



ANNUAL REPORT

2020-2021

維多利亞香港人協會

VICTORIA HONGKONGERS
ASSOCIATION
(AUSTRALIA) INC

The Victoria HongKongers Association (VHKA) pays respect to Victoria's Traditional Owners and their elders past, present and emerging, who have been custodians of this country for many thousands of years. Their living culture and their role in the life of Victoria is acknowledged by the VHKA.

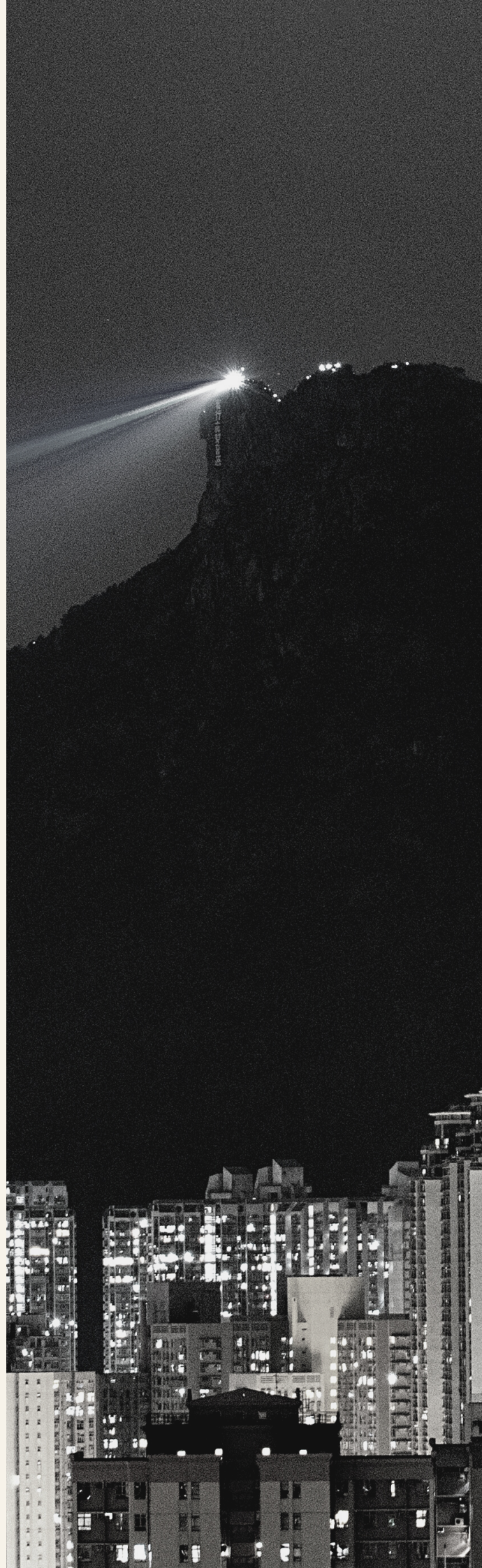


Victoria Hongkongers Association

A.B.N.: 79 638 060 616
Incorporation No.: A0108658Y

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A group of volunteers joined together

2019-06-09

OPPOSE TO EXTRADITION
LAWS AMENDMENT

2019-06-26

G20 - CALLING FOR
INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT TO
HONG KONG

2019-07-28

MELBOURNE HONGKONGERS
STAND WITH HK IN AUSTRALIA

2019-08-31

STAND WITH HONG KONG,
FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY

2019-09-29

9.29 STAND WITH HONG KONG -
FIGHT BACK AGAINST TYRANNY



2019-06-16

AUSTRALIAN HONGKONGERS
SAY NO TO CHINA EXTRADITION

2019-07-20

BADIUCAO LENNON WALL -
FREE HONG KONG



2019-09-04

BE WATER: HONG KONG VS CHINA
HOCC X BADIUCAO SEMINAR



2019 OCT-NOV

"Victoria Hongkongers" was formed in October and we created our own Facebook Page "Victoria Hongkongers 澳洲維港" on 1st Nov 2019

2019-10-16

PETITION TOUR TO CANBERRA

2019-11-02

HONG KONG POLICE BRUTALITY EXHIBITION

2019-11-17

EDWARD LEUNG
'LOST IN THE FUMES' SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION

2019-11-23

SOS HK MELBOURNE
SILENT SIT IN DEMONSTRATION

2019 DEC 2-3

LOBBYING - MAGNITSKY ACT
A delegation of VHKA members on a lobbying visit to Canberra

2019-12-19

BANQUET FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF VICTORIA
HONGKONGERS ASSOCIATION
(AUS) INC.

