



**Australasian Society for  
Intellectual Disability Ltd**

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## Our Mission

“As an Australasian peak body in intellectual disability, ASID promotes research to inform and influence good practice and policy to achieve a society where people with intellectual disability are afforded the same rights and opportunities as all citizens.”



*“ASID is committed to the active involvement of people with intellectual disability in all parts of the organisation”*

The Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability’s (ASID) clearly stated mission is a statement of intent which is reviewed each year by the Board. From this mission statement all activities of the Company flow.

## Strategic Goals of the Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability



# How we are governed

## Directors

Laura Hogan – President, Chair Executive Committee  
Bernadette Curryer – Vice President, Chair Inclusion Committee  
Darryleen Wiggins – Board Secretary  
Dr Allyson Thomson - Treasurer  
Professor Christine Bigby – Editor, Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities  
Professor Angus Buchanan –Chair Position Papers Committee  
Benedict Crothers –Chair Finance Committee  
Associate Professor Angela Dew – Chair Journals Committee  
John Grant – Chair Risk Committee  
Ruth Firstbrook  
Sue Goodall  
Dr Brigit Mirfin-Veitch  
Maurice O'Connor  
Paul O'Dea

## Divisions

Aotearoa New Zealand – Chair, Deborah Espiner  
New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory – Chair, Linda Ward  
Queensland – Chair, Maurice O'Connor  
South Australia/Northern Territory – Chair, Denice Wharldall  
Tasmania – Chair, Darryleen Wiggins  
Victoria – Chair, Coral Farr  
Western Australia – Chair, Dr Allyson Thomson  
Professor Jennifer Clegg – Editor, Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability  
Dr Hilary Johnson - Editor, Intellectual Disability Australasia, Chair Communication Committee

**Executive Officer** – Dee Sidhu  
**Secretariat** – Association Design

# President's Report



*Laura Hogan, President*

Writing the annual president's report is always a good opportunity to stop and reflect on both the achievements and the challenges of the past 12 months. There have certainly been a lot of challenges, many linked to COVID-19, but there are also plenty of positive achievements to share. ASID has worked hard to adapt to the changing conditions and provide new opportunities for members and others within our community.

Some of our activities for 2019/20 include:

## **Events**

With our 2020 conference postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions, we have turned our attention to producing a regular schedule of webinars on a range of topics. These webinars are free for members. To date, 12 webinars have been run with topics specific to intellectual disability ranging from mental health, resilience, working with refugees, rural and remote, sexuality, sleep, making hospitals inclusive, adapting trauma treatment, positive behaviour support and circus programs.

Webinar attendance has been strong and feedback positive, and we look forward to building on this series over the next 12 months as we work towards a hybrid conference model in 2021.

Thank you again to the presenters of each of our webinars. Your ongoing support, creativity and flexibility has been key to our successful pivot towards hosting online events.

## **Conferences**

Early in 2020, the ASID Board made the difficult decision to postpone the 2020 ASID Conference, 'Whanaungatanga Growing Connections', planned for Auckland (Aotearoa New Zealand) in November.

We are optimistic that we will welcome delegates back to a traditional ASID conference in 2022, pending the situation with COVID-19, but in the meantime, we have been busy working towards a new way of hosting an ASID conference in November 2021.

We are currently working with Conference Design, our professional conference organisers, to develop plans for an event that combines in-person and online participation. Event planning is still in the early stages and we look forward to communicating with you soon to share more details.

## **Influence**

Throughout the year ASID has made several representations on matters relating to intellectual disability across Australasia.

In October 2019, we supported a research bid to the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) by the 3DN team at UNSW titled “rigorous and collaborative research to improve the availability, uptake and impact of preventative healthcare measures for people with intellectual disability”.

We have continued to support the advocacy work of NSW Council for Intellectual Disability on the health of people with intellectual disability. In October 2019, this advocacy resulted in an announcement by Australian Federal Health Minister Greg Hunt as to the release of a draft National Roadmap for Improving Health Services for People with Intellectual Disability.

In March 2020, we were approached by the Department of Developmental Disability Neuropsychiatry (3DN) to endorse their new position statement ‘Access to COVID-19 Prevention, Screening and Testing of People with Intellectual Disability’. ASID endorsed this and made it accessible to our members and subscribers.

### **Tenders & Contracts**

In 2019, ASID tendered for Secretariat services. After a competitive recruitment process, Association Design (the sister company of Conference Design) were appointed as the new ASID Secretariat Service in early 2020. My sincere thanks to everyone involved in the transition from Not for Profit Accounting Services (NFPAS) to Association Design, especially to Dee (ASID, EO) who project managed the transition and to Sue Salisbury (NFPAS) and Nikki (Association Design) for their patience, goodwill and professionalism during this transition.

As part of the due diligence process, we completed a review of services by Conference Design who had been appointed 12 months earlier as the ASID Professional Conference Organiser (PCO). This positive and productive review provided much constructive feedback to build on for future event planning.

### **Board Meetings**

The ASID Board has continued to meet regularly throughout the past 12 months, moving fully to video conference meetings in response to COVID-19 restrictions and border closures. Many Directors continue to miss the in-person meetings and we hope to re-establish these when it is reasonable to do so.

This year, a new board committee was established, termed the ‘Executive Committee’. This committee is chaired by the President and membership is the Office Bearer positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary), supported by the Executive Officer. The committee meets monthly and progresses business delegated by the board or matters which come up between Board meetings which require attention. This new committee has positively increased ASID’s ability to quickly respond to issues as they arise.

### **2019 Conference – Let’s shake it up, human rights for everyone**

Our 2019 Conference in Adelaide was a great success both in terms of feedback from delegates and in terms of ASID’s financial position.

Congratulations to the South Australian/Northern Territory Divisional Committee, under the leadership of co-convenors Denice Wharldall and Ian Pearce, for all their hard work in making the event such a great success. Thank you also to Professor Christine Bigby for her leadership of the Scientific committee.

### **Change in Board Directors**

At the 2019 AGM we welcomed new Board Directors Sue Goodall (South Australia) and John Grant (Aotearoa New Zealand). Both new Directors have hit the ground running with Sue joining the Journal Committee and John chairing the newly established Risk Committee and contributing to the work of the Governance Committee.

The 2020 AGM is a time when the ASID Board will bid a fond farewell to retiring Board Directors, Ruth Firstbrook, Ben Crothers and Professor Angus Buchanan.

Ruth has completed a 3-year term, and contributed extensively to work on communications, conference evaluations and raising the profile of rural and remote Australia. Thank you, Ruth.

Ben has been a Director since 2011 and has contributed much over this time including holding the role of ASID Treasurer, chairing the Finance committee, and generously sharing expertise and knowledge of governance, policy and procedure through reforms and restructures. Thank you, Ben.

Angus has been a Director since 2007 and has held many roles including President and Vice President and has acted as chair of numerous Board Committees during this time. Angus' exceptional skills in change management, strategic and operational management were invaluable as he led our organisation through the major reform to become a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG). Many thanks Angus, you have contributed so much to ASID over many years and I wish you all the very best as President Elect for IASSIDD.

All retiring Directors will leave gaps of expert knowledge which will be difficult to fill, though as always, I do hope our retiring Directors will remain actively involved and continue to contribute their skills and knowledge to ASID.

### **Executive Officer**

In October 2020, Dee Sidhu (ASID, Executive Officer) tendered her resignation. Dee joined ASID in 2017 in a new role which had been created to support Board business, provide a conduit between the Board and Divisions and to grow the reach of ASID. Over the past 3.5 years, Dee has contributed substantially to the work of ASID across all areas of our business. Dee has much to be proud of, in particular her work on governance adherence to social media, communication and support of the Board. As President, I will particularly miss the support Dee has provided to this role over the past 3 years.

