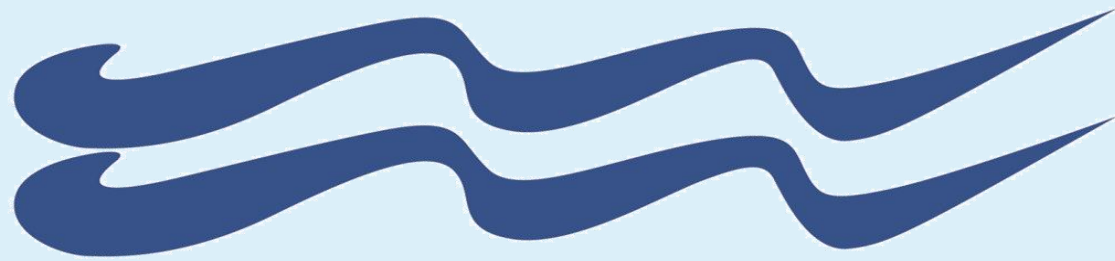


AHSCA



Association of Hydraulic Services Consultants Australia
QUEENSLAND CHAPTER INC.

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2023

Chris Tritton

Welcome to the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the AHSCA Queensland Chapter

As is the case for every year, 2023 was not without it's challenges. However, on the whole this year was without the difficulties that we have all experienced over recent times.

This year, we took the opportunity to revitalise our calendar and made some changes in an attempt to provide more flexibility and choice for all our Consultant Members and Affiliates.

We reduced the number of General Meetings and included:

- Mini Trade Show
- Webinars
- Factory tours and presentations

General Meetings provide an occasion for fellowship among all Consultants and our Affiliate partners. As such, these should remain as our primary and most important events during the year.

2023 Highlights

- The AHSCARF met for the first time in a number of years. David Mitmannsgruber and Chris Tritton represented the Queensland Chapter at that meeting. Terry McKendry was unavailable due to personal commitments.
- We met with the MPAQ.
- We held a number of Webinars and Factory Tours
- We worked with the other State Chapters to address our Education concerns
- We continued our representation on Australian standards and ABCB
- We met with the Brisbane City Council
- We met with the IPIQ
- We maintained our membership levels at just under 200
- We provided articles to the MPAQ Journal
- We again sponsored the Hydraulic Consultancy Design of the Year as part of the MPAQ Plumbing and Gasfitting Awards
- We held our Mini Trade Show

Vale

It was with great sadness that we lost one of our members, Greg Hamilton, earlier in the year.



He will be missed.

2023 Committee Members

Your Committee meeting every month with every second meeting being face to face. I thank them for their support and council during the last 12 months

President:	Chris Tritton
Vice President:	Ken Crase
Secretary:	David Mitmannsgruber
Treasurer:	Adrian Zirps
Committee Member:	Ashley Monson
Committee Member:	Bruce Dan
Committee Member:	Dean Carter
AHSCARF Representative:	Terry McKendry
Secretariat:	Lorelei Broadbent

