



Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd

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Board Directors, Morrie O'Connor, Laura Hogan & Paul O'Dea

Our Mission

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



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*

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

Dr Allyson Thomson – *Secretary, Chair Membership Committee*

Benedict Crothers – *Treasurer, Chair Finance Committee*

Bernadette Curryer – *Chair, Strategic Partnerships and Relationships Committee*

Denice Wharldall – *Chair Events Committee & Chair Conference Committee*

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

Associate Professor Angela Dew – *Joined May 2019*

Maurice O'Connor

Paul O'Dea

Ruth Firstbrook

Darryleen Wiggins – *Joined July 2019*

Dr Brigit Mirfin Veitch – *Joined April 2019*

David Treanor – *Resigned May 2019*

Sharon Brandford – *Chair Events Committee (resigned April 2019)*

Deborah Espiner

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 – *NFPAS*

President's Report



*Laura Hogan, President
and Archie*

This year has simply flown, it doesn't feel long ago that I wrote the 2017/18 President's report. Preparing to write this report has been a good opportunity to reflect on the past 12 months for ASID. It is a powerful reminder of how much we have achieved and the challenges we have faced.

It is a pleasure to lead ASID as we stay true to our commitment to be a peak body across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand for research to practice in intellectual disability. We are taking new steps to grow our capacity to connect with people using innovative methods, including technology. A significant challenge to our capacity and responsiveness from the sector continues to be the unprecedented disability sector reforms in both Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

Some of our activities for 2018/19 include:

Strategic Direction:

The ASID Strategic Plan is up for review in 2020. In anticipation of this, the Board has invested substantial time and energy across 2019 into discussing ASID's future strategic and operational directions. Our approach must take into consideration the need for ASID to be agile and responsive within a rapidly changing sector.

We are challenged to balance the need to continue to provide a spotlight on intellectual disability research and its use in practice with our financial viability.

As President, I am acutely aware that the capacity of our Board of Directors and Divisions has been reduced. Our heavy reliance on volunteers is truly put to the test when our sector is stretched as much as it is at present.

I am pleased to report that we continue to face our challenges and engage in robust debates about future proofing ASID. We are learning from what does and doesn't work and adjust our direction to reflect this.

Influence:

Throughout the year ASID Ltd has made several representations on matters relating to intellectual disability across Australasia. This included the treatment of people with intellectual disability facing involvement in the judicial and mental health system in Aotearoa New Zealand and the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability in Australia.

Earlier in 2019 we supported an Australian federal election bid seeking national action on the health inequalities experienced by people with intellectual disability. We also supported the NSW Council for Intellectual Disability successful *#HardToSwallow* campaign, advocating for swallowing assessments and therapy for people with disability under the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

President's Report (cont.)

On 16 May 2019, ASID launched our new Position Statement 'Intellectual Disability & Complex Support Needs', via an event in Sydney, NSW. The Position Statement was subsequently circulated to the Federal Minister and Opposition spokesperson for Disability together with State Ministers and Opposition Spokespeople for Disability.

ASID has since commenced a scoping review of available current evidence-based position statements and information/fact sheets that aim to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disability living in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia.

Tenders & Contracts:

In 2018 we appointed Conference Design as our ongoing Professional Conference Organisers (PCO) for an initial contract of three years. We look forward to working with Conference Design in the coming years on our Australasian conference.

Communication:

Over the past 12 months we have invested energies into our social media presence. We have seen our efforts pay off with a significant increase to our followers and engagement with our posts.

Feedback on our webinar and podcast seasons have been incredibly positive. In response we have continued with these platforms. We are now midway through Season 2 of the ASID webinars and planning for Season 3 podcasts is underway.

2018 Conference – “Let’s shake it up, human rights for everyone”:



Our 2018 Conference on the sunny Gold Coast (Australia) was a great success. Feedback from a workshop facilitated by Professor Chris Hatton, Dr George Julian and Aine Healy was presented to the Board in early 2019. The workshop was attended by people with a lived experience of disability, service providers, researchers, peak bodies and students. We were thankful for the report as it provided us with important information about what was useful and what was missing from the conference to help us with future planning.



ASID received a record number of scholarship applications from people with intellectual disability who were presenting or participating in the conference. It was wonderful to have so many people with intellectual disability at the conference. The conference felt true to the self-advocacy motto of “nothing about us, without us”.