### **With thanks**

The above is a small snapshot of some of our activities over the past 12 months. I am fortunately to work amongst an innovative and committed team. A sincere thank you to the ASID Board of Directors – Bernadette Curryer (Vice President & Chair, Inclusion Committee),



Allyson Thomson (Treasurer), Darryleen Wiggins (Secretary), Angus Buchanan (Chair, Position Statements), Angela Dew (Chair, Journal Committee), Christine Bigby (RAPIDD Editor), Ben Crothers (Chair, Finance Committee), John Grant (Chair, Risk Committee), Morrie O'Connor, Paul O'Dea, Ruth Firstbrook, Brigit Mirfin-Veitch and Sue Goodall

Our capacity to achieve our goals has been supported and progressed by our wonderful Executive Officer, Dee Sidhu, thank you. Thank you also to Sue Salisbury (NFPAS) and the Association Design Team (Ben Thiessen, Nikki Millard & Hannah Webb) for supporting our transition of secretariat services and always being there to provide support to the business of ASID. We are lucky to have such an amazing team of support.

**Laura Hogan, President**



*ASID BOARD OF DIRECTORS*

**Front Row:** L to R, Ruth Firstbrook, D Wiggins, Allyson Thomson, Paul O'Dea, Morrie O'Connor,  
**Second Row:** Angela Dew, Laura Hogan, Angus Buchanan, Dee Sidhu (EO), Ben Crothers, Sue Goodall & Brigit Mirfin-Veitch  
**Missing:** Christine Bigby, John Grant & Bernadette Curryer

## Current Membership

Type of membership	October 2020	October 2019	September 2018
Individual	179	195	205
Gold Organisational	12	13	10
Silver Organisational	11	6	9
Bronze Organisational	51	52	63
Total	253	266	287

## Committee Reports 2019/2020

COMMITTEE NAME	MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES
Journals	The oversight and governance of our two journal publications.
Finance	Decisions about how we make, spend and invest our money.
Communications	How we communicate with our members and other people interested in ASID.
Position Statements	Scoping the available evidence and developing relevant evidence-based position statements
Inclusion	How ASID works with other organisations or people.

## Journals



### Who are we?

Associate Professor Angela Dew – Board Director & Chair (*photo*)

Professor Chris Bigby – Board Director, Editor RAPIDD

Dr Brigit Mirfin-Veitch – Board Director

Sue Goodall – Board Director

Dr Hilary Johnson - Editor of IDA

ASID publishes two peer reviewed journals with Taylor and Francis. The Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability (JIDD) is edited by Professor Jennifer Clegg and published 4 times a year and Research and Practices in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (RAPIDD) is edited by Professor Christine Bigby and published twice a year. The Journal Committee, chaired by Associate Professor Angela Dew, continues to oversee the editorship and quality of ASID's two journals.

*“The journals are both performing well and providing a steady income stream for ASID.”*

During the last 12 months we have achieved the following:

- A handover from the past Chair, Professor Angus Buchanan
- Established committee membership
- The Chair met with Taylor and Francis representative, Natalie Duvall
- The Chair met with the editor for JIDD, Jennifer Clegg
- Reviewed annual reports from T&F on JIDD and RAPIDD
- Scopus listing of RAPIDD reported on ASID and T&F websites
- Commenced discussions re review of RAPIDD and editor succession

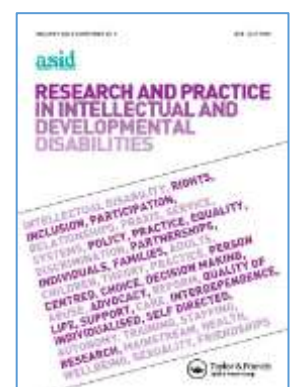
**Highlights for the Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability include:**

- 83,246 article downloads in 2019, much higher than the 67,740 downloads received in 2018.
- The most downloaded article in 2019 was ‘Providing support for decision making to adults with intellectual disability: Perspectives of family members and workers in disability support services’ by Bigby, Whiteside and Douglas with 3,907 downloads.
- The journal’s 2019 Impact Factor is 1.467



**Highlights for Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities include:**

- 13,745 article downloads in 2019, much higher than the 8,596 downloads received in 2018.
- The most downloaded article in 2018 was ‘Using the concept of encounter to further the social inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities: what has been learned?’ by Bigby and Wiesel with 1,891 downloads.
- The journal is currently included in the Emerging Sources Citation Index.



ASID continues to publish its journal titles with Taylor & Francis. The publishers have provided an excellent service to the journals and we expect this to continue with further increases in the quality and reputation of the publications.

ASID members receive hard copies of JIDD (4/year) and RAPIDD (2/year) and are also able to access current and back copies of both journals through the ASID website.

The success of the journals is very much linked to the hard work and skill of the Editors.

The Board would like to acknowledge the dedication of Professor Jennifer Clegg and Professor Christine Bigby who edit the JIDD and RAPIDD respectively. Both Jennifer and

Christine give many voluntary hours to ensure that the journals are of the highest standard. They are supported by their Editorial Assistants and Editorial Boards.

**Associate Professor Angela Dew, Chair Journals Committee**



# Finance



## Who are we?

Ben Crothers – Board Director, Chair (*photo*)

Dr Allyson Thomson – Board Director & ASID Treasurer

Dr Brigit Mirfin-Veitch – Board Director

Professor Angus Buchanan – Board Director

Adrian Higgins – ANZ Division Member

Dee Sidhu – ASID Executive Officer

## The finance committee has been working on five key tasks:

### Aotearoa New Zealand business development

The finance committee has overseen the development of ASID's business in Aotearoa New Zealand. This included the finalisation of our tax reporting and liabilities after becoming a registered NZ charity in November 2019. ASID does not need to pay tax in Aotearoa New Zealand anymore.

### Valuation of ASID's Journals as assets

The committee looked at how to best recognise the value of our journals to the organisation. The journals are valuable because every year they make money from royalties. We share these royalties with our publisher, Taylor & Francis. The committee sought professional advice and advised the ASID board that it would be best to acknowledge the value of the journals in our financial statements, but not to include a dollar amount in the ASID balance sheet.

### Chart of accounts

The committee assisted with the change of secretariat by updating the company's *chart of accounts*. This is the list of all the different things we spend money on or receive money for. The old chart was out of date and needed to be refreshed so that financial reports prepared for the board and for members contained accurate and useful information.

### Financial delegations

The committee also updated the company's financial delegations schedule. This is a document that details who can make what kind of decision when it comes to money. For example, it allows the executive of the board to approve small amounts of spending, but larger amounts need to be approved by the whole board. The updated schedule will make it easier for the company to make important decisions while remaining responsible for how the company's money is spent.

### Investment policy

The committee started work on developing an Investment Policy Statement for the company. This work is on hold until the company's long-term assets are more secure. The company will continue to use *term deposits* as investments so that our current cash in the bank can generate an income.

