

MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



Until there is a cure, there is care

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.

CORE VALUES

Our service is to people living with MND, above all else. We do not undertake anything that does not contribute, or have the potential to contribute, to improving quality of life for people living with MND.

We respect and value the contribution made by each and every member of the MND community and give full consideration to their contribution.

We support, encourage and value innovation that improves opportunity and quality of outcomes. We share absolute integrity and are ethical in our practices.

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.

OUR OBJECTIVES



Provide the best possible care and support to people living with MND



Improve community awareness and support of MND Victoria



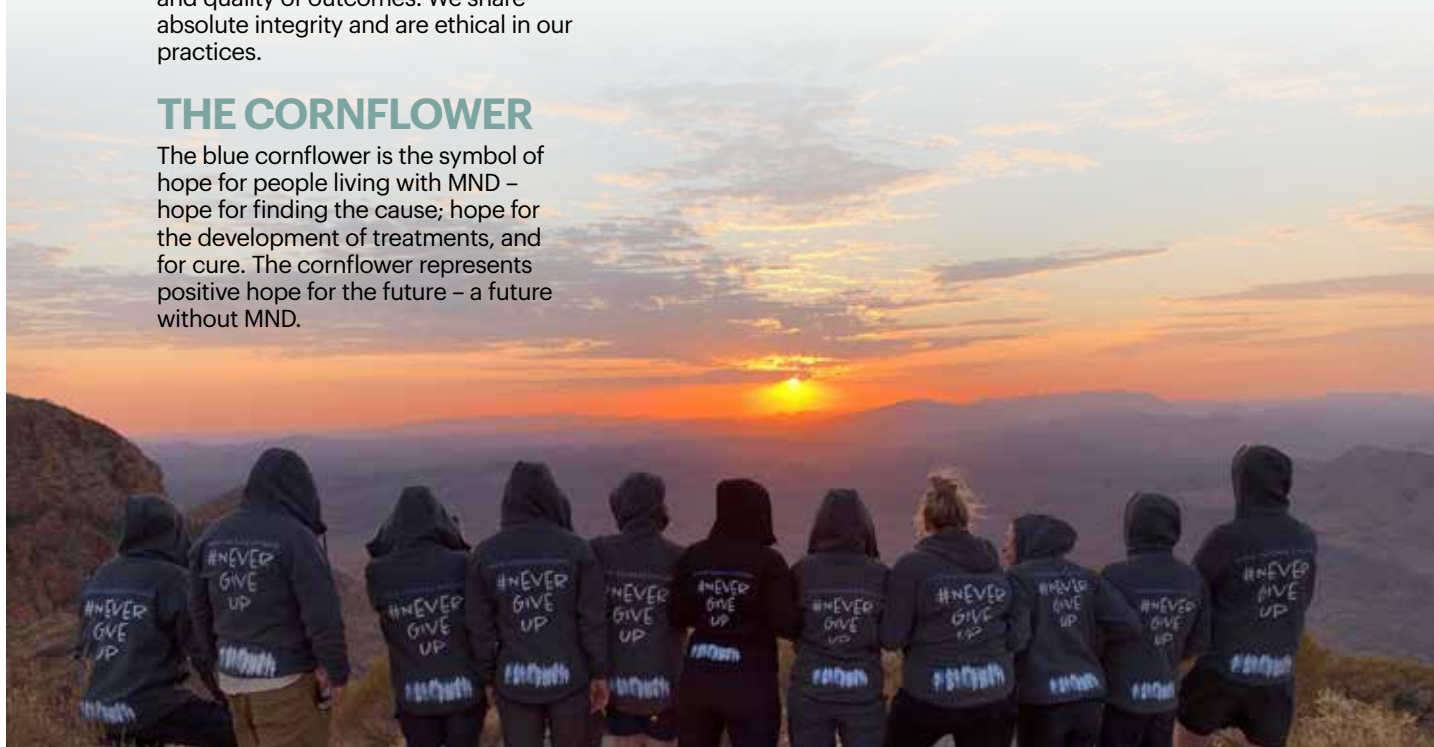
Be known as the expert voice for MND and the needs it creates