President's Report (cont.)

I look forward to our conferences continuing to be an inclusive space and are excited that, following the success of these opportunities at ASID 2019, our 2019 conference will have a chill out space, a photo booth and podcast recordings.

Change in Board Directors:

Over the past 12 months we've had three Board Directors resign from their positions. Sharon Brandford (Aotearoa New Zealand), Sophia Tipping (Victoria) and David Treanor (Tasmania).

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the significant and lengthy contribution Sharon made as a Board Director. Her depth of knowledge and experience is greatly missed by our Board. We are fortunate that she remains actively involved in Aotearoa New Zealand and as a member of the Board Events Committee. I'm grateful in knowing she's only an email away and will continue to support the work of ASID.

With three resignations we welcomed two new Board Directors into casual vacancies – Dr Brigit Mirfin-Veitch (Aotearoa New Zealand) and Associate Professor Angela Dew (Victoria). We also welcomed back Darryleen Wiggins (Tasmania).

With thanks:

The above is a small snapshot of some of our activities over the past 12 months. I am fortunate to work amongst an innovative and committed team. A sincere thank you to the ASID Board of Directors – Professor Angus Buchanan (Vice President & Chair Journal Committee), Ben Crothers (Treasurer & Chair Finance Committee), Dr Allyson Thomson (Secretary & Chair Membership Committee), Bernadette Curryer (Chair Strategic Partnerships and Relationships Committee), Professor Christine Bigby (RAPIDD Editor), Denice Wharldall (2019 Conference Co-Convenor), Morrie O'Connor, Paul O'Dea, Ruth Firstbrook, Debbie Espiner, Dr Brigit Mirfin-Veitch, Associate Professor Angela Dew and Darryleen Wiggins.

I also offer my thanks to Board Member, Dr Hilary Johnson (Chair Communications Committee & IDA Editor).

Our capacity to achieve our goals is supported and progressed by our wonderful Executive Officer, Dee Sidhu. Thank you also to Sue Salisbury for her ongoing patience and assistance to ASID as our Secretariat.

Laura Hogan, President



Committee Reports 2018/19

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.
Membership	Connecting with our members, getting new members, keeping our current members, promotions for members and membership rates.
Events	The events we run and how we run them.
Strategic Partnerships and Relationships Committee	How ASID works with other organisations or people.

Journals



Professor Angus Buchanan

The Journal Committee continues to oversee the editorship and quality of ASID 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 & 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 manuscript submissions for both journals remains strong which reflects well in the quality indicators for journal publications.

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

- 67,740 article downloads in 2018, much higher than the 56,990 downloads received in 2017.
- The most downloaded article in 2018 was ‘Providing support for decision making to adults with intellectual disability: Perspectives of family members and workers in disability support services’ by Professor Christine Bigby et al with 2,835 downloads.
- The most downloaded issue in 2018 was Volume 43 Issue 3 (July 2018), with 4,033 article downloads.
- The journal’s 2017 Impact Factor is 1.176, ranking 43/69 in the Rehabilitation JCR category.

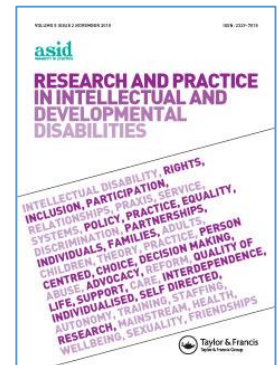


Committee Reports (cont.)

Journals (cont.)

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

- 8,596 article downloads in 2018, slightly higher than the 8,450 downloads received in 2017.
- The most downloaded article in 2018 was 'Intellectual Disability and Complex Intersections: Marginalisation under the National Disability Insurance Scheme' by Karen Soldatic, Georgia van Toorn, Leanne Dowse, Kristy Muir with 619 downloads.
- The most downloaded issue in 2018 was Volume 1, Issue 1 (Jan 2014) with 1703 article downloads. The journal is currently 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 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



Committee Reports (cont.)

Finance



Who are we?

Ben Crothers – Chair and ASID Treasurer (*pictured*)

Dr Brigit Mirfin-Veitch – ASID Director

Adrian Higgins – ASID Member

Professor Angus Buchanan – ASID Vice President

Dee Sidhu – ASID Executive Officer

The finance committee has been working on four key tasks:

1. **ASID's Investments:** ASID has an amount of money in the bank that we have decided will not be needed in the next five years (at least) to run the business. We want to use this money to make some investments which will increase the company's income. We have been working on developing an investment policy and preparing some of our current term deposits for re-investment.
2. **Banking and business management in Aotearoa New Zealand:** We have been working on improving our business systems and procedures in Aotearoa New Zealand to make sure we are following all the rules and also providing the best service for our members and customers based in Aotearoa New Zealand. We are aiming to have e-merchant facilities set up and to provide all of ASID's fees in both Australian and New Zealand Dollars.
3. **Valuation of our Journals as an 'intangible' asset:** Because our journals continue to make money for both ASID and the journals' publisher, it is important for us to consider whether the Journals can be included in the company's balance sheet, as intangible assets, in accordance with the relevant accounting standards. The Board is expected to reach a decision on the matter during the current financial year, with the outcome being reported in the annual financial statements for the period ending 30 June 2020.
4. **Getting the best insurance coverage:** We took time this year to approach a few different insurance brokers to make sure we are getting the best insurance coverage at the best price. This process highlighted the need for ASID to have a *voluntary workers personal accident* insurance policy. This is like workers compensation for our volunteers across Australasia. This means, for example, that if there were an accident while people were doing voluntary work for ASID, a volunteer may be able to receive some compensation or benefits to help with their recovery.

New relationships

The committee's tasks have established some new relationships for the company. We are now working with an accountancy firm, Nexia Edwards Marshall, on our Aotearoa New Zealand financial matters, our new insurance policy is with a brokerage firm we haven't worked with before, Aon, and our work on valuing our journals involved other specialist members of our secretariat team. Also, we will soon be working with a business or individual who can support us with our investments.

Ben Crothers, Chair Finance Committee

Committee Reports (cont.)

Communications



Who are we?

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

“The story booth event at the annual conference in 2018 provided a wealth of stories and responses from people with an intellectual disability.”

Dr Hilary Johnson

Terms of Reference

- To establish, co-ordinate and annually review an ASID Communication strategy and actions.
- To provide evidence-based information about intellectual disability and the work of ASID through a range of formats.
- To develop, review and distribute high quality, responsive, accessible communications with external stakeholders:
 - Members
 - Consumers (people who are involved with/in our activities/website/social media)
 - Stakeholders we wish to influence (government, politicians etc.).

Our Activities

The committee met remotely four times last year. The main business has been to oversee our magazine Intellectual Disability Australasia, the podcasts and to review current practices.

A review of our E News by 65 respondents was positive and resulted in the E News now being sent monthly. The review of the recently revamped IDA by 28 respondents suggested the new format was appreciated, but only 38% thought IDA was important to the membership.

We developed a protocol of strategies for disseminating position papers.



We produced four podcasts, three of which related to the ASID conference with an increase in audience listeners over time. The story booth event at the annual conference in 2018 provided a wealth of stories and responses from people with an intellectual disability. This is being considered as a standing event at each successive conference.

Committee Reports (cont.)

Communications (cont.)

Our Activities (cont.)

Our social media presence has nearly doubled in the last 12 months.



3500+ copies of IDA delivered

[ASID IDA Magazine](#)



1001 Facebook Followers

[ASID Facebook](#)



814 Twitter Followers

[ASID Twitter](#)



1500+ podcast views

[ASID Podcasts](#)

Dr Hilary Johnson, Chair Communications Committee / Editor IDA

Committee Reports (cont.)

Membership



Who are we?

Dr Allyson Thomson – Chair (*pictured*)

Britta Meyer, Olive Webb, Ian Pearce, Richard Zylan, Linda Ward, Darryleen Wiggins, Morrie O'Connor, Dee Sidhu (Executive Director)

“The Chair of the committee and the Treasurer have worked together to investigate alternate models for ASID, rather than our current membership model. This matter is ongoing.”

