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ASID Directors 2017 - 2018

Our Mission

“To improve the quality of life for people with an intellectual disability”



ASID has a clearly stated mission; this statement of intent is reviewed each year by the Board and it is from this mission statement that all activities of the Company flow.

Strategic Goals of the Australasian Society for Intellectually Disability



How we are governed

Directors

Laura Hogan – *President*

Professor Angus Buchanan – *Vice President, Chair Journals Committee*

Bernadette Curryer – *Secretary, Chair Partnerships & Projects Committee*

Benedict Crothers – *Treasurer, Chair Finance Committee*

Dr. Allyson Thomson – *Registrar, Chair Membership Committee*

Maurice O'Connor

Paul O'Dea

Richard O'Loughlin – *Chair Position Papers Committee (resigned September 2018)*

Ruth Firstbrook

David Treanor

Professor Christine Bigby - *Editor, Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*

Dr. Hilary Johnson - *Editor, Intellectual Disability Australasia, Chair Communication Committee*

Sharon Brandford – *Chair Events Committee*

Deborah Espiner

Divisions

Aotearoa New Zealand – *Chair, Deborah Espiner*

New South Wales/ACT – *Chair, Dr Angela Dew*

Queensland – *Chair, Maurice O'Connor*

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

Tasmania - Vacant

Victoria – *Chair, Coral Farr/Mark Di Marco*

Western Australia – *Chair, Dr Allyson Thomson*

Editor, Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability - Dr Jennifer Clegg

Executive Officer – Dee Sidhu

Secretariat - NFPAS

President's Report



Throughout 2017/18 ASID has continued to provide a unique voice and platform for 'research to practice' in Intellectual Disability across Australasia. We have resourced, connected with and supported our members and stakeholders through our journals, workshops, webinars, podcasts, IDA magazine, e-blasts, representation to government, a new position statement and of course our annual conference which is a highlight of the year for many. I, like most of you I'm sure, can't believe that it is October

already. My first year as the President of ASID Ltd has flown by. It has been a steep learning curve to lead our organisation through a year marked by achievements and hurdles. The disability sector across Australia and New Zealand continues to endure rapid and significant change, which presents both challenges and opportunities for us.

"It is anticipated that our November Board meeting will see the finalisation of an operational and business plan that provides both strategic direction and operational practicalities and resourcing."

Strategic Direction

In response to the sector change, our focus over the past 12 months has centred on ensuring that we are a modern and innovative organisation that is relevant and has capacity to influence within the Australasian sector. In February 2018 we engaged an external facilitator and set aside a day to reflect on what we have achieved, what is valued, what gaps need to be addressed and our future directions. This day set the wheels in motion for robust conversations about what work we should prioritise, balanced with our capacity and resources. Resulting from these conversations, it is anticipated that our November Board meeting will see the finalisation of an operational and business plan that provides both strategic direction and operational practicalities and resourcing.



Influence

Throughout the year ASID Ltd has made representation to Australian State Governments on matters including the treatment of people with intellectual disability in prisons, the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), and access to mental health services (and broader health services) for people with intellectual disability. Our new position statement on 'Addressing the shortcomings of Deinstitutionalisation' has been published on our website as well as been widely distributed. The literature review which informed the paper is also available via open access. In response to invitations, we've attended the 2018 National Roundtable on Mental Health of People with Intellectual Disability and the Right Here, Right Now symposium on preventing abuse and promoting personal safety for young people with disability.

President's Report (cont.)

Influence (cont.)

Later in 2018 we will be participating in a think tank focused on improving health and life expectancy of people with intellectual disability.

Governance

With the support of Dee Sidhu (Executive Officer) we have continued to be diligent in the governance of ASID. If you have been looking at our website you will note the recent publication of a suite of new or updated policies and procedures that govern the way we do business and the way people interact with our organisation.

Communication

We continue to grow and strengthen our communication strategies. Our email e-blasts have a growing readership and our presence and engagement on social media is increasing with leaps and bounds. You can find us on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

After a very successful Series 1, 2018 has been the launch of Series 2 of the ASID Podcasts. At last count our audience was well over 700 and the feedback has been glowing. All of the podcasts focus on intellectual disability, with topics including accessible information, health and healthcare, political citizenship, the concept of home, and voting. All the podcasts from Series 1 and 2 are on our website.

Contracts

The past 12 months have also meant two new significant contracts for ASID:

- A six year contract with Taylor and Frances as the publishers of both Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability (JIDD) and Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (RAPIDD).
- A three year contract with Conference Design (via a competitive tender process) as our Professional Conference Organisation (PCO) to work alongside our local conference committees each year for the annual ASID conference

With thanks

The above is a small snapshot of some of our achievements and what we have been working on over the past 12 months, however none of this is achieved without an excellent team. A sincere thank you to the ASID Board of Directors – Angus Buchanan (Vice President & Chair, Journal Committee), Ben Crothers (Treasurer & Chair, Finance Committee), Allyson Thomson (Registrar), Bernadette Curryer (Secretary & Chair Partnerships and Projects Committee), Sharon Brandford (Chair, Event Committee), Hilary Johnson (Chair, Communication Committee & IDA Editor), Richard O'Loughlin (Chair, Position Statements Committee), Morrie O'Connor (Qld Conference Convenor), Christine Bigby (RAPIDD Editor), Paul O'Dea, Ruth Firstbrook, David Treanor and Debbie Espiner.

Our work is also supported and progressed by our wonderful Executive Officer, Dee Sidhu. The appointment of an EO has provided us with a significant increase to our capacity and output.

Laura Hogan, President

Committee Reports

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
Position Papers	Public statements based on research that we want to make on important issues about intellectual disability
Communications	How we communicate with our members and other people interested in ASID.
Membership	Connecting with our members, getting new members, keeping our current members, promotions for members and membership rates
Events	What events we run and how we run them
Partnerships & Projects	How ASID works with other organisations or people

Journals



The Journal Committee continues to oversee the editorship and quality of two journals - The Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability (JIDD) and Research and Practices in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (RAPIDD). Both Journals are published by Taylor and Francis.