We registered as an Incorporated Association on 15th Dec 2019

Established in the midst of the Hong Kong pro-democracy movement, the VHKA was founded by members of the HongKonger diaspora in Victoria.

2020-6-12

NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATION

We successfully registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

**Our
establishment**



photo taken by a foreign journalist
who had been the frontline of Hong Kong
protests in 2019-2020

Our purposes



- serve as a not-for-profit, non-religious community organisation to assist disadvantaged members of the HongKonger community in Australia, including refugees and humanitarian entrants, who are in hardship.
- advance the human rights of the people of Hong Kong, and to preserve and promote its culture.
- foster communication and understanding between the local HongKonger community and the Australian public to build a stronger, more resilient HongKonger diaspora.

Our people & partners



The VHKA is entirely backed by volunteers from all walks of life, whose contributions sustain the VHKA's operations. The VHKA draws on the expertise of many supporters to work towards its core purposes.

The VHKA works closely with a range of local community groups and NGOs, including multicultural community associations from across Australia and refugee rights charities.

The VHKA also works and engages with government agencies, including the Victorian Multicultural Commission and Victorian Police, to convey issues and concerns within the HongKonger community.

Our structure & management

The VHKA is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) as a charity.

Composition of Committee:

- Co-Presidents
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Assistant Secretary
- General Committee Members



The ACNC has approved withholding the "Responsible Person" information of the VHKA due to the potential threat to the committee members.

Words from the Committee

It has been two years since a small group of us founded the Victoria HongKongers Association. For us and many HongKongers, these two years have been extraordinarily turbulent.

Far away from Hong Kong, we witnessed the erosion of many things we love about the city, while the world is under the shadow of a global pandemic. Many of us are also separated from our loved ones, wondering when will be the next time we would be able to see them. For those who have sacrificed much for Hong Kong's democracy and freedom, that 'next time' depends on their prison sentence.

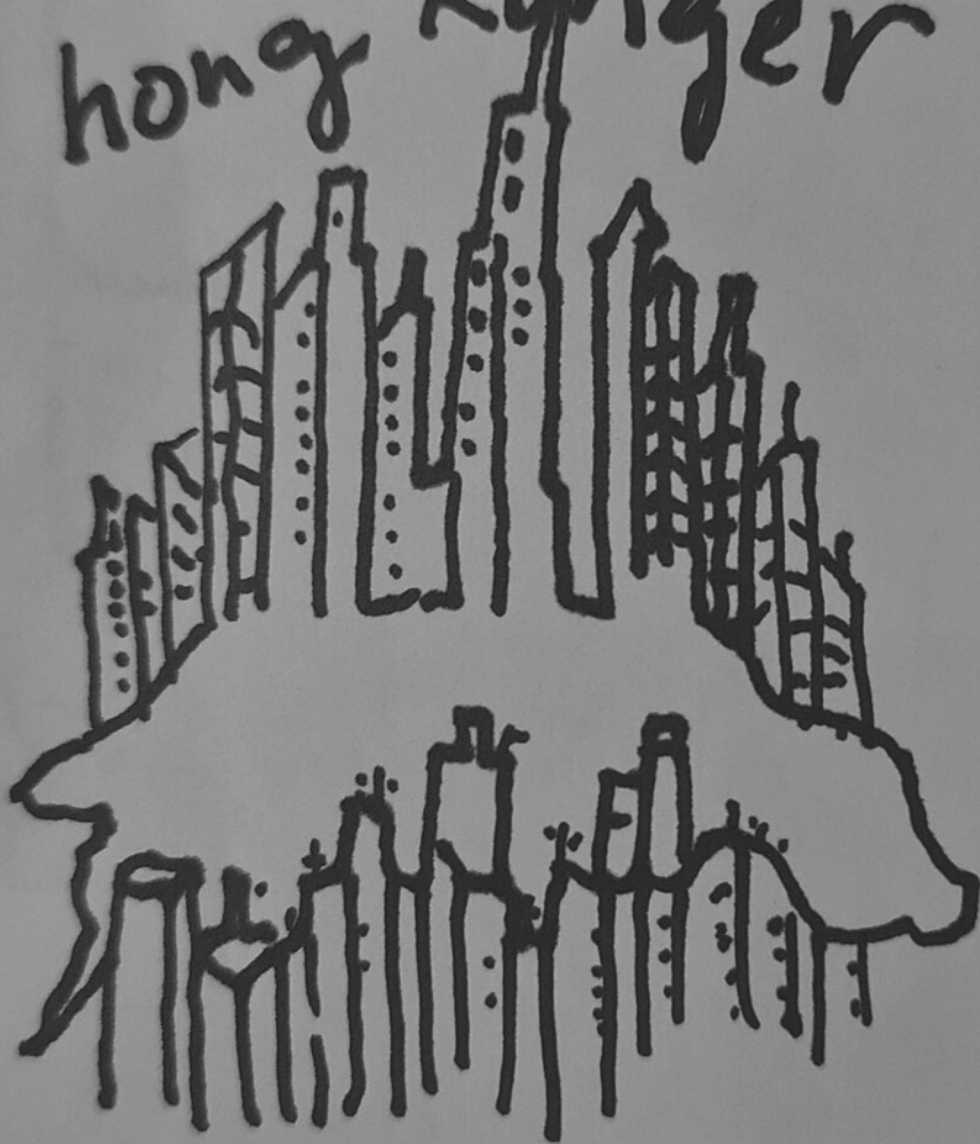
HongKongers experienced fewer and fewer joyful occasions. If the last two years have taught us anything, it is the realisation that things may not have gotten better, we have the capacity to get better, and we got better. We are brought together by our shared love of Hong Kong and the shared hardship endured by HongKongers.