Promote and support research into care, support, treatment and cure for MND



Underpin our strategy by remaining sustainable



STATE COUNCIL

State Council (as at 30th June 2020)

David Lamperd* - President
Jeremy Urbach* - Treasurer
David Ali
Duncan Bayly*
Chris Beeny
Barry Gunning
Jodie-Ann Harrison Fitzgerald*
Angeline Kuek
Wayne Pfeiffer*
Napier Thomson
Chloe Williams

*Has a personal association with MND

Throughout the challenges of 2019/20, in particular those presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, MND Victoria has continued our focus on providing the best quality care and support for people living with MND, through the delivery of our four key services – Information and Resources, MND Advisor and Support Coordination service, Assistive Technology and our Volunteer services. We help people to live better for longer, throughout the disease progression.

Our response to the COVID-19 pandemic was efficient and effective. In mid-March, staff moved very quickly and successfully to remote working and Support Service delivery. Our Equipment service continued to function effectively, with equipment safely and promptly delivered and collected by our third-party provider. We remained in close contact with the MND clinics and Allied Health Professionals to ensure people with MND were not unduly impacted by service delays or reductions. In addition, we were able to deliver our Day of Hope and Remembrance, Ask the Experts and our Information Sessions for newly diagnosed people and their families, using digital and video technology. This had the added benefit of opening up these sessions to a broader audience.

Early in the financial year our State Council approved a revised Strategic Plan 2019 – 2021, Business Plan November 2019 – June 2021, Risk Management Plan, and Business Continuity Plan.

In addition, we moved to a new Information and Communication Technology (ICT) support provider, FIIT. FIIT enabled our conversion to Cloud Computing and SharePoint technology changes that became critical in supporting our seamless transition to remote working in response to COVID-19 restrictions. We thank Will Richards for the many years of IT support provided to MND Victoria.

We were notified in August 2019 that our client management system, iCase, would no longer be developed or sold. As a result, and after exhaustive research, we will implement Salesforce CRM, using several different integrated applications to support all areas of our work.

Our building also had a “facelift” during the year, with a new colour, new awnings and some standout window signage. We thank Mattioli painters, Shadewell Awnings and Blinds and Sign-a-Rama Box Hill for their support.

With the generous support of the Collier Charitable Fund and AGL we were able to complete preventative maintenance to the roof of our Canterbury Office and to install a 10.56kW Solar system. The resulting savings in electricity costs will free up additional funds for our core activities of providing care and support to people with MND.

Across the 2019/2020 financial year other key activities have included:

- Provision of support to over 700 people with MND through the provision of MND Advisor and Support Coordination services, assistive technology provision, information and resourcing, volunteer services and ongoing advocacy
- Raising over 70% of the funds invested in support through fundraising and fee for service via NDIS
- Continuing our close collaboration with MND Australia and the other State Associations, to ensure our continued advocacy and influence of government practice and policy, as well as successfully delivering our first ever national fundraising campaign
- Supporting 21 MND Vic staff, 7 Victorian shared care workers and 43 researchers and Allied Health Professionals to attend the International Ask the Experts and Allied Health Professionals forum in Perth in December, including those supported through our Nina Buscombe grants (43) and through the MND Australia travel grants (1)
- Increased our MND Advisor and Support Coordination services in both Victoria and Tasmania with an additional 2.5 FTE added across the year
- Contributed \$412,000 to research grants to be allocated by MND Research Australia, supported by a number of fundraising activities and a significant bequest. Of note, was that despite COVID-19 causing the last minute cancellation of the annual RockOff MND concert \$100,000 was still raised from other events and activities associated with this enabling the continuation of The Jenny Simko MND Research Grant
- 4 staff have left during the year and we thank Rachel, Melissa, Heidi and Alison for their contributions. We welcome Michelle, David, Alex, Emma, Jenny and Steph to the team



David Lamperd President



Jeremy Urbach Treasurer



Kate Johnson CEO

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:

- Information and Resources
- Advisor and Support Coordination
- Equipment Service
- Volunteer Service.

