

40 years of care and support

Annual Report 2021



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Victoria

40^{YRS}
OF CARE & SUPPORT

What we stand for...

OUR MISSION

MND Victoria's mission is to provide and promote the best possible care and support for people living with MND.

"People living with MND" includes people who have been diagnosed, those yet to be diagnosed, carers, former carers, families, friends, workmates, and any other person whose life is, or has been affected by a diagnosis of MND.

THE CORNFLOWER

The blue cornflower is the symbol of hope for people living with MND – hope for finding the cause; hope for the development of treatments, and for cure. The cornflower represents positive hope for the future – a future without MND.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

MND Victoria acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live, work, and learn. We recognise and respect the enduring relationship they have with their lands and waters, and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

OUR OBJECTIVES

1. Provide the best possible care and support to people living with MND
2. Improve community awareness and support of MND Victoria
3. Be known as the expert voice for MND and the needs it creates
4. Promote and support research into care, support, treatment and cure for MND
5. Underpin our strategy by remaining sustainable

STATE COUNCIL

(AS AT 30TH JUNE 2021)

David Lamperd* *President*
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Chloe Williams

*Has a personal association with MND



2021 sees MND Victoria proudly acknowledging 40 years of provision of care and support to people living with MND.

In 1981, a small group of volunteers impacted by MND joined together to form the Motor Neurone Society of Victoria – now of course the Motor Neurone Disease Association of Victoria. 40 years on we are a team of 35 dedicated staff, providing support to approximately 515 people living with MND in Victoria and Tasmania on any given day.

The 2020/21 financial year has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Services in the main were delivered remotely in the last half of 2020, with staff returning to the office and face-to-face support, where required, in early 2021. We are grateful that our equipment service was unaffected by the pandemic and required restrictions, with deliveries and collections continuing as usual throughout the year. We are proud of the high quality of care and support we continue to provide, regardless of the challenges we are presented with. We received lots of great feedback from clients about the small gift packs we sent out in August and thank Vitality Brands for their donation of hundreds of tubes of EpZen Soothe body lotion which was so appreciated.

We were successful in our application to the Commonwealth Home Support Program for COVID-19 Emergency funds which allowed us to increase our telephone and video contact with our over 65-year-old clients – in particular those receiving support through our Keeping Connected Program.

We also thank FightMND who provided a grant of nearly \$400,000 for the purchase of Assistive Technology for our Equipment Service. We were able to upgrade and add to many of the equipment types we provide to people living with MND, to ensure timely access to excellent quality equipment.

Despite the cancellation of so many in person events – we were able to maintain our fundraising through our virtual Tour of Victoria and our Christmas and Tax Appeals. In addition, we were still able to contribute over \$200,000 to research via MND Research Australia. We thank the Superball and Rock Off teams for raising significant funds, without being able to hold their big events.

The year saw us deliver on some big projects. We completed the transition to Salesforce at the end of March. This was a huge piece of work involving a group of Salesforce Champions who were involved in advising on required customisations, writing the process manuals and teaching their colleagues how to use the system; and the whole team spending time learning how the new system worked. We thank Alex, Deb, Eric, Eric, Liz, Isabelle, Jenny W, Jo, Olivia, Rebecca and Ruby for all their hard work in getting us “Salesforce ready”.

We were pleased to be able to second Sarah Solomon, senior Occupational Therapist at Calvary Health Care Bethlehem's (CHCB) specialist MND clinic to work with us for two months to assist in a review of our equipment stock and improve the selection and prescribing experience for allied health therapists. This will help to ensure that the people living with MND that we support get even more efficient access to high quality, appropriate assistive technology. We thank Sarah and CHCB for their assistance and support in this project.

A working group of State Councillors and staff worked together to develop MND Victoria's first ever Reconciliation Action Plan, which we introduced in May.

After 21 years of loyal service to the MND Victoria State Council, David Ali stepped down from our

State Council to take up the role of CEO of MND Australia. State Council was able to benefit from David's strong leadership skills and experience during his role as President for 7 years – from 2006 to 2013. We thank David for his service to MND Victoria and look forward to working with him in his new role.

After 10 amazing years as our Manager of Supporter Development, Kathy Nightingale retired from the Association. Kathy's contribution to the organisation and the MND Community was enormous, and we warmly thank her for her dedication, innovation and hard work. Daniel Woodrow was promoted to the role of Manager – Supporter Development and Communications and we look forward to seeing what he brings to the role.

We also farewelled David Harkin as Coordinator of our Equipment Service after 23 years of service. We thank David for his contribution to the Association and the MND Community and wish him well for the future.

Three staff left the organisation during the year, and we thank David, Kathy and Megan for their contributions. We welcome Amy, Callum, Janet, Leah, Lynn, Olivia, and Ruby to the team.

We are very proud of, and sincerely thank, all the team at MND Victoria as they continue to provide a high quality of care and support, notwithstanding the continual challenges presented during this COVID-19 influenced environment.



David Lamperd President



Jeremy Urbach Treasurer



Kate Johnson CEO

Our Advocacy

Our advocacy to the NDIS and My Aged Care for appropriate level of funded support for people living with MND continues.

Our advocacy activities across the year included:

- We are an active member of the Assistive Technology for All Alliance (ATFA) – a national alliance of peak bodies and consumer advocates spanning the health, ageing and disability sectors. The group advocates for a single assistive technology program to meet the needs of people with disability who are excluded from the NDIS.
- We have been significant contributors to MND Australia's responses to:
 - The Senate enquiry on Independent Assessments
 - NDIS consultation paper on Planning Policy for Budget Flexibility in the NDIS
 - Response to the draft recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care
- We wrote to independent Federal Senators and members of Parliament to express our concerns around the proposed implementation of Independent Assessments and secured a meeting with Dr Helen Haines Independent MP for Indi.
- We meet regularly, along with our national colleagues, with senior representatives from the NDIS national office to discuss ways in which NDIS support for people with MND could improve.
- We have regular scheduled meetings with the NDIS Director – National Delivery for Victoria and Tasmania to discuss issues or challenges for individual clients, or emerging themes for those we support. This relationship is very positive and ensures

our clients receive timely and positive responses when meeting challenges within the NDIS.