The Board takes an active strategic interest in the Journals, meeting on an annual basis with the publishers who provide comprehensive reports on the performance of the journals. It is pleasing to see that quality manuscript submissions for both journals remains strong which reflect well in the quality indicators for journal publications. Recently the Board chose to better define the aims of JIDD with a stronger focus on research that focussed on intellectual disabilities rather than just another developmental disability

In January 2018, the Board chose to renew their publishing contract with Taylor and Francis for six years. The publishers, over the previous five years, have provided an excellent service to the journals and we expect this to continue with further increases in the quality and reputation of the journals. One important consideration in the negotiations of the contract was ensuring that ASID members continued to receive hard copies of JIDD and RAPIDD.



Committee Reports (cont.)

Journals (cont.)

Observant members may have noticed that the size of JIDD has increased reflecting the negotiated increase in page budget. This allows more research to be published in each volume. The Board, through the Journal Committee, is working with Taylor and Francis to identify extra ways that members can benefit from this commercial partnership. Members are also able to access current and back copies of both journals through the web site.

The strength of the journals is demonstrated in the following data. Both journals have excellent reach. JIDD has over 56,000 article downloads in 2017, a 21% increase on the previous year and RAPIDD achieving nearly 8,500 individual downloads.

The success of the Journals is very much linked to the hardwork 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 respectfully. Both Jennifer and Christine give many voluntary hours to ensure that the journals are of the highest standard and are supported by their editorial assistants and Editorial Boards.



Professor Angus Buchanan, Chair Journals Committee

Finance



The finance committee's role is to:

1. Review and monitor ASID Ltd.'s financial processes
2. Help the board to decide on ways to make more money
3. Help the board to decide on better ways to spend money
4. Help the board to decide on the best way to invest our money

Over the last year, the committee has been looking at:

- Spending less money on running the company
- How to make more money from membership
- The best way for us to invest our extra cash
- How to best work with divisions to fund divisional activities

A major decision we have made is to change the financial year for divisions to a calendar year. This means that divisions will prepare business plans for the next year, from January to December, which will go to the board for approval before the end of the current year.

We think that this will work better for divisions as it means that divisions can prepare for activities in the following year after they have held the annual divisional meeting in October or November when there may have been changes to the divisional committee.

Ben Crothers, Chair Finance Committee

Committee Reports (cont.)

Position papers

ASID has a strategic goal to be an independent authority on the range of issues that are pertinent to people with intellectual disability, their families, carers and the community of interest involved in their lives. One of ASID's key activities in working towards achieving this goal is the development of 'position papers' on areas of critical interest.

An ASID Position Paper provides a clear and concise description of ASID's view on an identified subject informed by the existing body of evidence and research. ASID Position Papers are consistent with ASID's mission and values.

The ASID board plans to commission subject experts to produce position papers that considers the existing research and evidence base.

The ASID Board has recently undertaken a process of identifying those issues that would benefit from the development of position papers giving consideration to existing resources and identifying gaps. The ASID Board will commission work that addresses these identified gaps and summarises issues to ensure that ASID is able to clearly and consistently articulate a view (informed by ASID's mission, values and the available research and evidence base).

The topics selected for the development of a position paper will be pertinent to the lives of people with intellectual disability and are intended to inform stakeholders and the broader community and stimulate discussion.

Current work in progress includes a commissioned position paper on the topic of Intellectual Disability and Complex Support Needs, which will be released soon.

"Complex support needs are characterised by a combination of some or all of the following:

- Breadth and depth of needs
- Multiple service involvement
- Challenges in holistic and effective service response
- Changing needs over time, more likely in times stress or crisis"

The paper makes the case that "Complex support needs are not located in a person but in the interaction between people and support services and systems. In Australia's newly emerging disability system, shaped by a greater focus on human rights under the influence of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability, the concepts of personal and social support networks are transforming. Complex support needs are increasingly an important focus in this area. As well as specific systemic issues to address complexity, attention to enabling better inclusion for people with intellectual disability via supported decision making and enhanced accessibility in communication and information will be essential components of this dialogue" (Dowse, Dew and Sewell 2017)

Richard O'Loughlin, Chair Position Papers

Committee Reports (cont.)

Communications



This committee includes the Executive Officer, IDA Editor & Divisional Communications Officers (DCO) from each Division.

Our role has been to:

- To establish and annually review and develop an ASID communication strategy and actions for those strategies
- Produce and publish our magazine 'Intellectual Disability Australasia' (IDA) four times a year. We recently surveyed our readers for their opinions and feedback showed us we need to review the style and layout of IDA
- To develop and distribute high quality, responsive, accessible communications with external stakeholders that include:
 - Members
 - Consumers (people who are involved with/in our activities/website/social media)
 - Stakeholders we wish to influence (government, politicians)



2017-2018 has seen a change in the way ASID manages communications. The committee now meets four times a year (mostly via technology). Our first project was to revamp our magazine, IDA, and this is now available as a quarterly download on the web or any mobile platform. http://www.asid.asn.au/members/members_area/ida_magazine.

We have developed a social media policy and media consent forms. We have also produced some excellent podcasts and currently aim to have four a year, our first two were available before June 2018. We have promoted ASID via Facebook and Twitter. In addition, the fortnightly E News has proved popular and has cross promoted our events, journal publications and podcasts. Our online presence has increased enormously as we continue to engage with ASID members, subscribers and other interested parties.



700+ Podcast Views

595 Twitter Followers

2000+ copies of IDA delivered

687 Facebook Followers

Dr. Hilary Johnson Chair Communications Committee, Editor IDA

Committee Reports (cont.)

Membership



The Membership committee aims:

- To review and monitor ASID Ltd membership, particularly at a divisional level
- To recommend membership fee rates to the Board.
- To help the Board to decide on ways to attract and retain members as a part of the company's income generation strategy.
- To provide opportunities for the inclusion of people with lived experience of intellectual disability and/or family members as members of ASID.

Membership fees are an important part of the ASID budget. It is important that members get benefits that they want as a result of their membership. We need to keep working on recruiting and retaining a diverse range of interested people for ASID to stay a strong and relevant organisation.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF ASID COMPARED TO 2017		
Type of membership	November 2017	October 2018
Full	168	176
Full (concession)	39	29
Organisational (Gold)	9	10
Organisational (Silver)	10	9
Organisational (Bronze)	59	63
Unknown	2	
Total	287	287

What has the Executive Officer done to help membership?

- Worked with the Registrar and the secretariat on changing to a 1 July membership renewal date for everyone
- Compiled a fortnightly e-Blast with news and coming events
- Sending a welcome email to all new members (cc Membership Officer for Division)
- Sending reminder email to all overdue/lapsed members (cc Membership Officer for Division)

What has the Board done to help membership?

