

**Victoria University of Wellington
Foundation Trust
Financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025**

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Trust directory

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Alan Judge
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John Allen (resigned 01 February 2025)
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Registered office

Kelburn Parade, Wellington

Auditors

Ernst & Young, Wellington
on behalf of the Controller and Auditor-General

Bankers

ANZ Bank New Zealand Ltd

Solicitors

Chapman Tripp
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Other Party to Deed of Trust

Victoria University of Wellington (VUW)

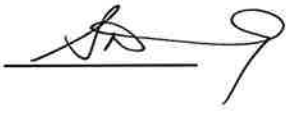
Statement of responsibility

We are responsible for the preparation of the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Trust (the "Foundation") financial statements, and for the judgements made in them.

We have the responsibility for establishing and maintaining a system of internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of financial reporting.

In our opinion, these financial statements fairly reflect the financial position and operations of the Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2025.

For and on behalf of the Trustees as at 24 March 2026.

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Souella Cumming
Trustee

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Nic Smith
Trustee

Statement of comprehensive revenue and expense

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenue			
Donations – Endowed		4,216,779	2,712,022
Donations – Non-endowed		7,096,680	3,271,598
Interest - Current account		8,755	57,478
Fair value gain on investments		<u>10,057,912</u>	<u>9,948,283</u>
Total revenue		21,380,126	15,989,381
Expenses			
Grants and disbursements		7,400,432	6,541,477
Investment management fees		567,258	613,733
Bank charges		<u>4,401</u>	<u>1,802</u>
Total expenses		<u>7,972,091</u>	<u>7,157,012</u>
Net surplus		<u>13,408,035</u>	<u>8,832,369</u>
Total comprehensive revenue and expense		<u>13,408,035</u>	<u>8,832,369</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Trust
Statement of financial position

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As at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Current assets			
Cash & cash equivalents	3	33,078,260	28,342,837
Investments	4	<u>98,431,481</u>	<u>93,449,169</u>
Total current assets		<u>131,509,741</u>	<u>121,792,006</u>
Non-current assets			
Investment - Peter McIntyre painting		<u>9,500</u>	<u>9,500</u>
Total non-current assets		<u>9,500</u>	<u>9,500</u>
Total assets		<u>131,519,241</u>	<u>121,801,506</u>
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable & accruals	5	1,240,501	1,859,276
National Music Centre fundraising	8	<u>10,931,563</u>	<u>14,003,088</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>12,172,064</u>	<u>15,862,364</u>
Total liabilities		<u>12,172,064</u>	<u>15,862,364</u>
Net assets		<u>119,347,177</u>	<u>105,939,142</u>
Equity			
Accumulated funds		<u>119,347,177</u>	<u>105,939,142</u>
Total equity	6	<u>119,347,177</u>	<u>105,939,142</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Balance at 1 January		105,939,142	97,106,773
Total comprehensive revenue & expense for the year		<u>13,408,035</u>	<u>8,832,369</u>
Balance at 31 December	6	<u>119,347,177</u>	<u>105,939,142</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from donations, investment earnings & other		14,545,436	21,492,531
Interest received		8,755	57,478
National Music Centre fundraising (payments)/receipts		(3,071,526)	4,969,639
Payment of grants & other disbursements		(8,608,795)	(7,009,136)
GST (net)		17,931	(1,947)
Net cash flow from operating activities		<u>2,891,801</u>	<u>19,508,565</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Sale/(purchase) of investments		<u>1,843,622</u>	<u>(15,531,456)</u>
Net cash flow from investing activities		<u>1,843,622</u>	<u>(15,531,456)</u>
Net increase in cash & cash equivalents		4,735,423	3,977,109
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of the year		<u>28,342,837</u>	<u>24,365,728</u>
Cash & cash equivalents at the end of the year	3	<u>33,078,260</u>	<u>28,342,837</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Statement of accounting policies for the year ended 31 December 2025

REPORTING ENTITY

The Foundation is an independent Charitable Trust registered under the Charities Act 2005. The Foundation is deemed solely for accounting purposes to be controlled by Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington (VUW).

The Foundation was established on 1 October 1990 for the purpose of raising funds from external sources for the use by VUW. The Foundation is domiciled in New Zealand and its registered office and principal place of business is in Wellington.

The Foundation has designated itself as a public benefit entity (PBE) for financial reporting purposes.