- We had one positive meeting with senior staff from the Commonwealth Department of Health and My Aged Care but have not had any follow up from this meeting. The recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aged Care showed some positive intent from the Commonwealth to improve services for people over 65 with disability, but it remains to be seen how these will be operationalised.



Research

Every year, MND Victoria, through the support of our fundraisers, contributes funds to MND Research Australia for research into cause, treatment, cure and care of MND.



Many of these funds come from our Walks to D'Feet MND, as well as 2 major fundraisers – Superball and Rock Off for MND (Jen Simko MND Research Grant). With the pandemic preventing many of our Walks in 2020/21 the funds we were able to contribute – whilst still significant, were reduced. These funds will be allocated to research grants in 2021/22.

Funds raised in 2019/20 were applied to the following research grants:

Jenny Simko MND Research Grant

Lead Investigator: Dr Samantha Barton

Institution: Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, VIC

Title: Could abnormal myelin composition be exacerbating neuronal dysfunction in MND?

Mavis Gallienne and Graham Lang MND Victoria Research Grant

Lead Investigator: Professor David Berlowitz

Institution: Austin Health/University of Melbourne, VIC

Title: NIV@Home

Superball XI MND Research Grant

Lead Investigator: Dr Susan Mathers

Institution: Calvary Health Care Bethlehem/Monash University, VIC

Title: Identifying and responding to the health literacy needs of people living with MND/ALS – a coordinated national approach

MND Victoria also directly funded Calvary Health Care Bethlehem for their research into Neck Weakness in MND, a project we hope will lead to improvements in support for people living with MND in the future.

Support Services



MND Victoria's Support Services focus on delivering services to people living with MND in Victoria and Tasmania to support them to live better for longer, remain active in their community and to be safe in their environment, through the provision of four key program areas:

- Advisor and Support Coordination
- Assistive Technology
- Education and Client Support
- Volunteer Service

2020/21 FACTS:

PEOPLE SUPPORTED BY MND VIC

673

VICTORIANS

51

TASMANIANS

REPORTED MND DEATHS:

174

VICTORIANS

19

TASMANIANS

"Janet allows me to talk with somebody who has an understanding of issues with MND."

Client of MND Victoria

Advisor and Support Coordination Service

Our team of MND Advisors and Support Coordinators provide individualised support to people with MND, their carers and families. They assist them to navigate the complexities of the NDIS, My Aged Care and Health service systems, co-ordinate the multi-disciplinary support available and advocate for the best possible care and support for every person with MND with whom we work.

This year the Advisor team and our clients have been challenged by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and many work practices have changed. We have seen a significant shift from face-to-face visits to telehealth and videoconference. Many of the Advisor staff have worked autonomously from home with remote support. The Advisor team and our clients have showed great resilience and flexibility in adapting to this situation.

We now have 16 Advisors (13.9 FTE) working across Victoria and Tasmania. Currently each full time Advisor supports 35 to 40 people living with MND. The team maintains strong relationships with service providers and networks across Victoria, Tasmania and nationally. An example of this is the well-established relationship we have now developed with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). We have provided specific MND training to MND subject matter expert NDIS planners, which leads to positive plans and funding budgets for our NDIS client group. Our monthly meetings with NDIS provide opportunities for ongoing learning and problem solving to provide the best outcomes for our clients.

Establishing the same relationships with My Aged Care providers is an ongoing challenge. Despite the Aged Care Royal Commission outcomes, lack of access to aged care packages and appropriate funding for Assistive Technology continues to be an issue of concern. This is a passion and area of unease for the MND Advisor team. The Advisors strive to support their over 65 clients by advocating with them and linking to available services.

Robyn was very complimentary of Trish and all of her hard work as Leonard's Advisor. She said that as soon as Trish walked through their door, they knew she was their "cup of tea".

She said "Trish is the absolute gold standard", and she is very thankful for all of her hard work and advice.

This year we have evaluated our Keeping Connected (KC) program. This enabled us to employ a qualified health care professional in the specific role of KC Advisor. The role was expanded to include more responsibility for follow up as well as more time to engage with clients and families. The program is now supporting 75 clients who are over 65, and have a slower-progressing disease and have other established supports in place, such as residential aged care or home care services.

The Advisors continue to have strong links to all 3 MND Clinics in Victoria – Calvary Healthcare Bethlehem, MND Clinic Barwon and the MND Clinic at Bundoora Extended Care. In addition, we have established strong links with the new MND Clinic at Launceston General Hospital in Tasmania.

Jo Whitehouse
Manager of Support Services

Eric Kelly and Elizabeth Crask
Team Leaders - MND Advisors and Support Coordinators



2020/21 FACTS:

**HOURS DELIVERED
TO CLIENTS BY MND
ADVISORS**

15,683

VICTORIA

2020/21: 11,975

NEW MEMBERS WITH MND

242

VICTORIA & NSW

2020/21: 209

29

TASMANIA

2020/21: 51

**PERCENTAGE OF
CLIENTS UNDER
AND OVER 65**

OVER 65:

53%

2020/21: 55%

UNDER 65:

47%

2020/21: 45%

Assistive Technology

Our Equipment Service continues to provide and maintain high quality Assistive Technology (AT) to support people with MND, their carers and families at no personal cost.

We are proud to have provided 2,756 pieces of individual equipment to people with MND during 2020/21.

This year our Equipment Service has undertaken some significant changes to improve our processes, in line with our mission of providing and promoting the best possible care and support for people living with MND.