Our Discussions & Activities

- ASID WA identified issues that can adversely affect membership: ASID as unknown/irrelevant; lacklustre website offers little to visitors; organisations in Australia seem to be ‘frozen’ by the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS); conference is too expensive and technology-dependent for families and support workers; journals are readily available through other sources.
- Discussions suggested strategies to attract and retain members: talk to people about ASID (all members should be doing this); at Division level, provide opportunities for learning, networking and connecting; gather a few families and/or support staff together with the express purpose of discussing a particular item, e.g., podcast, webinar, journal article, position paper; event attendance forms will have a tick box to signify interest in ASID; offer discount membership at each ASID event (Note: deemed inadvisable by the Board).
- At Board level there is work going forward that may address some of the issues identified: website re-design; scoping review of position papers and fact sheets – this could lead to partnerships with like organisations, and provide material or links for the website.
- The Chair of the committee and the Treasurer have worked together to investigate alternate models for ASID, rather than our current membership model. This matter is ongoing.
- The committee will be designing a process to ensure only members current at the time of an event take advantage of the member rate.

Further thoughts

It has become clear from our discussions that some Divisions provide very little in the way of member engagement opportunities. Seminars, symposia, workshops and social gatherings all help to engage current members, provide networking opportunities and attract new members.

Each Division is encouraged to include at least two such opportunities in their business plan/budget each year.

An active and interested Membership Officer is an important part of the Divisional Committee. Thank you to the past and current Membership Officers.

Committee Reports (cont.)

Membership (cont.)

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF ASID COMPARED TO 2017/18			
<i>Type of membership</i>	<i>October 2019</i>	<i>September 2018</i>	<i>November 2017</i>
Individual	195	205	207
Gold Organisational	13	10	9
Silver Organisational	6	9	10
Bronze Organisational	52	63	59
Total	266	287	287

Dr Allyson Thomson, Chair Membership Committee



Committee Reports (cont.)

Events

Who are we?

Denice Wharldall – Chair

Professor Christine Bigby,
Sharon Brandford,
Ruth Firstbrook and
Laura Hogan.



Our Achievements

- Developing event guidelines, procedures and branding.
- Overseeing the Conference Committee for the ASID Annual Conference.
- Developing a relationship with Conference Design, the Conference Organisers.
- Developing mechanisms to ensure events promote and demonstrate inclusion of persons with lived experience of intellectual disability.

Denice Wharldall, Chair Events Committee



Committee Reports (cont.)

Strategic Partnerships and Relationships Committee



Who are we?

Bernadette Curryer – Chair (*pictured*)

Adrian Higgins, Morrie O'Connor, Professor Angus Buchanan and Dr Brigit Mirfin-Veitch

(Laura Hogan and Mark Di Marco resigned during the year)

“Scoping of current and potential ASID stakeholders”

Our Achievements

- Developed “Partnerships Criteria and Guidelines” – a guide to assist in assessing the suitability of potential partners was promoted to Divisions, encouraging the consideration of developing partnerships or relationships that will assist the ASID mission.
- Scoping of current and potential ASID stakeholders.
- Change in name from Partnerships and Projects Committee to Strategic Partnerships and Relationships Committee (SPARC).
- To increase knowledge of who ASID Divisions are working with, a question to identify new partnerships or relationships has been inserted into the Divisional Report template.
- Following a Board request to identify ways that ASID can develop links with people with intellectual disability/self-advocates, this Committee has taken on a review of ASID’s inclusive practices. The first step was a discussion at the July Board meeting to understand current views about the inclusivity of current ASID practices. The need to increase the accessibility of Board membership to people with disability was identified as a priority.

Future Plans

- Review of Board Induction practices and add document to assist in the identification of any support needs of Directors and plan to meet these needs.
- Identify ways in which ASID can be more accessible to people with intellectual disability.
- Develop policies on ‘Partnerships in Research Grants’ and a ‘Sponsorship Policy’.
- Develop a Partnership Framework – to guide the depth, breadth and length of partnerships.
- Plan a Connection Event – an event to bring key stakeholders together to discuss how best to work in the current environment – to identify connections and synergies so we can maximize our collective output and voice.

Bernadette Curryer, Chair Strategic Partnerships and Relationships Committee

Divisional Reports

Aotearoa New Zealand (ANZ)



Who are we?