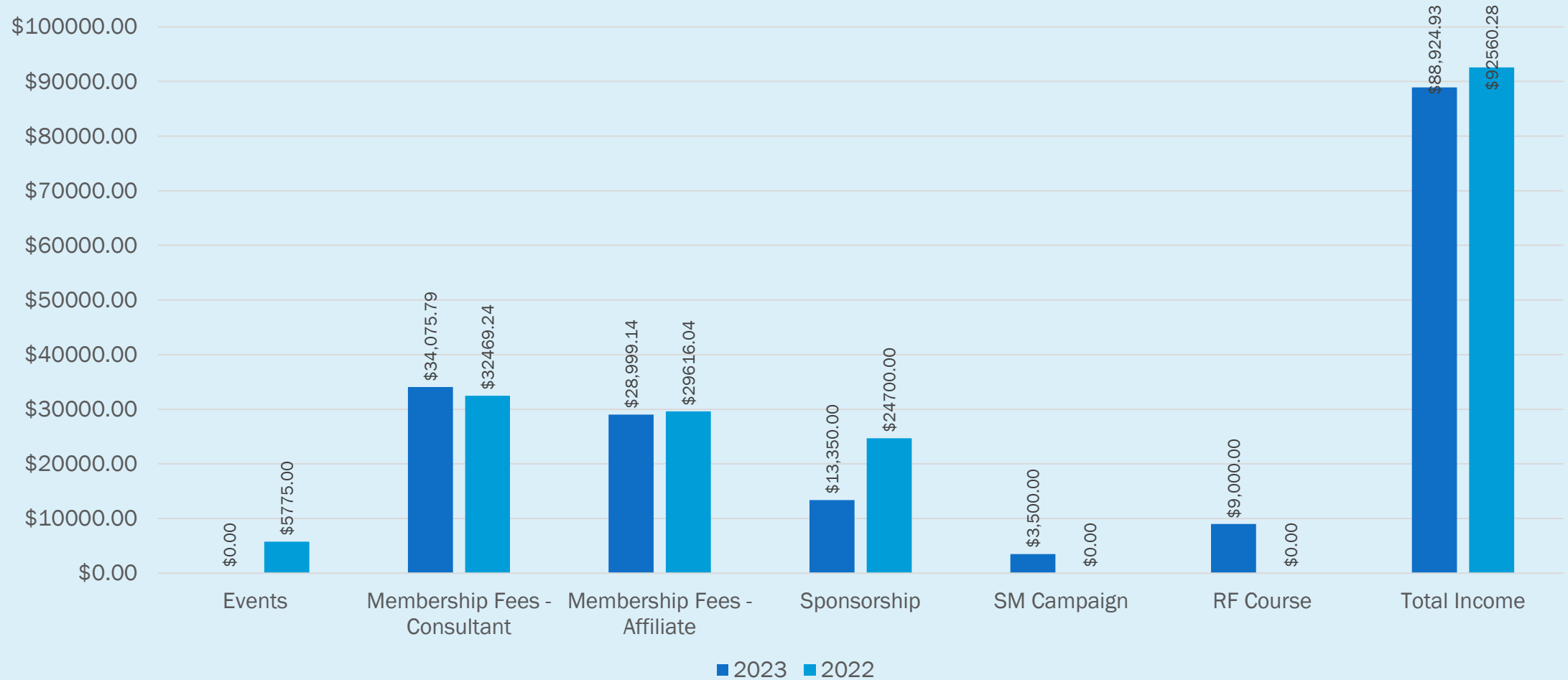
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(June 2023)

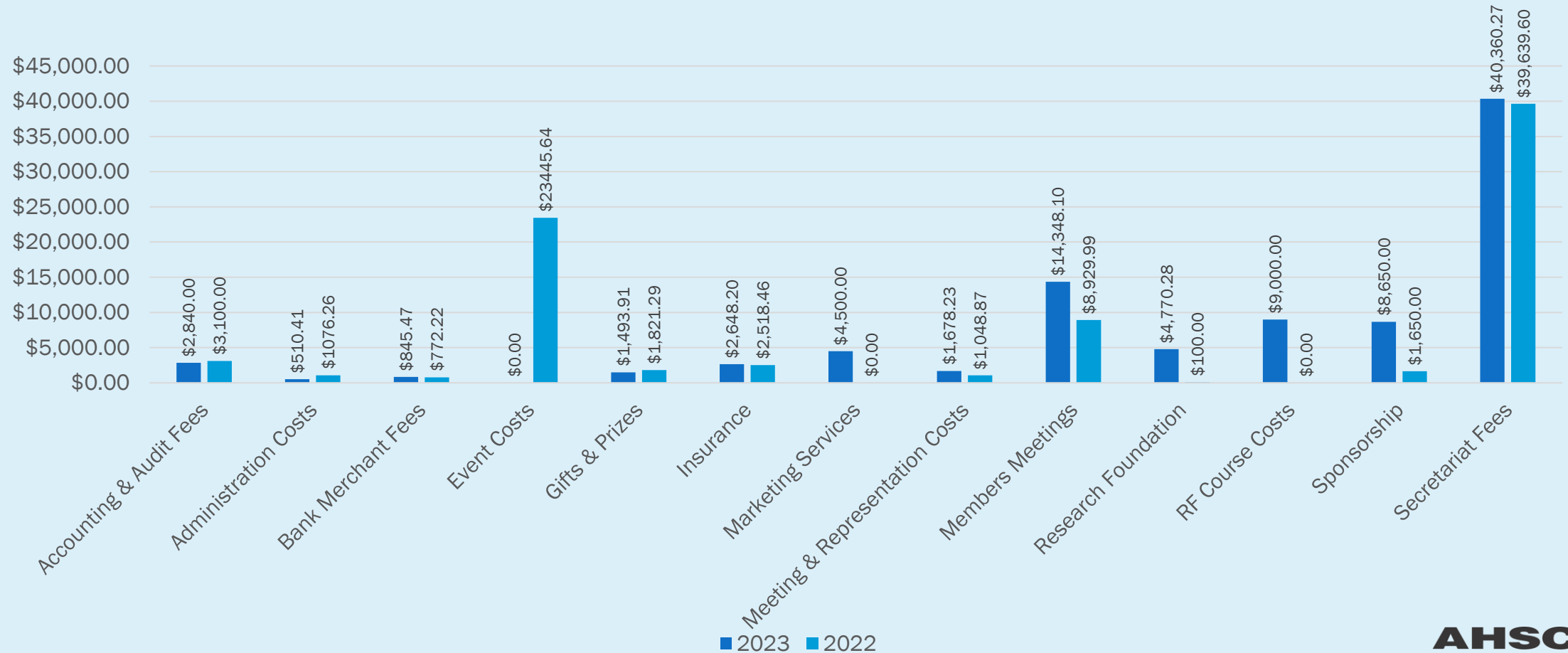
Our Financial position remains strong, allowing investment into issues associated with Education, Codes and Research.