These changes have been informed by:

- a review of our Equipment Service led by Sarah Solomon, an external allied health professional who has both professional and personal experience with MND
- our newly formed Equipment Reference Group which comprises a number of Allied Health professionals (OTs, Physiotherapists and Speech Pathologists) from the three MND clinics and private practitioners with expertise supporting people with MND.

These initiatives have helped the Association identify opportunities for improvement in our equipment service provision and enabled sharing of key advancements in assistive technology.

We have introduced a new online ordering process and have detailed information about the 213 types of equipment available in our loan library accessible on our website. We have received excellent feedback from the Allied Health Professionals that prescribe and order equipment on behalf of people diagnosed with MND.

We have transitioned all of our equipment assets into our new database, which allows us to track and monitor our assets, process requests, and obtain reports more efficiently. Moving from one system to another always provides challenges and the need to tweak and adapt, but we feel we now have a substantially improved coding and tracking system.

Some of the statistics listed in the annual report may not be comparative with prior years as we have changed the way we code and count some of our assets, especially accessories. For example, previously our commodes would have one code for the commode frame and an additional code for the seat – we now only have one code for the commode and seat. They are counted as one asset, as you can't have one without the other! By making this small change it has had quite a substantial impact on our stock counts and reports. Where it seems we have minimised our asset numbers in the loan library, we have, in fact, only consolidated these assets. Please bear this in mind when looking at the statistics included in the report.

We continue our close relationship with our offsite third-party equipment managers, ALTER, Pegasus and Magic Mobility to ensure that equipment is dispatched, retrieved, and maintained as efficiently and effectively as is as possible, and in the last year, in a COVID-safe manner.

Several volunteers have continued to provide administrative support to the Equipment Service team during the last 12 months. Unfortunately, their much-valued contributions have been severely disrupted due to the unpredictable and ongoing COVID-19 workplace restrictions.

We continue to receive a number of grants, bequests and donations to support the work of the Equipment Service, which we are extremely grateful for. In particular we were thrilled to receive a grant of \$396,000 from FightMND which enabled us to purchase a significant amount of new equipment.

The acquisition of new assets allows us to retire older equipment to ensure people with MND receive the highest quality, contemporary equipment possible.

iPAD PROGRAM IS WORTH A SPECIFIC MENTION!

iPads are a valuable communication tool available to all our clients. They have traditionally been provided by MND Victoria to aid with communication, socialisation and reduce isolation. Following an extensive review of the program this year, it was identified that whilst iPads were being made available through our loan library, they were not necessarily being used to their full capacity. A collaborative project with the Speech Pathology Department at Calvary Health Care Bethlehem and our volunteer team has improved the uptake and use of the iPads.

"Love the new order template was so quick"

Justine Fish - Occupational Therapist/Director

Amy Schneider

Equipment Service Team Leader

SIGNIFICANT EQUIPMENT PURCHASED DURING 2020/21:

	2020/21
Pressure cushions	78
Tilt manual wheelchairs	18
Walking frames	33
Electric lift/recline armchairs	37
Nebulisers	22
Standard manual wheelchairs	36
Tilt in space powerchairs	6
Portable ramps	17
Overbed tables	10
Standing aids	8
Electric floor hoists	16
iPad Air & Mini	25

"Please know how highly valued your work and caring staff are in our community."

Diana Collins



2020/21 FACTS:

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED DURING THE YEAR

193

NEW CLIENTS RECEIVING EQUIPMENT

554

TOTAL NO. OF PEOPLE WHO USED A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT DURING THE YEAR

2,756

EQUIPMENT ITEMS PROVIDED

304

CLIENTS WITH EQUIPMENT AT 30/06/2021

1,756

REQUESTS FROM ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO THE EQUIPMENT SERVICE, (OFTEN FOR MORE THAN 1 PIECE OF EQUIPMENT)

2,109

EQUIPMENT ITEMS RECOVERED (RETURNED)

Education and Client Support

The focus for this year in the Education and Client Support Team has been connection and collaboration. It has been a priority to strengthen our connection with those living with MND, their family and friends, health professionals and those in the wider MND community.

Among the developments and achievements, we have:

- Streamlined our registration process, adding an online web form to the suite of registration options.
- We have also converted all of our key information kits into digital format, so that people wanting information about MND can choose digital or hard copy versions. This has been a great addition to how we offer our resources, especially during the COVID restrictions.
- Facilitated Living With MND groups for people diagnosed with MND and their carers on a regular basis via Zoom. Use of remote technology was necessary for us to be able to provide groups on an ongoing basis despite the on and off again COVID lockdowns. But a silver lining has been that we can connect people from all over Victoria and Tasmania in this way!
- Run more frequent Information Sessions for people living with MND, their family and friends.
- Collaborated with the Calvary Health Care Bethlehem health professional team to make Social Communication groups available to people living regionally across Victoria and Tasmania
- Engaged clients to share their MND journeys and experience with people who have been more newly diagnosed.

In addition to improvements to current services, new options have been made available. Services introduced in 2020-2021 include:

- Health Professionals Webinar Series presented in collaboration with experts in the field from across the country:
 - 'MND 101'
 - 'MND & OT'
 - 'MND & the NDIS'

Each session was attended by over 80 allied health professionals.

- Information Sessions for Service Providers in both Victoria and Tasmania
- Health Professionals E-Newsletter

We have continued to forge connections with MND Australia and the other state associations. This has included involvement in the MND Connect Info Line peer support group and reviews of our information resources with the National Information Shared Services group.

Information Sessions for Service Providers:

"From my point of view that was one of the best webinar type sessions I have been to in the last 5 or so years."

Living With MND Group:

"We found the support welcoming and don't feel so isolated."

Developing connections with international MND/ALS associations has helped us expand and develop the services we provide as we were able to meet with international counterparts and engage in shadowing opportunities via Zoom.

We will soon welcome two new health professionals to the Education and Client Support team and look forward to the knowledge and ideas they will bring to the team. In the year ahead we will continue connecting, adapting and improving the services offered and will closely monitor the feedback provided by those in the MND community.

