

## **Auditors' Report To the members of the Royal Society of New Zealand**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 1 to 8. The financial statements provide information about the past financial performance and cash flows of the Society for the year ended 30 June 2005 and its financial position as at that date. This information is stated in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 4 and 5.

### **Council's Responsibilities**

The Society's Council is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Society as at 30 June 2005 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

### **Auditors' Responsibilities**

We are responsible for expressing an independent opinion on the financial statements presented by the Council and reporting our opinion to you.

### **Basis of Opinion**

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing:

- (a) the significant estimates and judgements made by the Council in the preparation of the financial statements; and
- (b) whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the Society, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand. We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements, whether caused by fraud or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

We have no relationship with or interests in the Society other than in our capacity as auditors.


**Unqualified Opinion**

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required.

In our opinion:

- (a) proper accounting records have been kept by the Society as far as appears from our examination of those records; and
- (b) the financial statements on pages 1 to 8:
  - (i) comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
  - (ii) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Society as at 30 June 2005 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Our audit was completed on 8 September 2005 and our unqualified opinion is expressed as at that date.



Chartered Accountants

Wellington