Our Treasurer, Adrian Zirps have provided the following pages on the income and expenses generated over the last 12 months.

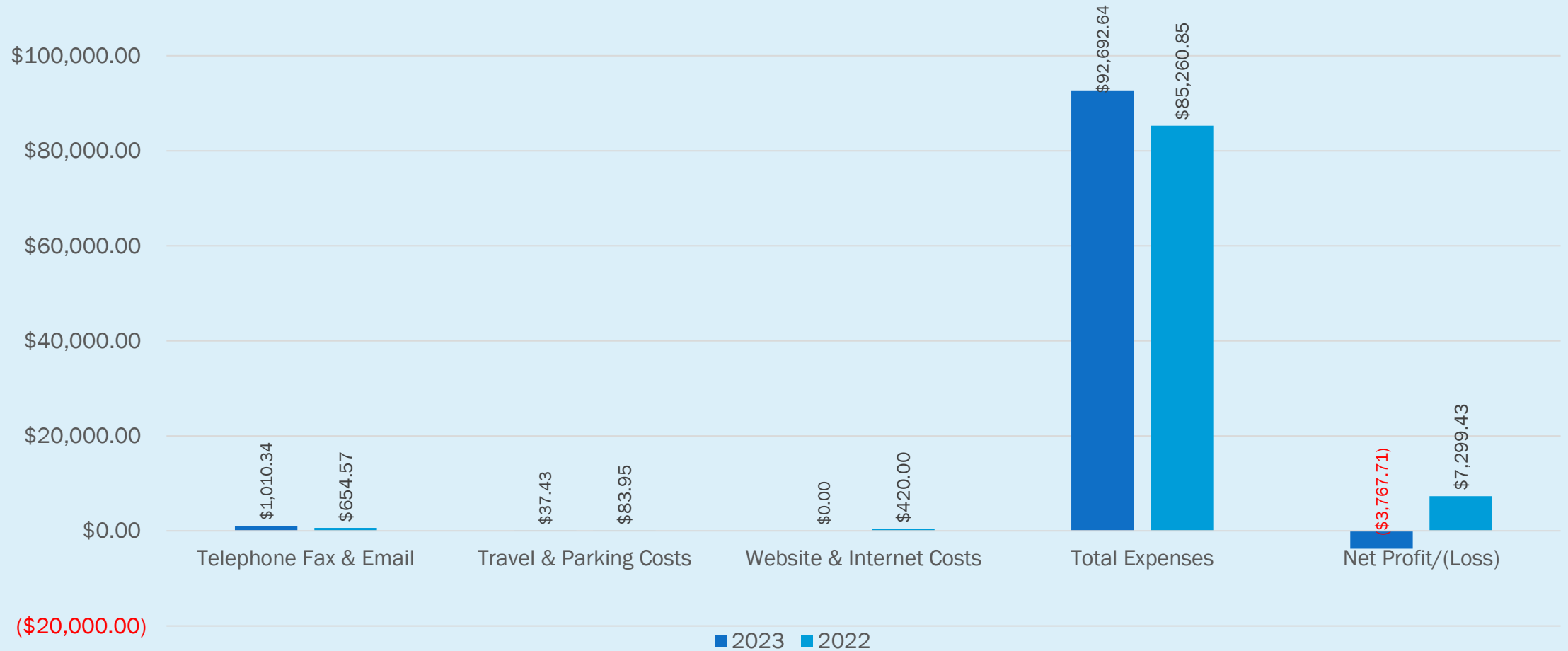