Deborah Espiner – Chair, Judy Garriock – Treasurer
Frances Hartnett – Secretary
Sharon Brandford, Jonathan Goodwin, John Grant,
Warren Herring, Dr Brigit Mirfin-Veitch, Carey-Ann
Morrison, Anne Mathieson, Claire Stewart, Hamish
Taverner, Olive Webb, Christine Wilson, Rickardt Van
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During the year Anne Mathieson submitted her resignation. Anne has made a rich contribution to and demonstrated strong commitment to ASID ANZ over many years. Her presence, interest and contribution will be missed.

Our Achievements

- To advance the impact of ASID and ASID ANZ sub-committees were formed at the outset of this year. The sub-committees were: Communication; Family, whanau and people with intellectual disability; Events and Partnerships. These have worked well and the members of the groups have met regularly. Our Partnerships document has been updated and is being kept current.
- The 2020 ASID Conference has been a major focus of this year for our Division. To develop a stronger focus on and inclusion of people with intellectual disability and families: separate focus groups were facilitated to determine ways the conference might be more inclusive, accessible and attractive to these two groups. The focus groups resulted in considerations for the conference in general and creative and significant ideas re inclusivity.
- The two ASID position paper on Complex Needs and De-differentiation have been sent to a number of individuals, organisations and government ministries to promote and clarify ASID's position.
- A stall was staffed at New Zealand Disability Support Network (NZDNS) conference to promote ASID membership, the Adelaide 2019 conference and the upcoming 2020 conference in Auckland.

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Divisional Reports (cont.)

Aotearoa New Zealand (ANZ) (cont.)

Our Achievements (cont.)

- Documents that detailed how the 2018 Support Worker Workshop that was held in Christchurch have been lodged on the ASID website for future reference. These have been a great resource and they provided clear direction for the Support Worker Workshop to be held in Hamilton on 19 October 2019.
- Fran Hartnett has continued liaison with ASID Communications Committee regarding material for IDA.

New Partnerships

We have partnered with two schools for the delivery of the Support Workers Conference, one in the North and one in South Island. We continue to work collaboratively with NZDSN. We have initiated and strengthened partnerships with people with intellectual disability and families through facilitating focus groups.

Debbie Espiner, Chair Aotearoa New Zealand Division



The Kapahaka group from Endeavour School, Hamilton providing the Whakatau (welcoming ceremony) to our Support Workers Conference

Group work at the conference



Divisional Reports (cont.)

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



Who are we?

Linda Ward – Chair (*pictured*)

Laura Hogan, Sarah Wagstaff, Bernadette Curryer, Bronwyn Newman, Stuart Wark, Ee-Lin Chang, Vivienne Richards and Sarah Butler

Bronwyn Newman joined the committee in February 2019

Our Achievements

- The NSW/ACT Committee met on the 27 February 2019 to review the 2018/19 operational plan achievements and plan for the next twelve months. The NSW/ACT Operational Plan 2019/20 was developed.
- The NSW/ACT Operational Plan 2019/20 focuses on:
 - Metro and regional
 - Diversity and inclusivity
 - New and emerging researchers
 - Varied approaches (plain English, written, social media, video)
 - Broad reach/messages
 - Knowledge transfer
- Goal – Identify potential student members and encourage student membership. The Committee received \$1600 from the ASID Board to support student research events. The first gathering was held in May at UNSW; a workshop held at UTS and there is another event planned for later in the year at USYD. ASID funds have not been required.
- Goal – Webinar Series- Better Communication
 - Using Social Media for Good webinar was held on the 25 July 2019. There was presented by Aine Healy. 26 people registered. Survey responses were positive.
 - Easy Read, Using it Well webinar was held on the 25 September 2019. Presented by Bronwyn Newman. 49 people registered and the feedback was excellent. It was noted that participants really liked this format to run ASID Research to Practice sessions
 - Communication and self-advocacy under the NDIS webinar has been scheduled for the 28 November 2019. Sarah Butler and Bernadette Curryer will present.
- NSW/ACT hosted the launch of the ASID position paper on Intellectual Disability Complex Support Needs on Thursday 16 May 2019 at Sydney University. Professor Leanne Dowse, lead author gave a presentation on the background paper for the position statement. Dr Jeffrey Chan, Senior Practitioner, Behaviour Support, NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Commission also presented. The launch was well received with 34 participants attending.

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



<https://www.asid.asn.au/publications/webinars>

Divisional Reports (cont.)

Queensland



Who are we?