### Ben Crothers, Chair ASID Finance Committee

# Communications



## Who are we?

Dr Hilary Johnson – Chair & Editor, IDA (photo)

Eddie Drury - WA Division Member

Stuart Walk - NSW/ACT Division Member

Paul O'Dea – QLD Division Member

Victoria Tucker – QLD Division Member

Debbie Espiner – ANZ Division Member

Ruth Firstbrook – SA Division Member

Dee Sidhu - ASID Executive Officer

*"The communications committee is working closely with the journal committee to ensure information is evidence based and relevant to key issue facing Australians with an intellectual disability and people working in this sector"*

## Our Activities

- The committee met remotely three times last year. The main business has been to oversee our magazine Intellectual Disability Australasia (IDA), podcasts, social media presence and review current practices. A review of our activities has been undertaken and discussed with the board.
- We produced 2 podcasts, one directly related to key themes and experiences of attendees at the November ASID 2019 conference and the other focussing on LGBTIQ+ issues for people with an intellectual disability. The podcast data are showing an increase in audience listeners over time. Recently we have had a boost in volunteers to assist with the podcast and have an ambitious program for 2020/2021.
- IDA continues to be produced quarterly with a greater emphasis on linking research activities to content. The key themes in IDA have been the ASID conference, Rural & Remote and COVID 19. Feedback about the content, audience and need for this publication has been mixed. The communications committee are seeking multiple ways to engage the ASID membership and wider community about issues relevant to people with an intellectual disability



*Sophia Tipping chatting to Jack Kelly at the ASID 2019 Conference*

# Our Social Media presence 2019 -2020



4500+ copies of IDA delivered  
[ASID IDA Magazine](#)



1287 Facebook Followers  
[ASID Facebook](#)



938 Twitter Followers  
[ASID Twitter](#)



3014+ podcast listens  
[ASID Podcasts](#)

**Dr Hilary Johnson, Chair Communications Committee / Editor IDA**



# Position Statements



## Who are we?

Professor Angus Buchanan – Board Director & Chair *(photo)*

Professor Chris Bigby - Board Director

Dr Allyson Thompson – Board Director

Dr Brigit Mirfin-Veitch – Board Director

*“A priority of the Board is to scope the available evidence and develop relevant evidence-based position statements.”*

## Our Activities

A scoping review was conducted by Professor Kathy Boxall and Dr Adam Johnson from Edith Cowan University. One hundred and twenty-five possible statements were identified under the following six themes:

- (1) Lifespan Development
- (2) Community Living
- (3) Individual Autonomy
- (4) Health and Wellbeing
- (5) Rights and Advocacy
- (6) Service Approaches

This scoping review identified a number of gaps in the current collection of position paper topics that could be explored for potential development into position papers. These include topics such as:

- Lifelong learning, leisure, holiday and travel, friendships and peer networks, goal setting, social roles, mentoring, personal development and leadership development
- Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, CALD people, and migrants and refugees with intellectual disability
- Consultation, feedback and complaint mechanisms, participatory research and access to information in accessible formats (e.g. easy read)
- Wills and funerals, administration and management of medications, dental health, funding management (such as self-management)

A further peer review was conducted resulting in 47 relevant documents.

The approved documents will be made available to members on the ASID website. The Committee will now be developing a plan of action to further develop the work of position statement development.

**Professor Angus Buchanan – Chair, Position Statements Committee**



# Inclusion Committee



## Who are we?

Bernadette Curryer – Board Director & Chair (*photo*)

Adrian Higgins – ASID Member (Aotearoa New Zealand)

Dr Brigit Mirfin-Veitch - Board Director

Paul O'Dea - Board Director

Sue Goodall - Board Director

ASID is committed to the active involvement of people with intellectual disability in all parts of the organisation.

## Our Achievements

- An Inclusivity Workshop was undertaken at the July 2019 Board meeting, questioning how we can better hear, understand and respond to the experience of people with intellectual disability, how to make ASID activities more inclusive and how we can provide support to people with intellectual disability who may wish to be a Board Director.
- A key outcome of these discussions was the formation of the Inclusion Working Group. This working group is exploring the inclusivity of ASID, with a focus on ensuring the inclusion of people with intellectual disability, acknowledging the importance of a diverse organisation representing our stakeholders and the general community.
- The need to understand individual Director support needs and skill gaps was identified. A support needs check list for ASID Board Directors was developed. This self-assessed checklist of potential support or training needs will be given to all new Directors so that ASID can respond to support needs in an individualised manner.

## Future Plans

This group will also be looking at ways to increase engagement with indigenous and culturally diverse communities.

*“This working group looks forward to a future where ASID membership, divisional committees and Board reflect, and respond to, the wonderful diversity of the communities within Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.”*

**Bernadette Curryer, Chair Inclusion Committee**

# Divisional Reports

## Aotearoa New Zealand (ANZ)



### Who are we?

Deborah Espiner - Chair  
Fran Hartnett - Secretary  
Judy Garriock - Business Plan  
Sharon Brandford, Rickardt van Dyk  
Jonathan Goodwin, John Grant  
Warren Herring, Brigit Mirfin-Veitch  
Hamish Taverner, Claire Stewart  
Henrietta Tripp (new member)  
Olive Webb, Christine Wilson  
Carey- Ann Morrison resigned at the end of this term

### Our Achievements

- We have met by zoom on 8 occasions and had an Annual Meeting in September
- It was quite unimaginable how 2020 would unfold. It was to end in a successful and stimulating ASID conference hosted by ANZ Division. It has been a challenging time and like many organisations and groups ANZ ASID has also needed to change and adjust.
- Henrietta Tripp was elected on to the Committee this year and we are most appreciative of her wise and knowledgeable input.
- At the beginning of the year we met in Wellington to further plan the November conference. A topic, date and venue were organised. To promote the conference Taki Peeki designed a logo and presented excellent videos that were posted on the ASID website to explain the logo and title, and to generate enthusiasm for the conference. A tremendous amount of exciting groundwork has been undertaken with the hope that this can be utilised with the new proposed date of 2-4 November 2022 for the conference.
- A most successful Support Workers Conference was held in Hamilton on October 19, 2019. A real highlight of the conference was the large number of people who attended and enthusiastically participated and the great support from Michelle Ryan and the children and parents from Endeavour School. We acknowledge the generous contribution of Carol Gurney in catering and supporting this event.
- It was agreed to hold a further Support Workers conference in Dunedin on April 4, 2020. This needed to be postponed due to COVID-19 lockdown and restrictions. It is hoped that a similar workshop can be held in Auckland later this year, as there are opportunities to hear about and acknowledge the rich and outstanding Support Workers gave and continue to give during this time to people with intellectual disability.
- With face to face events unable to happen, the Committee explored other ways that the profile and the membership of ASID could be maintained at this time. We have a schedule to deliver 2 webinars before the end of the year and more planned for 2021

- Fran Hartnett has continued liaison with ASID Communications Committee regarding material for IDA



*Dr Brigit Mirfin-Veitch & Cheryl Wallace  
(Member of People First National Committee)  
at ASID 2019 Conference*

### How we promote ASID

- Conference planning- advertising, trade stalls, sponsors and organisations
- Webinars
- New Zealand Disability Support Network- family forum/focus groups
- New Zealand Disability Support Network-stall to promote the conference



*The Support Workers' Conference 2019*

The Division has shown ongoing commitment, time and energy to ensure that ASID remains a meaningful reality in these uncertain times.

We acknowledge the offering of support from the Executive Officer and Association Design in furthering our webinars.

Shared adversity can foster a greater sense of community and connection. Division members have demonstrated goodwill towards changing plans and reformulating new directions.

*“Looking forward, we are hoping that we can resume our ways of being together, so we can learn about people’s experiences during this time and better understand ways of supporting and appreciating one another.”*

**Deborah Espiner, Chair Aotearoa New Zealand Division**

# New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory (NSW/ACT)



## Who are we?

Linda Ward – Chair (*pictured*)

Bernadette Curryer – Board Director, Vice President of ASID

Laura Hogan – Board Director, President of ASID

Bronwyn Newman – Division Member

Sarah Wagstaff – Division Member

Sarah Butler – Division Member

Professor Iva Strnadova – Division Member

Dr Vivienne Riches – Division Member

Stuart Wark – Division Member

## Our Achievements

Our meetings are held bimonthly either in person in Sydney or on Zoom. Our last face to face meeting was our planning meeting held in February 2020. Due to COVID-19 from April 2020 our committee meetings have been held on Zoom.

