

New Zealand Media Council

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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ASSOCIATION**

NEW ZEALAND MEDIA ASSOCIATION INC.

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Media Council Members 2023

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Hon. Raynor Asher Independent Chair, Court of Appeal judge (ret.)

MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC:

Dr Jo Cribb	Independent consultant
Marie Shroff	Independent consultant
Dr Ben France-Hudson	Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Otago University
Reina Vaai	Lawyer, Auckland
Judi Jones	Former Telecommunications Ombudsman (Australia), Wellington

Public alternate members:

Alison Thom	Former senior executive in public, iwi, voluntary sectors, Kapiti Coast District
Richard Pamatatau	AUT lecturer, Auckland

MEMBERS REPRESENTING NEWS MEDIA:

Representing the Magazine Publishers Association

Rosemary Barraclough	Deputy Editor and journalist
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Representing editors, nominated by the News Publishers Association

Scott Inglis	North Island Regional Editor, NZME
Jonathan McKenzie	Editor Waikato Times, Stuff

Representing Digital Media and Broadcasters

Tim Watkin	Editor, blogger and journalist. Executive Director Podcasts, RNZ.
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Representing Journalists, nominated by E Tu

Hank Schouten	Former journalist
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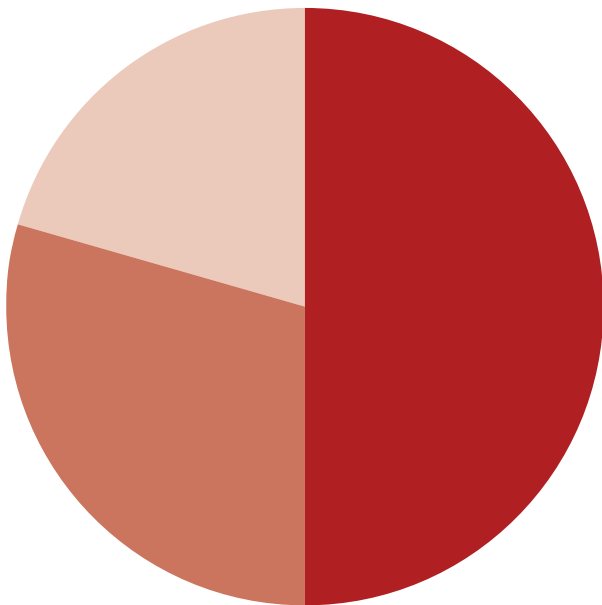
Industry Alternate

Katrina Bennett	News director Wellington, NZME
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2023 Year in Review

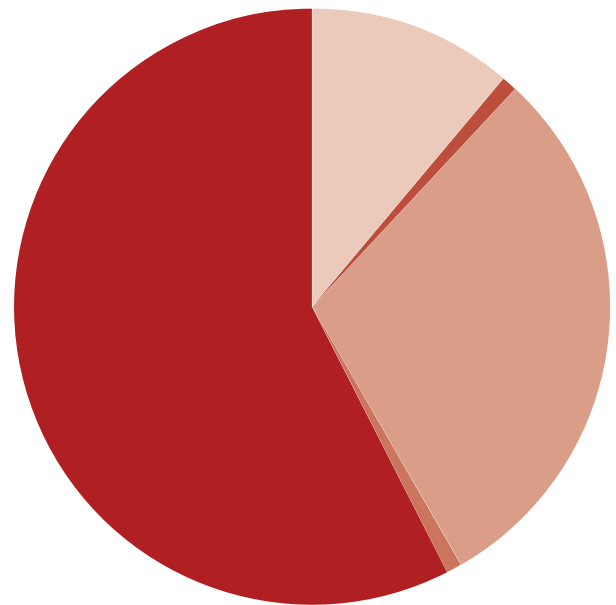
Complaints Statistics

2023 COMPLAINTS OVERVIEW



- Received
- Determined
- Not determined

2023 COUNCIL RULINGS



- Upheld
- Upheld with dissent
- Not upheld
- Not upheld with dissent
- No grounds to proceed

Total complaints received:	313
Complaints determined:	127
Complaints received and not determined (majority incomplete or cancelled):	186
Council rulings:	108
Upheld	12
Upheld with dissent	1
Not upheld	32
Not upheld with dissent	1
No grounds to proceed	62

