

ASID ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

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OUR MISSION & STRATEGIC GOALS

Mission

ASID promotes research to inform and influence good practice and policy to achieve a society where people with intellectual disability are afforded the same rights and opportunities as all citizens.

Strategic Goals and Objectives 2022-2025

- Increase inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities, their families or allies in ASID activities
- Strengthen engagement across ASID
- Publish quality research that furthers quality of life and rights of people with intellectual disabilities
- Disseminate quality accessible research and knowledge translation products targeted to diverse audiences
- Produce and disseminate quality commentaries on emerging issues
- Create alliances with organisations aiming to further rights of people with intellectual disabilities
- Organise annual conference to disseminate research, initiatives of people with intellectual disabilities and service or policy innovations
- Strengthen governance and streamline administrative processes

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Board of Directors

- Christine Bigby – President
- Bernadette Curryer – Vice President
- Angela Dew – Secretary
- John Grant – Treasurer
- Allyson Thomson
- Laura Hogan
- Darryleen Wiggins
- Brigit Mirfin-Veitch
- Maurice O'Connor
- Paul O'Dea

Divisional Committee Chairs

- Deborah Espiner - Aotearoa New Zealand
- Samantha Frain & Sarah Butler - New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory
- Maurice O'Connor - Queensland
- Sally Robinson - South Australia/Northern Territory
- Darryleen Wiggins - Tasmania
- Brent Hayward - Victoria
- Allyson Thomson - Western Australia

Divisional Committee Chairs

- Laura Hogan – Communications Committee, Conference Committee
- Angela Dew – Journal Committee
- Bernadette Curryer – Inclusion Practice Committee
- John Grant – Audit & Risk Committee
- Christine Bigby – Scientific Program Committee, Executive Committee

EASY ENGLISH ANNUAL REPORT



Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd (ASID) Annual Report 2021/2022



This is a summary of the ASID Annual Report in Easy Read.

A summary tells you the most important things.

The ASID Annual Report tells you what ASID has been doing from July 2021 to June 2022.



The mission and strategic goals of ASID are written on page 3.

The mission is what ASID is trying to achieve.

The strategic goals are how it will do it.



The President of ASID is Chris Bigby.

She wrote a report. The report is on page 9.

This report tells you about the things ASID did.

The Inclusion Practice Committee is trying to make sure people with intellectual disability are included in everything ASID does.



The Inclusion Practice Committee wrote a report. The report is on page 14.

This committee organised Conference Hubs for the 2021 ASID Conference. A Conference Hub is where a small group of people with intellectual disability are supported to watch the conference together.

The Communications Committee is trying to make sure ASID communicates well.

The Communications Committee has written a report. The report is on page 15.



The Communication Committee is

- organising plain English summaries of some research articles
- asking people with intellectual disability to write a commentary on some research articles. A commentary is a response to an article, talking about the same issue.



The Journal Committee makes sure that the journals that ASID publishes are good quality.

This committee has written a report. The report is on page 16.

ASID publishes 2 journals. Each journal is like a small book with articles about intellectual disability.

ASID ran a conference about intellectual disability in November 2021.

A report about the 2021 ASID Conference is on page 18.

ASID has 7 Divisions:

NSW and ACT

Victoria

Queensland

South Australia and Northern Territory

Western Australia

Tasmania

New Zealand



Divisional Reports tells you what each division did. These reports are on pages 21 to 24.

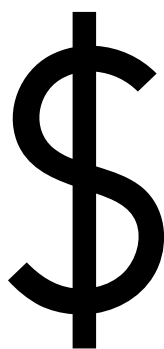


Webinars are talks that you can watch and listen to on a computer.

Information about ASID webinars is on page 10.

Webinars are organised by ASID Divisions.

The webinars are about issues that are important to people with intellectual disability, their families or disability services.



The Treasurer's Report and Auditor's Report tell you about the money that ASID received and the money ASID spent.

These reports are on pages 26 to 45.

These reports tell you that ASID has enough money to keep running.



There is more information in the following pages of the Annual Report.

If you have any questions, you can call

Australia: 1800 644 741

NZ: 09 974 9600

PRESIDENT'S REPORT & OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

This report gives an overview of the activities of ASID in the 2021/22 financial year. This is from July 2021 to June 2022. It also looks ahead to some activities that have happened or are planned for the next financial year (July 2022- June 2023).

COVID 19 continues to impact on the work of ASID and the lives of people with intellectual disabilities. All ASID activities happened virtually rather face-to-face this year. Some members have felt strongly the loss of face-to-face contact, particularly regular conference goers.

Conferences

In November 2021 the conference was held over two half days with the theme of “Reconnecting- Challenges for Human Rights in Times of Change’ . It attracted more than 300 participants. A strong mix of papers on research, service innovation and initiatives led by people with intellectual disability were presented.

Recordings of all the sessions are available on the ASID website. The second online conference is planned for November 2022. At the time of writing ASID plans to hold the 2023 conference face to face in Melbourne. There is more information about the 2021 conference in a later section of this report.

Webinars

Seven (7) Webinars were offered free to ASID members. The table on the next page summarises the topics and host division for each Webinar. It includes those planned for the remainder of 2022. Recordings of all webinars, where the speakers approved they be recorded, are available on the website.