In February we held our annual planning day to develop our Operational Plan for the next 12 months. Much of our discussion at our annual planning meeting had included discussion about planning the Australasian Conference that was to be held in NSW in 2021. Following the meeting, due to COVID-19 the ASID Board decided to not to hold the NSW conference in 2021. Further information regarding the future of the Australasian annual conferences is expected soon.

Our operational plan includes a series of five (5) webinars. At the time of writing this report, we have also hosted three (3) of these webinars:

- Issues for people in rural and remote Australia.
- Sexuality and sexual identity education for students with intellectual disability at schools.
- Adapting Trauma Treatment for Youth Who have an Intellectual Disability.

The webinars have been well received and we would like to thank our webinar presenters, Dr Stuart Wark, Laura Hogan, Prof Iva Strnadová, Julie Loblinzk, Brian Tallant and Vivienne Riches

We have further webinars planned and information is available on the ASID website.

We are hopeful that in 2021 we will be able to plan and hold several member activities. The committee is always looking for suggestions from our members for innovative and creative ways to share research and bring members together.

All the NSW ACT committee members are always proactive in promoting ASID through their professional networks. A committee member participates in each of the webinar and presents a presentation on ASID at the start of the webinar.

Northcott, one of our member organisations featured the ASID webinar series in Northcott Noise, which is a monthly staff communication. Northcott has over 2,300 staff members and since the communication several Northcott staff have registered for the webinars and/or viewing the webinars on the ASID website.

It with sadness that we inform the ASID members that Clinical Professor Vivienne Riches has made the decision to resign from the ASID NSW/ACT Committee. Viv was a founding member when the NSW/ACT ASID committee was re-established in 2017. She chaired our committee for many years and was an ASID Board Director for 7 years. In 2017, Viv was awarded the Fellow of ASID (FASID award) in recognition of her exceptional and significant contribution to the field of intellectual disability. We would like to acknowledge Viv's contribution to ASID, she will be sorely missed but has promised to remain actively involved in the ASID community.

**Linda Ward, Chair New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory Division**



L to R Elizabeth, Susan, Sarah and Mel (CDS, Inclusive Research Network)

# Queensland



## Who are we?

Morrie O'Connor –Board Director and Chair (*photo*)

Paul O'Dea - Board Director

Kathy Ellem

Cheryl Walker

Victoria Tucker

Michelle Moss

## Our Achievements

Like everyone else, the QLD Division's year has been impacted by COVID-19.

Our committee comprised of six regular attendees over the year and we held two webinars.

The first on employment and intellectual disability and the second on Wills for parents of people with intellectual disabilities.

Our AGM is due on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and we are having discussions with Queenslanders with Disability Network and a range of other self-advocacy groups about co-hosting a catch up of self-advocates internationally on International Day of Disability on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020.

## Morrie O'Connor, Chair Queensland Division



*L to R: Morrie O'Connor, Bernard Denny, Donna Best & Paul O'Dea*



*Paul O'Dea, Alan Duffy, Michael Cherry, Ian Williamson, Susan Harbottle, Morrie O'Connor and Madeline Kadel*



# South Australia/Northern Territory (SA/NT)



## Who are we?

Denice Wharldall – Chair (*photo*)  
Ruth Firstbrook – Board Director  
Sue Goodall – Board Director  
Richard O’Loughlin, Janet Videon  
Sue Michael, Karen Rogers  
Judith Darragh, Jo Poole  
Kirstie Schumacher, Vicky Waldren  
Ian Cummings (supported by Michael Gillam)  
Glenda Noble, Alison Vivian

## Our Achievements

This time last year our focus was preparing for the 2019 ASID Conference in Adelaide. We were nervous, excited and crossing our fingers that we would get the numbers to at least break even.

The Conference was a great success, and our local attendance was excellent. We were extremely pleased with the number of self-advocates both attending and presenting at the conference. As someone who has been attending ASID Conferences for many years I have observed a gradual increase over the years of the participation at all levels of a conference of individuals who live with an intellectual disability. We are all richer for the experience.

Last year we also ran three (3) events but unfortunately this year due to COVID-19 we have not run events from SA. There have been online events from other Divisions open to all ASID Members. We would like to thank other divisions for sharing their events. The challenge of our work keeping individuals safe during this difficult period and some service providers preventing staff from using Zoom, due to advice from their IT departments, has made organising events difficult.



They have been

*L to R: Denice Wharldall, Sue Michael, Janet Videon, Richard O’Loughlin, & Karen Rogers*

COVID-19 has highlighted significant additional difficulties for those who live with an intellectual disability. In particular, the online world in which many of us have utilized to stay connected is not accessible to many with an intellectual disability. We have been heartened in South Australia by the state government making a commitment to medivac to hospital or a medic hotel anyone who acquires COVID-19 who lives in a group home or Aged Care facility.

Next year we are eager to increase our engagement with the universities.

**Denice Wharldall, Chair South Australia/Northern Territory Division**

# Tasmania



## Who are we?

Darryleen Wiggins – Division Chair, Board Director and Board Secretary  
(photo)

Ben Crothers –Board Director

Jenny Dixon

Sheree Hill – Division Member resigned January 2020

## Our Achievements

The Tasmanian committee held 4 meetings over the year with very little engagement from members outside the committee. These meetings have been to perform ASID business and to try to work through committee challenges around recruiting new division members and ASID members.

Ben Crothers has remained engaged in the Board of Directors with Darryleen Wiggins filling the second position of the Board Director role.

## Thanks

The Tasmanian committee would like to thank Jenny Dixon and Speakout Tasmania for the use of their meeting room for all ASID meetings (pre covid-19)

## The future

ASID is keen to revitalize the Tasmania committee and we are confident that 2021 will be a more engaging year with some events and new division committee members.

## Darryleen Wiggins, Chair Tasmania Division



*From L to R: Judy Huett & Sonia Hume at ASID 2019 Conference*



# Victoria



## Who are we?

Coral Farr – Chair (*photo*)

Christine Bigby – Board Director

Angela Dew – Board Director

Hilary Johnson - Communications Officer

Jo Watson

Brent Hayward

Helen Killmier

We welcomed Emily Churchill to our committee in August this year. Emily answered Hilary's callout for volunteers to assist with production of the ASID podcasts. Richard Zylan resigned from the committee in March. During his time on our committee, Richard was proactive in developing links between ASID and Australian Society for Special Care in Dentistry (ASSCID). This culminated in a joint Oral Health and Intellectual Disability workshop in February. We have an upcoming Oral Health webinar which we are presenting in partnership with ASSCID in November. The secretarial role has been shared between committee members. Thank you to all committee members for contributions to our committee.

## Our Achievements

### Our Meetings:

We originally planned to hold face to face meetings every two months. These meetings were to be supplemented with a catch up via Zoom for the month between our face to face meetings. This all changed when the COVID-19 restrictions were implemented.

We now have all our meetings via Zoom every four weeks. This has provided us with continuity of contact and enabled us to work collaboratively on ASID projects. We welcomed Dee (EO) and Laura (President) to our March meeting. We found their input about the ASID Board's strategic direction very helpful with revising our planned activities for this year.

Laura attended our September meeting to gain input on recruitment of committee members. We have welcomed this contact during the challenging months of lockdown.

Our Annual Divisional meeting will be held via Zoom on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The meeting will follow immediately after Brent Hayward's webinar presentation. There is a sense of déjà vu about this event. Brent presented at our 2019 Annual Divisional meeting and we had our best attendance for quite some time.