- Offered a one-off discount on membership for attendees at the 2017 conference in Hobart
- Implemented a planned and supported approach to increasing membership and visibility of ASID within divisions that were experiencing a drop in membership and engagement

What have the Membership committee done to help membership?

- Membership officers in each division follow-up member renewals
- Membership officers have been contacting organisational members to ensure the correct nominated person is listed in the membership database

What can members do to help membership?

- Hand out brochures at trade fairs, career expos and other suitable venues
- Talk to people in the sector about ASID and what it means to be involved
- Forward event flyers to people in their networks

Dr Allyson Thomson, Registrar, Chair Membership Committee

Committee Reports (cont.)

Events



ASID Board recognises the importance of events. This reflects our commitment to forge interaction between intellectual disability research, policy and practice. Our Events Committee has usually met monthly by teleconference. As you can see, our role is not to run events for ASID, but to build a stronger infrastructure so that quality events can occur across our divisions and Australasia.

On behalf of the Board, we

- Develop guides, procedures and branding. Oversee the implementation of these
- Help set Board agenda for event themes and facilitate the agenda of events
- Develop and oversee appointment of ASID Event Management
- Ensure ASID events promote and demonstrate inclusion of persons with lived experience of intellectual disability
- Develop a policy and template for divisional event budgets.

Who are we?

Sharon Brandford, NZ Director (Chair Events Committee)

Christine Bigby Victoria Director

Angus Buchanan, West Australia Director

Ruth Firstbrook, South Australia Director

Darryleen Wiggins, Tasmania member (seconded)

Morrie O'Connor, Queensland Director and 2018 Conference Convenor

Convenors 2019 Conference (Denice Wharldall and Ian Pearce, South Australia)

Work underway

The future of Conferences

We recognise events are important to us all for different reasons. This year the Board has reviewed what it seeks from conferences and divisional events. We welcome ideas and contributions from across divisions. We are mindful that past approaches to conferences and events may need adjustment as our sectors undergo significant changes.

Long term Conference Organiser

We have had great support in conference organisation for the past couple of years from Leishman Associates, whose work in ensuring the success of Tasmania's event in 2017 demonstrated how events can occur across states and divisions when local input was limited. It has been very pleasing to see the regrowth of interest and energy in Tasmania since this conference.

We are delighted to bring our premier Australasian conference this year to Queensland, and thank Leishman Associates for their willingness and flexibility in conference planning amidst great change across Queensland.

Committee Reports (cont.)

Events (cont.)

Work underway (cont.)

We are very pleased this year to have secured a long term conference organising company to provide continuity over three years, as the result of a competitive tender process. We welcome Conference Design as a new partner with us in our conference organisation. In Adelaide 2019, you will get to meet the team from Conference Design. Planning for 2019 conference in Adelaide is already underway, and promises to introduce some new approaches and exciting debate.

It is a challenge to provide significant events such as conferences without skilled input and at a cost that is affordable. This will always require a combination of contracted and voluntary input.

“If you have great ideas on how to continue to build on ASID’s great reputation as an event provider, step forward. We always welcome enthusiastic members with skills to assist planning the event.”

The Events Committee is committed to clarifying the roles that conference organisation companies and volunteers such as Board and division members play in ensuring quality research and practice is disseminated and debated. We will refine our Conference Manual so that roles are clear, and so that divisions can get on with organising their own local events in a way that takes full advantage of ASID’s reach across both New Zealand and Australia.

Acknowledgements

I thank Leishman Associates for their professional and willing assistance in achieving our goals for our Australasian conference and, in particular, I thank the members of the Events Committee for their robust and constructive input into strengthening the governance of our events. It is not just for the Events committee to ensure quality research and practice are shared through stimulating events; we all can contribute. In these times of change, more than ever we need to hear about and share our knowledge and we welcome members’ contribution to that work.

“He moana pukepuke e ekengia e te waka”

A Maori proverb, meaning: “A choppy sea can be navigated”

Sharon Brandford, Chair Events Committee



Committee Reports (cont.)

Partnerships & Projects



Members of our committee include Bernadette Curryer (Chair), Laura Hogan, Mark DiMarco, and Adrian Higgins. Our main role and responsibilities are:

- To identify possible projects and funding opportunities and bring these to the Board for consideration
- To identify partnerships currently in place, at both a divisional and national level, sharing what is happening and strategies used across all divisions
- To identify and link with potential partners, ensuring mutual benefit e.g. shared memberships

Our Meetings

As the committee consists of both Board Directors and external members, from both Australia and New Zealand, we meet via skype with additional email discussions as required. Four meetings have been held over the past year.

Our Achievements

- Results from the 2017 Partnerships Survey, looking at current and historical partnerships of the Board and Divisions, were compiled and presented to the Board. Responses of interest included:
 - high rate of informal partnerships
 - purpose for partnering was often around involvement in conferences or research
 - reason behind the choice of partner varied, including being based on reputation, personal association, shared aims and for mutual or strategic benefit
- Partnerships Criteria and Guidelines – this paper was prepared and has now been approved by the Board. It outlines the importance of partnerships for the continued success of ASID, while recognising the responsibilities when partnering. A process for partnership development is suggested, which includes a focus on risk management and sustainability of the partnership.

Future Plans

The identification of potential partners on a Board level, looking across all stakeholder groups, will be undertaken. Divisions will be supported to also consider their partnership strategy.

Bernadette Curryer, Chair Partnerships & Projects Committee

Divisional Reports

Aotearoa New Zealand



Our Division meets by teleconference every 4 – 6 weeks depending on upcoming business. Teleconferences were held November 2017, February, March, May, June, August and October 2018. The face to face meeting in April was convened to re-connect as a group, set priorities for the year ahead and to design the programme for the July conference.

Our latest division committee is Debbie Espiner (Chair), Judy Garriock (Treasurer), Fran Hartnett (Secretary), Rickardt van Dyk, Carey-Ann Morrison, Warren Herring, Olive Webb, Anne Mathieson, Christine Wilson, Brigit Mirfin-Veitch, John Grant, Jonathan Goodwin, Clare Stewart and Hamish Taverner (self-advocate). It is with regret that Adrian Higgins notified the Committee of his intention not to stand again for the Division Committee. Adrian has given sterling support to ASID: his institutional knowledge, practical wisdom and generosity of time will be greatly missed. We are pleased that he is willing to remain in an advisory capacity to the division committee.

