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STATE COUNCIL AND CEO MESSAGE

MND Victoria is in our 41st year of providing support to people living with motor neurone disease. This includes direct support to the person diagnosed with MND, as well as to their families, carers, friends, colleagues and to the allied health and health professionals providing their care.

We continually strive to improve the quality and range of services and supports we can provide to ensure that people living with MND can live as well as possible for as long as possible.

This year has seen the COVID pandemic once again present us with challenges requiring flexibility, creativity and resilience to ensure that we have been able to continue to provide the best possible care and support to the MND community. We have once again had to work from home and via video and phone during lockdowns and high transmission periods, and have seen many of our “in-person” events cancelled

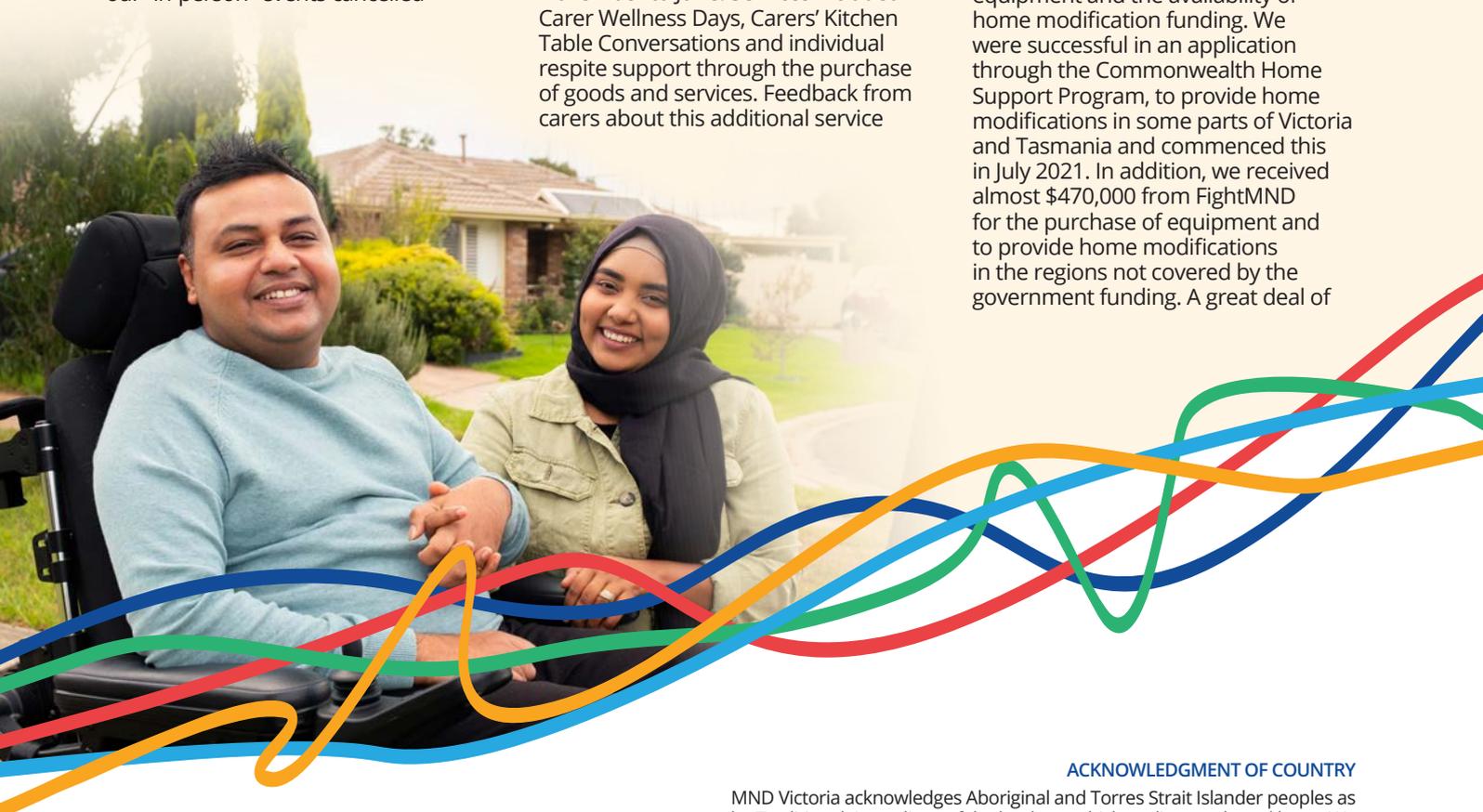
or postponed. In September 2021, we made the decision to mandate COVID vaccinations for our staff and volunteers – and we thank all of those who moved quickly to get vaccinated and provide us with certificates – our staff and volunteer workforce remains strong.

Despite these challenges, the year saw us make many improvements to our services and supports. With new once-off funding from the Victorian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, we were able to provide additional support to carers of people with MND from November to June. Services included Carer Wellness Days, Carers’ Kitchen Table Conversations and individual respite support through the purchase of goods and services. Feedback from carers about this additional service

was extremely positive and we will advocate to be able to continue to provide these supports in the coming years.

Having already expanded our Keeping Connected Program in the previous year, we were able to add an additional part time staff member to further expand this program. Keeping Connected provides regular telephone support to people living with MND who are over 65 years old, have a slower progressing form of MND, and have lower support needs. This program has, for the last two years, been partly supported through COVID emergency funding from the Commonwealth Department of Health; and with the cessation of this funding, will continue to be supported through our fundraising efforts.

We have also expanded and improved our equipment service, with the addition of new equipment and the availability of home modification funding. We were successful in an application through the Commonwealth Home Support Program, to provide home modifications in some parts of Victoria and Tasmania and commenced this in July 2021. In addition, we received almost \$470,000 from FightMND for the purchase of equipment and to provide home modifications in the regions not covered by the government funding. A great deal of



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.

additional new equipment has also been purchased using donated and fundraising funds.

The year also saw MND Victoria develop our first Reconciliation Action Plan and have this endorsed by Reconciliation Australia. MND Victoria is committed to contributing to the national reconciliation movement. We aim to ensure our services and supports are accessible to those living with MND, their family and friends, volunteers, staff and anyone in the community interacting with the organisation from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds. This report will be formally launched in the next financial year, however much work has already been undertaken in implementing the plan. Our thanks to Olivia and more recently Alex for their leadership of the working group.

Staff and State Councillors from MND Victoria have been involved in both National and International activities. The MND Australia National Conference, held on 3rd September 2021, was a great success. There was very strong representation from MND Victoria – with many of our staff presenting.