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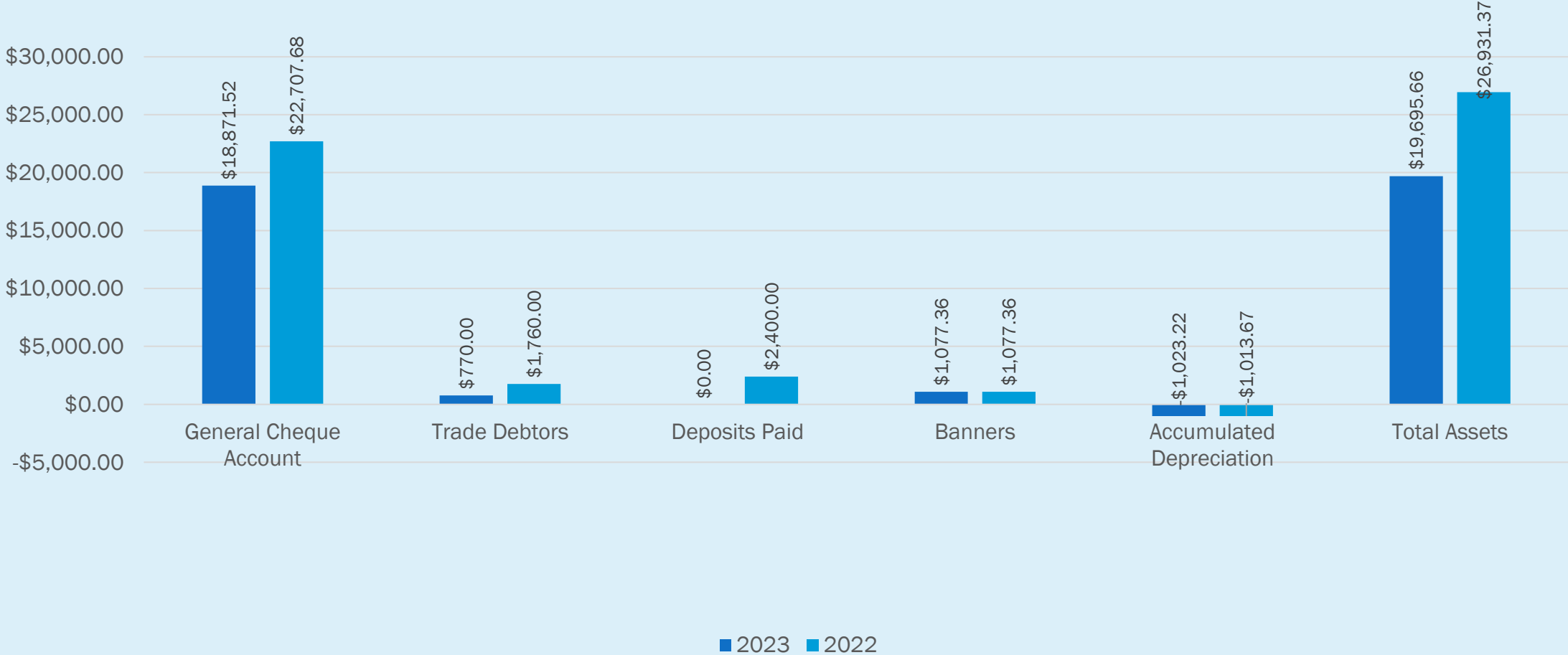
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