Olivia Verschuur

Education and Client Support Team Leader



Information Sessions for people living with MND, family and friends:

"It was an incredibly life affirming and humbling way to start the working week by hearing some of the experiences shared on the call."



2020/21 FACTS:

TYPE OF RESOURCE SENT OUT

271

GENERAL INFORMATION KITS

GENERAL INFORMATION PACKS:

242 VIC AND 29 TAS

WELCOME (EVERYTHING WITHIN) PACKS:

242 VIC AND 29 TAS

180

GP INFORMATION KITS

4,361

MND NEWS - HARD COPIES (5 EDITIONS)

38,273

MND NEWS E-VERSION (5 EDITIONS)

3,258

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS E-NEWS (2 EDITIONS)

Volunteer Services

MND Victoria volunteers are central to the organisation and have been for the forty years of its existence.

Driven by the identified needs for support and information of people living with MND, their family members and health professionals – a small group formed 40 years ago, determined to make a difference. During 1981 – the International Year for Disabled People - this small group of volunteers met, providing information and swapping stories, and then formed the Motor Neurone Society of Victoria. Over the years MND Victoria has developed and grown the resources it has available to support people living with MND. The underpinning support provided by our volunteers has been a constant feature across the organisation for those 40 years and continued in the past twelve months.

We were very fortunate to be able to celebrate National Volunteer Week in May this year with a number of volunteer gatherings. Volunteers in Bendigo and Ballarat met at local celebrations. In Melbourne, MND Victoria volunteers were the first community group to be welcomed back to Government House with a tour of the building and the “Peace and Prosperity Garden”. We were also able to hold a recognition event at our Canterbury Office and were honoured to welcome Mavis Gallienne, one of the founding members of MND Victoria and later a member of MND Victoria’s State Council, the first President of MND Australia and the Chair of the International Alliance of MND/ALS Associations, as our guest speaker.

2020 marked 30 years for the Barwon Support Group. The work this group has done to promote awareness of MND in their local area, to raise funds and to support people living with MND is hugely appreciated.

This year marks 30 years that Marian Lowe has been volunteering with MND Victoria. We acknowledge and thank Marian for everything she has contributed over those years and for her ongoing support and involvement.

The impacts of COVID-19 have affected MND Victoria Volunteer Programs over the past year.

We have been very fortunate to have the ongoing support of our volunteers who have been ready to assist wherever and whenever they can. In March our volunteers were once again present at the Wandin Park Equestrian Event. When a Golf Day was planned in April – again, our volunteers were there to help. We are very grateful for their contributions and enthusiasm.

Our Program Support volunteers provided enormous assistance to the organisation over the past year. While opportunities to work from our Canterbury Office have been limited due to COVID restrictions, volunteers in Merchandise and Reception have made all the difference by transitioning to completing tasks from home. We have also appreciated the assistance many of our volunteers have provided in completing specific projects from home which have enabled us to continue to develop and improve the services we provide.

Volunteers have shown their commitment and flexibility in the way they work. Our Client Support Volunteers have continued in their roles as COVID restrictions have allowed over the past year. Our Life Story Volunteers have continued to work remotely and over the past year have completed six Life Stories.

In a partnership project with Calvary Healthcare Bethlehem we have developed and launched our new iPad Buddy Volunteers. iPad Buddies are confident iPad users who are able to work with people who have been provided an iPad by MND Victoria to help build their skills and confidence in using it. We are excited to have five volunteers available in this new role and look forward to engaging with more and more iPad users.

Our volunteers have continued to be engaged and are motivated to do more when they can. Over the past year regular online education sessions have been well attended with volunteers completing over 240 hours of online and in person education and training sessions.

In June additional Hand and Foot Massage volunteers completed their training to prepare them for their new role while existing volunteers took part in a refresher day – continuing to develop and share their skills.

We thank all our volunteers for their commitment and support across the 2020/21 financial year – and for showing the same dedication and determination that the first volunteers showed 40 years ago in establishing the Association.

Deb Olive

Coordinator of Volunteer Programs



"Thankyou Deb and MND Vic for yet another amazing event to celebrate National Volunteers Week. The care and thought put into these events is really appreciated and makes us feel really valued for our involvement with such a great organisation"



2020/21 FACTS:

MND VOLUNTEERS

942

VOLUNTEER HOURS
CONTRIBUTED

119

REGISTERED/ACTIVE
VOLUNTEERS

85

VOLUNTEERS ATTENDING
TRAINING

4

SUPPORT GROUPS

5

NEW VOLUNTEERS

Supporter Development and Communication

What a year.

It was a privilege to take the reins of the Supporter Development and Communication team from Kathy Nightingale back in August. The bar had been set high for many years, and it is an honour to continue the incredible work Kathy led and take it into a new era.

There is nothing like taking on the challenge of raising funds in the middle of a pandemic, with lockdowns impacting so many major and traditional revenue streams. The first objective, which will continue for years to come, was to reframe the team into one which prioritises communications in all forms over a traditional fundraising team. The idea behind this is that with great communications, fundraising will follow. The overarching team name changed from 'Fundraising' to 'Supporter Development' 2 years ago, and we decided to rename it the 'Supporter Development and Communications' team back in August to reflect the new focus.

To coincide with this change, Steph Cross, who had been with us for 7 months, moved from part-time to full-time and into the Communications and Fundraising Officer role. Steph has a Communications degree and it made sense to utilise her skills and knowledge in the best and most effective way possible.

The team's first major challenge for the year was to transition our flagship Melbourne Walk to D'Feet MND event into an event that suited the pandemic landscape and allowed our community to participate in something meaningful, whilst raising the much-needed funds our traditional Walk event would usually bring in. We lent on the Walk idea but turned it into an event where we encouraged people to walk in their local area as a family or group for 14 consecutive days. Instead of a one-day event, we took the opportunity to run a campaign that allowed us to showcase a major part of MND Victoria's story - our vital

MND Advisor/Support Coordinator service. And so, the Tour of Victoria was born.

