



ANNUAL REPORT 2013/2014

Highlights & Achievements

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The 2013/2014 year has been super busy and chock full of Whedony goodness.

Here's just a few of the highlights of the year...

New Articles of Incorporation

Our 2013 AGM saw the introduction of updated Articles of Incorporation for our organisation.

New Stuff from Joss Whedon

We started things off with the release of *Much Ado About Nothing*. Thanks to Sharmill Films, we were able to give away lots of double passes to special screenings in Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide, movies posters and in-season passes for the July 11 release. Plus there was a special screening in Melbourne with a live Q&A with Kai Cole. October saw the premiere of *Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* (with special guest star Ron Glass) and then in April 2014 we had the online release of *In Your Eyes*, written by Joss.

Firefly Cast Appearances

Jewel Staite attended Oz Comic-Con in Adelaide and Perth, and was just delightful. We also had Ron Glass attend Supanova in Melbourne!

Social Events

There were more opportunities than ever for Browncoats to meet up! Conventions are always a great chance to see friends old and new, as are our Can't Stop the Serenity events. This year we also added movie screenings, a Christmas shindig (combined with our AGM) and monthly pub nights.

Charity Fundraising

Our two major fundraising efforts were our Outfitters booth at conventions, where merchandise sales benefit Fitted for Work and FareShare, and Can't Stop the Serenity, which supports Equality Now.

Fitted for Work and FareShare both received \$2,500 each and were delighted to have our support.

Can't Stop the Serenity 2013 raised over \$6,000 for Equality Now through our Serenity/Dr Horrible screening and trivia night (both of which sold out) and our online auctions.

Planning for 2014 was well underway by the end of the financial year, with tickets for the screening event on sale from 1 June and an online auction already under our belts.

Our amazing donors

Once again we're fortunate to receive the support of many amazing donors. Our prize pool of goodies to be auctioned for charity grew in 2013/2014 to include items signed by Jewel Staite, Alan Tudyk, Sean Maher, Adam Baldwin and Ron Glass. Oz Comic-Con generously donated autograph tokens and we received donations of art and collectibles from other donors, as well as discounts on goods and services including merchandise and venue hire.

Jen Cummings, President



Members:

91 (at 30 June 2013)

Membership Cost

Initial Year: \$15

(incl. Dog tag base set)

Annual: \$10

(incl. annual dog tag)

Membership

Our second year of membership has gone well, with 91 members at the end of the financial year.

As was the case when we set up the membership program, the funds raised assist in the covering of public liability insurance and other operational costs, as well as providing advance funds for other large, ongoing costs associated with our charity fundraising and social events (eg. venue hire, etc).

Our other goal continues to be the building of a cohesive connection between members of the local Browncoat community. This has been achieved in several ways, including members recognising each other at conventions by their dog-tags.

Our members are predominantly Victorian, with a mixture of metropolitan and country members. We also have members from NSW, SA and WA, Ireland and Canada.

Leanne Girdwood, Secretary



Our Amazing Volunteers

The volunteers who keep New Melbourne Browncoats going are vital, and we thank each and every one of you. These amazing people work tirelessly behind the scenes to bring you cool merchandise at conventions, charity events like Can't Stop the Serenity, awesome prizes for fundraising and much more.

Our Committee of Management volunteers have given freely of their spare time to keep things running smoothly. These dedicated folks have spent countless hours in meetings, planning sessions and weekends away - and have a surprisingly large amount of fun doing it! Thank you!

And then there are the extra crew members who help out at conventions and events. These guys are amazing! Enthusiastic and ready for anything. Thank you all - we couldn't do it without you!!