Some of our staff and State Councillors also attended The Australia and New Zealand Research Symposium, jointly hosted by MND Australia and FightMND. It is always inspiring to see how much varied research is happening across both countries. We were also proud to see presentations by a number of researchers and allied health professionals who attended with the support of an MND Victoria Nina Buscombe Award.

Staff also participated virtually in the International Alliance of MND/ALS Association's Research Symposium. Again, it is incredible to see the range and volume of research being done across the globe. It gives us renewed hope for progress towards an understanding of the causes and the discovery of new treatments and a future cure for MND.

We have ensured across the year that our systems and process continue to support the best possible care

and support for people living with MND. During the year we moved management of our finances from Attache to Xero – meaning we have much improved efficiency in our financial processes and improved reporting capability. Our thanks to Callum and the Finance team for their work in achieving this transition so smoothly. We also underwent our biennial audit against the NDIS service standards – and once again passed this with flying colours. Thanks to Jo and her teams for their work in supporting this audit process.

The results of our fundraising efforts across the year have been incredible – especially given the challenges brought about by COVID and the number of plans that have had to change with very short notice. Daniel and the Supporter Development team are to be highly commended on the creativity and quick planning shown in the delivery of both the Shut Up! For MND Challenge and the Great MND Relay – both of which were successful in engaging with the community as well as raising much-needed funds to support the delivery of supports and services to people living with MND. We have also seen the amazing efforts of the Rock Off MND and Superball teams raising funds for research, and the Men in Property group – in support of Trent Casson, who lost his father to MND – raising funds for care and support – all incredibly successful events. Along with these and many other events, our community has been so generous in raising funds, donating and in remembering MND Victoria in their Wills. This generosity has seen us through an uncertain period in the fundraising space and for this we are extremely grateful.

One of many highlights of the year was our invitation to attend a Bangladesh Independence Day Event on the 26th of March 2022 which included a Drink Tea for MND event and an opportunity to speak to the community about the work of MND Victoria. This event was in support of Khairul, who was diagnosed with MND at 34 years old, soon after migrating to Australia.

It has been a whirlwind year of unexpected events, successes and engagement with inspirational people in the MND community – and the opportunity to do the work that we do – with the support of our community – is such a privilege.

Our thanks to the Management, Staff, State Councillors and Volunteers who work so hard to ensure that we can achieve our mission of providing and promoting the best possible care and support to people living with MND.

Until there's a cure, there's care.



David Lamperd

President



Kate Johnson

CEO

STATE COUNCIL (AS AT 30TH JUNE 2022)

David Lamperd* - *President*
Katharine Barnett* - *Vice President*
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Barry Gunning
Jodie-Ann Harrison Fitzgerald*
Angeline Kuek
Wayne Pfeiffer*
Napier Thomson
Chloe Williams
Maryanne McPhee

* Has a personal association with MND

OUR ADVOCACY

We take every opportunity to advocate for the needs of people living with MND to be equitably and fully met.

When the NDIS proposed the implementation of independent assessments, which would have subjected people with MND, eligible for the NDIS, to time consuming, impersonal assessments by people with little or no experience of MND – we wrote to Senators and MPs to ask them to help prevent the proposed roll out. We received communication back from a number of politicians and met with Dr Helen Haines MP, member for Indi. We were pleased to see the proposed independent assessments shelved by the NDIS.

With the planning of reforms to the aged care sector – we supported 38 people over 65 with MND to participate in a study being done by HealthConsult on behalf of the Commonwealth Government to develop the assessment, classification and funding system for the new

“Support at Home” program to be rolled out in 2024, in response to recommendations made by the Royal Commission into Aged Care.

We have also participated in as many consultations and discussions as possible to ensure that the needs of people living with MND will be better met through these reforms.

We appeared in the media in stories highlighting the inequity between the NDIS and Aged Care support for people living with MND, and about the challenges a person with difficulty speaking has using the voice recognition program used by Services Australia for identification.

We met with Bridget Vallence – Member for Evelyn – to discuss the need for State Government funding to be directed to care and support of people living with MND today, as well as research.



RESEARCH

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

JENNY SIMKO MND RESEARCH GRANT

Lead investigator: Professor Jacqueline Wilce

Institution: Monash University, VIC

Title: Preventing toxic protein aggregation in cells by targeting stress granules

This project investigates our newly developed TIA-1 inhibitor that has potential as a neuroprotective agent against ALS. In preliminary work we have tested the TIA-1 inhibitor in vitro and also shown that it is able to modulate stress granules (SG) in cells. SGs are subcellular structures made of protein and RNA that have been shown to trigger protein aggregation as underlies neurodegenerative disease. We anticipate that TIA-1 inhibitors will modulate SG formation, preventing the formation of neurotoxic aggregate formation. The work will provide proof-of-concept for targeting TIA-1 and potentially lead to a novel mode of intervention against ALS.

MAVIS GALLIENNE AND GRAHAM LANG MND VICTORIA RESEARCH GRANT

Lead investigator: Associate Professor Rebekah Ahmed

Institution: University of Sydney, NSW

Title: Sleep and autonomic function across the ALS-FTD spectrum

It is recognised that the symptoms of ALS are not limited to motor weakness, but involve other major physiological changes within the body including sleep function, and pain/somatic symptoms. These

changes are potentially related to changes in the autonomic nervous system and key neural structures (hypothalamus, insula and thalamus). Using novel approaches including wearable devices, and brain imaging, the prevalence of sleep and pain symptoms in ALS and FTD will be documented, the brain structures that control these changes and at what stage of the disease these changes occur to assist in early diagnosis and development of potential treatment targets.

SUPERBALL XIV MND RESEARCH GRANT

Lead investigator: Professor Coral Warr

Institute: La Trobe University, VIC

Title: Developing new models to help us understand the cause of variability in MND clinical presentation

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) shows substantial clinical heterogeneity, however what underpins this heterogeneity is not understood. In this project we will develop and use a novel in vivo animal model motor circuit, together with an established model, to test the idea that the changes in neuron excitability observed in ALS can be caused by different mechanisms, and that different changes in individual patients contribute to clinical heterogeneity. Our findings will provide important knowledge that informs future personalised treatments for ALS.