The financial statements of the Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2025 were authorised for issue in accordance with the resolution of the Trustees on 24 March 2026.

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, and the accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the period.

Statement of compliance

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand (NZ GAAP).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with PBE standards Reduced Disclosure Regime (RDR).

Under the Charities Act 2005, the Foundation prepares financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The Charities Act 2005 does not require the Foundation to prepare a financial report which would include service performance information.

Measurement base

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for investments which have been recognised at fair value.

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest dollar (\$).

Changes in accounting policies and disclosures

There have been no changes in the accounting policies of the Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2025. All accounting policies and disclosures are consistent with those applied by the Foundation in the previous financial year.

New or amended financial reporting standards and interpretation adopted during the period

There are no new or amended standards and amendments applicable to the Foundation which were effective for the year ending 31 December 2025.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

1.1 Revenue

Revenue is measured at fair value.

The specific accounting policies for significant revenue items are explained below:

Donations, bequest, and pledges

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when the right to receive the funds or asset has been established. Pledges are not recognised as assets or revenue until the pledged item is received.

1 Statement of accounting policies for the year ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method.

Investment revenue

Investments held by the Foundation include investments in fixed interest funds and equity funds. These investments are managed by various asset managers, and revalued to fair value at balance date. The fair value is based on independently sourced market parameters.

Fair value movements are recognised through the surplus in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense.

1.2 Expenses

The specific accounting policies for significant expense items are explained below:

Grants

Grants expenditure is recognised when an obligation arises to pay funds for the purpose in which the funds were intended.

1.3 Financial assets

Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, and subsequently measured at amortised cost, and fair value through surplus or deficit (FVTSD).

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the Foundation's business model for managing them. With the exception of short-term receivables and payables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Foundation has applied the practical expedient, the Foundation initially measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through surplus or deficit, transaction costs.

In order for a financial asset to be classified and measured at amortised cost it needs to give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest (SPPI) on the principal amount outstanding. This assessment is referred to as the SPPI test and is performed at an instrument level. Financial assets with cash flows that are not SPPI are classified and measured at fair value through surplus or deficit, irrespective of the business model.

The Foundation's business model for managing financial assets refers to how it manages its financial assets in order to generate cash flows. The business model determines whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling the financial assets, or both. Financial assets classified and measured at amortised cost are held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit

Financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with net changes in fair value recognised in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense.

This category included investments in managed funds which the Foundation had not irrevocably elected to classify at fair value through other comprehensive revenue and expense (FVOCRE).

After initial recognition the financial assets in this category are measured at fair value with gains or loss on re-measurement recognised in surplus or deficit.

(ii) Debt instruments at amortised cost

Debt instruments at amortised cost are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the balance date, which are included in non-current assets.

After initial recognition, are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method (EIR), and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in surplus or deficit when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired.

The Foundation's cash and cash equivalents and non-exchange accounts receivable are categorised as debt instruments at amortised cost.

1 Statement of accounting policies for the year ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

Derecognition

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognised (i.e. removed from the Foundation's statement of financial position) when:

- The rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or
- The Foundation has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; and either (a) the Foundation has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the Foundation has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

1.4 Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets are assessed for evidence of impairment at each balance date. Impairment losses are recognised in the surplus or deficit.

Financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit include investments in managed funds. Fair values of these units are determined by reference to prices made available by the investment manager.

1.5 Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities at amortised cost are classified, at initial recognition.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of accounts payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

The Foundation's financial liabilities include accounts payables and National Music Centre fundraising receipts.

Subsequent measurement

After initial recognition, financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate (EIR) method. Gains or losses are recognised in surplus or deficit when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the EIR amortisation process.

Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included as finance costs in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense.

Derecognition

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, waived, cancelled or expired. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, then such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the statement of financial performance.

1.6 Other investments

Investment in paintings is recognised at market value at the time of the ownership transfer in the statement of financial position.

1.7 Goods and services tax

All items in the financial statements are stated exclusive of GST, except for receivables and payables, which are presented on a GST inclusive basis. Where GST is not recoverable as input tax, it is recognised as part of the related asset or expense.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, Inland Revenue is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

The net GST paid to, or received from Inland Revenue, including the GST relating to investing and financing activities, is classified as a net operating cash flow in the statement of cash flows.

