

Management of the Funds of the Royal Society of Victoria (Inc.)

The RSV Council's objective is to develop a sustainable financial future for the RSV and give members and current and future donors confidence that existing funds and future donations will be wisely managed.

Accordingly, the RSV Council has recently adopted a Financial Management Plan (FMP), which specifies how RSV funds, including investments, cash, bequests and donations, will be managed.

In conjunction with the FMP, Council also approved an Investment Mandate, which contains the instructions to the Society's Investment Adviser (currently Equity Trustees Limited) for the management of the **Royal Society of Victoria Science Fund**, which includes investments and cash in the custody of the Investment Adviser.

Both the plan and the mandate were developed by the Finance and Audit Committee (FAC).

In summary, the Financial Management Plan specifies:

1. That the funds of the Society are to be used to provide for the day-to-day operation of the Society:
 - as specified in the annual operational and project budgets approved by Council;
 - in accordance with the Financial By-Laws and the Financial Procedures of the Society and in accordance with the Association's Incorporation Act (1981);
 - consistent with the Financial Management Plan and the Investment Mandate;
 - in order to meet its obligations under the Royal Society of Victoria Land Act (1915), namely to promote science and technology and keep the RSV's heritage building in good order.

2. Establishment of the **Royal Society of Victoria Science Fund**, which is:
 - managed by our Investment Adviser in accordance with the Investment Mandate;
 - specified as a perpetual fund that will grow over time, which means that capital is retained and only a portion of income generated is used for RSV operations;
 - managed to allow the value of each significant bequest or donation to be tracked and reported at the end of each financial year.

Members wanting further information may consult the Executive Officer at the Society.