MARISA AGUIS MND POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP 2021-2023

Lead investigator: Dr Nicholas Geraghty

Institution: University of Wollongong, NSW

Title: High-throughput flow cytometry drug screen to discover new treatments for MND

Motor neurone disease (MND) arises due to proteins misfolding inside motor neurone cells, leading to toxicity, cell death and loss of motor function. TDP-43 is an important protein known to misfold, leading to its clumping or "aggregating", which causes cell death and leads to MND. This project uses a cell model in which TDP-43 forms toxic aggregates, in a high-throughput drug screen of thousands of chemicals to find potential drugs to treat MND patients. A small number of "hits" have already been identified and will be screened in animal models of MND, to identify a therapeutic to treat MND patients.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ELLA WHALEY MND VICTORIA RESEARCH FUND

A generous bequest of \$2.2 million has allowed MND Victoria to establish a fund that will support us to deliver or commission research into improved care for the people with MND that we support.



SUPPORT SERVICES

MND Victoria's Support Services deliver services to people living with MND in Victoria, NSW (bordering with Victoria) and Tasmania. Services focus on supporting people to live better for longer, remain active in their community and safe in their environment, through the provision of four key program areas:

- Advisor and Support Coordination
- Equipment (assistive technology) provision
- Education and Client support
- Volunteer services

2021/22 FACTS:

PEOPLE SUPPORTED BY MND VIC

704

VICTORIANS (includes NSW)

68

TASMANIANS

REPORTED MND DEATHS:

205

VICTORIANS

24

TASMANIANS



ADVISOR AND SUPPORT COORDINATION SERVICE

Our team of MND Advisors and Support Coordinators provide individualised support to people with MND, their carers and families. Advisors and Support Coordinators assist people 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 continued to be challenged by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and many work practices have changed. COVID-19 made us move rapidly to contacting our clients by telehealth or videoconference to ensure the safety of our clients, staff and volunteers. We have now moved back to a hybrid model, doing a combination of face-to-face visits and continuing to use remote technology, as it can be a very efficient and effective way of maintaining regular contact and delivering support.

Our Advisor team grew this year from 16 (13.9FTE) in 2021 to 21 (18.3FTE) in 2022. The increase in staff has enabled the Advisors' caseloads to be reduced; each full-time Advisor supports between 25 to 30 clients. This enables them to provide more direct support to each of our clients. In growing the team, we have also increased the number of team leaders from 2 to 3, each supporting a team of 6 Advisors. Our three team leaders all have a small caseload to ensure they remain across issues at the coal face, enabling them to provide great support and advice to their team members.

The team maintains strong relationships with service providers and networks across Victoria, Tasmania and nationally. Our team leaders continue to meet monthly with NDIS service delivery managers,

which is a fabulous forum for raising issues specific to people with MND. We meet regularly with the three MND Clinics that support people with MND in Victoria. In Tasmania, our MND Advisor based in Launceston has assisted in the development of an MND clinic at the Launceston General Hospital.

People who are diagnosed with MND over the age of 65 and receive supports via the Commonwealth Home Support Program and My Aged Care still remain disadvantaged in the type of supports and funding they can receive from the government. The team are keeping across the details available about the proposed new Support at Home Program which is scheduled to commence in July 2024, and providing feedback where possible. MND Victoria continues to provide Advisor support to people over 65 with minimal government funding.

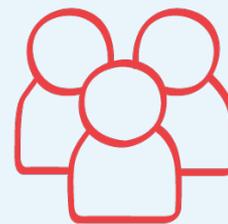
Our Keeping Connected program has gone from strength to strength this year. We have employed a second Keeping Connected Advisor. The program is supporting over 100 clients who are over 65, have slower-progressing disease, and have other established supports in place, such as residential aged care or home care services.

Jo Whitehouse

Manager Support Services and

Eric Kelly, Elizabeth Crask and Kim Hamilton

MND Advisor and Support Coordinator Team Leaders



2021/22 FACTS:

HOURS DELIVERED TO CLIENTS BY MND ADVISORS

16,849

VICTORIA
2020/21: 15,683

NEW MEMBERS WITH MND

198

VICTORIA & NSW
2020/21: 242

20

TASMANIA
2020/21: 29

PERCENTAGE OF CLIENTS UNDER AND OVER 65

OVER 65:

49.5%

2020/21: 53%

UNDER 65:

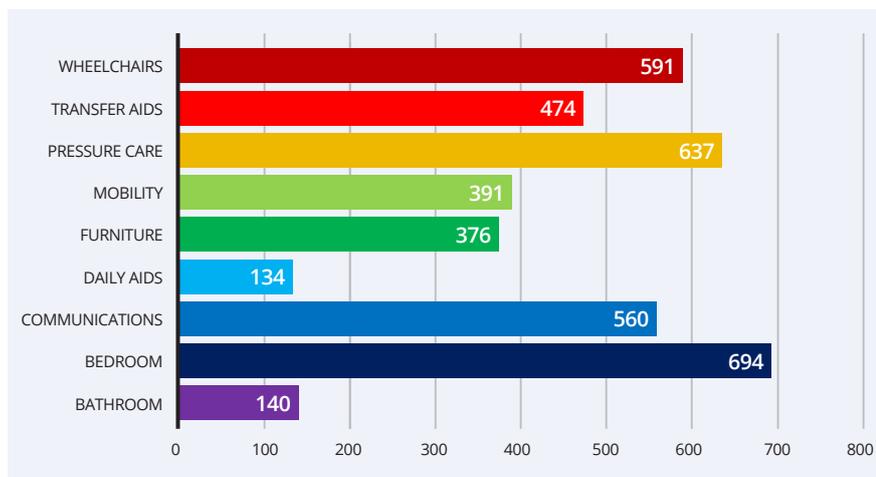
50.5%

2020/21: 47%

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

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

Our current library includes over 4,000 individual pieces of Assistive Technology, comprising 213 different types of equipment:



Here are some Equipment Types and examples of some of the Assistive Technology we have available in our loan library:

Wheelchairs:

Power wheelchairs, self-propelling manual wheelchairs, transit manual wheelchairs

Transfer aids:

Slings, hoists, transfer belts, turning and seating disks

Pressure Care:

Cushions

Mobility:

Careports, ramps, walking frames

Furniture:

Recliners, kitchen trolleys, static chairs, around chair and overbed tables

Daily aids:

Nebulisers, cup holders with modhose mounts

Communications:

Jellybean switches, remote call bells, modhose mounts, iPads, Etran boards

Bedroom:

Mattress overlays, mattresses & alternating pressure mattresses, beds, bed extensions, safety sides, pillow and body wedges, sheepskin, bedside commodes, bed sticks

Bathroom:

Commodes, various commode seats

We are proud to have provided over 3,197 pieces of individual equipment to people with MND during 2021/22.

This year our Equipment Service continues to make ongoing changes and improvements in line with our mission of providing and promoting the best possible care and support for people living with MND.