Our Achievements

We nominated Keith McVilly for the Distinguished Service Award and were successful in our application. The 2018 NZ conference *“Responding to the call: Building partnerships that enrich lives”* was held 2 –3 July, in Wellington. This was well attended and evaluation findings signalled that the conference was relevant, worthwhile, and good value for money. The move to a central Wellington location, in response to feedback from 2017 evaluations was commented on favourably by participants. We acknowledge the excellent contribution made by Jonathan Goodwin, Sharon Brandford and Paardekooper and Associates in ensuring the conference ran on budget, was a financial success and provided thought provoking learning experiences. The decision to move to an 18-month conference cycle proved to be a sound decision as shown by the keen interest and high numbers attending and the necessity to close registrations due to venue capacity.

How we promote ASID

The workshop presented by Dr Seth Keller and the successful 2018 conference provided an important opportunity to attract new members and update membership lists. Thanks to Olive Webb, membership has been a focus during this year and members have been encouraged to pursue lapsed members and encourage new people to join. Hamish Taverner and Sharon Brandford ran a stall promoting ASID at the New Zealand Disability Providers Network. This promoted the 2018 conference on the Gold Coast to potential registrants and sponsors. Brigit Mirfin-Veitch and Hamish Taverner facilitated a conversation with People First to elicit ideas on holding an inclusive conference. These ideas were incorporated into the conference. The NZ Division was pleased that Judge Andrew Becroft, Childrens Commissioner, agreed to present at the conference as this also attracted a new audience.

Aotearoa NZ Division has had another successful year. It has been a year of transition to accommodate the new ASID structure. I would like to express thanks to a most supportive Committee in navigating this move while being inspirational in how we can meet the needs of NZ members

Debbie Espiner, Chair Aotearoa NZ Division

Divisional Reports

New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory

We are very pleased to welcome rural NSW member Stuart Wark to the committee. Stuart is playing a valuable role ensuring our discussions and plans are inclusive of rural NSW members. Unfortunately, we had three committee members resign in the past twelve months due to changing work commitments: Helen Amos, Susan Collings and Ben Chain.



NSW/ACT Committee meeting via Zoom June 2018

The committee meets every two months and is now comprised of Angela Dew (Chair), Ee-Lin Chang (Secretary), Linda Ward (Membership), Bernadette Curryer (Representative on Australasian Board), Laura Hogan (Representative on Australasian Board), Vivienne Riches, Sarah Butler, Sam Arnold, and Stuart Wark. We are a small, committed and hardworking group representative of service providers, people with disability, and academics. At the

beginning of each calendar year we conduct a planning meeting during which we review our Operational Plan and decide on events and activities for the coming year. We then review our progress against the Operational Plan at each committee meeting.

Our Achievements

Webinars

In the past 12 months we have held a further three webinars as part of our Ethical Issues in Ageing series. In February, Dr Stuart Wark spoke about Health-related ageing issues; in April, Dr Michele Wiese and Joan Ryan, Palliative Care Consultant, presented on End of Life Care; and in June, Dr Angela Dew spoke about impacts on ageing Families. The online format and advertising via the ASID networks meant the webinars were attended by people from all over Australia and New Zealand. Costs were kept low for members and following each webinar, the presentation slides were uploaded onto the ASID website for easy access. Following on from the success of the webinars, we plan a series in 2019 focussing on Communication so watch the ASID website for details.

Workshops



NSW/ACT Planning Body Mapping Workshop

In April 2018, the NSW committee hosted a half day workshop on 'Planning with people with intellectual disability and complex support needs' presented by Dr Angela Dew and Laura Hogan. The workshop was attended by 28 people and was very hands-on using the arts-based research method of body mapping to engage participants in planning.

Divisional Reports (cont.)

New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory (cont.)

Our Achievements (cont.)

World Café



At the 2017 ASID conference in Hobart, NSW ASID members Laura Hogan and Angela Dew and NZ member Sharon Bradford ran a World Café discussion on Ethical Issues in Ageing. The session was well attended by people with disability, family members and service providers. After an initial

presentation outlining the topic, attendees worked in small groups with four scenarios designed to highlight ethical issues related to three key themes. These themes, drawn from the 2016 NSW ethical issues in ageing roadshow, were: self-determination and supported decision making, accessible information, and the changing nature of services. The discussions were captured visually by graphic illustrator, Emma Doukakis

Dr. Angela Dew, Chair NSW/ACT Division

Queensland

Our Achievements

In our small way ASID QLD division have sought to support research to practice.

In this context activities have included a forum on Sexuality and Intellectual Disability and the NDIS, a forum on De-differentiation, a forum on Trauma Based Practice and Intellectual Disability, a forum by Professor Nick Lennox on Health Issues and Intellectual Disability. In addition, we have continued to have representation on Queenslanders with Disability Network [QDN], an advisory group for their Peer Educators project. The Peer Educators are a group of people with an intellectual disability who have educated others about the NDIS.

The Chair of ASID Qld division formally opened the Hot Topics self-advocacy group digital stories launch. Kathy Ellem one of our members was a research supporter. ASID Qld also advocated for people with an intellectual disability in Qld correctional facilities.



Last but not least ASID Queensland has been involved in the ASID Gold Coast Conference organisation, being held from the 14 – 16 November 2018.

Morrie O'Connor, Chair Queensland Division

Divisional Reports (cont.)

South Australia/ Northern Territory

Our Achievements

In October 2017 we hosted an event 'Meeting Client Health Support Needs; Challenges in the NDIS Environment' where the Comprehensive Health Assessment Program (CHAP) Tool was promoted. CHAP is a tool designed to prompt a comprehensive health assessment for adults with intellectual disability. The CHAP tool is a two-part questionnaire requiring collaboration between the person with the intellectual disability, their supporter and their GP which may potentially help doctors make better diagnoses, provide appropriate treatment and ultimately ensure overall better health. The Queensland and NSW State Governments funded the CHAP Tool which has a cost of \$11 per person. Sadly, the tool will no longer be funded from the 1st January in Queensland. In SA the tool needs to be purchased.