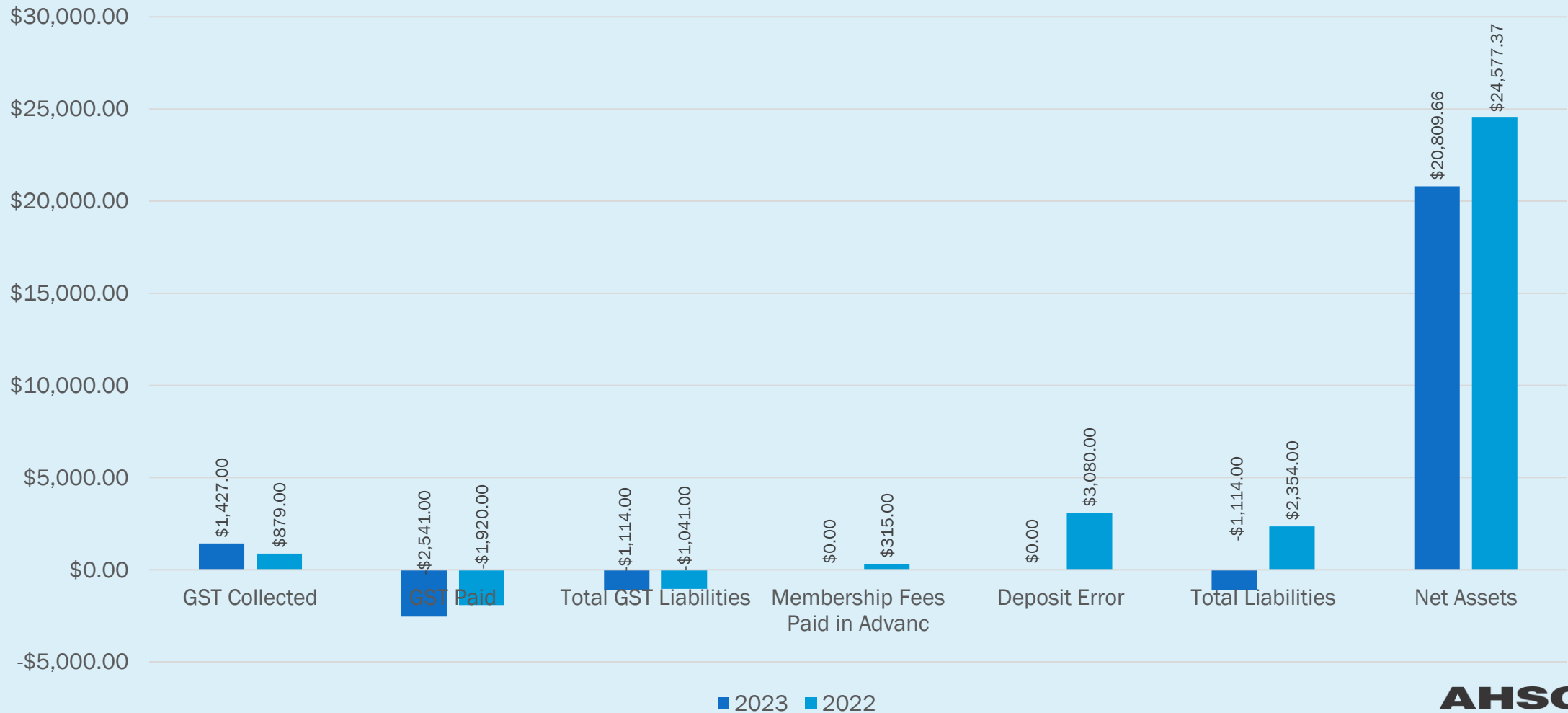
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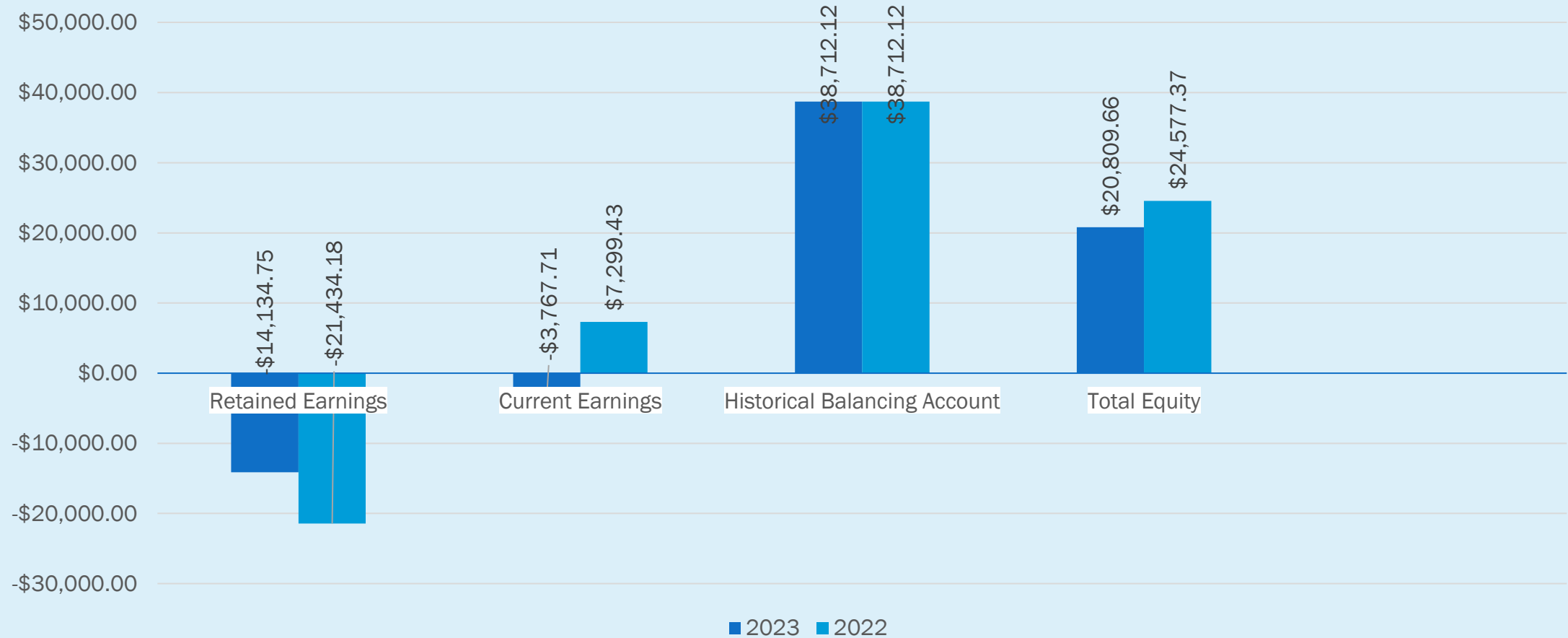