In our hardship, we learnt to trust and rely on each other. We learnt to tackle challenges in creative ways. We became more courageous. We became more efficient in organizing ourselves and supporting each other. We learnt to create our own joyful moments and cherish them.


We learnt that HongKongers are not defined by our challenges. We're defined by how we respond to them. And in the end, it's our actions, how we respond to challenges, however dire they may be, that reveals our true character.

The Committee is grateful for the ongoing support from the community, and our volunteers from all walks of life who made everything we did possible and asked for nothing in return. With other HongKonger community groups, the VHKA will continue to work hard, learn from our lessons to support the HongKongers diaspora in the coming years.

We are
hong konger



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2020 to 2021 were the years we all had experienced a constant flow of uncertainty.

The freedom, human rights and personal safety of HongKongers have been rapidly deteriorating in our home town; The ongoing pandemic and the new way of life we all had to adapt to in Victoria have all caused tremendous challenges.

In normal times, people seeking asylum or seeking protection in a new country have already faced significant challenges in seeking appropriate support. COVID-19 had exacerbated the already challenging circumstances for them.



Our services

For HongKongers who were in hardship especially when they newly arrived in Victoria, we had offered assistance mainly on a peer mentoring basis formed by volunteers from different ages, occupations, living experiences, and length of time living locally. Based on the individual circumstances and needs of each case, we had assisted migrants and vulnerable members of the local HongKonger community to gradually settle in the new environment by:

- providing related information e.g. studying, job seeking
- arranging temporary accommodations
- job referral
- referring individuals to trusted professionals or resources for medical treatment, legal and/or financial aid
- sharing the experience and skills they needed
- offering support for them to deal with difficult or new situations.

As it is easily foreseen there would be more HongKongers immigrating to other countries, including Australia after the international border reopened, we have been developing a “Buddy Team” program aimed to develop a more systematic network to assist our fellow HongKongers who would arrive in Victoria and require assistance.

Given the fact that it's much less likely we can return to our home town in the near future, it's more important to gather and unite the local HongKongers to support each other and preserve Hong Kong culture together.





Our events & activities

With the support of our volunteers, the VHKA organized seminars, exhibitions, and campaigns to support the implementation of Magnitsky-style legislation to strengthen the human rights protection framework of Australia.