2023 Decisions

COMPLAINANT	PUBLICATION	DECISION	RULING	DATE
Tameem Shaltoni	NZ Herald	No Grounds	3362	Feb-23
Stu Dickson	Stuff	No Grounds	3367	Feb-23
An Sun	Stuff	No Grounds	3368	Feb-23
Rachel Brown	Stuff	No Grounds	3369	Feb-23
Rachel Brown	Stuff	No Grounds	3370	Feb-23
Mark Jamieson	RNZ	No Grounds	3371	Feb-23
Eric Jordan	Stuff	No Grounds	3372	Feb-23
Zane Cozens	Newshub	No Grounds	3373	Feb-23
Joshua Riley	Stuff	Upheld	3374	Feb-23
Colin Decio	RNZ	Not Upheld	3375	Feb-23
Tori Fellows	Dominion Post	Not Upheld	3376	Feb-23
Gisborne District Council	Gisborne Herald	Not Upheld	3377	Feb-23
Neil Taylor	NZ Herald	No Grounds	3378	Feb-23
Martin Hector	NZ Herald	No Grounds	3379	Feb-23
David Brown	Newsroom	No Grounds	3380	Feb-23
Ivan Hansen	The Press	No Grounds	3381	Feb-23
S. George	Stuff	No Grounds	3382	Feb-23
Hannah Rodgers	Newshub	No Grounds	3383	Mar-23
Sean Rush	Newsroom	No Grounds	3384	Mar-23
Neil Smith	Stuff	No Grounds	3385	Mar-23
Peter Wakeman	TVNZ 1News	No Grounds	3386	Mar-23
Nelson Citizens Alliance	Nelson Weekly	Not Upheld	3387	Mar-23
Richard Easter	NZ Herald	Not Upheld	3388	Mar-23
Margaret Moore	RNZ	Not Upheld	3389	Mar-23
Kirsten Wylie	The Press	Not Upheld	3390	Mar-23
ACC	Westport News	Upheld	3391	Mar-23
Richard Hoadley	Stuff	No Grounds	3393	Mar-23
Tom Frewen	RNZ	No Grounds	3394	May-23
Julie Roberts	NZ Herald	No Grounds	3395	May-23
Hilary Oxley	The Spinoff	Not Upheld	3396	May-23
Rex Landy	Stuff	Not upheld	3397	May-23
Stephen Watson, James Givnan, Bruce Roy, Andrew Murphy, Christine Norris, Rachel Cox, Maria Robinson, Mark Browning, Anthony Hanning, Mike Hennerby, Tom Frewen	Stuff	Not Upheld	3398	Mar-23
Jan Rivers	Stuff	Upheld with dissent	3398	May-23
Bob McCoskrie, Paul Shakes, Fern Hickson and Marli de Klerk	Stuff	Upheld	3399	May-23
Catherine Gao & Lam Yeung	National Business Review	Upheld	3400	May-23
Dieuwe de Boer	The Spinoff	Not Upheld	3401	May-23

2023 Decisions Cont...

COMPLAINANT	PUBLICATION	DECISION	RULING	DATE
Natasha Hamilton-Hart	Stuff	Not Upheld	3402	May-23
Liz Park	NZ Herald	No Grounds	3403	Jun-23
Campbell Godinagh	Spark Sport	No Grounds	3404	Jun-23
Bex Woodhouse	Stuff	No Grounds	3405	Jun-23
Ben Uy	Stuff	No Grounds	3406	Jun-23
Rachel Brown	Stuff	No Grounds	3407	Jun-23
Shannon Bray	Hawke's Bay Today	Not Upheld	3408	Jun-23
Masterton Medical	Wairarapa Times-Age	Upheld	3409	Jun-23
Susan Devonshire	Nelson Mail	Not Upheld	3410	Jun-23
Jennifer Shields	Southland Times	Not Upheld	3411	Jun-23
Hilary Oxley	TVNZ 1News	Not Upheld	3412	Jun-23
Craig Gee	NZ Herald	Not Upheld	3413	Jun-23
Viti (NZ) Council	RNZ	No Grounds	3414	Aug-23
Rory Sweetman	Newsroom	No Grounds	3415	Aug-23
Christine Laws	NZ Herald	No Grounds	3416	Aug-23
Andrea Julie Marfleet	Stuff	No Grounds	3417	Aug-23
ABC	Otago Daily Times	Upheld	3418	Aug-23
Gil Dymock	Stuff	Upheld	3419	Aug-23
Lindley Smith	Stuff	Not Upheld	3420	Aug-23
Fern Hickson	RNZ	Not Upheld	3421	Aug-23
Fern Hickson	Stuff	No Grounds	3422	Sep-23
H. Borich	NZ Herald	Not Upheld	3423	Aug-23
Dave Evans	Otago Daily Times	Not Upheld	3424	Aug-23
Barrie Davis	Dominion Post	Not Upheld	3425	Aug-23
Lynley Hood	NZ Woman's Weekly	Upheld	3426	Aug-23
Mary Duff	Stuff	No Grounds	3427	Sep-23
Gord Stewart	The Scene	No Grounds	3428	Sep-23
Richard Hulse	NZ Herald	No Grounds	3429	Sep-23
Andrew Knox	Stuff	No Grounds	3430	Sep-23
Martin McAtear	Newshub	No Grounds	3431	Sep-23
Peter Mochnacki	RNZ	No Grounds	3432	Sep-23
Meg Mulligan	Otago Daily Times	No Grounds	3433	Sep-23
Christine Laws	NZ Herald	Not Upheld	3434	Sep-23
Kāinga Ora	The Star	Upheld	3435	Sep-23
Terry Petersen	Stuff	No Grounds	3436	Oct-23
Ted Greensmith-West	Newshub	No Grounds	3437	Oct-23
John Cantin	The Post	No Grounds	3438	Oct-23
Grant Nelson	NZ Herald	Not Upheld	3439	Sep-23
Vaping Industry Association NZ	RNZ	Not Upheld	3440	Sep-23
	The Press	No Grounds	3441	Oct-23

2023 Decisions Cont...

COMPLAINANT	PUBLICATION	DECISION	RULING	DATE
Josh Marshall	The Post	No Grounds	3442	Oct-23
Eric Wong	Stuff	No Grounds	3443	Oct-23
Angela Brown	Sunday Star Times	No Grounds	3444	Oct-23
Chris Chivers	NZ Herald	No Grounds	3445	Oct-23
Neill Gordon	Hawke's Bay Today	No Grounds	3446	Oct-23
Charlotte Kozanic	Stuff	No Grounds	3447	Oct-23
Winston Moreton	Gisborne Herald	Not Upheld	3448	Sep-23
Christopher Smith	Manawatu Standard	No Grounds	3449	Oct-23
Gavin Millar	Stuff	No Grounds	3450	Oct-23
Faizal Ansari	NZ Herald	No Grounds	3451	Oct-23
David Hingston	Stuff	Upheld	3452	Oct-23
Laura Smythe	Stuff	Not Upheld	3453	Oct-23
Seamus Harris	Stuff	Not Upheld	3454	Oct-23
Matt Robson & Mike Smith	Stuff	Not Upheld	3455	Oct-23
Mary Mountier	The Listener	No Grounds	3456	Dec-23
Ken Orr	The Press	No Grounds	3458	Dec-23
Richard Hoadley	Stuff	No grounds	3459	Dec-23
Jose Aquino	Stuff	No grounds	3460	Dec-23
Hilary Oxley	Newstalk ZB	No Grounds	3461	Dec-23
Charlotte Meyer	Stuff	No Grounds	3462	Dec-23
Conrad Petersen	The Post	No Grounds	3463	Dec-23
Damon Mather	Stuff	No Grounds	3464	Dec-23
Damon Mather	Newshub	No Grounds	3465	Dec-23
Alex Rice	Stuff	No Grounds	3466	Dec-23
Mukseet Bashir	NZ Herald	No Grounds	3467	Dec-23
Ian Sellen	The Post	No Grounds	3468	Dec-23
Wellington City Council	The Post	Upheld	3469	Dec-23
Robin Grieve	NZ Herald	Not Upheld	3470	Dec-23
Jeanette Wilson	The Spinoff	Upheld	3471	Dec-23
Ben Carmichael	RNZ	Not Upheld with dissent	3472	Dec-23
Nicole Evans	Stuff, Newshub, TVNZ	Not Upheld	3473	Dec-23
John McDonald-Wharry	RNZ	Not Upheld	3474	Dec-23

Financial Statements

The New Zealand Media Association Incorporated
For the year ended 31 December 2023

Prepared by The Tax Lady Wellington Limited

Compilation Report

The New Zealand Media Association Incorporated For the year ended 31 December 2023

Scope

On the basis of information provided and in accordance with Service Engagement Standard 2 Compilation of Financial Information, we have compiled the financial statements of The New Zealand Media Association Incorporated for the year ended 31 December 2023.

These statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in the Notes to these financial statements.

Responsibilities

You are solely responsible for the information contained in the financial statements and have determined that the Special Purpose Reporting Framework used is appropriate to meet your needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

The financial statements were prepared exclusively for your benefit. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the financial statements.

Audit or Review Engagement

Our procedures use accounting expertise to undertake the compilation of the financial statements from information you provided. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. These accounts have been subject to a financial review by Cornish and Associates Limited.

Disclaimer

We have compiled these financial statements based on information provided which has not been subject to an audit or review engagement. Accordingly, we do not accept any responsibility for the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the compiled financial information contained in the financial statements. Nor do we accept any liability of any kind whatsoever, including liability by reason of negligence, to any person for losses incurred as a result of placing reliance on these financial statements.

The Tax Lady Wellington Limited

Dated: 28 May 2024

10th June 2024

To Whom it May Concern

The New Zealand Media Association Incorporated

We have reviewed the accounts of The New Zealand Media Association Incorporated for the period ended 31 December 2023 (12 Months).

In our opinion:-

- Proper accounting records have been kept by the organisation as far as appears from our examination of those records, and the organisations 2023 Financial Statements.
- The accounts comply with generally accepted accounting practice and give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2023 and financial performance for the year ended on this date of the organisation.

Our review was completed on 10th June 2024 and our unqualified opinion is expressed at this date.

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Directory

The New Zealand Media Association Incorporated For the year ended 31 December 2023

Nature of Business

The New Zealand Media Association Incorporated is a Non Governmental Organisation which exists to uphold standards in the New Zealand media and lobbies on Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Media issues.

Registered Address

79 Boulcott Street,
Wellington 6143

IRD Number

013969663

Bankers

BNZ Bank

NZ Media Association Chair

Brook Cameron

NZ Media Council Chair

Hon Raynor Asher KC

Executive Director

Margot Chandler

Accountant

The Tax Lady Wellington Limited

Financial Reviewer

Cornish and Associates Ltd

Approval of Financial Report

The New Zealand Media Association Incorporated
For the year ended 31 December 2023

The Directors are pleased to present the approved financial report including the historical financial statements of The New Zealand Media Association Incorporated or year ended 31 December 2023.

APPROVED

For and on behalf of the Board.



Chair

Date 19 June 2024

Profit and Loss

The New Zealand Media Association Incorporated For the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
Trading Income		
Associate Membership	91,198	37,377
Community Newspapers	9,851	8,570
Magazines Contribution	8,920	5,000
NPA Contribution	221,700	200,000
Union	4,350	2,700
Total Trading Income	336,019	253,647
Gross Profit	336,019	253,647
Other Income		
Interest Income	1,468	665
Total Other Income	1,468	665
Expenses		
Accident Compensation Levy	414	248
Accounting & Xero Fees	4,500	3,545
Audit Fees	1,400	1,500
Bad Debts	-	35,360
Bank Fees	25	14
Chairmans' Expenses	1,539	2,634
Chairmans Honorarium	65,000	65,000
Cleaning	657	614
Computer Expenses	6,132	8,193
Contractors	7,178	23,554
Council Expenses		
Council Fees	32,417	40,500
Council Meeting Expenses	1,713	1,628
Travel - Council	6,704	-
Total Council Expenses	40,834	42,128
General Expenses	1,538	4,978
Insurance	6,514	4,884
Postage & Courier	275	410
Power & Telephone	1,803	1,346
Printing & Stationery	71	1,926
Rent & OPEX	10,770	11,466
Staff Remuneration		
Salaries	126,807	156,436
KiwiSaver Employer Contributions	3,885	2,910