DATE	WEBINAR TITLE	HOST DIVISION
15 December 2022	Mental Health support for adults with intellectual disability in NSW	NSW
29 October 2022	Stepping out in the world – the new adulthood for Gen Zs with Down syndrome	QLD
29 September 2022	Ethical research and co-design of easy read resources with women with intellectual disabilities	QLD
7 September 2022	Trauma informed practice: making positive change for people and systems	SA
25 August 2022	Inclusive Governance - in theory & in practice	NSW
26 May 2022	Improving child & family outcomes where a parent has an intellectual disability	QLD
12 April 2022	STOMPing out the use of inappropriate psychotropic drugs for people with intellectual and other disabilities	VIC
7 April 2022	Positive Behaviour Support and Clinical Supervision	TAS
7 October 2021	Parents with Intellectual Disability	WA
12 August 2021	What is Intellectual Disability?	NSW
10 August 2021	COVID-19 and Human Rights issues for People with intellectual disabilities	VIC

Contracted Secretariat and Conference Support

Early in 2022 the Board changed our provider of secretariat and conference support. This was due to staff changes at Association Design. At very short notice our new provider The Association Specialists (TAS) managed a very smooth hand over. Many thanks to their team led by Megan for their hard work during the year. ASID is a membership organisation without paid staff so administrative work contracted to the secretariat is important to our success.

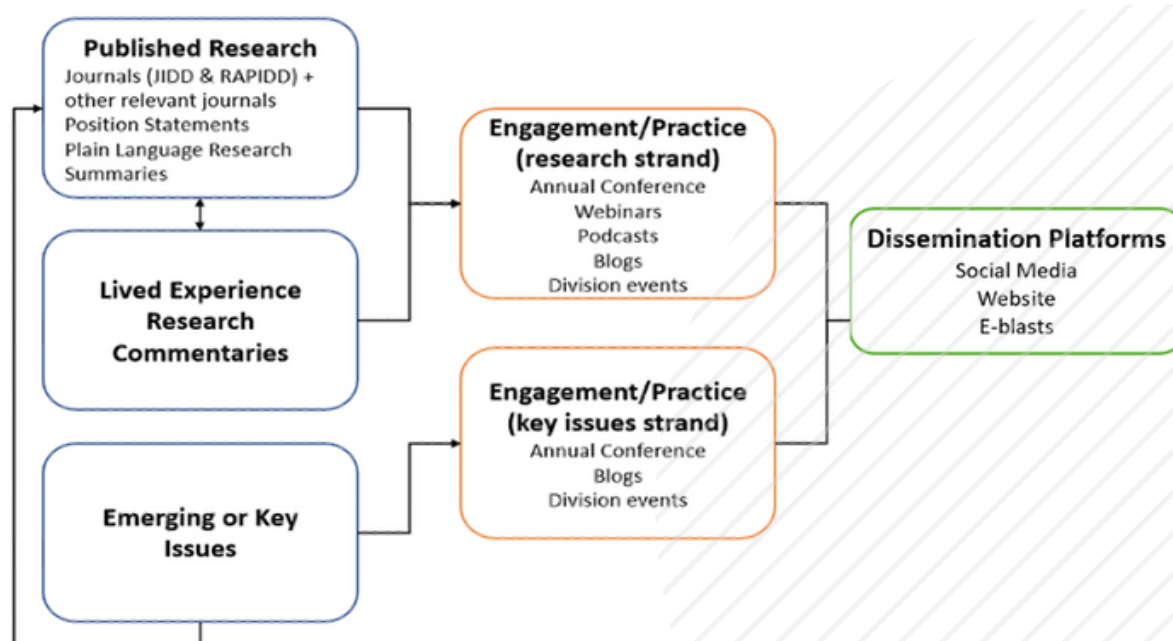
Journal Publishing

ASID makes an important contribution to dissemination of research through two journals – the Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability (JIDD) and Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disability (RAPIDD). For example, during 2021, articles from JIDD were downloaded 146,000 times and from RAPIDD 46,000 times.

The journals are published with Taylor & Francis who pay ASID royalties and editorial expenses. They continue to provide an excellent service and the quality and reputation of the journals increases every year. A major innovation this year is support for a group of self-advocates from Queensland to write a commentary on one of the articles in each issue.

Communications about Research and Emerging Issues

Significant progress was made this year about communications after a lull last year. A new communications model was developed, represented in this diagram.



The different sources of information that ASID creates or draws on are in the blue boxes.

The orange boxes show different ways that ASID communicates to influence practice, by making published research more accessible or by drawing attention to emerging or key issues. The green box shows the platforms ASID uses to store and share information.

An example of the model working. During the year ASID paid a journalist to summarise three research papers about employment of people with intellectual disabilities. The summaries were written in plain English and put on the website. We used Twitter and face book to tell people about the summaries.

Three more summaries of research, this time about communication, are being prepared.

The committee has also spent a lot of time thinking about the way ASID communicates – understanding the research about Plain English, Easy Read and Easy English. This work will continue in the coming year.

Board members and the secretariat will be trained in writing plain English, and we will make some guidelines about when to also use Easy Read or Easy English. The report from Laura Hogan, chair of the communications committee writes more about the work of the committee in her report in a later section.

New Strategic Objectives

Almost all the work of ASID is done by volunteers. The work happens in the Divisions and the Committees of the Board. During the year work has progressed on the new strategic objectives which are on page 3. The first two objectives are:

- increasing the inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities, their families and allies in all aspects of our work.
- strengthening engagement between different parts of AISD – the Board, Divisions and Members.

These two objectives are interconnected, both aiming to draw more people into the work of ASID. In the coming year the Board will continue developing a plan to implement these and the other strategic objectives.

Division and Committee Reports

There is a short report from each Division and committee in the following sections of this report. There is also a report from the Treasurer and the audited financial accounts.