1 Statement of accounting policies for the year ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

1.8 Income tax

The Foundation is exempt from income tax.

2 Financial instruments

	2025 \$	2024 \$
FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Debt instruments at amortised cost		
Cash & cash equivalents	33,078,260	28,342,837
Financial assets at fair value through surplus or deficit		
Investments	98,431,481	93,449,169
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES		
Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
Accounts payable	1,170,702	1,576,859
National Music Centre fundraising	10,931,562	14,003,088

3 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Cash at bank - ANZ operating	1,161,069	227,992
Investment cash component	31,917,191	28,114,845
Total	33,078,260	28,342,837

4 Investments

	Entity Actual 2025 \$	Actual 2024 \$
New Zealand and Australian equity funds	9,793,213	9,417,949
New Zealand and Australian property funds	6,351,870	5,539,271
New Zealand fixed interest funds	13,771,514	13,043,072
International equity funds	45,195,678	43,779,601
International fixed interest funds	9,187,776	8,386,368
International infrastructure funds	6,771,579	6,385,535
Private debt funds	7,359,851	6,897,373
Total	98,431,481	93,449,169

5 Accounts payable and accruals

	2025 \$	2024 \$
Accounts payable - exchange	1,170,702	1,576,859
Accruals	<u>69,799</u>	<u>282,417</u>
Total	<u>1,240,501</u>	<u>1,859,276</u>

6 Equity

Endowed capital	104,716,690	94,307,848
Non-endowed	<u>14,630,487</u>	<u>11,631,294</u>
Balance 31 December	<u>119,347,177</u>	<u>105,939,142</u>

Equity represents funds which are held in the Foundation in accordance with donor requirements. Endowed capital are those funds which are held as capital sum, the annual revenue from which is to be applied as directed by the donor or trustees. Non-endowed are those funds which are held but not yet applied in accordance with donor or trustees requirements due to the timing of the projects.

7 Related party transactions

Donations from Trustees and management were \$5,420 for the year (2024: \$5,295).

There are no fees paid to the Trustees as they are volunteers (2024: no fees paid to trustees).

VUW provides all the management and administration support to the Foundation at no cost. Support activities include fundraising, donations administration, financial services such as cash and investment management, data and records management, support for governance, and communications and reporting.

8 National Music Centre fundraising

During the 2018 financial year, VUW entered into an arrangement with the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra ('NZSO') to raise funds for the National Music Centre. The Foundation is acting as an agent for the administration of the funds and has recognised funds held on behalf of VUW and NZSO as at 31 December 2025 of \$10,931,563 (2024: \$14,003,088).

In 2025, VUW and NZSO have started drawing down on the funds as the work for the National Music Centre has now started.

9 Contingencies

There are no contingent liabilities or assets at balance date (2024: nil).

10 Capital management policy

The Foundation actively manages its capital position. The Trustees' objective is to ensure that the Foundation is a going concern and has adequate funds for projects funded by private parties that promote academic excellence at the University.

11 Events after balance date

There were no events subsequent to balance date requiring disclosure in the financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE READERS OF VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON FOUNDATION TRUST'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Auditor-General is the auditor of the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation Trust (the Trust). The Auditor-General has appointed me, David Borrie, using the staff and resources of Ernst & Young, to carry out the audit of the financial statements of the Trust on his behalf.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Trust on pages 4 to 12, that comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the financial statements of the Trust:

- present fairly, in all material respects:
 - its financial position as at 31 December 2025; and
 - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Reporting Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime.

Our audit was completed on 25 March 2026. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

Basis for our opinion

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Responsibilities of the auditor* section of our report.

We have fulfilled our responsibilities in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



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Responsibilities of the Trustees for the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for preparing financial statements that are fairly presented and that comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

The Trustees are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The Trustees are also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting, unless the Trustees intend to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements, as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts or disclosures, and can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of readers taken on the basis of these financial statements.

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Also:

- We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- We obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.



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- We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- We conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Trustees and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.
- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Trustees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Our responsibilities arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements, and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information. In doing so, we consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on our work, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Independence

We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the independence requirements of Professional and Ethical Standard 1: *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards)* (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.



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Other than in our capacity as auditor, we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Trust.

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David Borrie
Ernst & Young
Chartered Accountants
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Wellington, New Zealand