Morrie O'Connor – Chair (*pictured*)

Kathy Ellem, Cheryl Walker, Paul O'Dea, Victoria Tucker, Michelle Moss and Joanne Richards



Our Achievements

- November 2018 – ASID National Conference at Gold Coast
- July 2019 – Seminar on People with Intellectual Disability and Complex Support Needs
- October 2019 – Forum on Royal Commission on Violence, Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of People with Disability

Morrie O'Connor, Chair Queensland Division



Welcome to ASID's Podcasts!

<https://www.asid.asn.au/publications/podcasts>

#ASID2018 StoryBooth

Listen to the stories from self-advocates who attended the #ASID2018 Conference StoryBooth and hear about how recent research from our journals relates to people's real life experiences.



Divisional Reports (cont.)

South Australia/Northern Territory (SA/NT)

Who are we?



Denice Wharldall – Chair (*pictured*)

Ian Pearce – Secretary, Ruth Firstbrook – Communications,
Sue Michael – Finance Officer

Ian Cummins, Richard O'Loughlin, Karen Rogers and Janet Videon

ASID 2019 Conference Convenors - Denice Wharldall & Ian Pearce

Our Achievements

- The SA/NT Committee has organised the annual ASID Conference.
- Three events were held during the year. We found that having an evening event with a light meal from 6pm results in the most take up as it does not interfere with people's often busy work schedule. The events included:
 - Sam Prior from the Growing Space presented on lessons for services providers in the NDIS.
 - Mel Kubisa and Sue Goodall presented on a Therapeutic Accommodation Support model using a Human Rights Framework.
 - Dr David Caudrey, the Disability Advocate to support NDIS implementation in South Australia presented on the findings so far on challenges for those living with an intellectual disability under the NDIS. At the event with Dr Caudrey we also launched the ASID Intellectual Disability and Complex Support Needs Position Paper.
- ASID SA/NT supported "*Our Voice Self Advocacy Conference*"

New Partnerships

DEAI co-branded events and work together.

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 6 to 8 November 2019.

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

Denice Wharldall, Chair South Australia/Northern Territory Division

Divisional Reports (cont.)

Tasmania

Who are we?

Darryleen Wiggins – Chair from July 2019 (*pictured*)

Fiona Redgrove – Chair resigned April 2019

Ben Crothers, Sheree Hill, Teena Tranter, Jenny Dixon from July 2019 and David Treanor until June 2019



News

We have attempted to pull together a Committee and held 4-5 meetings over the year.

Ben Crothers has remained engaged in the Board of Directors as Board Treasurer with David Treanor and Darryleen Wiggins filling the second position of the Board Director's role.

The Tasmanian Committee would like to thank Possability (possability.com.au/) for the use of their meeting room for all ASID meetings.

Tasmania has a limited pool of organisations from which to draw on organisational representatives and any individual members are usually the current committee and once terms are up and the person leaves the committee they usually do not renew membership.

Darryleen Wiggins, Chair Tasmania Division



Divisional Reports (cont.)

Victoria



Who are we?

Coral Farr – Chair

Dr Hilary Johnson – Treasurer

Richard Zylan - Membership Secretary

Helen Killmier, Jo Watson and Mark Di Marco and Brent Hayward

Board Representatives - Professor Christine Bigby and Associate Professor Angela Dew

Our Achievements

- We have presented two workshops on “Story Sharing for people with disabilities” with Dr Nicola Grove and “End of Life and intellectual disability” with Dr Michelle Wiese.
- Currently organising a co-branded workshop with La Trobe University titled “Making claims that matter: non-behavioral approaches to supporting people with intellectual disability” presented by Professor Jennifer Clegg.
- We produced three podcasts during the year. The first podcast was based on the “Talking Booth” we operated at the ASID conference on the Gold Coast in November 2018. The second podcast was on political participation for people with intellectual disability. The latest podcast produced was on “What makes a good group home?”

Our Partnerships

ASID Victoria have developed a partnership with Australian Society of Special Care in Dentistry (ASSCID) which promotes special needs dentistry. We are planning a joint seminar with ASSCID and Deakin University for early next year.

The Onemda Association generously enabled ASID Victoria to host Dr Michelle Wiese’s presentation at the Doncaster East main campus.

Scope Victoria partnered with ASID Victoria for the Story Sharing workshop. This support was much appreciated.