Finally, I would want to thank everyone involved in ASID over the past year who has helped in furthering our mission.

Christine Bigby, President



BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Inclusion Practice Committee

Membership: *Bernadette Curryer (Chair), Brigit Mirfin-Veitch, Paul O'Dea*

The Inclusion Practice Committee continues to work on increasing the involvement of people with intellectual disability in the activities of ASID. We want ASID to be an example of good inclusive practice, providing accessible information, drawing on lived experience to inform our work, and recognising the contribution made by people with intellectual disability. While acknowledging that increasing the inclusivity of ASID is still a work in progress, we recognise key achievements of the past year.

Due to Covid restrictions, the ASID Conference 2021 was held online. Recognising that an online conference may create barriers for some people with intellectual disability, we developed the concept of Conference Hubs. Hubs are small groups of people with intellectual disability who come together, supported by organisational facilitators. A total of 10 Hubs were organised, with support from 5 organisations – Northcott (NSW), Centre for Disability Studies (NSW), Golden City Support Services (Vic), Community Living Program (Qld), and Flinders University (South Australia). Feedback was generally positive with participants enjoying the experience. However, they reported a need for speakers to slow down, a request for more time for Q&A, and more presentations by people with disability.

Learning from the experience of the 2021 Conference Hubs, we recognised the need for more support for the Hubs and their facilitators. A business case for the employment of a contracted Inclusion Officer was made and accepted by the Board. After an open recruitment process, Elli Bicknell was appointed and will fulfil the position over the second half of 2022. The position brief includes:

- consultation with past Hub participants
- promotion of Hubs
- revision of easy English conference guides
- provision of support to facilitating organisations for the 2022 ASID Conference

We would like to recognise the inclusion work being done, not only by the members of this committee, but also other ASID committees. The planning of accessible communication and the preparation of journal article commentaries by people with intellectual disability are just some examples. The importance that the Board places on inclusion is highlighted by a half day workshop on inclusion planned for the July 2022 Board meeting.

We look forward to continuing to improve the way ASID includes people with intellectual disability in the planning, implementation and evaluation of its work and activities.

Bernadette Curryer, Chair Inclusion Practice Committee

Communications Committee

Membership: *Laura Hogan (Chair), Christine Bigby, Hilary Johnson, Allyson Thomson & Angela Dew*

It has been a busy 12 months for the ASID Board Communication committee. In August 2021, the ASID Board endorsed a new model to guide our communication strategy (see diagram earlier in the report).

Projects which have been achieved or are underway:

1. **Topic Analysis:** A research assistant was engaged to review papers published in the past three years relevant to Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand, in the ASID and other key intellectual disability journals. Three themes (communication, quality, and access) were selected from this work to guide communication strategies for the following 12 months.
2. **Plain Language Research Summaries:** A consultant has been engaged to complete plain language research summaries on the theme of communication. This work will be completed in late January 2023.
3. **Plain Language Training:** The ASID Board has prioritised Plain language training for the Board and other key people in the organisation. This will occur in early 2023.
4. **Communication Consultant:** A communications specialist will support the committee as the communication strategy progresses
5. **Lived Experience Research Commentaries:** ASID is supporting a small group of people with intellectual disability to work with an experienced academic to select and write a commentary on one paper from each issue of RAPIDD. The first paper was published in the June 2022 issue and the second is in preparation.
6. **Webinars:** The ASID Divisions have continued to organise webinars on a diverse range of topics across the year (see table earlier in the report). This work will continue to be the responsibility of Divisions

Other items in the model, such as the conference, and the journals are the responsibility of other committees. Work on podcasts and eblasts will be prioritised for action next year.

Laura Hogan, Chair Communications Committee

Journal Committee

Membership: *Angela Dew (Chair), Christine Bigby, Brigit Mirfin-Veitch, Hilary Johnson*

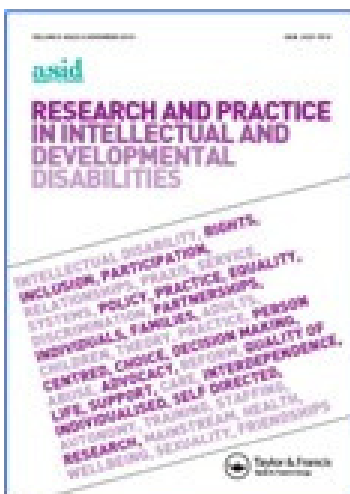
The Journal Committee continues to oversee the editorship and quality of ASID's two journals – The Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability (JIDD) and Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (RAPIDD).

During the last 12 months we have achieved the following:

- Mapping of research themes in Taylor & Francis disability journals to identify priorities for ASID translation work
- Commenced work on Plain English summaries of three ASID journal articles on Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)
- Commenced discussion about updating the Editorial Boards of JIDD and RAPIDD
- Published one self Advocate commentary in RAPIDD (second planned for 1st edition 2023)
- JIDD and RAPIDD Editor presentations at ASID conference
- Presentation of JIDD journal awards at ASID conference
- Reviewed Taylor & Francis annual publication reports on JIDD and RAPIDD

Highlights for the Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability include:

- The journal's 2021 Impact Factor was 2.093
- 146,000 article downloads in 2021, up 42% from 2020
- The most downloaded article in 2021 was Bigby, C., et al. "Predicting good Active Support for people with intellectual disabilities in supported accommodation services: Key messages for providers, consumers and regulators" with 4,307 downloads



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

- The journal is currently included in the Emerging Sources Citation Index
- 46,000 article downloads in 2021, up from 19,486 in 2020
- The most downloaded article in 2021 was Bigby, C. "The significance of research to practice during the COVID-19 pandemic" with 25,672 downloads

ASID continues to publish its journal titles with Taylor & Francis. The publishers continue to provide an excellent service to the journals with yearly 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 Associate Professor Rafat Hussain JIDD editor and Professor Christine Bigby, RAPIDD editor. The editors give many voluntary hours to ensure that the journals are of the highest standard. They are supported by their Editorial Assistants and Editorial Boards.