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|------------|---|
| 2020-01-01 | NEW YEAR EVE DOCKLAND FLASH MOB COUNTDOWN |
| 2020-01-05 | WORKING HOLIDAY & IMMIGRATION INFO SEMINAR |
| 2020-01-19 | UNIVERSAL SIEGE ON COMMUNISTS EXHIBITION |
| 2020-02-22 | MAGNITSKY ACT IN AUSTRALIA - BRAINSTORMING & GATHERING SESSION |
| 2020-05-30 | “ANTI-NATIONAL SECURITY LAW” PARADE |
| 2020-06-04 | VIGIL OF 1989 TIANANMEN MASSACRE |
| 2020-06-12 | NEVER FORGIVE, NEVER FORGET. STAND WITH HK #MAGNITSKYACTNOW |
| 2020-06-15 | 1ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF LEUNG LING KIT |



- 2021-03-01 VICTORIA HONGKONGERS STAND WITH HOME KONG
- 2021-03-07 FREE ALL HONG KONG POLITICAL PRISONERS
- 2021-06-12 BE WATER: GLOBAL RALLY FOR HONG KONG 612
- 2021-07-03 VIGIL FOR KIN FAI LEUNG



Financial Statements

Victoria HongKongers Association (Australia) Inc.

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Statement of Profit or Loss For The Year Ended 30 June 2021

| | 30 June 2021 | 30 June 2020 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Income | | |
| Donation | 1,795.75 | 4,264.50 |
| Membership | 100.00 | 818.18 |
| Merchandise sales | 1,452.73 | 4,619.09 |
| Event ticket sales | - | 1,606.14 |
| Cost of sales | | |
| Merchandise | (719.86) | (3,234.64) |
| Gross profit | 2,628.62 | 8,073.27 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Venue and Exhibition Costs | - | (562.95) |
| Exhibition staging costs | - | (505.84) |
| Program costs | - | (561.80) |
| Client support consumables | - | (49.77) |
| Entertainments costs | - | (473.70) |
| Fee and Permits | (23.42) | (584.90) |
| Motor Vehicle Fuel and Oil | - | (74.39) |
| Po box rental | - | (188.75) |
| Printing and Stationery | - | (911.20) |
| Storage cost | - | (727.00) |
| Repairs and Maintenance | - | (10.00) |
| Domain registration | - | (16.45) |
| Travel and Accommodation | - | (425.15) |
| Total expenditure | (23.42) | (5,091.90) |
| Surplus for the year | 2,605.20 | 2,981.37 |

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Statement of Financial Position As At 30 June 2021

| | 30 June 2021 | 30 June 2020 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>Current assets</u> | | |
| Cash at Bank | 6,446.18 | 2,965.85 |
| Total current assets | 6,446.18 | 2,965.85 |
| | | |
| Total assets | 6,446.18 | 2,965.85 |
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| <u>Current liabilities</u> | | |
| Gst payable | 859.61 | 704.34 |
| Total current liabilities | 859.61 | 704.34 |
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| Total liabilities | 859.61 | 704.34 |
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| Net assets | 5,586.57 | 2,261.51 |

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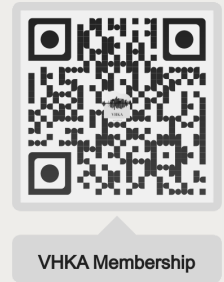
Statement of Cash Flows For The Year Ended 30 June 2021

| | 30 June 2021 | 30 June 2020 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| <u>Cash from operating activities</u> | | |
| Receipts from customers and donors | 3,503.75 | 12,012.25 |
| Payments to suppliers | (23.42) | (8,727.40) |
| Net cash provided from operating activities | 3,480.33 | 3,284.85 |
| <u>Cash from investing activities</u> | | |
| Net purchases from plant and equipment | - | (319.00) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | - | (319.00) |
| Net Increase in cash held | 3,480.33 | 2,965.85 |
| Cash at the beginning of the year | 2,965.85 | - |
| Cash at the end of the year | 6,446.18 | 2,965.85 |

How to support us

Become our member

1. Submit the Membership Application Form by scanning the QR code:



2. Bank transfer the annual membership fee \$50 to:

A/c Name : Vic HongKongers Association (Aust.) Inc.
BSB : 633 000
A/c No : 189483878

Please reference "membership - your name" when making payment

Make a donation

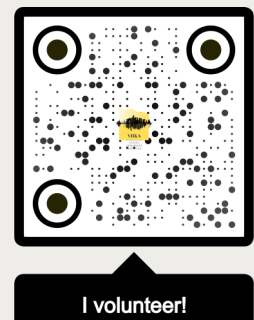
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Volunteer your time

We're always looking for more volunteers for our events, programs and operations. You can make an impact by joining us as a volunteer.