In April we hosted an event; 'The term Intellectual Disability does it help or hinder those who live with intellectual disability'. It was presented by Professor Christine Bigby and well attended. In the lead up to the event ASID SA met with the Self Advocacy Group, Our Voice SA, to ascertain their thoughts on the term Intellectual Disability. There is no doubt that they had each experienced discrimination and bullying as a result of the label of intellectual disability. The Our Voice members wanted very much to be part of a whole disability group and the intensity of their feelings was confronting.

Professor Richard Bruggemann is a member of the NDIS Intellectual Disability Reference Group and he provided us with an update from the group and the work they are undertaking. Richard felt strongly that the NDIS is listening to the reference group. This discussion fitted very well with the topic as it highlighted how differentiation had worked against those living with an intellectual disability.

ASID SA would like to congratulate Our Voice SA who were successful in securing an ILC grant for a two-year project focusing on Information and linkages for South Australians living with intellectual disability. Funding has been directed towards employing a project officer, developing co-designed information resources and distributing information via Our Voice meetings, community venues, and service providers. ASID SA have been approached to be part of the reference group for the project.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with Developmental Educators Australia Inc. (DEAI) and would like to thank Jose Koppelman-Guthrie from DEAI for her commitment to promoting good practice and education of professionals. DEAI runs events that align with ASID's goals

ASID 2019 Conference

In 2019 it is South Australia's turn to host the ASID Conference.

The theme of the Conference is *"The journey to a good life - taking control."*

The Conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel from the 6th to 8th November 2019.

I would like to thank my fellow Committee Members for their support and guidance.

Denice Wharldall, Chair SA Division

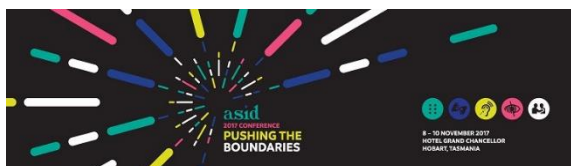
Divisional Reports (cont.)

Tasmania

ASID Tasmania has not had a designated Chair of the committee this financial period, like last year we have struggled to keep a functioning committee engaged. Ben Crothers and David Treanor continue to represent Tasmania on the Australasian Board of Directors. Darryleen Wiggins worked with Australasian President, Laura Hogan to bring two events to the region in order to increase relevance and knowledge of ASID that would hopefully lead to new members and the formation of a great new committee for the 2018 /2019 financial year. Moving forward the new committee consists of Ben Crothers, David Treanor, Darryleen Wiggins, Fiona Regrove, Sheree Hill and Teena Tranter.

Our Achievements

ASID 2017 Conference



ASID Tasmania hosted the 51st Australasian Board conference at the Hotel Grand Chancellor from 8th-10th November 2017 and welcomed approximately 220 people to the great city of Hobart. The theme was “*Pushing*

the Boundaries.” The theme reflected the major challenges facing all communities who desire to realise the goals of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. In Australasia, it encompasses the issues arising from new approaches to service provision such as increased self-direction, choice and control.

Workshops

We have held two workshops during the year. On the 7th March 2018, ASID Tasmania hosted Dr Angela Dew and Ms Laura Hogan to the state to present “Living the life I want: a guide for planning”. The course introduced participants to key concepts in supporting a person with intellectual disability and complex support needs to set goals and make a person-centred plan. The session was attended by 18 people from various organisations in the disability sector.

On the 30th April 2018, ASID Tasmania hosted Prof Christine Bigby to present “Is there such a thing as a good group home?” This session was well attended by 25 government and non-government staff across various disability organisations. The workshop focussed on presenting the latest research related to group homes, the impact of the culture in group homes and the role of local leadership, taking off rose coloured glasses and the alternatives to group homes. The Tasmanian Division thanks the Australasian Board for their support during the past year both financially and practical support from President, Laura Hogan.



Report prepared by Darryleen Wiggins, Tasmania

Divisional Reports (cont.)

Victoria

The Victoria ASID Co Chairs are Mark Di Marco and Coral Farr. Secretary is Sean Wilson. Treasurer and Podcast manager is Sophia Tipping. Coral participates in the ASID Board membership committee. Hilary Johnson, Mark Di Marco and Chris Bigby contribute to the meetings of the Australasian ASID board. Chris is the editor for the RAPIDD journals. Hilary is the editor for IDA. Sam Murray is our events' organiser. Ben Pawson is marketing lead. Our new recruits to the general committee are Jo Watson and Louise Mountford. We hold monthly meetings.

Our Achievements

Workshops

We arranged one very successful workshop on "Supported Decision Making for people who are rarely heard" in June. During August, Jo facilitated a film showing and discussion with the producer of "On Richard's Side". The current committee has developed an events plan for next year and started organising a series of three workshops. Our goal is to present one workshop every four months with forward promotion of the workshops as part of a seminar series.

Podcasts

Sophia Tipping, Chris Bigby and Hilary Johnson made great progress on developing our podcast project. To date, Sophia has produced four podcasts for Series One which are on the ASID website. Series Two of the podcasts was launched in June (linking with the Supported Decision Making workshop). The ASID board has supported the ASID Victoria goal of sharing our podcasts with a wider audience. The second podcast for Series Two is about to be launched by Sophia on "Political Participation of people with intellectual disabilities". Many thanks to our technical podcast producer, Buffy Gorilla who has contributed her skills with editing the podcasts.

We are organising a talking booth for the 2018 ASID conference on the Gold Coast in November. Here we will record the responses of people with intellectual disabilities to a questionnaire seeking their views on a range of topics relevant to their lives. The results of these recordings will be edited into a podcast. We are also planning to have people with intellectual disabilities to assist as guest presenters for our future podcasts.



Easy English Media Release form Sophia and Hilary collaborated to create an Easy English Media Release form for ASID. This form explains to people with an intellectual disability what it means to give consent for publicity campaigns.

Coral Farr, Co-Chair Victoria Division

Divisional Reports (cont.)

Western Australia

Our Division meets every third Tuesday of the month, with a rotation of venues. Our latest division committee is Allyson Thomson (Chair), Chris Yates, Nicki Dyson, Jill MacKenzie, Christine Kuca-Thompson, Angus Buchanan, Britta Meyer, Amanda Lovelock, Deirdre Croft, Sharon McFarlane, Eddie Drury. We would like to welcome Nicki Dyson and Deirdre Croft and wish farewell to Sue Peden, Justin O'Meara Smith, Merissa Van Der Linden, and Elizabeth Barnes

Our Achievements

We planned a seminar for April, however the proposed speakers were unable to find an agreeable date and this was postponed.

