

ASID ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY

ABN: 41 000 865 823



TABLE OF CONTENTS

Our mission and strategic goals	3
Governance structure	4
Board of directors	4
Divisional chairs	4
Board committee chairs	4
President's report and overview of ASID activities	5
Treasurer's report	10
Audited financial report	11

OUR MISSION & STRATEGIC GOALS

Mission

ASID is a peak body in intellectual disability research in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand. Research gives us good evidence. Good evidence helps to make good policy and practice. Good policy and practice help people with intellectual disabilities to have good lives.

Strategic goals 2023-25

The goals of the Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability are:

- **Involve** people with intellectual disabilities, their families or friends in ASID activities
- **Publish** research that makes life better for people with intellectual disabilities
- **Share** information based on research
- **Share** new things that make a difference for people with intellectual disabilities
- **Share** information in different ways
- **Bring** people together across ASID
- **Connect** with organisations that make life better for people with intellectual disabilities
- **Manage** the business of ASID well

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Board of directors

- Christine Bigby – President
- Bernadette Curryer – Vice President (until February 2024)
- Stuart Wark – Vice President (from February 2024)
- Angela Dew – Secretary (on leave from January 2024, resigned July 2024)
- Laura Hogan – Past President and Secretary (from July 2024)
- Darryleen Wiggins – Treasurer (until July 2024)
- Alan Hough – Treasurer (from July 2024)
- Allyson Thomson
- Paul O’Dea
- Maurice O’Connor
- Prudence Lennox
- Vivienne Riches
- Henrietta Trip

Divisional committee chairs

- Hemant Thakkar – Aotearoa New Zealand
- Samantha Frain – New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory
- Maurice O’Connor – Queensland
- Fiona Rillotta – South Australia/Northern Territory
- Darryleen Wiggins – Tasmania
- Brent Hayward – Victoria
- Allyson Thomson – Western Australia

Board committee chairs

- Laura Hogan – Communications committee
- Angela Dew and then Stuart Wark – Journal committee
- Christine Bigby – Executive committee
- Vivienne Riches - Division liaison committee
- Darryleen Wiggins – Risk committee (until July 2024)
- Prudence Lennox and Allyson Thompson – Risk Committee (from July 2024)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT & OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

This report tells you about the activities of ASID for the 2023/24 financial year. This is from July 2023 to June 2024. It also looks ahead to activities from July to November 2024. Disability policy and services in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand continue to change. This means new challenges for people with intellectual disabilities and their families. Policies often pay little attention to them. ASID and its members create, publish and share research. This is very important. It raises people's awareness about things that are important to people with intellectual disabilities and their families. ASID also brings people together, online or in person to share ideas and research.

This report gives information about the things ASID has done in the last year. It is organised under our strategic directions.

Involve people with intellectual disabilities, their families or friends in ASID activities

- ASID uses plain English in most communication.
- We update the website regularly.
- We provide support for all board members.
- People with intellectual disabilities help to write articles for one of our journals.
- People with intellectual disabilities speak at events about their experiences. They also speak about policy or the research they have done.
- We write plain English research summaries for the website.
- We have started an award for disability workers who use research.

Publish research that makes life better for people with intellectual disabilities

- We renewed the publishing contract with Taylor and Francis. This is for 3 years from January 2024.
- We publish the Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (JIDD) every 3 months. It publishes only research. Users downloaded 149,000 articles in 2023. The impact factor is 1.9.
- We publish Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (RAPIDD) every 6 months. It publishes research, commentary and reviews. Users downloaded 31,000 articles in 2023. The impact factor is 1.7.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT & OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

- In 2024, we published a special issue on the Australian Royal Commission and people with intellectual disabilities.
- We published research about Facilitated Communication and the Rapid Prompting Method. This was in a Position Statement.

Share information based on research and share information in different ways

- About 300 people attended the 2023 conference in Melbourne. There were many positive comments about the conference. People said it was inclusive, and the topics were interesting. The survey of people at the conference found,
 - 91% said the quality of the keynotes were very good and good
 - 93% rated the quality of the concurrent sessions as very good and good
 - The average rating for enjoyment of the conference was 4.5/5
- We put presentations from the conference on the ASID website.
- Between July 2023 to November 2024, we held 16 events. A full list is at the end of this report.
- Speakers shared research and lived experience at these events. Speakers also shared commentary on current issues and policy.
- We share information about research on Facebook and LinkedIn.
- In 2025 we are going to produce 'conversations' about research. These will be like podcasts.