At the time, we had 14 MND Advisors who managed a specific geographic area, covering all corners of the state. Our campaign was focused on virtually walking through each of these areas and highlighting who the Advisors are with some fun facts, whilst also shining a light on some important statistics in each area. The campaign was backed by a fun and interactive webpage, daily email communication, and plenty of creative social media work. We encouraged our participants to share the stories of why they were taking part and we then shared them on our social media channels to highlight the real meaning of why raising funds for MND Victoria is so important. This was more of a storytelling campaign rather than a physical event. It proved to be a huge success, with 980 participants and \$282,000 raised. It was our most successful event/campaign of all time.

The pandemic meant the cancellation of the majority of our community-based fundraising events, which have always been a huge revenue stream for the Association. There was no point dwelling on the losses as we needed to push on, learn to adapt and focus on what we could control. We knew we could focus on our communications strategy to enhance our profile within the MND community and to new audiences. In November 2020, we launched our new website (www.mnd.org.au). This website was a large step into the current times as we improved the look, quality of information, accessibility, user experience, and it allowed us to have a 'one-stop shop'.

The website is the primary source of information for anyone on the MND journey, our members, health professionals, staff, volunteers, donors, fundraisers, and anyone looking for the most up-to-date information around MND and the services MND Victoria provide.

The website hosts all e-commerce activities which means we can now accept donations, sell merchandise, host fundraising pages from community fundraisers, and provide tickets to all sorts of events through our own platform instead of various third-party fundraising websites. This is a huge advantage, and the results are already very positive.

In December, we consolidated our improved communications plan by hiring Lynn La into the new role of Digital Marketing Officer. Lynn has already made a significant impact in MND Victoria's digital presence by taking ownership of the new website, working on specific digital marketing strategies, and ensuring our social media presence is one of the best in the sector. MND Victoria has utilised Facebook well over the past few years, but there was no doubt the pandemic ensured we had an even greater opportunity to use Facebook as our primary source of information to the MND community and wider public, as so many more eyes have been on screens since restrictions began. On top of Facebook, the team has also utilised Instagram and LinkedIn to reach different audiences with engaging and appropriate content.

The digital world has been a significant focus, however we haven't just made changes in that space. The MND Victoria newsletter has been a vital part of our communications to members for decades. This year, through some consultation with stakeholders, we focused on quality over quantity and refreshed the look. We have balanced the cost of production with ensuring high quality content is published each quarter so those who read the newsletter are kept up to date and informed with all that's happening in the MND space.

MND Victoria has a fantastic relationship with a business known as The Producers. The team film, edit, and create many wonderful videos that allow people within the MND Victoria community to share their stories and, in turn, promote the work of MND Victoria. These videos are used by our team in various ways and really align with our storytelling and communications strategy. The two videos that had the largest audience this year were our Christmas and Tax Appeal videos. Our Christmas Appeal video featured an inspirational couple, Lance and Cecile. Lance is living with MND and his wife, Cecile, is legally blind. This story was incredibly moving and was the centrepiece of one of our major campaigns. Our Christmas Appeal raised \$39,216 which is on par with previous years, but the awareness it brought is priceless. Our Tax Appeal featured Graham Casson and his beautiful family. The video we published was 6 minutes which is unusually long, but the content was so good and not much deserved to be cut out. Graham's heart-warming story was posted out to approximately 3,500 people and viewed 19,130 times online. We are very thankful to Graham's son, Trent, who secured print advertising and feature stories in various major regional newspapers. There is no doubt more people than ever have laid eyes on an MND Victoria Tax Appeal and MND Victoria's brand.

Although our fundraising streams have been dramatically impacted just like everyone else in the sector, we have continued to see the amazing generosity and understanding of those within the MND community. We are currently working with a group of 25 dedicated individuals who are taking on our Three Peaks challenge. The group's fundraising is already over \$50,000! In between restrictions and lockdowns, we have seen a handful of dedicated fundraisers put on incredible events to raise funds and awareness. We have seen many new donors who wish to support the work of the Association. We have seen those who donate to our yearly appeals continue to

do so and, in some cases, donate more than they ever have before. Several trusts and foundations have continued to support the work of the Association. Many families have very generously encouraged their friends and family to donate to MND Victoria in memory of a loved one they have lost to MND. Those that have not been able to support us financially are still as important as ever - they have been our advocates and are helping us by telling the MND Victoria story to many different networks we do not necessarily reach. We cannot thank the MND community and all our supporters enough.

Amongst everything happening around us, 2021 marked a huge milestone for the Association. MND Victoria was founded in 1981 which means this year is our 40th anniversary. We re-branded for the year to acknowledge the 40 years of care and support we have provided to tens of thousands of families impacted by MND. We also want to acknowledge and thank all those before us who have enabled and ensured the best possible care and support for Victorians living with MND has continually improved. We wish we did not need to exist; however, our job remains simple - we need to raise the funds that allow people living with MND now, and in the future, to receive the appropriate care and support to ensure they live as well as possible for as long as possible.

The future, in general, is as unpredictable as ever, but our team has the people and plans in place to ensure 2021/22 delivers results that greatly benefit Victorians impacted by MND. Our mission is 'To provide and promote the best possible care and support for people living with MND'. We are driven to ensure that 'best possible' can be even better than it is today, and we know with the support of the MND community, we will achieve that.