A research conversation with academic researchers in WA was held in May. There are a limited number of interested researchers in WA, and they cover a wide variety of topics. ASID WA needs to consider our role in promoting research in this Division.

A presentation on 'Rethinking Organisations - Innovation in the disability sector' was delivered by Kate Fulton from WA Individualised Services before the AGM in October.

Dr Allyson Thomson. Chair WA Division

Awards 2017

Distinguished Service Award



Keith McVilly receiving the
ASID 2017 Distinguished Service Award

Fellow of ASID



Clinical Professor Vivienne Riches receiving the
2017 Fellow of ASID Award

[HTTPS://WWW.ASID.ASN.AU/ABOUT/AWARDS_AND_PRIZES](https://www.asid.asn.au/about/awards_and_prizes)

Best International Paper 2017

Marco Lombardi, Luigi Croce, Claudia Claes, Stijn Vandevelde & Robert L. Schaló

Factors predicting quality of life for people with intellectual disability: Results from the ANFFAS study in Italy, *Journal of Intellectual & Developmental Disability*, 41:4, 338-347, DOI: 10.3109/13668250.2016.

Best Australian Paper 2017

Susan Collings, Angela Dew & Leanne Dowse

Support planning with people with intellectual disability and complex support needs in the Australian National Disability Insurance Scheme

Journal of Intellectual & Developmental Disability 41:3, 272-276, DOI: 10.3109/13668250.2016.1151864



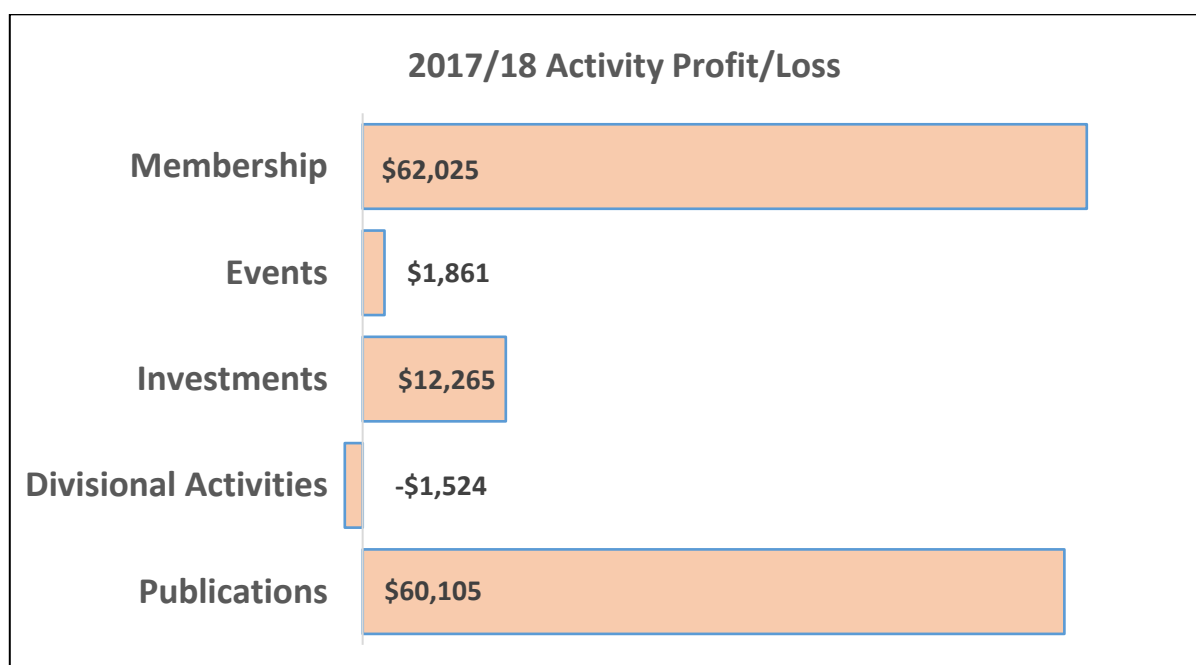
Treasurer's Report



Important points:

- We made a loss of \$37,359 this financial year.
- The company was worth \$710,475 at the end of the financial year.
- Our annual conference in Tasmania made a small profit.
- We made most of our money through our membership fees and our publications.

This graph shows where we made money through our activities this year:



Membership = membership fees from individual and organisational members. This amount includes the money we have received this year for 3-year membership payments.

Events = annual ASID conference, held in Hobart, Tasmania. We make money from registration fees and sponsorship.

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

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

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

Treasurer's Report (cont.)

Here is another way of looking at our current finances:

2017/18 activity profit (total from chart above):	\$134,732
Running costs:	
Administration	\$69,050
Governance	\$102,516
Special projects	\$525
Total running costs	\$172,091

Money we lost ('net loss'):	\$37,359
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How much money we have ('total equity'):	\$710,475
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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 Executive Officer, and cost of directors to attend board meetings

Special projects = ASID Podcast series

Notes:

1. In January 2018 we signed a new contract with Taylor and Francis for the publication of our two journals. Under this contract the money we get to make our journals will go up a little bit each year. We also received a signing bonus of \$10,000 and Taylor and Francis will be a sponsor of our annual conference every year.
2. We also made a lot of money from royalties this year. We made \$41,105, which is a little bit less than last year's amount of \$41,924.
3. It was a good year for membership income with many members choosing to pay for 3 years of membership and many organisational members choosing the more expensive Silver and Gold membership options.
4. It was good to see the Tasmanian conference made a small profit, but we would like to make more money from our events to support the other things we do.
5. Our divisional activities cost us money this year. Some divisions made a profit and some made a loss. When it is all added up it shows we spent about \$1,500 supporting our divisions. This is ok if the money is being spent on things which are good for members and support ASID's aims and objectives but we would like to see divisions making a profit in the future.

Ben Crothers, Treasurer

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD
(a Company Limited by Guarantee)
ABN 41 000 865 823

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2018

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD
(a Company Limited by Guarantee)
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

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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 Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd's functional and presentation currency.