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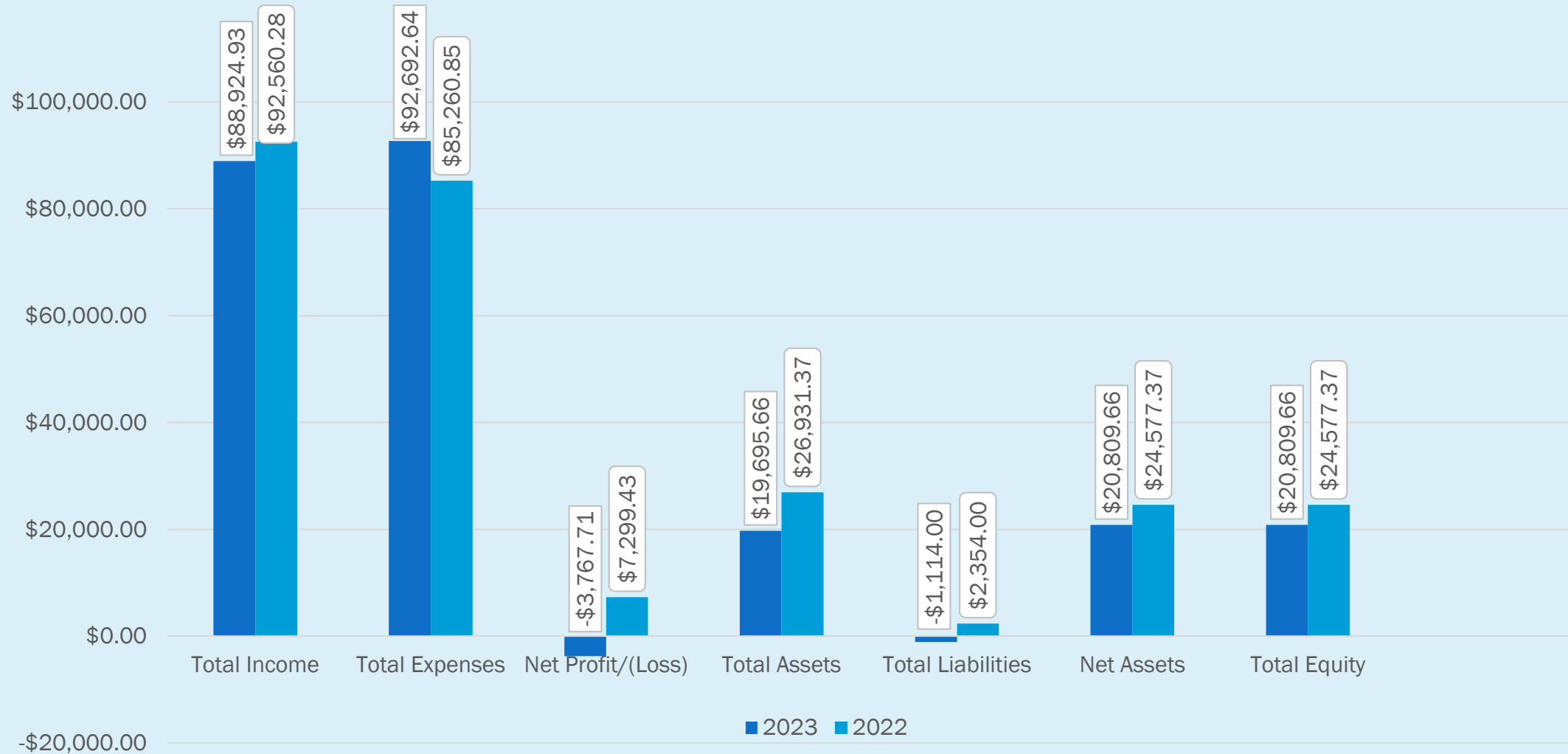
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Equity