Daniel Woodrow

Manager – Supporter Development and Communications



2020/21 FACTS:

SOCIAL MEDIA



5,001

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

116,732

INSTAGRAM REACH



12,488

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

789,906

FACEBOOK REACH

86,343

FACEBOOK ENGAGEMENT



247

LINKEDIN FOLLOWERS

15,617

LINKEDIN IMPRESSIONS

40 years of care and support

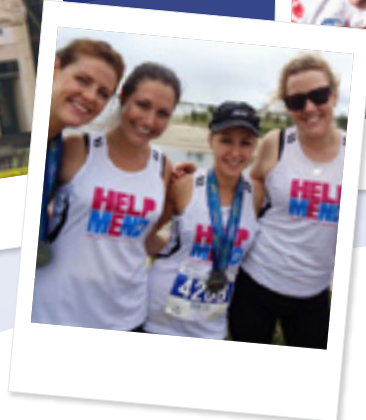


1981–1990

- 1981** The Motor Neurone Society was founded on 13 October by Michelle and Nandi Kaszonyi and others at a public meeting at Bethlehem Hospital. Nandi and Michelle placed letters in newspapers asking for anyone with MND to contact them.
- 1983** Assisted by the Oakleigh Lions Club who generously provided a lease and two years rent, the Society moved to a shop in Kangaroo Road, Oakleigh. Monthly meetings took place at the Recreation Hall at Caulfield General Medical Centre. The shop was small, so it was mostly used as a contact point for people living with MND. Due to size limitations, equipment was stored at a residential garage in Cheltenham. Volunteers made the journey between the shop and the garage regularly and were responsible for distributing much needed equipment.
- 1984** First seminar on MND held in cooperation with Bethlehem Hospital and MS Society. Until 1984, our services were exclusively provided by volunteers. With rapid growth, a Coordinator of Volunteers was employed to lead them.
- 1985** Support groups were initiated in 1985 with the creation of North Central Support Group. Similar groups soon followed in Gippsland, Echuca, Birchip, and Shepparton.
- 1986** MND Victoria moved from a shop in Kangaroo Road, Oakleigh, to 518 Kooyong Road, Caulfield South. The new house was named in honour of Ian Coates, a former VFL umpire, ex-president of the Society, and person living with MND. It was also the year in which the Society appointed their first Executive Officer, Lois Donald.
- 1987** Warragul Jaycees produce the ETRAN Board. This was also the first year MND Research Australia had a research grant here in Australia.
- 1988** Edna Farris was appointed as a part-time secretary to help with general office work for the first time.
- 1989** The first MND Awareness Week and National Conference of Australian Motor Neurone Societies was held.
- 1990** Representatives of The Society attended the UK MNDA Conference. This helped establish links and information sharing between other organisations.

1991–2000

- 1991** The first Town and Country Fete was held at the Ian Coates Centre. This was also the year our national body was formed. The Motor Neurone Disease Association of Australia (MNDAA) was established to undertake work that would assist the state associations (like MND Victoria) to provide services to people with MND.
- 1992** Following the 3rd International Symposium on ALS/MND, the International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations was established. Delegates from around the world, including our own Mavis Gallienne, came together in England to discuss forming an international organisation whose aim would be to support associations providing care and services to people living with ALS/MND and also to promote and stimulate research. From these discussions, the Alliance was eventually born.
- 1994** In December, Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, met with members and friends of MND Victoria at the Caulfield Town Hall. She was named Patron of the Motor Neurone Disease Association in the UK in the 1990s and did a lot of work around promoting research. Judith Durham became a Patron of the MND Association of Australia.
- 1996** Named after Nina Buscombe, the "Ninas" debuted. The Ninas are awarded to an individual for their contribution and commitment to improve services, management and research for people living with motor neurone disease through travel, training and attending international conferences.
- 1997** The first ALS/MND Global Awareness Day was held on 21 June. June 21 is a solstice – a turning point – and each year the ALS/MND community undertake a range of activities to express their hope that this day will be another turning point in the search for cause, treatment and cure of ALS/MND.
- 1998** MND Victoria relocated to a new premises at 265 Canterbury Road, Canterbury.
- 1999** This year, the 'Equipment - it's a corker' recycling project commenced to collect and sell recycled cork. The funds received from the sales of the recycled cork were used to purchase much-needed equipment items. The Rural Workers pilot project was also launched in the Barwon Region. This project was the basis for our Advisor service.
- 2000** The Living Well Program commenced, comprising 3 parts: Living Better, Living On, and Living Through. These were designed to create a space where people had the opportunity to connect with others and gather support from those with shared experiences of MND.



2001–2009

2001 The March of Faces banner project was introduced to Australia. The March of Faces banners is a photographic display of men and women with motor neurone disease. Research developments found that the ALS2 gene (alsin protein) was linked to juvenile-onset ALS/MND.

2002 Mavis Gallienne was awarded the Order of Australia for services to the MND community. The International Symposium on ALS/MND was held in Melbourne. It is the largest medical and scientific conference specific to MND/ALS. Our Equipment Service went from pen and paper to being computerised.

2004 The first 'Walk to D'Feet MND' event was held at Princes Park, Melbourne and raised \$8,275 for research. The Australian Motor Neurone Disease Registry was launched. It is a de-identified disease based registry that facilitates the collection and storage of Motor Neurone Disease data. CEO Rod Harris was also appointed as Chairperson of the International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations.

2005 The Bendigo Support Group celebrated 20 years of meeting in 2005. Melbourne hosted the National MND Conference.

2006 The inaugural zo-ee cocktail party, "MotorOn", was held. The event ran for 10 years and raised over \$600,000 for research.

2007 The age restriction for Rilutek™, a brand of riluzole, was lifted to include those diagnosed with MND in the past five years. Volunteer hairdressing began, allowing people living with MND to receive haircuts without having to leave the comfort of their homes.

2008 The Benalla Community rallied behind the Roger family after great mate to many, Mick Roger, was diagnosed with MND. Through the Act to D'Feet MND events and the MND Charity Superball, well over \$1,000,000 has been raised for research grants named in honour of Mick. Mutations in the TAR DNA binding protein (TDP-43) gene code were found to cause TDP-43 to become toxic, causing MND in a small percentage of MND families.

2009 Anne Janssen was nominated for the Victorian Senior of the Year Award. Anne first became a volunteer in 1995 and continued until 2019. She also held a number of positions, including being the contact for the North Central Region and the facilitator for the Bendigo Support Group.