	2023	2022
Annual Leave Owing	(871)	(6,930)
Total Staff Remuneration	129,821	152,417
Travel and Accommodation	1,620	6,828
Website & Database Expenses	14,315	19,048
Total Expenses	294,405	386,092
Net Profit (Loss) Before Taxation	43,082	(131,780)
Taxation and Adjustments		
Depreciation	1,874	3,028
Depreciation - Loss on sale	-	1,271
IRD Penalties & Interest	95	58
Total Taxation and Adjustments	1,970	4,357
Net Profit (Loss) for the Year	41,113	(136,137)

Balance Sheet

The New Zealand Media Association Incorporated As at 31 December 2023

31 DEC 2023 31 DEC 2022

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and Bank

Business First Oncall Account	66,212	77,199
Non Profit Org Account	13,666	8,764
Total Cash and Bank	79,877	85,963

Trade and Other Receivables	4,495	5,500
Total Current Assets	84,373	91,463

Non-Current Assets

Property, Plant and Equipment	4,174	6,048
Total Non-Current Assets	4,174	6,048

Total Assets	88,547	97,512
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Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Income in Advance	-	50,000
Year End Accruals	6,036	7,694
PAYE Payable	8,697	10,455
Accounts Payable	9,824	3,376
GST Payable	14,274	16,789
Employee Entitlements	2,377	2,971
Total Current Liabilities	41,208	91,285

Total Liabilities	41,208	91,285
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Net Assets	47,339	6,227
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Equity

Retained Earnings	47,339	6,227
Total Equity	47,339	6,227

Depreciation Schedule

The New Zealand Media Association Incorporated For the year ended 31 December 2023

NAME	COST	OPENING VALUE	PURCHASES	DISPOSALS	DEPRECIATION	CLOSING VALUE	PRIVATE USE AMOUNT
Furniture & Fittings							
Boardroom Furniture (share of)	2,482	599	-	-	96	503	-
Crestline Desk	1,598	513	-	-	67	446	-
Dexion Storage Unit	4,455	1,886	-	-	189	1,697	-
Side Chairs x 2	878	6	-	-	1	5	-
Total Furniture & Fittings	9,413	3,004	-	-	352	2,652	-
Office Equipment							
HP Elitebook 1040 G4 I5 cpu 8GB memory 256GB SSD, Dock, Monitor, Wireless Keyboard & Mouse	4,047	190	-	-	95	95	-
HP Elitebook, 2 Monitors and Targus Docking Station	5,010	2,714	-	-	1,357	1,357	-
Website	7,335	55	-	-	27	27	-
Website	14,670	86	-	-	43	43	-
Total Office Equipment	31,062	3,044	-	-	1,522	1,522	-
Total	40,475	6,048	-	-	1,874	4,174	-

Notes to the Financial Statements

The New Zealand Media Association Incorporated For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. Reporting Entity

The New Zealand Media Association Incorporated is incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908, and is a Non Governmental Organisation which exists to uphold standards in the New Zealand media and lobbies on Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Media issues.

Basis of Preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Special Purpose Framework for use by For-Profit Entities (SPFR for FPEs) published by Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand.

The financial statements have been prepared for taxation purposes

Historical Cost

These financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis. The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars (NZ\$) and all values are rounded to the nearest NZ\$, except when otherwise indicated.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. Policies have been applied on a consistent basis with those of the previous reporting period.

Depreciation

Account	Method	Rate
Furniture & Fittings	Diminishing Value (100%)	10% - 18%
Office Equipment	Diminishing Value (100%)	50%

Income Tax

The Income Tax liability is limited to Interest Revenue only, less a \$1,000 exemption granted by Inland Revenue. The liability is charged to the Profit and Loss statement in accordance with the income tax return to Inland Revenue.

Goods and Services Tax

All amounts are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) except for accounts payable and accounts receivable which are stated inclusive of GST.

2023 2022

2. Equity

Current year earnings	41,113	(136,137)
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Retained earnings/Accumulated funds	6,227	142,363
Total Equity	47,339	6,227
	2023	2022

3. Property, Plant and Equipment

Plant and Equipment		
Plant and machinery owned	31,062	31,062
Accumulated depreciation - plant and machinery owned	(29,540)	(28,018)
Total Plant and Equipment	1,522	3,044
Furniture and Fittings		
Furniture and fittings owned	9,413	9,413
Accumulated depreciation - furniture and fittings owned	(6,761)	(6,409)
Total Furniture and Fittings	2,652	3,004
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	4,174	6,048



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