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

The Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd is a not-for-profit unlisted public company limited by guarantee, a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC), incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business are:

Registered office
38 Surrey Road
Keswick SA 5035

Principal place of business
38 Surrey Road
Keswick SA 5035

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD
(a Company Limited by Guarantee)
DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the Company for the period ended 30 June 2018.

DIRECTORS

The following persons were directors of the company from the date of change to a Company Limited by Guarantee and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Name		Appointed	Resigned
Angus	Buchanan	13 October 2014	
Bernadette	Curryer	12 November 2016	
David	Treanor	18 July 2016	
Victoria	Tucker	12 November 2016	09 November 2017
Ian	Pearce	13 October 2014	09 November 2017
Allyson	Thomson	13 October 2014	
Benedict	Crothers	13 October 2014	
Darryleen	Wiggins	13 October 2014	09 November 2017
Laura	Hogan	13 October 2014	
Maurice	O'Connor	13 October 2014	
Richard	O'Loughlin	13 October 2014	
Hilary	Johnson	13 October 2014	
Christine	Bigby	12 November 2016	
Sharon	Brandford	13 October 2014	
Adrian	Higgins	13 October 2014	09 November 2017
Sam	Arnold	1 December 2014	09 November 2017
Mark	DiMarco	12 November 2015	09 November 2017
Paul	O'Dea	7 April 2016	
Deborah	Espiner	5 December 2016	
Ruth	Firstbrook	09 November 2017	

CONTRIBUTIONS ON WINDING UP

Each Member undertakes to contribute an amount not exceeding \$10.00 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.

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.

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 15.

On behalf of the directors



Angus Buchanan
 Director

Date: 31 October 2018

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD
(a Company Limited by Guarantee)
DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In the Directors' opinion:

- a) the Company is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. Accordingly, the attached special purpose financial statements have been prepared for the purposes of complying 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 statement to prepare and distribute financial statements to the members of Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd;
- b) the attached financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- c) 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*

On behalf of the directors



Angus Buchanan
Director

Date: 31 October 2018

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD
(a Company Limited by Guarantee)
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
INCOME	3	241,786	233,091
EXPENSES			
Accounting		25,378	25,837
Auditing		2,970	2,526
Bad Debt		-	3,898
Bank Charges & Fees		2,416	2,031
AGM & Conference Expenses		39,364	28,601
Communications & Marketing		525	-
Consultancy Fees		-	1,755
Corporate Fees		41	311
Divisional Expenses		21,389	7,257
Dues & Subscriptions		-	81
Executive Officer Expense		45,597	16,506
Executive Officer Expenses & Allowances		6,076	327
IDA Editorials		13,310	8,020
Insurance		2,704	2,754
JIDD Editorial		35,876	54,138
Journal Submission Backlog Project		-	13,636
Mid Year Meeting		18,556	29,485
Per Diem		1,992	2,904
Postage & Courier		143	-
Printing & Stationery		464	129
Publication Printing		-	1,207
RAPIDD Editorial		27,040	20,280
Recruitment Cost		-	3,706
Royalties Paid		152	189
Secretariat Services		29,826	25,861
Storage		54	85
Strategic Projects		-	5,000
Telephones		2,794	2,446
IT & Webhosting		2,100	355
Conference Expenses		-	8,302
Other Expenses		377	-
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>279,145</u>	<u>267,628</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>(37,359)</u>	<u>(34,537)</u>
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		<u>(37,359)</u>	<u>(34,537)</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 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	4	170,707	297,712
Trade & Other Receivables	5	550	580
Financial Assets	6	501,031	388,294
Other Assets	7	48,125	28,949
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>720,413</u>	<u>715,535</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial Assets	6	1,939	1,877
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,939</u>	<u>1,877</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>722,352</u>	<u>717,412</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade & Other Payables	8	3,000	11,112
Other Liabilities	9	8,877	12,517
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>11,877</u>	<u>23,630</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>11,877</u>	<u>23,630</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>710,475</u>	<u>693,782</u>
EQUITY			
Opening Accumulated Funds		710,088	693,456
Financial Asset Reserve		387	325
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>710,475</u>	<u>693,781</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 2018

	Financial Asset Reserve	Reserve for Governance Fund	Accum. Funds	Total Equity
	\$	\$	\$	\$
BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2016	-	234,406	492,035	726,441
Transfer of Reserve for Governance Fund from State Associations	-	1,552	-	1,552
Transfer of Reserve Fund to Retained Earnings	-	(235,958)	235,958	-
Financial Asset Reserve for increase of share valuation	325	-	-	325
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	-	-	(34,537)	(34,537)
BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2017	325	-	693,456	693,781
Transfer of Reserve for Governance Fund from State Associations	-	53,991	-	53,991
Transfer of Reserve Fund to Retained Earnings	-	(53,991)	53,991	-
Financial Asset Reserve for increase of share valuation	62	-	-	62
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	-	-	(37,359)	(37,359)
BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2018	387	-	710,088	710,475

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD
(a Company Limited by Guarantee)
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from Members & Customers		209,050	208,934
Payments to Suppliers		(290,899)	(267,455)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	10	(81,849)	(58,521)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest Income		13,479	8,091
Dividend Received		111	224
NET CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		13,590	8,314
Reserve for Governance Funds		53,991	-
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH		(14,268)	(50,207)
CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		686,005	736,212
CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	4	671,737	686,005

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD
(a Company Limited by Guarantee)
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

1. COMPANY INFORMATION

The financial statements of the Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2018 were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors on 10 September 2018.

The company is a not-for-profit unlisted public company limited by guarantee, a registered charity with the ACNC and is incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd 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* requirements to prepare and distribute financial statements to the members of Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd.

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 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) Significant Accounting Judgement, Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

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2. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

b) Significant Accounting Judgement, Estimates and Assumptions (cont.)

There are no estimates or judgements which have risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

c) Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of consideration received or receivable. Revenue is recognised net of the amounts of goods and services tax (GST) payable to the Australian Taxation Office.

Donations, sponsorships and grants received are recognized as revenue when the company gains control, economic benefits are probable and the amount of the donation can be measured reliably.

d) Expenses

All expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis and have been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

e) 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.

f) 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.

g) 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.

h) Financial instruments

Recognition, Initial Measurement & Derecognition

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 carried at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value. Subsequent measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities are described below.

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.