These improvements included:

- Adding a "one off" stock list to our website with images, descriptions, and codes for donated power wheelchairs and beds, that are different from our standard library assets.
- Communicating key information to the allied health professionals who assess for and prescribe equipment for people with MND

Via a 'What's New in the MND Equipment Service' email. Several volunteers have continued to provide administrative support to the Equipment Service team during the last 12 months. Unfortunately, their much-valued contributions were disrupted for periods of time during the year 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, for which we are extremely grateful. These included a grant from FightMND for \$470,000 for the purchase of new Assistive Technology to subsidise our government-funded home modifications program.

COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM (CHSP) MINOR HOME MODIFICATIONS IS WORTH A SPECIFIC MENTION!

In 2021, MND Victoria applied for Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) grant funding to assist our clients over the age of 65 to access home modifications, with government subsidies of up to \$10,000. This program commenced in November 2021 and has now been extended to June 2023. We are able to fast track funding to provide home modifications that increase or maintain levels of independence, safety, accessibility, and wellbeing for people diagnosed with MND. Some of our more common requests have included:

- the purchase and installation of custom ramps and railings
- bidets
- personal alarms
- handheld showers and minor bathroom modifications.

In 2021/22 the CHSP Minor Home Modification grant has funded over \$180,000 of minor home modifications for 74 of our clients.



2021/22 FACTS:

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED DURING THE YEAR

157
NEW CLIENTS RECEIVING EQUIPMENT

457
TOTAL NO. OF PEOPLE WHO USED A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT DURING THE YEAR

3,197
EQUIPMENT ITEMS PROVIDED

354
CLIENTS WITH EQUIPMENT AT 30/06/2022

1,783
REQUESTS FROM ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO THE EQUIPMENT SERVICE, (OFTEN FOR MORE THAN 1 PIECE OF EQUIPMENT)

3,005
EQUIPMENT ITEMS RECOVERED (RETURNED)

Two hundred and fifty-five NDIS participants with MND have selected MND Victoria to provide their equipment, mostly through our equipment bundle offer. The bundle allows the changing equipment needs of clients to be met, in a timely manner, without needing to revise their NDIS plan.

Amy Schneider
Equipment Service Team Leader

SIGNIFICANT EQUIPMENT PURCHASED DURING 2021/22:

	2021/22
King Single beds and mattresses	4
Power wheelchairs with accessories*	6
Pressure mattresses*	16
Mobile electric hoists*	6
Cushions	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jay 2 (x6) • Roho (x3) • Equagel (x4) • Jay fusion (x4) 	
Walking frames	15
Propping stools	7
Fusion Chair High Back - Memory Foam	7
Electric recliners*	37
Shower commodes*	14
Sara Stedys*	6
Manual wheelchairs	12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-propelling (x8) • Transit (x4) 	
Etude single beds	6
Switches	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pillow (Cuddlys) (x3) • Micro switch (x6) 	

* Indicates items where purchase was supported by grant from FightMND

EDUCATION AND CLIENT SUPPORT

In 2021/22 the Education and Client Support team welcomed a brand new team - Joyce Poon, Jade Spence, Andrea Salmon and Paula Howell all commenced during the year!

Andrea Salmon was recruited for a carer support project that has now become an ongoing carer support program. Jade Spence and Joyce Poon manage the intake service and information line, and support delivery of client education and health professional education sessions. Paula Howell is the new team leader. The team registered 218 new people diagnosed with MND this year; 197 in Victoria, 20 in Tasmania and 1 in NSW.

Service has been very fast, rang day 1 and spoke to Olivia. She quickly registered my husband. That same day I got a call from Ruby who was excellent too! Ruby helped set up plan with the NDIS. So happy with all the services provided. I don't think you can improve the services. Everything was extremely professional. Perfect!

Feedback from a client's wife
October 2021

Among the developments and achievements this year, the Education and Client Support team has:

- Facilitated 10 information sessions for people who were newly affected by MND, with more than 100 people impacted by MND attending, including family members and friends. The sessions provide opportunities to learn more about MND and services and supports that can make a difference.
- Facilitated webinars for people impacted by MND, including an MND 101 session with Dr Lauren Giles, a Neurologist based at the Launceston MND Clinic, and a session about enduring powers of attorney and medical treatment decision making.

"The session was well organised and presented in a warm and sympathetic manner. I felt reassured but also well informed."

Client following Dr Giles' presentation

- Developed our Living with MND Groups. These groups provide a forum to meet other people affected by MND, share experiences and tips, and hear from expert health professionals on a range of topics. The Living with MND Group, comprising 4 sessions each, was delivered four times with a total of 62 clients/family members attending.

*"The sessions are great and very informative and even just make me feel like I'm not alone on this s**t journey as there is help."*

Living with MND group attendee

"Everything was really informative; no subject was taboo."

Living with MND group attendee

With grant funding, we commenced a project to look at how MND Victoria can better support carers (without duplicating existing Victorian carer services). We received very positive responses from the carers that engaged in the pilot carer support programs that we trialled this year including:

- Kitchen Table Conversation online groups
- Carer Wellness Days held in Ballarat, Mornington and Kew, with 39 carers attending.
- Webinars on carer-specific topics, ranging from caring for yourself to practical support available.

Our application to the Victorian Government for \$235,000 of once-off carer respite funding was successful and we supported 155 carers, providing them with funds to pay for specific respite activities including help with housework, cooking and wellness activities.

Feedback about Carer respite:

Hey Eric

Just wanted to say thanks for organising the grant for Liza.

She's been and had her hair done and a manicure/pedicure which was just brilliant.

It's so good to see her doing this stuff again. Please thank Jade for us too as she's made the whole process so easy. Great initiative by MND Vic. Carers are everything!

From a person with MND about the support his partner received.
3 March 2022

EDUCATING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

TRAINING FOR NURSES AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

In the setting of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and an array of new service providers, MND Victoria committed to expanding our health professional education program in 2021/22.

With expert presenters from Calvary Health Care Bethlehem, the Bundoora Extended Care Centre MND Clinic, MNDWA and Victoria University, MND Victoria delivered six webinars on the following topics:

- MND Phenotypes
- MND & Respiratory Considerations
- MND & the NDIS
- MND & Communication
- MND & Physical Activity
- Services and Information

295 health professional registrations were received for these webinars. Most health professionals attended more than one webinar.

Special thanks to our expert presenters in 2021/22!