### What we have done:

Our original business plan was to deliver three workshops for 2020. We held a very successful workshop during February this year on Oral Health and Intellectual Disability. We collaborated with Deakin University, Australian Society for Special Care in Dentistry (ASSCID) and Inclusion Melbourne to present this workshop. We had a good response with attendees from both the intellectual disability and dental sectors and planned a webinar on this topic to be held later this year.

With the onset of the COVID-19 in our community, it became necessary to revise our plans for this year. Following the lead set by our WA ASID counterparts, we decided to run a "Tutorial Tuesday" webinar series on the second Tuesday of each month. The webinars are based on Committee member's presentations from the 2019 ASID Annual Conference.

Our first webinar was held in August and presented by Associate Professor Angela Dew. We had 14 attendees, a good result for our first foray into this area.

The second webinar in September was presented by Professor Chris Bigby. There were 80 attendees at this session.

Our October webinar will be presented by Brent Hayward. Brent has partnered with Association for Positive Behaviour Support Australia for this presentation.

We have scheduled a webinar in November on Allied Health and Oral Health Needs of people with intellectual disability facilitated by Jo Watson in partnership with ASSCID and Inclusion Melbourne.

In December, Emily Churchill presents her research project on Social Skills for Adults with Intellectual Disability.

During our August committee meeting, we identified the need to have an “Acknowledgement to Country” statement adapted for our webinars. Angela has composed a version of this statement which includes Indigenous peoples of Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand. The statement is currently being reviewed by ASID Aotearoa New Zealand.

## **IDA**

We regularly contribute updates on the activities of the Victorian Division for the IDA magazine. Angela Dew and Jo Watson have written numerous articles for IDA. Angela provided an article on inclusive research methods and practices which she presented with keynote speaker, Scott Avery at the 2019 ASID conference. Angela also contributed an article for the Rural and Remote theme in IDA. Jo Watson provided articles on the oral health needs of people with intellectual disability. Richard Zylan also wrote an article on this topic. Jo wrote a heart-warming article in the latest edition of IDA. The article was on the impact that living with COVID-19 restrictions has affected her sister who has an intellectual disability. In order to develop the themes presented on our webinar series, our webinar presenters have been invited to contribute a synopsis of their presentations for future editions of IDA.

*“I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hilary Johnson for her amazing work as editor for IDA.”*

## **How we contribute to Research:**

The Disability Royal Commission held hearings in Melbourne during February. Professor Chris Bigby presented her research on Group Homes and Active Support at one of these hearings.

Professor Bigby has been appointed as research head for the Australian arm of an international research project on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people with disability.

Dr. Jo Watson and Richard Zylan are part of the Deakin Oral Health and Disability committee members who presented their submission on the Oral Health Needs of People with Intellectual Disability to the Disability Royal Commission.

Associate Professor Angela Dew will be guest editor for a special issue on Rural and Remote issues in RAPIDD which will be published in 2021. Next year Angela will be participating in a collaborative research project with fellow researchers John Gilroy and others, as part of an ARC Discovery Indigenous grant.

Hilary Johnson retired from full time work last year. However, she continues to mentor emerging researchers in the area of speech pathology and intellectual disability.

**How we promote ASID:**

We have partnered with Australian Society for Special Care in Dentistry (ASSCID) for the joint workshop on Oral Health Needs of People with Intellectual Disability. ASSCID members wrote articles for IDA. We have an upcoming joint webinar in November. Thank you to Jo Watson and Richard Zylan for making this collaboration happen.

Our committee member Brent Hayward has facilitated the promotion of his October webinar through the Association for Positive Behaviour Support Australia (APBSA). We hope this paves the way for future collaborations with APBSA.

**Our Finances:**

We made a small profit on the Oral Health and Special Needs Workshop. The focus of the webinars has been to increase the reach of ASID to the wider community. It has enabled ASID to work towards the goal of promoting research activities in the intellectual disability field. There have been small financial gains from the webinar series. The attendance at the webinars has been increasing especially from our membership. With time, the webinars could well serve to encourage interest in membership amongst other members of the intellectual disability community.

**Other News**

The past year has been one of unforeseen challenges, especially for the Victorian ASID Division. However, we have learnt to adapt very quickly to using Zoom and developing webinars. It reflects the continuous learning process that occurs in research in the intellectual disability sector. We have made good progress with working cohesively as a team, applied creative solutions to our situation and learnt a lot.

I would like to thank the ASID Board and management for the guidance and support provided during this year. A special thanks to Executive Officer Dee Sidhu and new ASID Secretariat, Nikki, for your help with adapting to a year of changes.

Next year we face the challenges of putting together a virtual conference. We look forward to the opportunity of sharing our research and learning new skills knowing that the ASID organisation is there to guide us in this new direction.

**Coral Farr, Chair Victoria Division**

*Professor Chris Bigby & Shu Hua Chan*

# Western Australia



## Who are we?

Dr Allyson Thomson- ASID Treasurer, Board Director & Division Chair (*photo*)

Prof Angus Buchanan – Board Director

Britta Meyer,

Eddie Drury (Communications)

Wendy Simpson

Chris Yates

Jill MacKenzie (Finance)

Nicki Dyson

Sharon McFarlane

Alison Kelly

## Our Achievements

- Committee meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. Currently, these are held at 12pm via Zoom.
- WA Division "Soundbite" Series
- WA commenced the ASID Webinar programme with a series of seven short webinars: all WA presenters were from the 2019 ASID Conference. Topics from this very successful series included:
  - A Resilience Framework - Dr Allyson Thomson
  - Ageing parent carers and future planning - Wendy Simpson
  - Improving mental health in children with intellectual disability - Dr Jenny Downs

Western Australia provided the webinars free-of-charge to encourage attendance  
Future Plans

The Annual meeting will be held on 20 October, immediately following an online discussion of the 'Left Out and Locked Down' report from Every Australian Counts.

## Dr Allyson Thomson, Chair Western Australia Division



*Professor Angus Buchanan*

# Awards 2019

## Distinguished Service Award – Dr Hilary Johnson



Dr Hilary Johnson's (*photo*) remarkable contribution to ASID has expanded her 40-year career working in the disability sector. Her contribution has included multiple roles, including Victorian President and general committee member. She was a key organiser of the IASSIDD 15th World Congress in 2016. She currently serves on the ASID Victoria board and is the editor of the *Intellectual Disability Australasia*. Hilary is not only a highly respected Speech Pathologist, manager, lecturer, and renowned scholar, but also a leader, mentor and friend to the intellectual disability and augmentative communication communities in Australia and internationally. To read more about Hilary's illustrious career visit our [website](#)

## Fellow of ASID – Professor Patricia O'Brien



*Professor Patricia O'Brien & Laura Hogan (President of ASID)*

Professor Patricia O'Brien has dedicated her career to improving the lives of people with intellectual disability across the lifespan. Her mission has always for people to be heard and listened to. Patricia's career spans Australia, New Zealand and Ireland across research and service delivery. Based on her PhD, she was instrumental in the creation of citizenship advocacy in Victoria (Australia) before relocating to Aotearoa New Zealand. During Patricia's time in New Zealand she was a leader in the deinstitutionalisation movement. In 2004 she accepted the position of Foundation Director at the National Institute for Intellectual Disability, Trinity College Dublin. In this role Patricia led ground-breaking work in inclusive research, education and advocacy. Read more about this remarkable woman's work [here](#)

## Fellow of ASID – Professor Leanne Dowse



*Professor Leanne Dowse & Laura Hogan (President of ASID)*

Professor Leanne Dowse has played a critical role in interdisciplinary theorisation and inclusive knowledge co-production for people with cognitive (intellectual) disability who experience compounding disability and complex social disadvantage. She has conceptualised complex support needs as the interplay of cognitive, developmental, psychosocial, and physical impairment combined with adverse environmental factors, including behavioural risks, substance misuse, criminal justice contact, early life instability, insecure housing, cultural or intergenerational disadvantage, and trauma, violence and abuse. As the Chair Intellectual Disability Behaviour Support (IDBS), Leanne Dowse developed a program now recognised as Australia's leading research facility in

interdisciplinary scholarship in cognitive disability. Read more about her [research leading to advocacy](#).