Classification & Subsequent Measurement of Financial Assets

For the purpose of subsequent measurement, financial assets other than those designated and effective as hedging instruments are classified into the following categories upon initial recognition:

Loans and Receivables

Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss (FVTPL)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont.)
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

h) Financial instruments (cont'd)

Held-To-Maturity (HTM) Investments

Available-For-Sale (AFS) Financial Assets

The category determines subsequent measurement and whether any resulting income and expense is recognised in profit or loss or in Other Comprehensive Income.

All financial assets except for those at FVTPL are subject to review for impairment at least at each reporting date to identify whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or a company of financial assets is impaired. Different criteria to determine impairment are applied for each category of financial assets, which are described below.

All income and expenses relating to financial assets that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within finance costs or finance income, except for impairment of trade receivables which is presented within other expenses.

Loans & Receivables

Loans and Receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial. The Company's trade and most other receivables fall into this category of financial instruments.

Individually significant receivables are considered for impairment when they are past due or when other objective evidence is received that a specific counterparty will default. Receivables that are not considered to be individually impaired are reviewed for impairment in companies, which are determined by reference to the industry and region of a counterparty and other shared credit risk characteristics. The impairment loss estimate is then based on recent historical counterparty default rates for each identified company.

Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss (FVTPL)

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL) include financial assets that are either classified as held for trading or that meet certain conditions and are designated at FVTPL upon initial recognition.

Assets in this category are measured at fair value with gains or losses recognised in profit or loss. The fair values of financial assets in this category are determined by reference to active market transactions or using a valuation technique where no active market exists.

Held-To-Maturity (HTM) Investments

Held-to-maturity (HTM) investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity other than loans and receivables. Investments are classified as HTM if the Company has the intention and ability to hold them until maturity. The Company currently holds long-term deposits designated into this category.

Held-to-maturity (HTM) investments are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. If there is objective evidence that the investment is impaired, determined by reference to external credit ratings, the financial asset is measured at the present value of estimated future cash flows. Any changes to the carrying amount of the investment, including impairment losses, are recognised in profit or loss.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont.)
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h) Financial instruments (cont'd)

Available-For-Sale (AFS) Financial Assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are either designated to this category or do not qualify for inclusion in any of the other categories of financial assets. The Company's AFS financial assets include listed securities.

All AFS financial assets are measured at fair value. Gains and losses are recognised in other comprehensive income and reported within the AFS reserve within equity, except for impairment losses and foreign exchange differences on monetary assets, which are recognised in profit or loss. When the asset is disposed of or is determined to be impaired the cumulative gain or loss recognised in Other Comprehensive Income is reclassified from the equity reserve to profit or loss and presented as a reclassification adjustment within other comprehensive income. Interest calculated using the effective interest method and dividends are recognised in profit or loss within revenue.

Reversals of impairment losses for AFS debt securities are recognised in profit or loss if the reversal can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised. For AFS equity investments impairment reversals are not recognised in profit loss and any subsequent increase in fair value is recognised in Other Comprehensive Income.

h) Trade & Other Receivables

Trade Receivables, which comprise amounts due from membership and conference fees, are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less an allowance for any uncollectible amounts. The carrying amount of the receivable is deemed to reflect fair value.

An allowance for doubtful debts is made when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect the debts. Bad debts are written off when identified.

i) Creditors & Other Payables

Trade and Other Payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Company during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amount being normally paid within 30 days of the recognition of the liability.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont.)
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
3 INCOME		
Interest Received	12,106	11,615
Dividends Received	159	224
Membership Subscriptions	62,025	62,331
Publications	1,320	1,154
Conference Proceeds	11,083	9,177
JIDD		
Royalties	41,105	41,924
Editorial Contribution	72,500	63,909
Travel Allowance	10,666	21,195
RAPIDD		
Editorial Contribution	10,740	10,253
Divisional Income	19,865	11,308
Other Income	217	-
TOTAL INCOME	<u><u>241,786</u></u>	<u><u>233,091</u></u>
4 CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Operating Account	9,763	15,568
High Interest Account	109,345	282,144
NZ Business Edge Account	37,890	-
NZ Business Call Account	13,708	-
	<u><u>170,707</u></u>	<u><u>297,712</u></u>
5 TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Accounts Receivable	550	580
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	-	-
	<u><u>550</u></u>	<u><u>580</u></u>
6 FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Current at cost		
Term Deposits (HTM)	<u><u>501,031</u></u>	<u><u>388,294</u></u>
Short-term deposits are made for varying periods of between three months and twelve months, depending on the entity's cash requirements. These deposits earn interest at market rates.		
Non-Curent		
Available-for-Sale Financial Assets:		
Listed Equity Securities	<u><u>1,939</u></u>	<u><u>1,877</u></u>
7 OTHER ASSETS		
Current		
Prepaid Expenses	3,001	-
GST Receivable	4,178	1,435
Income Receivable	3,921	5,246
Advances - National Conferences	37,025	22,268
	<u><u>48,125</u></u>	<u><u>28,949</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont.)
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
8 TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES		
Current		
Trade Payables	-	8,112
GST Payable	-	-
Other Payables	3,000	3,000
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>11,112</u>
9 OTHER LIABILITIES		
Current		
Grant Received in Advance	4,772	-
Conference Income in Advance	91	5,827
Memberships in Advance	4,015	6,690
	<u>8,877</u>	<u>12,517</u>

Deferred income consists of government grants received in advance for services to be rendered by the Group.
Deferred income is amortised over the life of the contract.

10 CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Reconciliation of Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year to Net Cash Flow from Operations

Total Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	(37,359)	(34,537)
Adjustment for:		
Investment Income	(13,590)	(8,314)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	(18)	3,406
(Increase)/Decrease in GST Receivables	(2,743)	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Accrued Income	1,373	(3,548)
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments	(17,759)	3,335
(Increase)/Decrease in Advances	(3,641)	(19,036)
Increase/(Decrease) in GST Payable	-	(245)
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	(8,112)	418
Net cash flows from operating activities	<u>(81,849)</u>	<u>(58,521)</u>

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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 2018 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.


S D Fry
Chartered Accountant

Dated: 1 November 2018



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

Report on the Financial Report

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd, which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2018 and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Director's Declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 2 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

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TO THE MEMBERS OF AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD
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Independence

In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd is in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to note 2 to the financial report which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



Simon Fry
Chartered Accountant
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Dated this 1st day of November 2018.

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