Angela Dew, Chair Journals Committee

FEEDBACK & REFLECTIONS ON 2021 CONFERENCE

This section summarises a research report on the 2021 conference prepared by Hilary Johnson, Christine Bigby and Angela Dew. The Board used this report to inform planning for the 2022 conference and will use it again for the 2023 conference.

In late 2019, the ASID Board aimed to gain a better understanding of who attended the annual ASID conferences and why, in order to optimise its attractiveness to delegates and contribution to furthering the mission of ASID.

The advent of COVID19 disrupted the plans for this project and forced the cancellation of the 2020 conference. A fully online conference was held in November 2021. The conference consisted of two six-hour sessions held on a Friday and the following Wednesday. In addition, to encourage the participation of people with intellectual disabilities, organisations were invited to offer an 'inclusive hub' which was a site with a facilitator where people with intellectual disability could come together as a small group and participate in the conference experience.

The aim of this project was to understand who attended the first online ASID conference, and their experiences and perceptions of the conference. Short online interviews were conducted with 25 conference registrants from across Australia and New Zealand. No registrants with intellectual disability were included in these interviews, as we did not have ethical approval for their inclusion. However, their feedback was sought through more informal methods such as the online evaluation form and a survey of inclusive hub facilitators and is reported elsewhere. Data were analysed thematically.

In summary the conference was perceived as;

- a generally positive experience undertaken by most people from home, albeit often harder to concentrate than at a face-to-face conference;
- the only conference focused on issues for people with intellectual disabilities, high quality and value for money;
- having a good virtual platform and effective technical assistance though limited access to alternative formats such as audio only via iPhone
- a strong program covering a range of relevant topics delivered in a concise and accessible manner by speakers;
- providing greater choice than traditional face to faces conferences, and the opportunity to listen later when sessions clashed;

opening up new sources of information for participants that could also be shared with colleagues;

- attempting to address complex issues of accessibility for people with intellectual disabilities which could be built on in the future;
- providing a feeling of being part of a community;
- promoting a broad cultural perspective;
- missing opportunities for social networking, meeting new people and catching up with old friends and colleagues;
- an option that could be there in the future to complement face to face conferences.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Accessibility overall and for hubs

- Continue with Easy English translations but also use other formats such as video
- Provide more advanced planning for the organisations to market and facilitate the hubs
- Provide format/s for people with intellectual disability to provide feedback from the hubs

Information (pre-conference)

- Prepare videos of the various features of the platform and highlight these in pre-conference information – and at plenaries
- Advertise conference times in relation to time zones.

Program

- Consider changing the format/order of the abstract book to follow the program.
- Consider adding a two-point take-away in plain English for each abstract
- Ensure presenters are consulted about which “audience stream” their abstracts fit
- Ask presenters to avoid unusual terms and define key concepts used in the presentation
- Consider additional ways, other than as speakers, of including people with intellectual disabilities in the face of the conference. This may require an investment of financial support by ASID
- When considering conference topics try to cover the full range of topical issues. It may be useful to consult with people with intellectual disabilities as regard their needs
- Consider the complex culturally diverse issues in Australia and New Zealand (e.g. indigeneity, refugees)
- Speakers to provide PowerPoint of conference presentation – or list of resources/references
- Ensure online presentations are checked for length before uploading
- Maximise use of platform features that give opportunities to connect with speakers and other delegates. Consider ways to build a sense of community throughout the conference. Remind participants about the use of social media. –
- Ensure the program features ASID prominently (perhaps a common backdrop for conference chairs) –
- Consider how the program can be designed to give more short breaks and opportunities for discussion among delegates

Registration

- Consider pricing policies for presenters with intellectual disabilities
- Consider ways to identify registrations for/by people with intellectual disabilities

Platform

- Look at Q&A and discussion forms – could they be made easier to navigate? Also understanding how to successfully move in and out of speakers and chat forums.
- Provide a format for listening on the phone

Post-conference

- Suggest providing forums for attendees to discuss learnings from the conference
- Consider encouraging registrants to connect with each other re topics of interest.

These recommendations have been used to inform planning for the 2022 virtual conference.

SUMMARIES OF DIVISION REPORTS

Aotearoa New Zealand (ANZ) Divisional Report

- *Committee members: Deborah Espiner (Chair), Sharon Brandford, Judy Garriock (Business Plan), Jonathan Goodwin, John Grant, Frances Hartnett (Secretary), Warren Herring, Brigit Mirfin-Veitch, Claire Stewart. Hamish Taverner, Henrietta Trip, Olive Webb. Christine Wilson. Rickardt van Dyk*
- At the beginning of the year the Committee resumed focusing on the 2022 ASID conference which was to be held in Auckland. The decision to hold an online conference removed this focus.
- Division met on 9 occasions by zoom
- An interactive workshop: Covid 19 in Aotearoa: moving forward is planned to run in at least 2 venues next year.