2010–2016

2010 MND Victoria started our partnership with Vitality Brands, who donate funds to us every year for the Take-A-Break Program. The Volunteer Newsletter, a publication made specifically for our volunteers to inform them on the current happenings in MND Victoria and our community, was introduced.

2011 The discovery of mutations in the C9ORF72 gene was announced. Since then, this mutation has been found in about 40% of all families with familial MND. The International Symposium on ALS/MND was hosted in Sydney. The growing popularity of online fundraising websites, like Everyday Hero and My Cause, made fundraising easier for members of the public wishing to assist with the cause.

2012 Four determined women banded together to walk the 265km from Melbourne to Wangaratta to raise awareness of MND and vital funds for MND Victoria. In the end, they raised over \$11,000. The inaugural Geelong Walk to D'Feet MND was held.

2013 The commencement of DisabilityCare Australia, and the delivery of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) was announced. The Deb Bailey MND Research Centre officially opened. This was the first research unit in Australia dedicated to MND.

The Biography Service (now the Life Story Program) began. This service assists people to write their stories, reflect on their lives and produce beautiful documents to treasure and share.

2014 Over 60,000 supporters donated more than AUD\$3 million to MND Australia and the MND State Associations through the Ice Bucket Challenge. Melb2Mallee 4MND took place with Tim and Matt challenging themselves to run the 421km from Federation Square to Hopetoun, raising over \$50,000.

2015 Rock Off MND made its debut. All funds raised go toward the Jenny Simko MND Research Grants. The incredible team at Rock Off MND have raised over half a million dollars so far to fund research and raise awareness. The first Lakes Entrance Walk to D'Feet MND and the inaugural Volunteer Forum were held.

2016 The NDIS roll out commenced across Victoria. It took another three years until it was fully implemented across all of Victoria (2019).

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2017–now (continued)

2017 We hosted our first challenge event. A group of 12 legends took on The Great Wall of China, raising over \$110,000. Sallie Jones and Gippsland Jersey organised the Big Milk Freeze in Warragul. Frozen milk was poured over all who participated, and in the two years that the Big Milk Freeze ran, approximately \$10,000 was raised.

2018 We celebrated the 15th year of the Walk to D'Feet events - we had events in Geelong, Rosebud, Melbourne, Bendigo and Echuca, raising over \$250,000 in total. We embarked on our second challenge event - the Kokoda Trail. 8 legends took on the challenge and raised over \$58,000.

We said goodbye to Julie McConnell after 10 years as Manager of Support Services. Lesley Burcher retired after more than 20 years of being an MND Advisor.

2019 After 25 years, Rod Harris stepped down as CEO and we welcomed Kate Johnson. The 30th International Symposium on ALS/MND and the 17th International MND/ALS Allied Health Professionals Forum were held in Perth, Australia. Longtime volunteer, Cynthia Vincent, was awarded the Victorian Premier's Volunteer Champions Service Award. Our passionate MND Community took part in a variety of unique fundraising events including the Larapinta Challenge, the inaugural SE Melbourne Walk and Charity TV Adventure All Stars. Between these three events alone, we raised over \$231,000.

2020 COVID-19 arrived and changed the way we operated. Our very own Daniel Woodrow started our infamous Zooming with Dan series, where he facilitated casual but informative chats with various people from the MND community. We said goodbye to Kathy Nightingale after 10 years as the Manager of Supporter Development. David Harkin, stepped down from his role as Equipment Service Team Leader after more than 23 years with MND Victoria. Our traditional Walk to D'Feet MND was changed to the Tour of Victoria, a fundraising and educational campaign. This event broke all records, raising a whopping \$282,561.



2021 and Beyond

Our mission is 'To provide and promote the best possible care and support for people living with MND'.

We are driven to ensure that 'best possible' can be even better than it is today, and we know with the support of the MND community, we will achieve that. We look forward to the day we are no longer required. But as we say, until there's a cure, there's care.

Finances

The Association is pleased to report that despite the ongoing COVID interruptions and lockdowns, we have continued to provide the high-quality care and advice for which we are known in a financially prudent manner.

This result is once again a credit to our tremendous supporters who continue to give their time and financial assistance so that we can focus on the needs of our clients.

The Association achieved a trading surplus of \$338k in the financial year ending 30 June 2021 which although better than our conservative budgets, was a 48% decline on the prior year.

Income from government grants increased by 27% to \$1.68m thanks to new short-term government support initiatives, and NDIS revenue remained an important contributor at \$1.85m albeit with considerably slower growth than in previous

years. Other income also increased in FY21 from \$406k to \$600k thanks largely to a grant from FightMND to support the Association's equipment library.

Although government grants and NDIS income remain vital sources of revenue, we continue to rely on donations, bequests and fundraising activities to provide exceptional care. Whilst government grants and NDIS revenue are typically stable fee-for-service income streams, fundraising revenue can be more variable as a reflection of the broader macro-environment. In this regard FY21 was a particularly challenging year, with COVID forcing the cancellation of many of our fundraising events,

and general donation revenue falling. Total donation and fundraising revenue fell \$728k or 31% on the prior year to \$1.64m. Revenue from bequests fell from \$354k in FY20 to \$45k in FY21.

Total expenses declined by 8% in FY21 to \$5.55m owing to a reduced contribution to the MND Care Foundation and a decline in the value of funded research grants due only to conferences and seminars moving online, which reduced the funding needs of research applicants. Expenditure on our core activities of support services and equipment provision grew by 3% to \$4.4m.

MND Victoria would like to sincerely thank all of our sponsors, partners, benefactors and allies for their continued support. Until there is a cure, there is care, and together we can make a difference.