"Inspiring and informative. Very relevant for my current work role."
Health Professional



2021/22 FACTS:

TYPE OF RESOURCE SENT OUT

276

CLIENT INFORMATION KITS (HARD AND ELECTRONIC COPIES)
249 VIC, 25 TAS AND 2 NSW

224

GP INFORMATION KITS

3,560

MND NEWS - HARD COPIES
(4 EDITIONS)

79,053

MND NEWS E-VERSION
(4 EDITIONS)

3,258

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS E-NEWS
(4 EDITIONS)

TRAINING FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS

MND Victoria continues to be committed to providing access to high-quality care for people affected by MND. **Just under 100 service providers attended information sessions.** Allied health professionals, disability support workers and aged care workers attended service provider education sessions. Two sessions were provided for Victorian service providers and one for Tasmanian services. These sessions aim to support providers to understand MND, and to better access MND Victoria services and a range of resources to improve care for people with MND.

Paula Howell,
Team Leader, Education and Client Support

"My attendance at the presentation increased my desire to learn more about MND and work with people living with MND a great deal."

Service Provider

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The work, services, and values of MND Victoria are underpinned by volunteer involvement. Volunteers started the organisation over 40 years ago. Today, volunteers remain engaged in many areas of the organisation's operation and service provision.

MND Victoria has been very fortunate in the ongoing support provided by our volunteers despite the impacts COVID-19 has had on the way we work and on our capacity to involve volunteers.

In 2021-2022 volunteers contributed over 2,309 hours to the work of MND Victoria and in support of people living with MND. This is an incredible contribution given the limitations to services due to COVID-19, particularly through the second half of 2021. The first half of 2022 saw an increase in volunteer involvement with 93 volunteers active throughout the year and up to 26 volunteers engaged in direct client support roles.

Australia-wide the impacts of COVID-19 on volunteering have seen a reduction in volunteer numbers. This has been evidenced at MND Victoria with thirty-seven volunteer resignations in the past year. MND Victoria continues to be very grateful for the engagement of our volunteers and has been able to welcome thirteen new volunteers to the organisation in 2021-2022. The need to continue to recruit and support our volunteers remains and indeed increases as referrals for volunteers to work with people living with MND in roles such as Hand and Foot Massage, Life Stories, Social Visiting and iPad Buddies continue to increase. Referrals for volunteers to support people living with MND increased from thirty-seven in 2020-2021 to sixty-four in 2021-2022.

In the last twelve months we have initiated our Volunteer Program Reference Group, comprising volunteer and staff representatives. The Volunteer Program Reference

Group is a forum for sharing feedback on volunteer involvement; providing input on existing and proposed volunteer programs and to explore enhancement and future development in Volunteer Programs in line with organisational priorities.

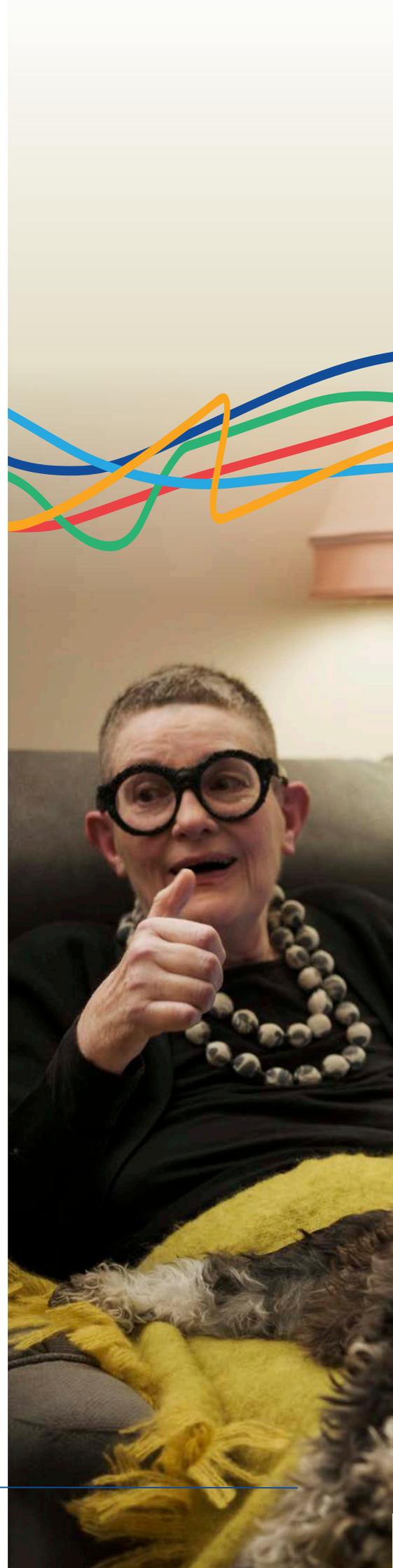
As MND Victoria develops new programs and services, new volunteer roles are identified and created. Over the past year the Carer Project has led to the development of new volunteer roles including our Kitchen Table Conversations volunteers and volunteers who assist with Carer Wellness Days. Many MND Victoria volunteers have a past experience of supporting someone living with MND. Their generosity and the insight they bring to supporting other people living through an experience of MND is greatly appreciated and valued.

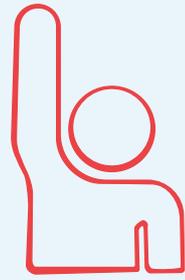
We continue to recognise and thank our volunteers for their contributions. This year during National Volunteer Week we were able to celebrate with volunteers and staff with a tour of the Islamic Museum of Australia in Thornbury. We acknowledged the contributions of volunteers who have given 5, 10 and 15 years of service, and also gave a special thank you to Beverley Phillips who has volunteered with MND Victoria both through the head office in Canterbury and now with the Ballarat Support Group for 20 years.

We thank all our volunteers and look forward to continuing to support them in their important work.

Deb Olive

Coordinator of Volunteer Programs





2021/22 FACTS:

MND VOLUNTEERS

2,309

VOLUNTEER HOURS
CONTRIBUTED

93

REGISTERED/ACTIVE
VOLUNTEERS

13

NEW VOLUNTEERS

8

LIFE STORIES COMPLETED

215

HOURS OF VOLUNTEER TRAINING/
49 VOLUNTEERS ATTENDING
TRAINING

113

BEREAVEMENT CALLS MADE

SUPPORTER DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

In another year of uncertainty, the generosity of those within the MND community and throughout the general public shone through once again. The Association raised significantly more than we budgeted for, which is an incredible result given all the challenges faced throughout the year. We are constantly amazed by how generous so many people within the MND community are.

Our Supporter Development and Communications Team has spent the past 12 months working with an incredible amount of commitment, creativity, and understanding of what raising funds means to people living with MND. It's been a perfect recipe to navigate the difficult fundraising landscape that has continued since the pandemic began. Our team have worked tirelessly to ensure the MND Victoria story is told as loudly and proudly as possible, because the reality is the care, support, and all the important assistive equipment provided to people living with MND by MND Victoria is expensive. It is also the reason people want to raise funds or donate to the cause - because they know the difference our services make in the lives of those living with MND.