The La Trobe University LiDS are partnering with ASID Victoria for the upcoming behavioral workshop with Professor Jennifer Clegg.

Other News

We have had some wonderful contributions from the ASID Victoria committee in the past year but sadly we had four of our committee members resign for various reasons. However, our challenge will be to recruit new committee members to sustain the momentum in the year ahead.

The podcasts have been a great success and enable us to disseminate research to a wider audience.

Coral Farr, Chair Victoria Division

Divisional Reports (cont.)

Western Australia



Who are we?

Dr Allyson Thomson – Chair

Professor Angus Buchanan, Jill MacKenzie, Chris Yates, Eddie Drury, Nicki Dyson (Interchange), Britta Meyer (Identity WA), Sharon McFarlane, Alison Kelly (Directions)

Deirdre Croft and Amanda Lovelock (Activ) have resigned from the committee

Dr Allyson Thomson (Curtin University), Professor Christine Bigby (La Trobe University), Marina Re (Identity WA) and Chris Yates (Department for Communities).

Our Achievements

- Seminar: Self-advocacy, Citizenship and Inclusion. 2 April 2019 (17 attendees)
- Symposium: De-differentiation. 20 September 2019 (24 attendees)
- Preceding the Divisional Meeting we will hold a discussion on the Position Statement on People with Complex Support Needs.

Future Plans

The Committee will trial holding a lunchtime Zoom meeting in November, instead of a 5pm face-to-face meeting in the hope that more committee members can attend Divisional Meetings.



Chris Yates (Department for Communities), Marina Re (Identity WA), Mary Butterworth (Developmental Disabilities WA).

Dr Allyson Thomson, Chair Western Australia Division

Awards 2018

Distinguished Service Award – Olive Webb



Olive Webb has made an outstanding and long-lasting contribution to the field of intellectual disability in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia through a number of significant roles, as a clinical psychologist, researcher, practitioner, advocate, lobbyist, leader, change agent and educator

Fellow of ASID – Associate Professor Patsie Frawley



Patsie has a huge commitment to scholarship together with her capacity to translate research into practice to the benefit of people with Intellectual Disability (ID). She has made an exceptional and significant contribution to research and practice particularly in the field of sexuality for people with intellectual disability, as well as addressing issues related to the prevention of violence and abuse of people with intellectual disability.

Fellow of ASID – Dr Michele Wiese



Michele's professional contribution to people with intellectual disability, their families and disability support professionals dates back to the 1980s when Michele worked as a researcher with Macquarie University evaluating a NSW wide Training Resource Unit that introduced an innovative and positive approach to working with people with ID who had complex behavioural needs. Michele is committed to bridging the gap between research and practice and her research interests and influence span end-of-life care in the disability sector, positive behaviour support, the NDIS and complex support needs, and qualitative methodology.

READ MORE ABOUT THE 2018 RECIPIENTS OF AWARDS AT
https://www.asid.asn.au/about/awards_and_prizes

Journal Award Recipients 2018

2018 Best Australasian Paper

Awarded to Professor Christine Bigby, Emma Bould & Julie Beadle-Brown for "Conundrums of supported living: The experiences of people with intellectual disability. Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability"

(42/4: 309-319, DOI: 10.3109/13668250.2016.1253051)