New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory Divisional Report

- *Committee members: Samantha Frain and Sarah Butler (Co Chairs), David Thompson (Secretary) Laura Hogan, (Financial Officer), Stuart Wark, (Communications), Bernadette Curryer, Bronwyn Newman, Michele Wiese*
- Activities of the NSW/ACT Division were heavily impacted by COVID-19 across the 21-22 financial year.
- Committee would like to recognise the substantial impact COVID-19 had on people with intellectual disabilities, their families/carers and their communities, in particular those who live in Western and Southwestern Sydney where restrictions were the most substantial. We hope that the 22-23 financial year brings a return to greater community connectivity and greater opportunities for ASID and its members.
- The Division were proud to support and participate in ASID's 2021 online conference "Reconnecting". The Division would like to acknowledge the contribution of those members who spoke at the conference including: An evaluation of Project ECHO video learning to improve mental health support to adults with intellectual disability in NSW by Dr David Thompson; and Nothing about us without us - Inclusive Governance Project by Dr Bernadette Curryer, Ms Katrina Sneath and Mr Will Harding.
- The Division would also like to acknowledge the contribution of those members who chaired a session at the conference including: Laura Hogan, Bernadette Curryer, Bronwyn Newman, Stuart Wark, David Thompson, Linda Ward and Samantha Frain.

- The Division is excited about supporting the work of ASID in the year ahead including: David Thompson's webinar "Mental health support for adults with intellectual disability in NSW" scheduled for late 2022; participating in the 2022 Conference "Inclusion – Being there, Being involved and Being valued"; and hosting an exciting opportunity in early 2023 which will provide a well needed opportunity for the NSW/ACT members to come together and exchange ideas.
- The Division would like to thank its committee, members and surrounding network of supporters, for their ongoing contributions and participation. We look forward to hearing from members and collaborating with them on engaging and innovative opportunities in the 22-23 financial year.

Queensland Divisional Report

- Six members meet regularly
- Webinars organised were:
- Parents with an Intellectual Disability. The interest generated from this webinar led to non ASID follow up seminar in Brisbane with the presenters from the ASID webinar and subsequently a national coming together of groups working in this space
- Children by Choice and WWILD research project team around peer research
- A research project related to young people with Down Syndrome and transition to adulthood.
- Division members have also contributed to ASID sub-committee projects.
- Discussions around post-Christmas activities will occur in December.

South Australia/Northern Territory Divisional Report

- *Committee members: Sally Robinson (Chair), Janet Videon (Secretary), Denice Whardall, Ruth Firstbrook, Sue Goodall, Richard O'Loughlin, Jo Poole, Ian Cummins, Judith Darragh, Karen Rogers, Samantha Bartalos, Erin Mahoney, Fiona Rillotta, Sue Michaels*
- The division had some change during the year, with the Committee refreshing and building on the expertise and membership of longstanding members.
- The Chair role passed in May 2022 from Denice Whardall to Sally Robinson. Many thanks to Denise for her leadership and collaboration – we are glad she is staying on as an active committee member. We were also pleased to welcome new committee members Fiona Rillotta, Erin Mahoney, and Sam Bartalos.
- The Divisional Committee have been meeting regularly and focused to building the connection between research and practice more strongly in South Australia.
- We surveyed SA members to get a better sense of which topics were of most interest for potential webinars. Topics of strongest interest were trauma informed practice; improving quality of support for people living in supported living; promoting and supporting good health; practice leadership; quality in support worker practice; behaviour support; and improving quality of life for people using the NDIS.

- In response to the interest indicated from members, we delivered a webinar on trauma informed practice in October 2021.
- In October, we consulted with self-advocates about their preferences for engaging with the work of ASID in SA.
- In 2023, two events will be delivered: one focused on inclusive research and another aligned with the priorities from the survey.

Tasmanian Divisional Report

- *Committee members: Chairperson Darryleen Wiggins. General members, Kristen Foss, Jenny Dixon, Michelle Haddon*
- The committee has been meeting bi-monthly on-line
- We currently have a committee of 4 and would like to increase divisional membership but find this difficult with limited organizational members.
- This year we held a webinar on-line entitled Positive Behaviour Support and Clinical Supervision. This webinar was open to all ASID members and non-members. The guest speaker was Dr Jeffrey Chan, National Senior Practitioner for the NDIS National Quality and Safeguards Commission.
- Our next session was a face-to-face workshop in collaboration with the Office of the Senior Practitioner, Tasmania backing up from the previous webinar, this one was titled Positive Behaviour Support, Principles, Practice and Quality Evaluation.



- Darryleen Wiggins continued on the ASID board as a general member this year
- ASID TAS promoted the conference hubs idea within our networks and have had good interest in providers wanting to hold a hub in their spaces. Although none was able to go forward in the end
- Tas Chairperson (Darryleen Wiggins) was involved in the committee of the annual Possability conference and facilitated the ASID Vice Chairperson to be a speaker at the conference. There may be future opportunities for ASID in the Possability Conference again next year.