The inability to host in-person fundraising events for a large part of the year was a challenge, but a challenge we ran with. As we entered another tough lockdown in August last year, we created and implemented a brand-new campaign from scratch. A campaign that was ideal for the lockdown environment, but more importantly, a campaign that was bold, powerful, and potentially fun. The Shut Up! For MND Challenge was designed to raise awareness of one of the most devastating impacts of MND - the loss of speech. In a short period of time, Shut Up! For MND became a popular and powerful way to raise awareness and funds to support people living with MND. The challenge to Shut Up! for 6 or 12 hours was accepted by over 200 people, with thousands more donating to those participants. Within a matter of weeks, Shut Up! For MND went from being

non-existent to raising over \$110,000 and a priceless amount of awareness about the disease and the work of MND Victoria. I look forward to seeing the impact Shut Up! For MND has in the future!

A major source of income since 2017 has been our fundraising challenge trips, where groups of people come together to take on a challenge of a lifetime whilst raising funds to support people living with MND. COVID-19 put a halt on any such trip for an extended period of time, however, in December last year, we had 18 incredible individuals - who have all been impacted by MND in one way or another - come together for a gruelling three-day hike in Victoria's high country. The Three Peaks trip had been postponed multiple times, but once we finally had a window of opportunity, the group came together and trekked in honour of loved ones and for those currently living with MND. It was a hard but very worthwhile three days. The team raised a staggering \$128,000 in the lead up, during, and following their trip. From a fundraising perspective, it is the most successful trip we have had to date, and it was a sensational way to welcome back events where we could once again come together in person.

Not only have our major campaigns and events been incredibly successful, but it's also been very pleasing to see so many within the MND community making a difference by hosting their own fundraising event to support people living with MND. Our community fundraising has been the backbone of our fundraising revenue

over many years, but in recent times, it has been the area hardest hit by COVID-19 - for obvious reasons. Since restrictions have eased, we have welcomed back and provided support to many previously existing events and multiple new ones. We can't thank the organisers and everyone who supports these independently run events enough. We see events in all corners of the State, and each community fundraiser allows people in the local areas to do something fantastic whilst supporting those living with MND. I can't wait to see and attend many more community fundraising events over the next year.

MND Victoria has been supported by many trusts and foundations over the years, and we truly value the continued contributions that go a long way to ensuring we can continue to increase and improve our service offerings. We sincerely thank all the trustees who approved our funding applications over the past year, and the trusts and foundations who continue to make annual donations. Through one successful grant application through Perpetual's IMPACT grant program, this year, we secured funding for a program titled 'Efficient and Expediated Vital Assistive Equipment Delivery Service'. This funding has allowed MND Victoria to purchase a van that will enable us to deliver and pick up equipment when other options are not available or not quickly enough. This is one fantastic example of how we can increase and improve our services when funds are available.

Over the last 12 months, MND Victoria has been the fortunate recipient of many incredible bequests. Leaving a gift to any charity in a Will is incredibly kind, and I have been so grateful for the generosity of so many who have decided to leave a gift behind for MND Victoria in their Wills. In July last year, we received a phenomenal bequest of approximately \$2,200,000. These funds have allowed the Association to establish The Ella Whaley MND



Victoria Research Project fund. These funds will deliver a project and/or research activity each year for the foreseeable future that aims to: pilot a new form of service or support; evaluate and/or improve a current program; commission research or a project from, or in partnership with another agency, that will directly benefit people living with MND; and/or evaluate the impact of MND on people living with the disease (this includes those diagnosed, their carers, colleagues, and those providing professional support). These projects must align with the strategic priorities of MND Victoria.

Bequests of any amount are a wonderful way to leave behind a legacy and allow MND Victoria to continue providing the best possible support to people living with MND.

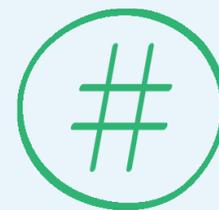
Once again, it's been an absolute privilege to lead the Supporter Development and Communications Team through another year. I want to thank and acknowledge my incredible team – Steph, Lynn, and Leah - who have worked tirelessly and with complete commitment to those we are raising funds and awareness for. At no point throughout the year has our team dwelt negatively on the current fundraising environment, especially as COVID-19 restrictions significantly impacted fundraising events. We have embraced every challenge and absolutely love doing what we do – raising funds and awareness so everyone who requires MND Victoria to be in their corner has access to the best possible services.

We can't do what we do without the unbelievable generosity of so many within the MND community. I'm in awe every day of the amount of people who happily contribute their time, money, knowledge, and express their overall commitment to the work of MND Victoria and every person impacted by MND.

As we regularly say at MND Victoria, I can't wait until I have no job here because a cure for this horrible disease has been found. However, until that day comes, we will all do everything we can, along with so many within the MND community, to ensure those living with MND can live as well as possible for as long as possible.

Daniel Woodrow

Manager – Supporter Development and Communications



2021/22 FACTS:

SOCIAL MEDIA



5,240
INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS

95,647
INSTAGRAM REACH



13,254
FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS

1,225,753
FACEBOOK REACH



435
LINKEDIN FOLLOWERS

17,453
LINKEDIN IMPRESSIONS

OUR SUPPORTERS

BEQUESTS

The Estate of Peter Augustes
The Estate of Marisa Agius
The Estate of Dorothy Jean Matser
The Estate of Isobel Caroline McLaren
The Estate of David Maxwell Bird
The Estate of Rae Isobel Blake
The Estate of Michael Eric Humphries
The Estate of Francis John Dedman
The Estate of Russel John Parsons
The Estate of Ella Ann Whaley
The Estate of Helen Jean Burgess
The Estate of Norma Jean Masters
The Estate of Richard Wallace Ball
The Estate of Kathleen Alice FitzGerald

TRUSTS & FOUNDATIONS

Collier Charitable Fund
The William Angliss Charitable Fund
State Trustees
Mona Georgina Harris Perpetual Charitable Trust
Dimmick Charitable Trust
AL & T Brorsen Family Foundation
Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation
George & Edith Ramsay Charitable Trust
The John & Mary McAlister Howden Charitable Trust
Benek and Bebka Kaufman Charity Trust
The Will & Dorothy Bailey Charitable Fund
CommBank Staff Foundation
Community Grant
Desmond Prentice Charitable Trust
Crown Resorts Foundation PAF
Joe White Bequest

ORGANISATIONS

FightMND
Vitality Brands Worldwide



Without a doubt, the highlight of the year was The Great MND Relay. A campaign that culminated in a 41-hour continuous relay at the Harold Stevens Athletics Track in Coburg North.