Conventions**Attended:**

Oz Comic-Con (Melbourne)
- 6-7 Jul 2013
Manifest (Melbourne)
- 16-18 Aug 2013
Armageddon (Melbourne)
- 19-20 Oct 2013
Oz Comic-Con (Perth)
- 29-30 Mar 2014
Oz Comic-Con (Adelaide)
- 5-6 Apr 2014
Supanova (Melbourne)
- 12-13 Apr 2014

NMB Outfitters: The Browncoat Charity Booth

We've had a busy year, attending six conventions. We started off the financial year by taking our Outfitters Booth to Oz Comic-Con in Melbourne, and went big with a full-sized booth on the main floor (see photo). Next up was Manifest, a new event for us which was a great chance to meet a new crowd. Armageddon rounded out 2013 and we had a great time! 2014 kicked off with back-to-back interstate Oz Comic-Cons with Jewel Staite. In Perth we shared with CSTS Perth and had a blast. Then it was off to Adelaide, where we had an awesome time and had Jewel sign lots of goodies for our charity auctions. We wrapped things up with Supanova Melbourne and Ron Glass, who also signed some shiny things for us. We had a fantastic year and it was ace to see Browncoats across the country, especially so many amazing cosplayers! Special thanks to our volunteers who donate their time and pay their own way to each event.



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Jen Cummings, Booth Sub-Committee Chair

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Can't Stop the Serenity & Equality Now



Thank you for helping raise \$6,887.77 (US \$6,497.17) for Equality Now!

Going from strength to strength, Can't Stop the Serenity 2013 was bigger and better than ever!

We started things off with our Battle of the Geeks Trivia night on 19 July at the Celtic Club. This year's event included special video questions from stars like Richard Dean Anderson, Jason Momoa, Aaron Ashmore, Colin Ferguson and more (thanks to Oz Comic-Con), and over \$1,000 in prizes. This was another full house, with 100 people enjoying the night.

Our screening event starring *Serenity* sold out weeks before the actual event, and the hype carried over into a fantastic day on August 24 at the State Library of Victoria. Once again headed by MC Ben McKenzie, our screening of *Dr Horrible* and *Serenity* was the perfect basis for a great day out. Raffles and auctions proved popular, with lots of collectibles up for grabs. Highlights were a *Serenity* mini-poster signed by Joss Whedon that went for \$500, a Wash Maquette signed by Alan Tudyk that sold for \$260 and a framed pair of photos signed by Jewel Staite and Sean Maher that raised \$220. And of course there was the traditional singing of "The Hero of Canton" and cosplay! We also had our hand-made Cunning Hats available for purchase, which were very popular.

Our friends at Gifts For The Geek generously donated their time to run the merchandise booth at the event, supplying all the stock and donating 20% of the profits for the cause. Of cos & play also made some great videos of the day, featuring the amazing costumes!

New for 2013 was a series of eBay Auctions, tying it all together in September. With items such as a "Cabin in the Woods" poster and bluray set, a beautiful Crazy Ivan poster in the style of Nintendo box-art signed by Alan Tudyk, and an almost life size Spike poster signed by James Marsters, the eBay items really helped boost our fundraising efforts. The star performer was a Dollhouse DVD set signed by seven cast members, which went for over \$350!

All up, our efforts in 2013 raised \$6,887.77 (a donation totalling \$US6,497.17). Well done to all Browncoat friends and family who came along! Special thanks to all our donors, volunteers and the organising crew!

Michael Girdwood, CSTS Sub-Committee Chair



Ben McKenzie

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Treasurer's Report

Another year has passed for the New Melbourne Browncoats and it has been another good one.

In FY2013/2014, we donated \$12,062.97 to charity from the proceeds of our convention sales and charity events. We donated \$2,500 each to Fitted for Work and FareShare, which was raised from convention sales, and \$7,062.97 to Equality Now from Can't Stop the Serenity 2013 (and from Can't Stop the Serenity 2012).

Memberships were again strong this year, once again covering our costs and allowing us to donate more to charity as we were able to cover some of our convention-based expenses, as well as our ongoing costs like public liability insurance and other operational expenses.

We have continued to expand our reach to more cities with our Outfitters Booth and have had solid sales over the year as we continued to diversify our offerings with new vendors and products. While slightly down on our results last year, we are still getting a lot of support at each event.

Donors and sponsors have also helped us achieve our fundraising goals, providing discounts on goods and services, as well as donating items for raffles and auctions.

Plans are moving for the next year and we hope to continue to keep flying along with your support.