Share new things that make a difference for people with intellectual disabilities

- We send a newsletter to members with information about new resources and events.
- We wrote to Minister Shorten about access to the NDIS for people in the criminal justice system.
- We also wrote to Minister Shorten about the abuse in Irabina. Irabina is a disability service in Victoria. We asked him to make sure services used evidence.
- We gave the media award to ABC journalists Anne Connolly, Amy Donaldson, Jessica Longbottom for the Four Corners program "Careless" This was for their story about Irabina.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT & OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

Bring people together across ASID

- We wrote new guidelines for ASID divisions. This will make it easier to organise events.
- We circulate Board meeting minutes to divisions.
- SA and NSW divisions organised an event together.
- The one-day event in NSW includes speakers from Victoria, NSW and SA.
- A picture and information about each Board member is on the website.

Connect with organisations that make life better for people with intellectual disabilities

- Inclusion Australia will be a partner for the 2025 conference. We will hold this in Sydney from 10-12 November 2025. The theme is Learning from the past, Shaping the future.
- ASID is a collaborator with the National Centre for Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health.
- The Queensland division of ASID wrote a statement about health of people with intellectual disabilities. This was with other disability organisations in Queensland. It was for the state election.

Manage the business of ASID well

- The Association Specialists provide administrative support to ASID.
- We also pay experts to do some work for ASID.
- We have written a social media policy. We have written guidelines for divisions
- Scammers targeted ASID in November 2023. We lost some money.
- We put in new controls to stop this happening again.
- The Treasurer has worked to get the accounts clearer.
- We have written a finance policy.

ASID will be 60 years old in 2025. We will celebrate this at the conference.

Volunteers do most of the work of ASID. The Board thanks everyone who has contributed time to ASID this year.

Christine Bigby, President



DATE	EVENT TITLE	TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	DIVISION
25-Jul-23	Intellectual Disability and Health – What is missing? (In Person)	48	WA
25-Aug-23	Your Tales of the Tail – Focus for the Future: Pandemic & Other Events (In Person)	10	NZ
10-Oct-23	Mental Health Supports for Adults with Intellectual Disability in New South Wales (Hybrid)	53	NSW
3-Nov-23	Your Tales of the Tail – Focus for the Future: Pandemic & Other Events (In Person)	16	NZ
12-Mar-24	Criminal justice system and people with intellectual and cognitive disabilities (In Person)	39	QLD
29-Apr-24	Peer connection (In Person)	50	WA
30-May-24	An accessible approach to advance care planning (Webinar)	175	NZ
18-Jun-24	The Changing Focus of Allied Health Support in Intellectual Disability (Webinar)	59	VIC
19-Jun-24	The use and utility of do-not-resuscitate orders for people with learning disability (Webinar)	43	NZ
11-Jul-24	Stronger Together: Inclusive research with people with intellectual disability (Hybrid)	48	SA / NSW
23-Sep-24	What's working well, what's not, and what's next in the lives of people with intellectual disability (In Person)	75	QLD
3-Oct-24	Tired of spinning plates: Re-storying care in the lives of people with intellectual and learning disabilities and their family carers (Hybrid)	18	SA

DATE	EVENT TITLE	TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	DIVISION
24-Oct-24	The importance of trauma informed approaches: And parallels with disability rights (Webinar)	68	NZ
19-Nov-24	Support worker conference - meeting of minds in the middle (In Person)	Not finalised	TAS
28-Nov-24	The Disability Royal Commission: One Year On (Hybrid)	Not finalised	NSW
28-Nov-24	Introducing the survivor experiences service (Webinar)	Not finalised	NZ

Past webinar recordings and materials are accessible to all ASID members by logging into the Member's Area on the website:

<https://asid.asn.au/events-and-webinars/webinars-past/>



TREASURER'S REPORT

I became the Treasurer in April 2024.

In the past year, ASID received \$474,258. We spent \$447,046. We got \$27,212 more than we spent.

I want to talk about how much ASID owns. On 30 June 2024, we owned things worth \$816,607. We owed \$48,458. We owned \$768,149 more than we owed.

As noted in the main report, in November 2023 ASID lost money to a scammer. The scam was simple but clever. We received invoices for projects that sounded like they could be ASID projects. We got them before the ASID Conference. Everyone was focused on the conference. ASID paid the scammer's invoices. They should not have paid them. ASID lost \$20,915 to the scam.

ASID has tightened payment processes to make sure that this does not happen again. In the next financial year, we will invest some money in term deposits. This will provide more income for ASID.

Alan Hough – ASID Treasurer



AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORTS

1 JULY 2023 TO 30 JUNE 2024

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 2024

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD

Index to the Financial Report

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

Contents	Page
Director's Report	1
Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income	2
Statement of Financial Position	3
Statement of Changes in Equity	4
Statement of Cash Flows	5
Notes to the Financial Statements	6
Declaration by Officers of the Association	11
Independent Auditor's Declaration	12
Independent Auditor's Report	13

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 2024.