The centerpiece of the event was a symbolic wheelchair that completed 470 laps to represent every Victorian currently living with MND. The 41 hours represented 41 years of service by MND Victoria. The Great MND Relay was for, and all about, the MND Community, but it was also an opportunity to highlight the vital role MND Victoria plays, and has played, in the lives of tens of thousands of people impacted by MND since 1981. Four incredible videos were created in the lead up to the event. These videos allowed us to promote The Great MND Relay in a powerful way whilst putting a spotlight on three different people living with MND, showcasing their stories and why fundraising events are necessary to ensure they, and everyone else living with MND, receive the best possible care and support. I thank the team at Eric Tom & Bruce who have produced the most amazing videos for us over the last four years. I also sincerely thank Mark, Trevor and their families for allowing us into their homes to capture so much amazing and raw footage about their own MND stories. I also wish to pay my respects to Anne Malloch who shared the most beautiful but heartbreaking story alongside her goddaughter, Alexandra. Anne passed away from MND not long after the event, but her story will live on.

We were fortunate to attract a fabulous ambassador for The Great MND Relay. Anthony Callea had recently lost a great friend to the disease and was enthusiastic about an opportunity to help support others impacted by MND. Anthony was an absolute delight to work with. His care and commitment to the role of ambassador was exceptional, and his work in our produced videos was amazing. Anthony broke down the barriers we often face with mainstream media and had great appearances on Fox FM, ABC Radio, 3AW, Joy FM and Channel 7's Morning Show where he spoke about MND Victoria and The Great MND Relay with great knowledge and passion. Anthony's strong social media presence was also a huge highlight, achieved by the comprehensive communications plan we created together with him. The engagement from his audience and the feedback was exceptional and reached a far larger audience than we can achieve from our own presence.

The Great MND Relay ended up raising over \$325,000 which is by far the single greatest fundraising event MND Victoria has ever hosted. We can't wait to bring it back in 2023.



41 HOURS

REPRESENTING 41 YEARS
OF SERVICE BY MND VICTORIA

470 LAPS

COMPLETED TO REPRESENT EVERY
VICTORIAN CURRENTLY LIVING WITH MND

THE GREAT MND RELAY
RAISED OVER

\$325,000

FINANCES

MND Victoria's mission is to provide the very best possible care and support to those living with MND until there is a cure.

This requires not only a dedicated team of skilled support staff and a well-stocked equipment library, but also a financial model that can maintain these services into the future.

Traditionally our financial results have been solid and I'm pleased to report that they were again so in FY22. Importantly, the Association continued to grow its non-government sources of income which allows us to invest in providing a superior support service. A summary of our FY22 financial performance can be found below.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The Association reported an operating surplus of \$10.6m in FY22 which is \$10.3m higher than the prior year. However, there were two significant one-off events that need to be unpacked to explain this extraordinary result.

Firstly, our State Council have been putting aside funds raised by bequests for several years with the goal of establishing a separate legal entity called the "MND Care Foundation" to invest funds and provide the Association with a revenue stream independent of government grants and the NDIS. The total put aside as at the start of the 2021 financial year was \$7.9m. In prior years, these funds have been recognised as a liability to the yet-to-be established entity. After careful consideration and discussion with our auditors however, it was decided that holding the funds in the name of a separate legal entity introduced unnecessary complexity. We have therefore unwound this liability by recognising the funds as revenue this financial year. We have also established a Care Foundation reserve in our own name in which the funds now sit. This accounting treatment adjustment inflated our reported operating surplus for the year by \$7.9m.

Secondly, the Association was fortunate enough to receive a very generous bequest by the Estate of Ella Whaley to the value of \$2.2m for in-house research projects. In order to honour the wishes of the Estate, we have established a second new reserve called the "Ella Whaley Research Fund" upon which we will draw in future years to support in-house research into care and support.

If we exclude these two extraordinary items from our Operating Surplus, our surplus from ordinary activities is \$528k compared to \$338k in FY21, which is a solid result.

Income from State and Federal government grants increased by 14.5% to \$1.5m thanks largely to new carer respite initiatives, while other grant revenue fell by 11% to \$545k due to the winding up of ATO COVID grants. NDIS revenue increased from \$1.85m to \$2.16m on the back of strong demand for our client equipment services.

Revenue from sources other than grants and the NDIS are becoming increasingly important to MND Victoria as we strive to provide our clients with a standard of service that just wouldn't be possible if we relied only on government sources of income. With that in mind, I'm pleased to report that income from donations and fundraising climbed by 48% to \$2.2m. This was a fantastic result given that many community events were postponed or scaled back due to ongoing COVID concerns and is a testament to the hard work of our Supporter Development and Communications Team who continue to promote our good work and develop new fundraising initiatives. Bequest revenue was also a highlight on the back of the extraordinary \$2.2m bequest from the Estate of Ella Whaley. Even if we exclude this bequest, total bequest revenue grew by over 700% on last year, which is an outstanding result. As noted earlier in this report, unless

the Estate instructs otherwise, bequest revenue will be invested and held in the MND Care Foundation reserve to both future proof the Association and generate income that supports the daily activities of the Association, to ensure that we will be able to continue to provide outstanding care and support to all who need it well into the future. If you have not considered including MND Victoria in your Will, we encourage you to do so as we can only provide the level of care our clients deserve with the assistance of our generous supporters.

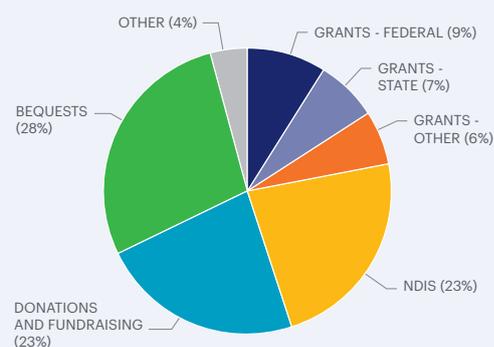
As a charitable not-for-profit, it's reasonable to expect our growth in revenues to be matched by a growth in expenses as we strive to constantly improve our level of service. In FY21 the Association invested heavily in service provision as evidenced by our 21% increase in service costs, driven largely by staffing increases and the launch of a carer respite program. Assistive technology expenses also grew significantly during the year as we continue to grow our equipment services. Fundraising and communication costs increased by 14% in FY21 which although significant was not unreasonable given the resulting growth in donation, fundraising and bequest revenue. Research expenses grew by 46% to close to \$300k, the majority of which was used to fund grants to some of the country's brightest minds to support their work to find a cure. Administration costs meanwhile remained relatively flat.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