Financial Statement 2023 vs 2022



Education

David Mitmannsgruber has worked tirelessly on this issue, not just for Queensland, but for all State Chapters.

This issue continues to be the most important area of concern for our profession.

David has provided the following report.

AHSCA Education Report

By David Mitmannsgruber

Date: 12th September 2023

It has been a difficult year in for education for hydraulic services with TAFE QLD formally announcing that they will not continue with delivering the Diploma in Hydraulic Services Design. After successful completion of the teach our cohort and many follow up meetings towards the end of 2022, that was a disappointing start to the year. Furthermore TAFE QLD have also confirmed that the previous course material has no worth to them but at the same time they are unwilling to share their Diploma course material. This is an ongoing issue that will have to remain on next year's committee agenda with Master Plumbers QLD providing support and lobbying the QLD government to put further pressure on TAFE QLD to release that course material so industry can review and negotiate with other RTOs on delivering the Diploma.

TAFE NSW are continuing to deliver the Diploma but are also struggling with teacher and course material resourcing. 34 students are currently enrolled with 3 QLD members who are due to complete the Diploma in 2024.

Given these ongoing issues around the Diploma in hydraulic design the attached discussion paper has been written to summarise the issues and to put forward an industry led long term solution. This has been reviewed and endorsed by the other AHSCA state chapters and also circulated to all Masterplumber state chapters in the different states and territories. We would like to thank all QLD and other state chapter members that had provided input in putting together this discussion paper. While this paper does not necessarily resolve the short term issues with QLD students obtaining formal qualifications so they can become QBCC licensed, it is the first step in developing a long term solution on a national level to formalise education across all states and territories and different plumbing industry sectors (i.e. plumbers, designers, teachers, inspectors, etc.)

AHSCA Education Report (cont.)

On a more positive note, we had another round of QLD members obtain the performance based stormwater design qualifications providing our members with an opportunity to deliver cost effective design solutions to their clients outside the AS3500.3 limitations.

We have also received information that TAFE NSW are looking to open another round of enrolments for their Diploma in Hydraulic services design course. While no enrolments can currently be registered via the NSW website, all members interested in completing the Diploma course are encouraged to send through their expression of interest.

In the meantime, the following courses are currently available for hydraulic designers:

CERT IV in Hydraulic Services (Design), on-line at TAFE QLD. This is a pre-requisite to the hydraulic services diploma and any plumbers who hold the CERT IV in Hydraulic Services (Operational) still require to complete the design specific course units.

Diploma of Fire Systems Design, on-line at Pacific Institute of Technology. This course includes fire hydrant, hose reel and sprinkler design modules which can be cross credited to the hydraulic services Diploma. Completion of this diploma is also a pre-requisite for design certification of hydrant and hose reel systems in NSW and fire sprinkler systems in QLD and NSW. Other states are likely to follow suit in the near future.

For any enquiries and further information members are encouraged to reach out to education@ahsca.org.au or ahsca@agendamanagement.com.au.

Membership Statistics

Our Membership currently sits at 178 made up as follows:

AHSCA Research Foundation

David Mitmannsgruber continued his role as a Director of the AHSCARF in addition to his position as Education Representative.

Terry McKendry has also continued his role as the Queensland Representative with the AHSCARF.

The AHSCARF met recently for the first time in a number of years, with the Chapter Presidents also in attendance.

We continue to offer the Stormwater Training Courses on-line.

AHSCA Research Foundation Report

By Terry McKendry

Date: 12th September 2023

AHSCA Foundation AGM held on the 18th August 2023

I was unable to attend however Chris Tritton as Qld President and David Mitmannsgruber as Foundation director attended and represented Queensland AHSCA

Committee

AHSCARF Director / Chairman -	Joseph Steele
AHSCARF Director / Treasurer -	David Geschke (Vic Representative)
AHSCARF Director / Secretary -	Joseph Tilli (WA Representative)
AHSCARF Director / Education -	David Mitmannsgruber
AHSCA – Vic President-	Mark Alexander
AHSCA – QLD President-	Chris Tritton
AHSCA - WA President-	Paul White
AHSCA – NZ President and Rep-	Nick Fleckney
AHSCA – Victoria Representative -	Brendan Yeung
AHSCA – Qld Representative -	Terry McKendry



AHSCA Research Foundation Report (cont.)

General

1. General discussion held regarding each state membership status and any problems.
2. AHSCA Qld survey of members results passed on to AHSCA Foundation for discussion and information.
3. Websites and Branding discussed and to be followed up, Wild Apricot Platform discussed and \$10,000.00 budget provision in place.
4. AHSCA Foundation continue to run the stormwater design courses with both Module 1 and 2 having been undertaken twice in the pass year with good attendance. Future courses to be determined on demand.
5. AHSCA Trademark in place for 2024.
6. Education was discussed at length at the Foundation AGM with David Mitmannsgruber providing a detailed summary of status and a number of follow up emails and correspondences were received on this subject – status David M to advise.
7. Licensing and education minimums were all discussed and a summary of each state and territories requirements was provided / distributed for information and comment.



AHSCA Research Foundation Report (cont.)