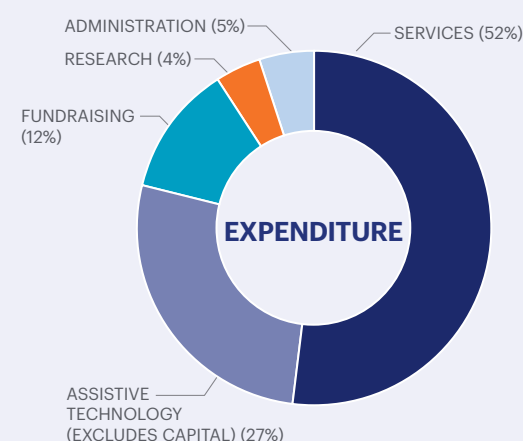
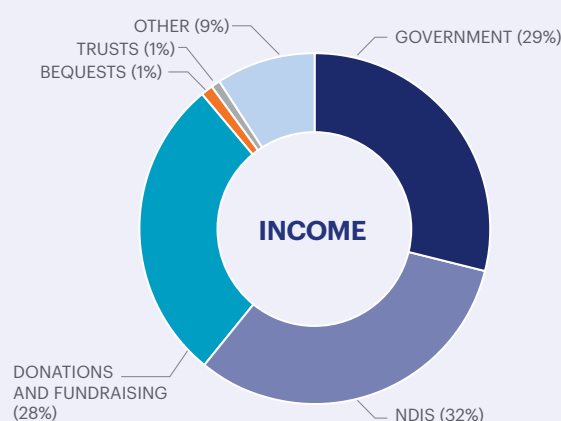
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2020/21 FINANCE FACTS:

INCOME	2020-21	2019-20
Government	\$1,681,878	\$1,328,771
NDIS	\$1,845,724	\$1,918,090
Donations and Fundraising	\$1,640,919	\$2,368,845
Bequests	\$45,322	\$354,036
Trusts	\$74,872	\$106,862
Other	\$600,094	\$406,253
Total	\$5,888,809	\$6,482,857

EXPENDITURE	2020-21	2019-20
Services	\$2,904,436	\$2,777,244
Assistive Technology	\$1,514,167	\$1,260,571
Fundraising	\$667,828	\$875,495
Research	\$204,181	\$473,297
Administration	\$259,860	\$242,094
TOTAL	\$5,550,472	\$5,628,701



Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Revenue	5,229,302	5,890,872
Other income	659,507	795,686
Employee benefits expense	(3,115,930)	(2,843,532)
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments	(358,770)	(369,426)
Donation to MND Care Foundation	(89,557)	(410,458)
Research grants	(202,246)	(447,000)
Other expenses	(1,783,969)	(1,968,750)
Surplus/(Deficit) attributable to members of the Association	338,337	647,392
Other Comprehensive Income:		
<i>Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to surplus or deficit</i>		
Net fair value increase/(decrease) on revaluation of financial assets	1,090,241	(725,723)
Total other comprehensive income for the year	1,090,241	(725,723)
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity	1,428,578	(78,331)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT JUNE 30 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,106,528	3,607,614
Trade Debtors	56,483	61,035
Inventories	43,046	38,623
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	8,301,766	6,456,374
Other assets	59,416	193,977
Total current assets	11,567,239	10,357,622
Non current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	2,953,060	2,803,579
Total non current assets	2,953,060	2,803,579
TOTAL ASSETS	14,520,299	13,161,201
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	8,338,096	8,346,434
Employee entitlements	370,041	431,183
Total current liabilities	8,708,137	8,777,617
Non current liabilities		
Employee entitlements	20,565	20,565
Total non current liabilities	20,565	20,565
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,728,702	8,798,182
NET ASSETS	5,791,597	4,363,019
EQUITY		
Reserves	2,462,307	1,372,066
Retained earnings	3,329,290	2,990,953
TOTAL EQUITY	5,791,597	4,363,019

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	RETAINED EARNINGS \$	CAPITAL ACQUISITION RESERVE \$	REVALUATION SURPLUS \$	FINANCIAL ASSET RESERVE \$	TOTAL \$
2020					
Equity as at beginning of period	2,343,561	83,175	929,872	1,084,742	4,441,350
Surplus/(deficit) attributable to members of the Association	647,392	-	-	-	647,392
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	(725,723)	(725,723)
Equity as at 30 June 2020	2,990,953	83,175	929,872	359,019	4,363,019
2021					
Surplus/(deficit) attributable to members of the Association	338,337	-	-	-	338,337
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	1,090,241	1,090,241
Equity as at 30 June 2021	3,329,290	83,175	929,872	1,449,260	5,791,597

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Cash from operating activities		
Fundraising and Donations received	1,532,395	2,057,027
Receipts from Bequests	45,322	354,036
Operating Grants	1,580,375	1,727,265
National Disability Insurance Scheme	1,978,360	1,869,876
Other income	462,883	494,086
Payments to suppliers and employees	(5,113,369)	(5,351,300)
Interest/Dividends received	320,601	424,086
Net cash provided by operating activities	806,567	1,575,076
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	71,754	60,185
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(624,256)	(372,801)
(Acquisition)/Disposal of financial assets	(755,151)	210,891
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(1,307,653)	(101,725)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(501,086)	1,473,351
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	3,607,614	2,134,263
Cash at end of financial year	3,106,528	3,607,614



MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA INC.

Independent auditor's report to members

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Motor Neurone Disease Association of Victoria Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and State Council's declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Motor Neurone Disease Association of Victoria Inc. has been prepared in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures.

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 Association in accordance with the auditor independence 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.

Other Information

The State Council are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Association's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2021, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of State Council and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

The council of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012 and for such internal control as state council determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the 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 council are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the council either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The State Council are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 the 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 Association internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by state council.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the state councils 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 Association'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 Association 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 state council 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.

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William Buck Audit (Vic) Pty Ltd
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. L. Siddles".

C. L. Siddles
Director

Dated: Melbourne 14th September, 2021



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"Thanks for caring & listening to me...We didn't know where to turn to for guidance & re-assurance and to know that someone out there cares about what families go through means so much"

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