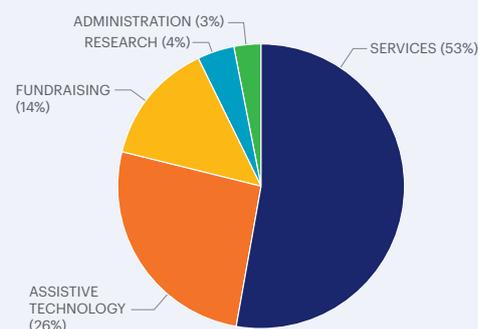
Turning to our Statement of Financial Position (or Balance Sheet), the Association's net assets grew from \$5.8m at the end of FY21 to \$15.7m at the end of FY22, however this was largely due to changes in the accounting treatment of the MND Care Foundation as noted earlier in this report. The Association's cash on hand also grew significantly during the reporting period from \$3.1m to \$4.7m, driven largely by the generous bequest from the Estate of Ella Whaley. In time this bequest will be invested to fund future in-house

2021/22 FINANCE FACTS:

INCOME	2021-22	2020-21
Grants - Federal	832,345	764,047
Grants - State	679,774	643,641
Grants - Other	545,034	613,089
NDIS	2,162,423	1,845,724
Donations and Fundraising	2,207,187	1,487,073
Bequests	2,611,324	45,322
Other	381,309	489,912
	9,419,395	5,888,809



EXPENDITURE	2021-22	2020-21
Services	3,502,171	2,904,436
Assistive Technology	1,741,854	1,514,167
Fundraising and Communications	905,395	667,828
Research	297,955	204,181
Administration	222,805	259,860
	6,670,181	5,550,472



research in keeping with the wishes of the Estate.

The value of MND Victoria's total property, plant and equipment grew by 15% during the year, with the Association investing over \$900k in new capital items including 186 new pieces of equipment to improve the breadth and depth of our equipment library including power chairs; commodes; hoists; slings; electric beds; and much more. We also invested close to \$200k in new motor vehicles to ensure that our staff can reach every corner of the state, and \$36k in office equipment such as computers and mobile phones.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For a charitable not-for-profit such as ours, the Statement of Cash Flows is perhaps the most important financial statement of them all as it strips away accounting adjustments, such as those we experienced this year

with the MND Care Foundation, and focuses solely on the generation and use of cash as it enters and leaves our hands. In FY22 the Association generated \$9m in cash receipts which was up from \$5.6m in the prior comparative period, again largely thanks to generous bequests. Our operational payments to employees and suppliers, however, also increased significantly from \$5.1m in FY21 to \$6.1m in FY22. Importantly, we finished the year with a net cash increase of \$1.6m which compares favourably with the net cash decrease of \$501k reported in FY21.

SUMMARY

The Association's financial statements benefited from some significant extraordinary events in FY22, however if we exclude these items, I'm pleased to report that we remain in a comfortable position. Our revenue

growth trajectory is pleasing and we hope to maintain that into the future to ensure that we can continue to provide the very best of care and support to all those living with MND, including their family and carer networks.

I would like to thank every one of our supporters who has donated their time or money to support our Association, or recognised us in their Will. We simply cannot provide the level of care that we do on government income alone. It's only with your support that we can provide the very best of care, until there is a cure.

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Manager Finance and Business Support

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue	9,040,699	5,229,302
Other Income	378,696	659,507
Reversal of Payable to MND Care Foundation	7,891,242	-
Donation to MND Care Foundation	-	(89,557)
Employee benefits expense	(3,830,037)	(3,115,930)
Depreciation, amortisation and impairments	(368,192)	(358,770)
Research grants	(253,276)	(202,246)
Other expenses	(2,218,676)	(1,783,969)
Operating surplus for the year after income tax	10,640,456	338,337
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	(748,942)	1,090,241
Total other comprehensive income for the year	(748,942)	1,090,241
Total comprehensive income before transfer to reserves	9,891,514	1,428,578
Less transfer to reserves - MND Care Foundation	(8,328,383)	-
Less transfer to reserves - Ella Whaley Research Fund	(2,220,818)	-
Total transfers to reserves	(10,549,201)	-
Total comprehensive income after transfer to reserves	(657,687)	1,428,578

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT JUNE 30 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,699,960	3,106,528
Trade debtors	18,757	56,483
Inventories	53,860	43,046
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	8,431,497	8,301,766
Other assets	64,799	59,416
Total current assets	13,268,873	11,567,239
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	3,381,862	2,953,060
Total non-current assets	3,381,862	2,953,060
TOTAL ASSETS	16,650,735	14,520,299
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	475,312	8,338,096
Employee entitlements	484,257	370,041
Total current liabilities	959,569	8,708,137
Non-current liabilities		
Employee Entitlements	8,054	20,565
Total non-current liabilities	8,054	20,565
TOTAL LIABILITIES	967,623	8,728,702
NET ASSETS	15,683,112	5,791,597
EQUITY		
Reserves	12,262,566	2,462,307
Retained earnings	3,420,546	3,329,290
TOTAL EQUITY	15,683,112	5,791,597

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	RETAINED EARNINGS \$	RESERVES \$	TOTAL \$
2021			
Equity as at beginning of period	2,990,953	1,372,066	4,363,019
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	2,462,307	5,791,597
2022			
Surplus / (Deficit) attributable to members of the Association	10,640,456	-	10,640,456
Other comprehensive income	-	(748,942)	(748,942)
Transfer (to) / from Reserves	(10,549,201)	10,549,201	-
Equity as at 30 June 2022	3,420,546	12,262,566	15,683,112

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Cash from operating activities		
Receipts from donations and fundraising	4,818,511	1,577,717
Receipts from grants and services	4,219,721	4,021,618
Payments to suppliers and employees	(6,135,712)	(5,113,369)
Interest / dividends received	378,696	320,601
	3,281,216	806,567
Cash flows from investing activities		
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	94,350	71,754
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(903,460)	(624,257)
(Acquisition) / Disposal of financial assets	(878,674)	(755,151)
	(1,687,784)	(1,307,654)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	1,593,432	(501,087)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	3,106,528	3,607,614
Cash at end of financial year	4,699,960	3,106,528

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 2022, 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 2022 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 2022, 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.

William Buck

ACCOUNTANTS & ADVISORS

- 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.

William Buck

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C. L. Sweeney

C. L. Sweeney
Director
Melbourne, 19th September 2022

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.

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

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.



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