Victoria Divisional Report

- *Committee Members: Brent Hayward (Chair), Coral Farr, Ben Moberely, Angela Dew, Jo Watson, Christine Bigby, Hilary Johnson.*
- The committee alternated between face to face and online meeting
- The Division hosted a webinar in August 2021 “COVID-19 and Human Rights issues for People with intellectual disabilities” presented by Dr Elena Jenkin from Deakin University
- We had planned to hold a workshop for family members about what to expect from behaviour support practitioners in December 2021. Unfortunately, this was cancelled because of further outbreaks of COVID in Melbourne. A webinar on this topic is planned for the first part of 2023.
- Brent Hayward facilitated another Divisional webinar in April 2022 on ‘STOMPing out the use of inappropriate psychotropic drugs for people with intellectual and other disabilities” with international speakers from Imperial College London and Mandy Donley the Senior Practitioner in Victoria.
- Much of our focus this year has been on ways of involving self-advocates in the activities of the division. We had several meetings with the leaders of VALID one of the self-advocacy organisations in Melbourne. VALID has a project to find out about what people living in group homes think about their support. This has been delayed due to COVID. We agreed to try and plan a joint webinar in the future about group homes. This will present the findings of the VALID project and other perspectives on group homes from academic research and perhaps also from the perspective of the community visitors program.
- VALID plan to have a hub for the 2022 conference. Together members of the Victorian committee they will talk about their experiences of the hub and the conference at the Having a Say Conference in February 2023.
- Members of the committee are looking forward to being involved in the organisation of the 2023 conference in Melbourne.

Western Australia Divisional Report

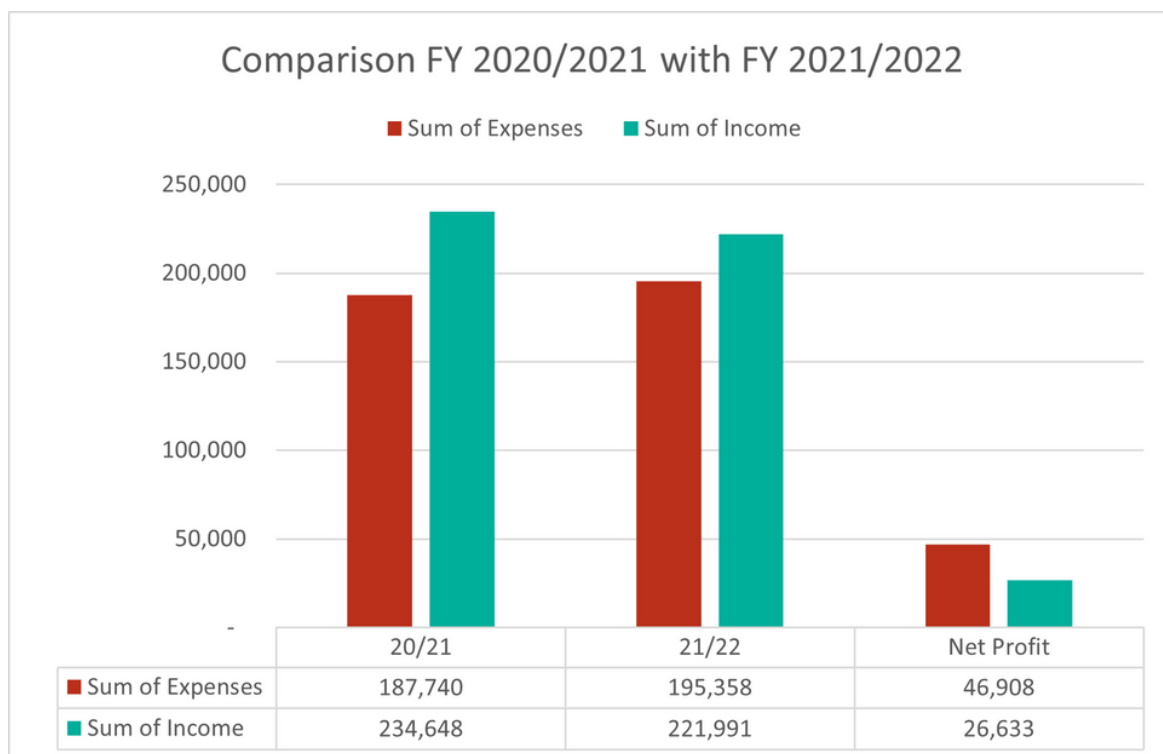
- *Committee members: Allyson Thomson (Chair), Mary Butterworth (Secretary), Britta Meyer, Chris Yates.*
- Regular committee meetings, initially by Zoom but later on in-person.
- A face-to-face conversation to find out where intellectual disability fits within the broader disability research agenda. This was attended by 42 people, many of whom were unfamiliar with ASID. Among the issues identified were: Rights; Models, perspectives and labels; Lack of evidence to support policy and processes; Participatory research and the associated difficulties.
- Special committee meeting to thank and farewell Angus Buchanan on his retirement from the committee
- Regular committee meetings will continue into next year, mostly in-person.
- The next conversation will investigate where intellectual disability sits within the NDIS, and identify the critical questions related to this issue. Proposed date 15 February 2023.
- Another proposed conversation is likely to relate to First Nations people with disability. This will take the form of a yarning session later in 2023.