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)	Paul O'Dea
Stuart Wark (Vice President)	Allyson Thomson
Alan Hough (Treasurer) (joined 15/04/2024)	Prudence Lennox
Laura Hogan	Vivienne Riches
Maurice O'Connor	Henrietta Trip
Darryleen Wiggins (resigned 12/06/2024)	

Angela Dew (Honorary Secretary)

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.

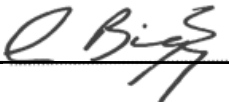
Contributions and Winding Up

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:

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

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 \$	2023 \$
REVENUE	2	474,258	280,177
EXPENSES			
Administration & Other	3	131,655	102,918
Conferences & Events	4	241,856	71,423
Publication & Editorial	5	73,535	72,030
		<u>447,046</u>	<u>246,371</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u>27,212</u>	<u>33,806</u>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		<u><u>27,212</u></u>	<u><u>33,806</u></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 2024

	Notes	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	759,595	638,171
Trade and other receivables	7	-	92,365
Financial Assets	8	14,847	14,945
Other Assets	9	-	13,193
Total Current Assets		774,442	758,673
Non-Current Assets			
Annual Conference - Seeding Fund		40,718	37,395
Financial Assets	8	1,447	1,227
Total Non-Current Assets		42,165	38,622
Total Assets		816,607	797,295
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	23,026	20,665
Other liabilities	11	25,431	35,912
Total Current Liabilities		48,458	56,577
Total Liabilities		48,458	56,577
Net Assets		768,149	740,717
Equity			
Retained earnings		768,313	741,101
Financial Asset Reserve		(164)	(385)
Total Equity		768,149	740,717

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 2024

	Financial Asset Reserve	Retained Surplus	TOTAL
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2022	27	707,295	707,322
Financial Asset Revaluation	(412)	-	(412)
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year	-	33,806	33,806
Balance at 30 June 2023	(385)	741,101	740,717
Financial Asset Revaluation	221	-	221
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year	-	27,212	27,212
Balance at 30 June 2024	(164)	768,313	768,149

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 2024

	Notes	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash flows from/(used in) operating activities			
Receipts from operations		616,564	254,663
Payments to suppliers and employees		(498,025)	(253,485)
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	12	<u>118,539</u>	<u>1,178</u>
Cash flows from/(used in) investment activities			
Dividends Received		85	127
Interest received		2,702	2,094
Net cashflows from/(used in) investment activities		<u>2,787</u>	<u>2,221</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		121,326	3,398
Cash at the beginning of financial year		<u>653,115</u>	<u>649,717</u>
Cash at the end of financial year	12	<u>774,442</u>	<u>653,115</u>

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 2024

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.

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

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 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
2. REVENUE		
Membership Subscriptions	55,137	52,924
Grant Income	-	10,000
Publications	-	60
Conference Proceeds	233,837	57,312
JIDD		
Royalties	80,337	58,229
Editorial Contribution	87,000	69,845
Travel Allowance	-	16,122
RAPIDD		
Editorial Contribution	11,919	11,919
Divisional Income	3,241	1,546
Total Revenue	<u>471,470</u>	<u>277,956</u>
OTHER INCOME		
Interest Received	2,702	2,094
Dividends Received	85	127
Total Other Income	<u>2,787</u>	<u>2,221</u>
TOTAL REVENUE & OTHER INCOME	<u>474,258</u>	<u>280,177</u>
3. ADMINISTRATION & OTHER EXPENSES		
Accounting	752	1,954
Auditing	3,250	2,800
Bank Charges & Fees	1,110	1,601
Communications & Marketing	-	936
Corporate Fees	96	46
Divisional Expenses	6,425	700
Dues & Subscriptions	697	-
Insurance	6,003	3,789
Miscellaneous Expense	20,915	-
Postage & Courier	38	-
Secretariat Services	69,286	53,707
Telephones	930	711
IT Expenses & Website	3,810	6,648
Other Expenses	2,792	(315)
Storage	500	-
Strategic Projects	15,050	30,340
	<u>131,655</u>	<u>102,918</u>

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
11. OTHER LIABILITIES		
Memberships in Advance	25,431	35,912
	<u>25,431</u>	<u>35,912</u>
12. CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Reconciliation of operating surplus for the year to net cash flow from operations		
Cash & Cash Equivalents		
Cash at Bank	759,595	638,171
Term Deposits	14,847	14,945
	<u>774,442</u>	<u>653,116</u>
Operating result	27,212	33,806
Adjustment for:		
Investment Income	(2,787)	(2,221)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	89,101	(8,991)
(Increase)/decrease in other assets	13,193	(50,647)
Increase/(decrease) in payables	2,361	4,479
Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities	(10,481)	24,750
Cash flows from operating activities	<u>118,599</u>	<u>1,178</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 2024 the Company had 10 members (2023: 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 2024 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: