independent Reiki Teachers** nationwide.

From the 1st September 2017 a newly designed Certificate of Membership will be issued to new Members and that will reflect their chosen Membership category within ARC The Committee of Management fully understands that some members both new and existing will not want to be in the Professional Membership categories, there are Reiki practitioners and Reiki teachers who are only using Reiki for treating self, family, friends, plants and animals. They do not provide Reiki treatments to the public in a professional capacity and do not teach Reiki. They do not have insurance or first aid certification to treat the public in a professional capacity as prescribed by the legally binding code-regulation regime the National Code of Conduct for health care workers which applies to all health care workers nationwide and includes Reiki Practitioners who provide Reiki to the Public.

The Non-professional Member category is to facilitate their inclusion and connection with ARC and the Reiki community as their Reiki journey will be their personal journey and we acknowledge this and affirm that they will always have a place in ARC for as long as they wish to be part of ARC. Of course as NON Professional these Members will not have a listing on the ARC Directory and therefore do not require Insurance or First Aid or have any need to advertise or for marketing etc.

As part of the above changes a new ARC logo as been commissioned and introduced:

THE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIAN REIKI PROFESSIONALS

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This reflects the professional changes mentioned above. This logo is © / Copyright protected. This logo may not be used without the writen consent of the Australian Reiki Connection Inc. Members who are currently displaying either or both of the existing ARC/AARP logos are asked to remove them as soon as possible. If you wish to display the new logo in your marketing material please contact the ARC President.

ARC as a membership association is in the first instance focused on all aspects of REIKI and as we all know, Reiki is a low-risk modality. To my knowledge there has never been a claim made against a Reiki Practitioner. For that reason, ARC Treasurer and I have been in discussions for some time now, with our preferred insurance broker A J Gallagher, with the purpose of obtaining additional benefits and reduced fees for our members. I am pleased to announce that these discussions have been successful. A J Gallagher have developed a new premium platform offering even more competitive premiums to ARC members practicing Usui Reiki as their only modality This means that ARC members who are providing Reiki treatments as their only modality will now have the cheapest rate for insurance cover in Australia. (To date)

ARC members who have additional modalities as part of their practice will continue to have the same competitive rates for the quality insurance cover they already benefit from

### Insurance Programme Premium Summary

Premium's for Practitioners insuring for Usui Reki only

| Limit of Indemnity                     |                                 |   |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Public and Products<br>Liability Limit | Professional Indemnity<br>Limit | Annual Premium (Incl GST, Stamp Duty and Broker Fee) \$140.00 |  |  |  |  |
| \$10,000,000                           | \$1,000,000                     |   |  |  |  |  |
| \$10,000,000                           | \$2,000,000                     | \$169.00  |  |  |  |  |
| \$10,000,000                           | \$5,000,000                     | \$198.00  |  |  |  |  |
| \$10,000,000                           | \$10,000,000                    | \$242.00  |  |  |  |  |
| \$20,000,000                           | \$1,000,000                     | \$215.00  |  |  |  |  |
| \$20,000,000                           | \$2,000,000                     | \$238.00  |  |  |  |  |
| \$20,000,000                           | \$5,000,000                     | \$265.00  |  |  |  |  |
| \$20,000,000                           | \$20,000,000                    | \$316.00  |  |  |  |  |

Premium's for Practitioners insuring for Usui Reki and additional modalities

| Limit of Indemnity                     |                                 |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|---------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Public and Products<br>Liability Limit | Professional Indemnity<br>Limit | Annual Premium (Incl GST, Stamp Duty and Broker Fee) \$160.00 |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$10,000,000                           | \$1,000,000                     |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$10,000,000                           | \$2,000,000                     | \$181.00  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$10,000,000                           | \$5,000,000                     | \$221.00  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$10,000,000                           | \$10,000,000                    | \$261.00  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$20,000,000                           | \$1,000,000                     | \$231.00  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$20,000,000                           | \$2,000,000                     | \$258.00  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$20,000,000                           | \$5,000,000                     | \$298.00  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$20,000,000                           | \$20,000,000                    | \$347.00  |  |  |  |  |  |

A J Gallagher is also providing additional benefits to members of ARC through their new programme ACCESS 1st. For example, members can take advantage of;

Free ad hoc legal advice - Digital marketing and website design - HR support and business consultancy - Office equipment and supplies - Corporate wear - Graphic design services - And much more - More details will be provided to members soon and will be available on our new website.

Of course ARC members are free to choose their own Broker, to obtain insurance cover.

My thanks to Editor, Janet Barnes for continuing on this role after her departure from committee last year The Magazine is available in the members area of the ARC website and on Facebook as it is for the Public to read. As part of the new ARC website it is proposed to reintroduce the ARK INK e-News Newsletter which will be sent to members in the month between the Magazine. This is for ARC members only.

Other works undertaken by Committee during the year

Updating of back-end services (the unseen work done by committee)

Introduction of a new and necessary Accounts/Invoicing system - used for the first time this year at renewal time

Creation of a new and improved member database - work in progress

Amending and simplification of forms for membership application and change of membership categories, which include provisions for changes in the law

Updating the Professional and Personal Development booklet - work in progress

For the last seven years, ARC Committee of Management has successfully maintained annual membership fees as low as possible, while continuing to provide a high standard of advocacy, service and support. However, during that time costs of running the Association have increased on an annual basis. In accordance with the rules of the Association, members have been asked to vote on a small increase in membership fees, to help offset some of these increases.

As a peak Reiki body ARC's membership fees for all categories are the lowest in Australia

I have put myself forward for another year in the role of President. In 2018, I will continue my endeavours to further raise awareness and benefits of Reiki as a complementary and standalone modality, to continue working with relevant Government and Health departments, other Reiki organisations in Australia and overseas for the benefit of Reiki and the ongoing professionalism of Reiki Treatment Practitioners and Teachers while at the same time ensuring that the Spiritual Practice of Reiki is maintained.

Love light lots of laughter and wellness

John Coleman
President of ARC Inc.

# 2016-2017 YEAR - REPORT OF THE SECRETARY (Incorporating the REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT) AUSTRALIAN REIKI CONNECTION INC. Presented at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on October 14<sup>th</sup> 2017

I confirm that ARC Inc. has met all of the legal responsibilities required of an Incorporated Association in the past year.

This year has been exceptionally busy for all the members of the Committee of Management. The Committee has met regularly as required. The leadership group at ARC have done an amazing job over the last number of years in building the professional profile and standing of ARC within the Reiki community and beyond.

ARC is seeking expressions of interest and would like to hear from those who may be interested in joining Committee as Ordinary Committee Members in order to be involved and learn the responsibilities. Please get in touch with John or Tony if you would like some further information.

Members are further asked to contribute toward the management of their Association through volunteering their talent by participation in sub-committees or specific projects that are there to be worked on, but do not get completed simply because there are not enough offers to help.

ARC continues to engage with Members and other Reiki people and of course the public through the social media arena of the ARC Facebook page. **You** can find us on Facebook by visiting: **www.facebook.com/AustralianReikiConnection** and then 'LIKE' us in order to keep in touch with what is happening in the Reiki world and with ARC. ARC also has a Twitter presence and **you** can follow us on Twitter at: **https://twitter.com/AustralianReiki**.

Rodney P Swart **Secretary ARC Inc.** 

# 2016-2017 YEAR - REPORT OF THE TREASURER AUSTRALIAN REIKI CONNECTION INC. Presented at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on October 14<sup>th</sup> 2017

During the 2016/2017 financial year [1<sup>st</sup> July 2016-30<sup>th</sup> June 2017] ARC Inc. has continued to have good management of the Associations monies. ARC Inc. remains solvent and debt free and is expected to operate within the budget set for the 2017/2018 financial year.

This year the number of new members joining the Association has remained consistent with previous years. Although there has been an increase in the number of long time members resigning as they take up the option of retiring from business. As with most organisations, membership-administration, marketing and accounts management, printing and postal charges, all result in higher running costs as reflected in the annual Income & Expenditure figures given below.

Online advertising with Yellow Pages® continues to attract public attention to the AARP Directories of Practitioners and Teachers. The national telephone number is continuing to support both the membership and the public in their dealings with the Association and this has resulted in an increase in the cost of providing the service.

Membership renewal invoices for the **2017/2018** year were emailed and/or posted to all Members in July 2017 by way of the new **XERO** Accounting system that ARC is now using.

It is important to remember that the special low-cost insurance that members enjoy through their ARC Membership will become invalid if they do not keep their Membership of the Association fully paid.

Tony Carroll // Treasurer ARC Inc.



Australian Reiki Connection onc.

Association of Australian Reiki Professionals

Schedule 1
Regulation 15

#### Form 1

Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 Sections 94(2) (b), 97(2) (b) and 100(2) (b)

This form is required to be provided to the members at the AGM with the association's accounts.

Annual statements give true and fair view of financial position of incorporated association

We, John M Coleman (President) and Tony S Carroll (Treasurer), being members of the Committee of the AUSTRALIAN REIKI CONNECTION INC. certify that-

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position of the AUSTRALIAN REIKI CONNECTION INC. during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017

Signed:

Dated: 14th October 2017

Signed:

Dated: 14th October 2017

## **Trial Balance (Cash)**

#### Australian Reiki Connection Inc.

ABN: 16 324 495 886

Report Period: 1/07/2016 - 30/06/2017

Account(s) in this report: ARC Inc.

| Column                         | Tax Type | Code | Quantity | DR       | CR       |
|--------------------------------|----------|------|----------|----------|----------|
| Category Upgrade Fee           | Non GST  |      |          |          | 720.00   |
| Credit Card Surcharge          | Non GST  |      |          |          | 238.60   |
| Joining Fee                    | Non GST  |      |          |          | 3520.00  |
| Membership Fee                 | Non GST  |      |          |          | 34783.00 |
| Offset Against Payments        | Non GST  |      |          |          | 90.00    |
| Admin Costs & Fees             | Non GST  |      |          | 14625.80 |          |
| Advertising & Promotion        | Non GST  |      |          | 2960.74  |          |
| Assoc. Liability Insurances    | Non GST  |      |          | 1889.12  |          |
| General Postage                | Non GST  |      |          | 1700.30  |          |
| General Stationery             | Non GST  |      |          | 2492.31  |          |
| Gifts                          | Non GST  |      |          | 100.00   |          |
| Internet Costs                 | Non GST  |      |          | 1700.00  |          |
| Licenses & Subscriptions       | Non GST  |      |          | 1420.05  |          |
| Merchant Charges / CrCard Fees | Non GST  |      |          | 560.80   |          |
| Office Equipment               | Non GST  |      |          | 2882.05  |          |
| Offset Against Deposits        | Non GST  |      |          | 90.00    |          |
| Post Office Box Numbers        | Non GST  |      |          | 423.00   |          |
| Telephone 1300 Number          | Non GST  |      |          | 620.13   |          |
| Telephone Calls / Charges      | Non GST  |      |          | 708.67   |          |
| Travel - Expenses              | Non GST  |      |          | 505.30   |          |
| Venue Costs / Expenses         | Non GST  |      |          | 92.20    |          |
| Venue Costs / Hire             | Non GST  |      |          | 1110.00  |          |
| Website Develop'ent            | Non GST  |      |          | 658.95   |          |
| Website Hosting                | Non GST  |      |          | 533.59   |          |
| Cash at Bank (ARC Inc.)        |          | 680  |          | 4278.59  |          |
| Cash on Hand                   |          | 640  |          | 0.00     |          |
| Total                          |          |      |          | 39351.60 | 39351.60 |

Please Note: This report advises the movement in each of the accounts (columns) listed and does not include opening balances. When Invoice Manager Balances are included Opening and Closing Balances are reported separately.

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