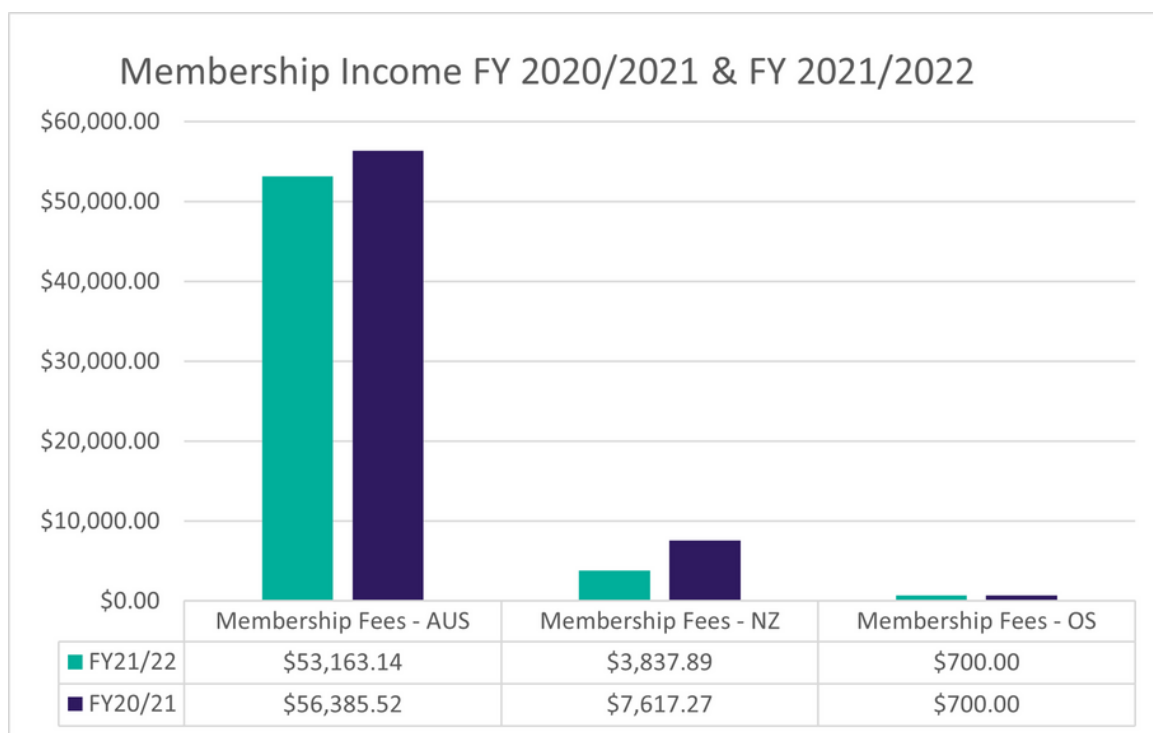
TREASURER'S REPORT

Key Points

- ASID recorded a surplus for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 of \$26,865.00
- ASID had total equity of \$707,295.00 at end of financial year compared with \$680,689.00 at the end of the 2021 financial year.
- Total revenue was down from \$234,359.00 in 2021 to \$222,223.00 in 2022. This was due to a drop in membership subscriptions and income from Taylor and Francis.
- Total expenses were up slightly in the 2022 financial year at \$195,358.00 compared with \$187,741.00 in the 2021.
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Net Profit Comparison





- Overall expenses were up in the 2021/2022 financial year compared to the 2020/2021 primarily due to an increase in secretariat services costs.
- Key revenue lines were down in 2021/22 compared to 2020/21 with membership fees do down from 65,053 to 57,701 and JIDD revenue down overall by 7,336.

Summary

Overall, ASID remains in a financially sound position with a strong equity position through significant cash reserves.

In spite of the challenges of COVID during this period, particularly on running events through good financial stewardship we have managed to record a modest surplus.

The transition to our new secretariat service provider was a seamless one and we continue to have good financial management support through robust systems and regular meetings.

John Grant – ASID Treasurer



AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS

1 JULY 2021 TO 30 JUNE 2022

Audited by Bentleys Tasmania Audit Pty Ltd



Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd

(Company Limited by Guarantee)

ABN: 41 000 865 823

Special Purpose Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD

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For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

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AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD

Director's Report

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the Company for the period ended 30 June 2022.

Directors

The names of the board members of the association during the whole financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated.

Christine Bigby (President)
Bernadette Curryer (Vice President)
John Grant (Treasurer)
Angela Dew (Secretary)
Laura Hogan

Maurice O'Connor
Paul O'Dea
Darryleen Wiggins
Allyson Thomson
Brigit Mirfin-Veitch

Objectives

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

Contributions and Winding Up

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

Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 is set out on page 11.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



President



Treasurer

Date: 4 November 2022

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD
Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
REVENUE	2	222,223	234,359
EXPENSES			
Administration & Other	3	123,001	105,244
Conferences & Events	4	4,876	14,279
Publication & Editorial	5	67,481	68,218
		<u>195,358</u>	<u>187,741</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>26,865</u>	<u>46,618</u>
Other comprehensive income		(232)	290
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>26,633</u>	<u>46,908</u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	635,203	678,914
Trade and other receivables	7	83,374	5,914
Financial Assets	8	14,514	29,496
Other Assets	9	-	13,636
Total Current Assets		<u>733,091</u>	<u>727,960</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Financial Assets	8	<u>1,579</u>	<u>1,811</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>1,579</u>	<u>1,811</u>
Total Assets		<u>734,670</u>	<u>729,771</u>
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	16,186	10,980
Other liabilities	11	<u>11,162</u>	<u>38,102</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>27,348</u>	<u>49,082</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>27,348</u>	<u>49,082</u>
Net Assets		<u>707,322</u>	<u>680,689</u>
Equity			
Retained earnings		707,295	680,430
Financial Asset Reserve		<u>27</u>	<u>259</u>
Total Equity		<u>707,322</u>	<u>680,689</u>

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Financial Asset Reserve \$	Retained Surplus \$	TOTAL \$
Balance at 1 July 2020	(31)	633,812	633,781
Financial Asset Revaluation	290	-	290
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year	-	46,618	46,618
Balance at 30 June 2021	259	680,430	680,689
Financial Asset Revaluation	(232)	-	(232)
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year	-	26,865	26,865
Balance at 30 June 2022	27	707,295	707,322

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022 \$	2021 \$
Cash flows from/(used in) operating activities			
Receipts from operations		158,789	249,708
Payments to suppliers and employees		(218,103)	(243,831)
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	12	(59,314)	5,877
Cash flows from/(used in) investment activities			
Dividends Received		141	63
Interest received		482	4,428
Net cashflows from/(used in) investment activities		623	4,491
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(58,691)	10,368
Cash at the beginning of financial year		708,408	698,040
Cash at the end of financial year	12	649,717	708,408

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. Basis of Preparation

The Board 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 in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.