Michael Mikalic, Treasurer

Financial Statements

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2014

	2013/2014	2012/2013	Variance \$
Assets			
Current			
Inventories	6,320	7,038	(718)
Trade and other receivables	1,500	1,060	440
Other assets	3,700	1,200	2,500
Cash and cash equivalents	2,577	4,413	(1,836)
Current assets	14,097	13,711	386
Non-current			
Trade and other receivables	-	-	-
Property, plant and equipment	4,189	4,784	(595)
Intangible assets	2,335	2,335	-
Other financial assets	-	-	-
Non-current assets	6,524	7,119	(595)
Total assets	20,621	20,830	(209)
Liabilities			
Current			
Provisions	-	-	-
Trade and other payables	324	-	324
Other liabilities	393	650	(257)
Borrowings	-	-	-
Current liabilities	717	650	67
Non-current			
Provisions	-	-	-
Non-current liabilities	-	-	-
Total liabilities	717	650	67
Net assets	19,904	20,180	(276)
Total Equity	19,017	20,180	(1,163)

Charity Donations

▪ FareShare:

\$2,500.00

▪ Fitted for Work:

\$2,500.00

▪ Equality Now:

\$7,062.97*

* Total includes \$175.19 from CSTS 2012 (of the \$568.28 owing to Equality Now) and \$6,887.77 from CSTS 2013. The outstanding amount from CSTS 2012 will be donated in FY2014/2015.

Financial Statements

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2014

	2013/2014	2012/2013	Variance \$
Revenue	34,581	40,579	(5,998)
Other income	570	735	(165)
Changes in inventories	(719)	-	(719)
Costs of material	-	(5,514)	5,514
Employee benefits expense	-	-	-
Depreciation and amortisation expense	-	-	-
Loss of sale on property, plant and equipment	-	-	-
Forgiveness of loan	-	-	-
Fundraising expenses	(6,973)	(5,534)	(1,439)
Donations to charitable insitutions	(12,063)	(12,943)	880
Other expenses	(2,375)	(8,348)	5,973
Surplus/(deficit) before tax	13,021	8,975	4,046
Tax expense	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	13,021	8,975	4,046
Other comprehensive income			
Revaluation of land	-	-	-
Available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	-
Net changes in fair value of AFS financial assets, net of tax	-	-	-
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	-	-	-

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2014

	2013/2014	2012/2013	Variance \$
Operating Services			
Receipts from:	35,152	41,314	(6,162)
- Donations and appeals	-	-	-
- Charity Fundraising events	11,314	10,911	403
- Bequests & Grants	-	-	-
- Member contributions	1,100	990	110
- Sale of goods	22,168	28,576	(6,408)
- Dividend & Interest income	7	6	1
- Other income	563	831	(268)
Payment to members and suppliers	(24,617)	(23,103)	(1,514)
Payment to charitable insitutions	(12,063)	(12,943)	880
Net cash provided by operating activities	(1,528)	5,268	(6,796)
Investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(308)	(2,437)	2,129
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	-	-
Purchase of AFS investments	-	-	-
Proceeds from disposals of AFS investments	-	-	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	(308)	(2,437)	2,129
Financing activities			
Proceeds from bank loans	-	-	-
Repayment of bank loans	-	-	-
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	-	-	-
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(1,836)	3,168	(5,004)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	4,413	1,584	2,829
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	2,577	4,413	(1,836)

Our Supporters...

Thanks to our amazing supporters, New Melbourne Browncoats have formed a wonderful community of Joss Whedon fans across Victoria and Australia and raised thousands of dollars for charity. As a non-profit, we rely on the kindness of strangers to help us meet our goals of providing a social scene for Browncoats and raising much needed funds for charity. The generous folks below have supported us in a vast number of ways, including donating collectibles (which we use to raise money for charity through auctions, raffles and community building), providing gratis or discounted goods and services, and donating equipment and supplies.



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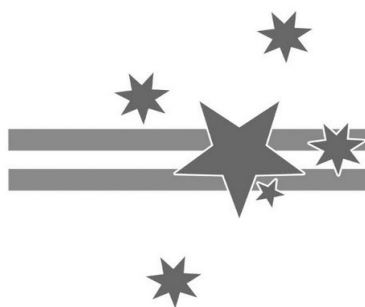


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