Read more about the 2019 recipients of awards at [https://www.asid.asn.au/about/awards\\_and\\_prizes](https://www.asid.asn.au/about/awards_and_prizes)

## Journal Award Recipients 2019

### 2019 Best Australasian Paper



Awarded to Katherine Moore, Paula McDonald & Jennifer Bartlett (2018) for *'Emerging trends affecting future employment opportunities for people with intellectual disability: The case of a large retail organisation'*, Journal of Intellectual & Developmental Disability,

(43:3, 328-338, DOI: [10.3109/13668250.2017.1379250](https://doi.org/10.3109/13668250.2017.1379250))

Professor J Clegg (JIDD Editor) & K Moore.

### 2019 Best International Research Prize



Awarded to Suzanne L. G. Jansen, Annette A. J. van der Putten, Wendy J. Post & Carla Vlaskamp (2018) for *'How parents and professionals perceive the support provided to persons with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities'*, Journal of Intellectual & Developmental Disability,

(43:4, 441-452, DOI: [10.3109/13668250.2017.128788](https://doi.org/10.3109/13668250.2017.128788))



# ASID Conference 2019



The 2019 Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Conference was held at the Hilton Adelaide, South Australia from 6 – 8 November.

The Committee prepared a diverse and very interesting program, including the Pre-Conference Workshop, with national and international speakers presenting with a focus not just on funding models and systems but seeking a deeper understanding of the complexities and challenges of the journey to a good life.

The Pre-Conference Workshop aimed to support those who operate in supervisory, managerial or other co-coordinator roles to implement Positive Behavioural Support in practice.

Highlights of the conference include:

- 221 full delegate registrations, including complimentary and support worker registrations.
- 104 day delegate registrations, including complimentary and support workers.
- A pre-conference workshop; 6 keynote speaker presentations (and during conference workshops) and 78 submitted presentations (oral, symposia, workshop and round table) delivered over the 4 days.
- 11 key sponsors plus 12 exhibitors
- 30 sponsor/exhibitor registrations
- “Photo booth” provided by Take Better Photos
- Chill out space supported and run by Purple Orange
- Musical entertainment at the welcome reception from “Thank God It’s Friday”, a group of singers from Tutti Arts



*Michael O'Brien  
Welcome to Country*

The Keynote speakers included:

- Associate Professor Jennifer Clegg - UK
- Dr Nick Gore - UK
- Shu Hua Chan
- Jim Simpson
- Dr Stacy Clifford Simplican - USA
- Dr Scott Avery
- Self-advocates - Elizabeth Crawford, Tiffany Littler, Rebeka Touzeau, Christopher Bergin, Gavin Burner, Ian Cummins & Sarah Byrne



*A/Prof Jennifer Clegg*



*Dr Nick Gore*



*Dr Scott Avery*



*Dr Stacy Clifford Simplican.*



*Shu Hua Chan & Jim Simpson*



*Self advocates – Elizabeth Crawford, Tiffany Littler, Rebeka Touzeau, Christopher Bergin, Gavin Burner, Ian Cummins & Sarah Byrne*





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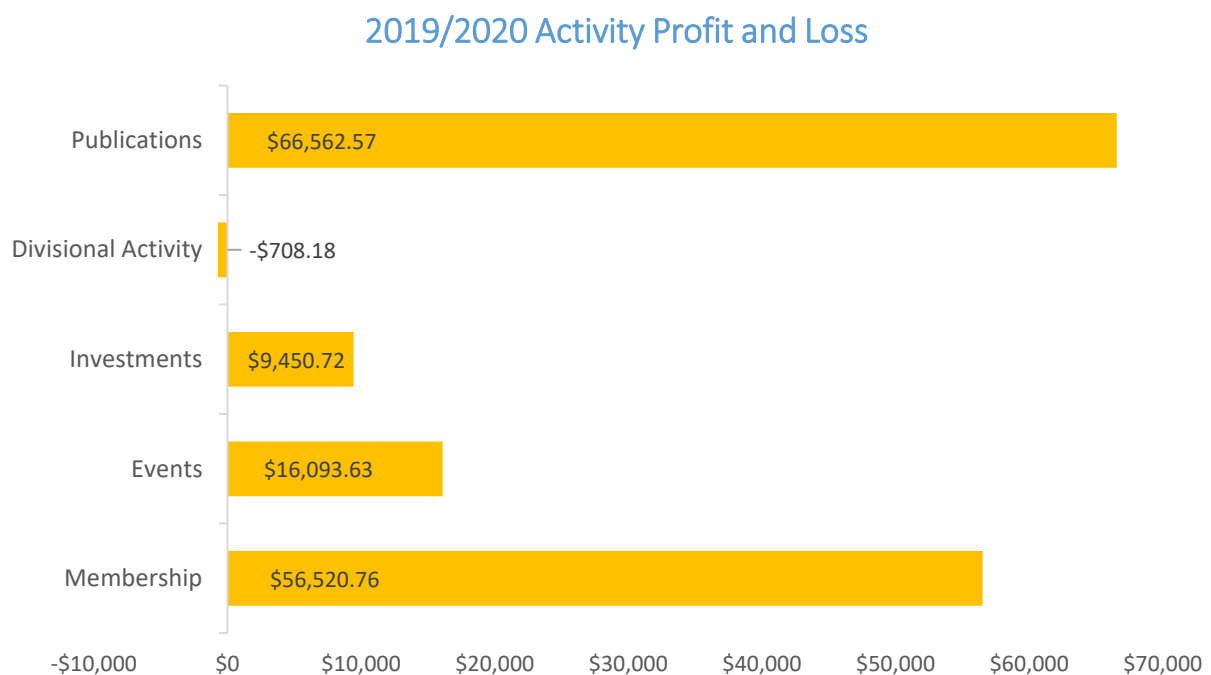
Oh, and amazing photos to take home too

# Treasurer's Report 2019/20

## Important points:

- We made a loss of \$27,766 this financial year
- The company was worth \$633,780 at the end of this financial year
- The annual conference in Adelaide made a surplus
- We made most of our money through membership fees and our publications
- Income from Divisional activities was reduced this financial year

This graph shows where we made and lost money on activities through the year



**Publications** - the publisher of our journals, Taylor & Francis, gives us money to produce the journals and when people use our journal articles in their work, we also get some extra money (this is called royalties). We also continue to sell copies of our book on Positive Behaviour Support

**Divisional Activities** - each of our divisions hold events such as workshops, seminars or conferences which make us some money

**Investments** - we have our extra cash invested in term deposits and we also own some shares that pay us regular dividends

**Events** - annual ASID conference, held in Adelaide, South Australia. We make money from registration fees and sponsorship

**Membership** - membership fees from individual and organisational members

Here is another way to look at our current finances

[Note: these figures are summarised from the annual Profit and Loss statement]

2019/20 activity surplus (total from chart above)	\$147,920
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Running Costs

Administration	\$70,059
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Governance	\$93,318
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Special Projects	\$12,309
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Total running cost	\$175,686
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Money we lost (nett loss)	\$27,766
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How much money we have (total equity)	\$633,780
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**Administration** - telephones and internet, postage, bank fees, accounting, audit, subscriptions, storage, awards and grants, secretariat support and insurance