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

AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements

AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows

AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 1048 Interpretation and Application of Standards

AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures

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

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, 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 valuation of the provision for long service leave.

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.

The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars (\$).

b. Income Tax

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

c. Revenue

Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the incorporated association and the revenue can reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

Interest Income

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

Royalties and Editorial Contributions

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

Membership Subscriptions

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

d. Good and 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.

e. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash & cash equivalents in the statement of financial position comprise cash at bank and in hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less where the investment is convertible to known amounts of cash and is subject to insignificant risk of changes in value.

f. Financial Instruments

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

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

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

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

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
2. REVENUE		
Membership Subscriptions	57,701	65,053
Publications	1,707	2,730
Conference Proceeds	8,528	1,060
JIDD		
Royalties	58,678	64,486
Editorial Contribution	65,000	66,456
Travel Allowance	11,000	11,000
RAPIDD		
Editorial Contribution	11,341	11,341
Divisional Income	4,918	7,262
Total Revenue	218,873	229,388
OTHER INCOME		
Interest Received	482	4,428
Dividends Received	141	63
Other Income	2,727	480
Total Other Income	3,350	4,971
TOTAL REVENUE & OTHER INCOME	222,223	234,359
3. ADMINISTRATION & OTHER EXPENSES		
Accounting	767	5,024
Auditing	1,700	2,095
Bank Charges & Fees	1,291	2,231
Communications & Marketing	1,327	10,068
Corporate Fees	91	90
Divisional Expenses	371	1,734
Executive Officer Expense	1,474	18,646
Insurance	3,552	4,307
Postage & Courier	626	527
Secretariat Services	73,013	52,739
Telephones	1,298	1,963
IT Expenses & Website	8,884	553
Other Expenses	2,327	692
Strategic Projects	26,280	4,575
	123,001	105,244

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
4. CONFERENCES & EVENTS		
Board Meetings	2,607	-
Conference Expenses	2,269	14,279
	<u>4,876</u>	<u>14,279</u>
5. PUBLICATION & EDITORIAL		
JIDD Editorial	37,015	38,775
RAPIDD Editorial	30,466	29,269
Royalties Paid	-	174
	<u>67,481</u>	<u>68,218</u>
6. CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank	635,203	678,914
	<u>635,203</u>	<u>678,914</u>
7. TRADE & OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Receivables	76,000	1,168
GST Receivable	4,498	1,912
Accrued Income	2,876	2,834
	<u>83,374</u>	<u>5,914</u>
8. FINANCIAL ASSETS		
<i>Current</i>		
Term Deposits	14,514	29,496
	<u>14,514</u>	<u>29,496</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.		
<i>Non Current</i>		
Listed Equity Securities	1,579	1,811
	<u>1,579</u>	<u>1,811</u>
9. OTHER ASSETS		
Prepayments	-	13,636
	<u>-</u>	<u>13,636</u>
10. TRADE & OTHER PAYABLES		
Accounts Payable	16,086	9,324
Other Payables	100	1,656
	<u>16,186</u>	<u>10,980</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
11. OTHER LIABILITIES		
Conference Income in Advance	-	-
Memberships in Advance	11,162	38,102
	<u>11,162</u>	<u>38,102</u>
12. CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Reconciliation of operating surplus for the year to net cash flow from operations		
Cash & Cash Equivalents		
Cash at Bank	635,203	678,914
Term Deposits	14,514	29,496
	<u>649,717</u>	<u>708,410</u>
Operating result	26,865	46,618
Adjustment for:		
Investment Income	(623)	(4,491)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(77,460)	(2,861)
(Increase)/decrease in other assets	13,636	37
Increase/(decrease) in payables	5,208	(25,995)
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities	(26,940)	(7,429)
Cash flows from operating activities	<u>(59,314)</u>	<u>5,879</u>

13. MEMBERS' GUARANTEE

The Company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum \$10 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity. At 30 June 2022 the Company had 10 members (2021: 10).

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD

DECLARATION BY OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION


The officers of the Company have determined that the Company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Directors of the Company:

- a) the attached financial statements and notes thereto comply with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, the Accounting Standards as described in note 1 to the financial statements, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- b) the attached financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2022 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 the Board made pursuant to section 60.15 (2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

President 



Treasurer

Date: 4 November 2022

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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
TO AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**

A.B.N. 41 000 865 823

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2022 there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) 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) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Bentleys Tasmania Audit Pty Ltd
Authorised Audit Company



Michael Ian Derbyshire
Director

Hobart

Date: 4 November 2022

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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD
ABN: 41 000 865 823**

Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial report of Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd (the Company), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2022, the profit and loss statement, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by the members of the Board.

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

- a) giving a true and fair view of the registered Company's financial position as at 30 June 2022, and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The special purpose financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the responsible entities' financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter

Responsibility of the Board for the Financial Report

The Board 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 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The Board's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Board determines 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.

In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing the registered Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Bentleys Tasmania Audit Pty Ltd
Authorised Audit Company

Hobart

4 November 2022



Michael Ian Derbyshire
Director