Submit the Volunteers Application Form by scanning the QR code:



Like & Follow us

- ◆ Facebook page : @victoriahongkongers
- ◆ Twitter : @VHongkongers

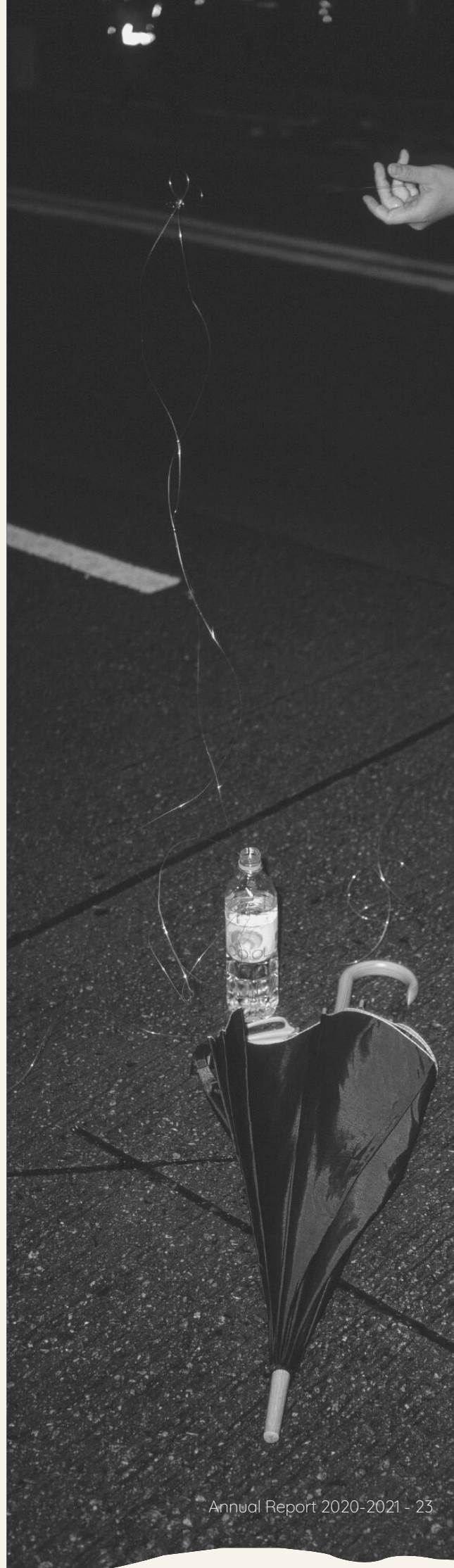
Contact us

Please feel free to contact us if you have any enquiries, suggestions or opinions by:

Email:

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auhkers.vic@gmail.com

Facebook page message:
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Our supporters

Our deep gratitude to:

All ex committees who had contributed in the formation of the VHKA

All founding members who have been trusting and supporting us from the very beginning

All volunteers who had helped in various roles at events and in providing services

All who had given us valuable feedback and suggestions for continuous improvement

All donors who understood the needs and aspirations of the HongKonger diaspora in Victoria and that of the VHKA

All guests and participants who had joined us at events

All MPs and politicians who had voiced their support for our fight for democracy and freedom

All members from other ethnic/cultural communities and the public who had stood in solidarity with VHKA

All the key supporters of the legislation of Australia's Magnitsky Act and the implementation of the Safe Haven Scheme for HongKongers

As always, our thoughts and hearts go out to fellow HongKongers who have sacrificed much for democracy and freedom, especially those who are still under persecution for righteousness' sake

Some people
moved on,
but not
us.

photo taken by a foreign journalist who had
been the frontline of Hong Kong protests in 2019-2020



Supporting and growing the HongKonger diaspora