Prof Angus Buchanan, Vice President of ASID, Prof Christine Bigby and Emma Bould



2018 Best International Research Prize

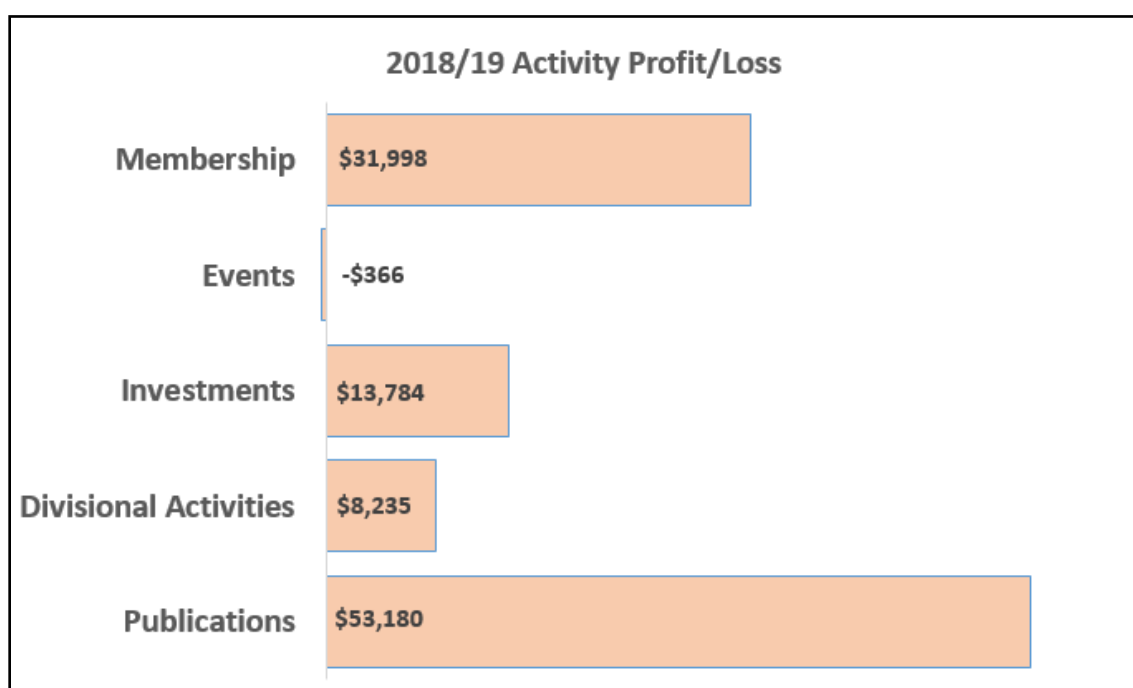
Awarded to Peter J. G. Nouwens, Rosanne Lucas, Petri J. C. M. Embregts & Chijs van Nieuwenhuizen for "In plain sight but still invisible: A structured case analysis of people with mild intellectual disability or borderline intellectual functioning. Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability"

(42/1: 36-44, DOI:10.3109/13668250.2016.1178220)

Treasurer's Report 2018/19

Important points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We made a loss of \$48,510 this financial year. • The company was worth \$661,764 at the end of the financial year. • Our annual conference in Queensland made a small loss. • We made most of our money through our membership fees and our publications. • Membership income is less than previous years
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This graph shows where we made money through our activities this year:



Membership = membership fees from individual and organisational members.

Events = annual ASID conference, held in Gold Coast, Queensland. 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 2018/19 (cont.)

Here is another way of looking at our current finances:

[NOTE: These figures are summarised from the audited financial statements – refer to these statements for complete figures]

2018/19 activity profit (total from chart above): **\$106,831**

Running costs:

Administration	\$63,696
Governance	\$85,467
Special projects	\$6,178
Total running costs	\$155,341

Money we lost ('net loss'): **\$48,510**

How much money we have ('total equity'): **\$661,764**

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 2018/19 this was our position statement development and promotion

Comments on the 2018/19 financial year:

1. It was another good year for our publications, we received more money in royalties than we ever have before.
2. Our membership income is less than last year. One reason for this is that we changed our membership system so that everyone's membership is due on the 1st of July each year. Through this past year some members were not paying the price of a full year of membership as they joined or renewed after July 2018 and we wanted to charge a fair price based on how many months of membership they would receive. We also have lower membership numbers this year.
3. We made a profit with our divisional activities this year. The main reason for this is that the Aotearoa New Zealand division ran a very financially successful divisional conference in August 2018.
4. ASID continues to spend more money to run the company than we make from our activities. We need to keep trying to make more money and make good decisions on how we spend our money. For the time being, we have money in the bank to protect us from any big losses.
5. Finally, this is my final Annual Report as ASID Treasurer. Since I started the job in 2015, I have received a huge amount of help, support, advice and guidance from many ASID members, directors, workers and volunteers and I want to say a massive THANK YOU to you all.

Ben Crothers, Treasurer

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

- Sharon Brandford – resigned as a Director, previously Board Vice President and Chair of Events Committee
- Dr David Treanor – resigned as a Director
- Sophia Tipping – resigned as a Director
- Adrian Higgins – ongoing support of ASID Board business
- Leishman and Associates – Professional Conference Organisers for 2017 & 2018 ASID Conference

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