**Governance** - salary and expenses for ASID's Executive Officer and the cost of directors to attend board meetings

**Special projects** - in 2019/20 this was our scoping of position statements project and the podcasts

Comments on the 2019/20 Financial Year:

1. The second half of the year was affected by various COVID-19 restrictions which stopped any face-to-face meetings and events. This may have been the reason we did not make any money from Divisional activities
2. It was another good year for our publications. We made more money from royalties than ever before
3. ASID membership numbers have gone down, but we don't get much of our income from membership fees
4. It costs us more to run the company than we make. We have a comfortable buffer at present, but need to consider more and better ways to generate income
5. Thank you to Ben Crothers (previous Treasurer), members of the Board, and staff from both secretariat organisations for assistance in performing my role as Treasurer. It has been challenging to take over from such an experienced Board member, especially during the transition between secretariat services. I could not have done it without their support

**Please note - The official Auditor's Report is attached as an Appendix to the Annual Report**

**Dr Allyson Thomson, Treasurer**

# Welcome to the new Secretariat

Association Design is thrilled to be joining ASID as your new Secretariat.

Association Design is a division of Conference Design and we have been working with associations for over 30-years, helping them to thrive and grow.

Our team is led by owner and Managing Director, Ben Thiessen. Your ASID Secretariat Manager, Nikki Millard brings with her, a wealth of experience in managing associations and her attention to detail is second to none. Nikki is supported by Hannah Webb and our Association Design co-ordinator team and together they will be working to streamline communication and administration, to take ASID to the next level.

We are really looking forward to being a part of your community.



*Nikki Millard and new puppy Roxy*



*Hannah Webb*

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# Acknowledgements

ASID Ltd would like to acknowledge and thank the following individuals for their contribution across the past 12 months.

- Professor Angus Buchanan – retiring Board Director
- Ben Crothers - retiring Board Director
- Ruth Firstbrook - retiring Board Director
- NFPAS – provided secretariat services to ASID for many years
- Adrian Higgins – ongoing support of ASID Board business
- Conference Design – Professional Conference Organisers for 2019 ASID Conference



The Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability (ASID) is a not-for-profit organisation that brings together research, policy and practice to improve the lives of people with a disability.

As an independent authority on intellectual disability issues, ASID aims to develop strategic partnerships and bring together knowledge from across Australasia.

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**  
**(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**  
**ABN 41 000 865 823**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**30 JUNE 2020**

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD  
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

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**General Information**

The financial report covers Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd (Company) as an individual entity. The financial report is presented in Australian dollars, which is the functional and presentation currency of the Company.

The financial report consists of the financial statements, notes to the financial statements and the directors' declaration.

The Company is a not-for-profit unlisted public company limited by guarantee, a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

Its registered office and principal place of business are:

38 Surrey Road  
Keswick SA 5035

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**  
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**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the Company for the period ended 30 June 2020.

**DIRECTORS**

The following persons were directors of the company during the reporting period and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Appointed/ Resignation</b>
Laura Hogan	President	
Bernadette Curryer	Vice President	
Allyson Thomson	Treasurer	
Darryleen Wiggins	Company Secretary	
Angus Buchanan		
Maurice O'Connor		
Christine Bigby		
Paul O'Dea		
Ruth Firstbrook		
Brigit Mirfin-Veitch		
Angela Dew		
Ben Crothers		
John Grant		Appointed Nov 2019
Susan Goodall		Appointed Nov 2019
Deborah Espiner		Resigned Nov 2019
Denice Wharldall		Resigned Nov 2019

**OBJECTIVES**

The objective of the Company is to improve the quality of life for people with an intellectual disability. This includes promoting the rights, development and wellbeing of people with intellectual disability, promoting the research and understanding of intellectual disability, supporting people with intellectual disability to take part in the governance of the Company, bringing together people who have an interest in the field of intellectual disability, promoting high ethical standards of practice in the field of intellectual disability, and promoting communication, research, scholarship and the dissemination of knowledge about intellectual disability.

**CONTRIBUTIONS ON WINDING UP**

Each Member undertakes to contribute an amount not exceeding \$10 to the Company's property if the Company is wound up while they are a Member or within one year after they cease to be a Member. This contribution is for payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a Member; the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up; and adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves.

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* is set out on page 3.

On behalf of the directors

  
Laura Hogan

Date: 30/09/2020



**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD  
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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 60-40 OF THE *AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012* TO THE DIRECTORS OF  
THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2020 there have been:

- i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Nicholas Matsis CPA  
Registered Company Auditor No 77466

Dated: 1 October 2020

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**  
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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>REVENUE &amp; OTHER INCOME</b>	3	251,709	249,275
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Administration & Other	4	161,488	141,096
Conferences & Events	5	40,408	71,028
Publication & Editorial	6	77,580	85,661
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<u>279,475</u>	<u>297,785</u>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<u>(27,766)</u>	<u>(48,510)</u>
Other Comprehensive Income		(217)	(201)
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<u><u>(27,983)</u></u>	<u><u>(48,711)</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**  
**(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2020**

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	7	321,964	143,626
Trade & Other Receivables	8	3,053	8,192
Financial Assets	9	376,076	541,575
Other Assets	10	<u>13,674</u>	<u>20,680</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>714,766</u>	<u>714,074</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Financial Assets	9	<u>1,521</u>	<u>1,738</u>
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>1,521</u>	<u>1,738</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>716,287</u>	<u>715,812</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade & Other Payables	11	36,975	12,581
Other Liabilities	12	<u>45,531</u>	<u>41,466</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>82,506</u>	<u>54,048</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>82,506</u>	<u>54,048</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>633,781</u></u>	<u><u>661,764</u></u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Surplus		633,812	661,578
Financial Asset Reserve		<u>(31)</u>	<u>186</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u><u>633,781</u></u>	<u><u>661,764</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2020**

	Financial Asset Reserve \$	Retained Surplus \$	Total \$
<b>BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2018</b>	387	710,088	710,475
Financial Assets Valuation	(201)	-	(201)
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	-	(48,510)	(48,510)
<b>BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2019</b>	186	661,578	661,764
<b>BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2019</b>	186	661,578	661,764
Financial Assets Valuation	(217)	-	(217)
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	-	(27,766)	(27,766)
<b>BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2020</b>	(31)	633,812	633,781

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**  
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from Members & Customers		251,462	255,293
Payments to Suppliers		(248,075)	(255,615)
<b>NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	13.2	3,388	(321)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Interest Income		9,292	13,625
Dividend Received		159	159
<b>NET CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		9,451	13,784
<b>NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH</b>		12,839	13,463
<b>CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		685,201	671,738
<b>CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	13.1	698,040	685,201

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD  
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

**1. COMPANY INFORMATION**

The financial statements of the Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd (Company) for the year ended 30 June 2020 were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors on dd Month YYYY.

The Company is a not-for-profit unlisted public company limited by guarantee, a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission and is incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The Company aims to enhance the skills, knowledge and commitment of its members and to facilitate a supportive network in order to enhance the quality of life of people with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

**2. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

**a) Basis of Preparation**

The directors have prepared the financial report on the basis that the Company is not a reporting entity as there are unlikely to exist users who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. Accordingly, this Special Purpose Financial Report has been prepared for the purposes of complying with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the disclosure requirements of:

- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows
- AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- AASB 1048 Interpretation and Application of Standards
- AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures

These financial statements do not conform with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. The Company is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

**b) New Accounting Standards**

For the reporting period ended 30 June 2020, AASB 16 - Leases replaces AASB 117 - Leases, AASB 15 - Revenue from Contracts with Customers replaces AASB 118 - Revenue, AASB 111 - Construction Contracts, AASB 1004 - Contributions and several revenue-related Interpretations. AASB 1058 - Income of Not-for-Profit Entities became applicable to the Company during the current reporting period.