State & Territory	Hydraulic Service Licencing requirement
QLD	QBCC licensee, Diploma required All hydraulic services, hydrants & hose reels
NSW	NSW Fair Trading, Diploma Required Stormwater, hydrants & hose reels only
VIC	VBA – NIL required Mechanical Engineers signing REG126 certificates for plumbing, hydrants and hose reels
WA	Plumbing Licensing Board (PLB) – NIL required Fire Services not considered plumbing works Regulated under building works – NCC Hydrants and hose reel licencing required by 2026 – Fire Services Diploma
ACT	Diploma required but also accept mechanical and/or civil engineers
NT	Diploma required but also accept mechanical and/or civil engineers
SA	Nil required, accept mechanical and/or civil engineers
TAS	Nil required, accept mechanical and/or civil engineers



AHSCA Research Foundation Report (cont.)

Other discussion topics

1. Building Certifiers not demanding that Performance Solutions are in place for non-compliant stormwater roof drainage systems.
2. Soil classification and articulation provisions
3. New Zealand Chapter experiencing good growth and participation.
4. AHSCA Foundation research projects
 - Failing Copper tube and fittings – profile testing location to be drafted
 - Request for suggestions or provision of samples
5. Renewable Gas in the Future Campaign
 - Qld Chapter provided a statement of support to the AHSCAF
 - Master Plumbers approached the AHSCA to show support for renewable gas
 - General agreement to support Master plumbers in their views on transition to natural gas



AHSCA Research Foundation Report (cont.)

6. Suggestions for technical speakers for state chapters to explore:

- Brendan Josie (Water Pipe Sizing - Deakin)
- Viega - German Design Standards/H2X
- ACO presentation - Spatially variable flow
- Seismic Restraint
- Fire rating solutions @ pitfalls
- Reactive Soils, Pipework Articulation
- Fire Rescue Victoria - and Fire testing
- Heat Pump Night - panel Discussion
- QFES - Live Fire Training
- Licensing Requirements in Australia
- Tanks in Basements
- Authority Flow Rates and Utility Management

7. AHSCA Foundation meeting schedule

- Teams meeting – 29th March, 2024
- Face to face meeting – 30th August, 2024



Continuing Membership Recognition

This year we have the following members reaching membership milestones. They are:

- Gary Carnell 40 years
- Grizzly Blair 40 years
- Chris Tritton 40 years
- Brian Burnett 30 years
- Ian Bradford 30 years
- Ross Cochrane 30 years
- Greg Beavis 30 years
- Mark Wilson 20 years
- Michael Ossipow 20 years

Congratulations to all of them.

Meeting Sponsors

As I say at every meeting, without the generosity and support of our Affiliates, it would be difficult to run this Association and maintain the profile that it has reached in this industry. I would like to thank the following Affiliates who sponsored our events during the year.

March General Meeting (Smoked Garage) - **OzFlow**

April **Saniflo** Webinar

May factory tour and presentation with **EJ**

June **Valsir** Webinar

July General Meeting (Newstead Brewing Company)

August **ACO** Webinar

August **Georg Fischer** Webinar

September Consultants Meeting (Teams)

September **Rehau** Webinar

September Mini Trade Show

Valsir, Galvin, EJ, Georg Fischer, Stiebel Eltron, Enware, Rehau, Rinnai, Gentec, Rheem, ACO, SPS, Ozflow, AGIG, Elson, Plastec, Zip, Halgan, Auspress, Geberit and Viega

October showroom and presentation with **Stiebel Eltron**

December Annual general Meeting (Broncos Leagues Club) –

Halgan and Enware

I would like to again express my appreciation to those Affiliates.

Challenges For 2024

Issues for the new Committee are as follows:

- Finalising a new education model/stream for future Hydraulic Consultants
- Getting a reactive soils course up and running and ratifying it with the QBCC
- Providing CPD opportunities for our members
- Working with the MPAQ and other affiliated industry groups on the Plumbing Conference, the Plumbing Industry and Gas Awards, and other similar events
- Meet with the IPIQ to discuss issues of mutual interest
- Meet with the BPEQ to discuss some form of mutual recognition
- Increasing membership to encompass all Consultants in Queensland.

Thank you !

This is my last term as President.

It has been an honour and privilege to be your President over the last 15 or so years.

Thank you to all my Committees over those years and a huge thank you to Lorelei who works tirelessly for us all.

I wish the new Committee all the best and I'm only ever a phone call away if I can help. I have offered my assistance with the Reactive Soils Course that we can hopefully get up and running next year.

My final comment is directed to all members. Please support your Association by simply attending the events arranged during the year. It is little to ask for considering the effort that the Committee go to in arranging these activities, and more importantly, the support given by our Affiliates.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year, and I look forward to seeing you at our first meeting of 2024 !