The initial application date of these standards were 1 July 2019.

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**2. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)**

**b) New Accounting Standards (cont.)**

The Company applied these new standards using the modified retrospective approach and accordingly the comparative information has not been restated. Furthermore the initial adoption of these new standards have not materially impacted the financial statements, and accordingly the Company's opening balances as at 1 July 2019 have not been adjusted for the first time adoption of these standards.

**c) Income**

Revenue arises from interest income, royalties and editorial contributions, membership subscriptions and conference income.

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

**Interest Income**

Interest income is recognised as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

**Royalties and Editorial Contributions**

Royalties and Editorial Contributions is recognised as revenue in accordance with the publishing agreement.

**Membership Subscriptions**

Membership fees are recognised as income on a pro rata basis, in accordance with the period of the membership.

**Conferences Income**

Revenue from conferences are recorded as income in the year in which the conference is held.

**d) Income Tax**

The company is exempt from income tax pursuant to the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*. Accordingly, Australian Accounting Standard *AASB 112 Income Taxes* has not been applied and no provision for income tax has been included in the financial reports.

**e) Goods & Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

**f) Cash & Cash Equivalents**

Cash & Cash Equivalents includes Cash on Hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.



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**2. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)**

**g) Financial instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument, and are measured initially at fair value adjusted by transactions costs, except for those trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component and are measured at the transaction price in accordance with AASB 15

The Company's financial assets include cash & cash equivalents, trade & other receivables and term deposits, which are subsequently carried at amortised cost, and listed investments which are subsequently carried at fair value through other comprehensive income.

The Company's financial liabilities include trade and other payables, which are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or when the financial asset and all substantial risks and rewards are transferred. A financial liability is derecognised when it is extinguished, discharged, cancelled or expires.

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>3. REVENUE</b>		
Membership Subscriptions	56,521	31,998
Publications	1,160	2,475
Conference Proceeds	31,925	31,226
Grant Received	-	10,000
JIDD		
Royalties	54,252	45,897
Editorial Contribution	65,153	63,813
Travel Allowance	10,988	10,890
RAPIDD		
Editorial Contribution	11,119	10,966
Divisional Income	10,743	24,892
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>241,861</b>	<b>232,158</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Interest Received	9,292	13,625
Dividends Received	159	159
Other Income	398	3,333
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>9,848</b>	<b>17,117</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>251,709</b>	<b>249,275</b>

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	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>4. ADMINISTRATION &amp; OTHER</b>		
Accounting	22,207	25,238
Auditing	-	3,000
Bad Debt	-	318
Bank Charges & Fees	1,270	1,862
Communications & Marketing	2,165	3,311
Corporate Fees	12	119
Divisional Expenses	11,451	16,657
Dues & Subscriptions	-	116
Executive Officer Expense	66,061	51,874
Executive Officer Expenses & Allowances	2,680	4,158
Insurance	6,662	3,001
Postage & Courier	1,791	84
Recruitment Cost	-	375
Secretariat Services	32,424	16,738
Telephones	1,364	1,631
IT & Webhosting	1,298	3,797
Other Expenses	3,208	2,609
Position Statement Project	-	6,178
Storage	-	30
Strategic Projects	8,894	-
	<u>161,488</u>	<u>141,096</u>
<b>5. CONFERENCES &amp; EVENTS</b>		
AGM & Conference Expenses	6,388	16,376
Mid Year Meeting	18,188	13,059
Conference Expenses	15,831	41,592
	<u>40,408</u>	<u>71,028</u>
<b>6. PUBLICATION AND EDITORIAL</b>		
IDA Editorial	4,000	4,800
JIDD Editorial	44,177	43,575
RAPIDD Editorial	29,269	37,088
Royalties Paid	134	198
	<u>77,580</u>	<u>85,661</u>
<b>7. CASH &amp; CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
Cash at Bank	<u>321,964</u>	<u>143,626</u>

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	2020	2019
	\$	\$
<b>8. TRADE &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
Trade Receivables	238	1,573
GST Receivable	-	1,655
Accrued Income	2,815	4,965
	<u>3,053</u>	<u>8,192</u>
<b>9. FINANCIAL ASSETS</b>		
Current		
At Amortised Cost		
Term Deposits	<u>376,076</u>	<u>541,575</u>
Non-Current		
At Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income		
Listed Equity Securities	<u>1,521</u>	<u>1,738</u>
<b>10. OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Prepayments	<u>13,674</u>	<u>20,680</u>
<b>11. TRADE &amp; OTHER PAYABLES</b>		
Trade Payables	32,874	8,006
Other Payables	4,101	4,575
	<u>36,975</u>	<u>12,581</u>
<b>12. OTHER LIABILITIES</b>		
Conference Income in Advance	91	91
Memberships in Advance	45,440	41,376
	<u>45,531</u>	<u>41,466</u>
<b>13. CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
<b>i) Reconciliation of Cash &amp; Equivalents at the End of the year</b>		
Cash & cash equivalents at the end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the items in the statement of Financial Position as follows:		
Cash at Bank	321,964	143,626
Term Deposits	376,076	541,575
	<u>698,040</u>	<u>685,201</u>

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	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>13. CASH FLOW INFORMATION (cont.)</b>		
<b>ii) Reconciliation of operating surplus for the year to net cash flow from operating activities</b>		
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	(27,766)	(48,510)
Adjustment for:		
Investment Income	(9,451)	(13,784)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/Decrease in Trade & Other Receivables	5,140	457
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Assets	7,007	19,346
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade & Other Payables	24,394	9,581
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade & Other Payables	4,064	32,589
Net cash flows from operating activities	<u>3,388</u>	<u>(321)</u>

**14. MEMBER'S GUARANTEE**

The Company is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum \$10 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity. At 30 June 2020 the Company had 14 members (2019: 14).

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**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

In the Directors' opinion:

- 1) the attached special purpose financial statements comply with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*, and the Accounting Standards as described in Note 1 to the financial statements;
- 2) the attached financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- 3) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 60.15 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

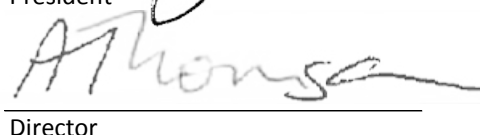
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30/09/2020

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Date

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD  
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020**

**Auditor's Opinion**

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Australasian Society For Intellectual Disability Ltd for the year ended **30 June 2020**, comprising the, statement of profit or loss & other comprehensive Income, statement of financial position showing Net Assets \$633,781, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the declaration by the Directors of the Company.

In our opinion, the financial report of Australasian Society For Intellectual Disability Ltd has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

**Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon**

The responsible persons' of the entity is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the entity's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2020, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon. The annual report is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditor's report.

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

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the annual report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we will communicate the matter to the responsible persons'.

### **The Responsibility of the Directors for the Financial Report**

The Directors of the entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial reports, are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the members and of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. The Directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is 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 conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee website at: <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **Basis of Accounting and Restriction and Distribution of Use**

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the fact that the financial report is prepared to assist the Australasian Society For Intellectual Disability Ltd to comply with the financial reporting provisions of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

### **NRM Johnson Pty Ltd**

First Floor, 19 Sturt Street  
Adelaide SA 5000



### **Nicholas Matsis CPA**

Director  
Registered Company Auditor No 77466

**Dated:** 1 October 2020