COVID-19 and the various lock downs that followed have made life for people with MND even more complex, of which our 24 strong Support Services staff team are acutely aware. The pandemic has meant that we have had to adapt the way that we deliver services – it is business as usual, but not as we know it! The team has adapted using the most appropriate technology to remain connected whether that's phone or virtual consultations. Nothing will replace face to face interactions, and we look forward to being able to engage in this way again later in 2020/21.

However, there is a small silver lining! Virtual technology such as Zoom and other virtual applications enabled us to expand and enhance our service delivery and we will continue utilising these where appropriate after COVID-19 restrictions have been removed.

In order to deliver the best possible services it is essential that our staff keep up to date with developments in the MND care and research space in addition to service areas such as the NDIS and My Aged Care. Most of the team attended the MND International Allied Health Conference in Perth in December 2019 and have engaged in many other training opportunities to keep up to date. These include NDIA joint training with NDIA planners, the legislation regarding Voluntary Assisted Dying and topics including Dealing with Grief & Loss and Palliative Care.

Our Support Services staff team have supported a total of 707 people with MND, their friends and families over the course of the year.



2019/20:
PEOPLE SUPPORTED BY MND VIC

656
VICTORIANS
2018/19: 597

51
TASMANIANS
2018/19: 58

OTHER NUMBERS

	VICTORIA		TASMANIA	
	2019/20	2018/19	2019/20	2018/19
With MND registered at 30 June	431	424	35	40
Newly diagnosed with MND during the year	214	209	9	16
With MND whose deaths were reported during the year	218	173	16	18
Living with MND supported during the year	656	597	51	58

"MND (Victoria) have just been amazing with such a horrible disease, no ask is too big for you guys"

Daughter of a person diagnosed with MND – Dec 2019

ADVISOR AND SUPPORT COORDINATION SERVICE



Our team of MND Advisors/Support Coordination provide individualised support to people with MND, their carers and families. They assist them to navigate the complexities of the various 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.

In order for our MND Advisors to spend more quality time with all the people with MND that they support, our focus this year has been to reduce the number of people allocated to each Advisor. To facilitate this, the team has grown by 4 in the last year. We now have 15 Advisors (12.3 FTE) working across Victoria and Tasmania. At any one time each full time Advisor supports an average of 35 to 40 people living with MND.

The team maintains strong relationships with service providers and networks across Victoria, Tasmania and nationally, to ensure that people living with MND receive support from well informed, well supported professionals who are aware of the impact of MND and the needs it creates.

The Advisors have strong links to all three MND Clinics in Victoria – Calvary Healthcare Bethlehem, MND Clinic Barwon and the MND Clinic at Bundoora Extended Care.

Some statistics about the work undertaken by the Advisor team.

- 45% of our clients are under 65 when diagnosed and are eligible for funded supports from the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- As of 30 June 2020, 174 Victorians and 16 Tasmanians have chosen MND Victoria to be their NDIS Support Coordinator.
- 55% of our clients are over 65 when diagnosed and need to access services from My Aged Care. Lack of access to aged care packages and appropriate funding for Assistive Technology continues to be an issue of concern. We work hard to advocate for improvements to funding and to support older people with MND and their carers.

2019/20 FACTS:



HOURS DELIVERED TO CLIENTS BY MND ADVISORS

11,321

VICTORIA

2018/19: 9,268

654

TASMANIA

2018/19: 551



INDIVIDUAL CONTACTS WITH PEOPLE LIVING WITH MND

8,123

VICTORIA

2018/19: 8,222

338

TASMANIA

2018/19: 343



NEW MEMBERS WITH MND

241

VICTORIA

2018/19: 209

9

TASMANIA

2018/19: 16

"Our Advisor is absolutely amazing!... She was a blessing from Dads diagnosis to his passing. MND and people who deal with her are lucky to have such a fantastic person as part of their team."

Daughter of a person with MND – Feb 2020

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY



Our Equipment Service provides and maintains high quality Assistive Technology (AT) that supports people with MND, their carers and families at no personal cost.

We work closely with the Allied Health Professionals directly involved in the support of the person with MND who prescribe the equipment that best suits the person's needs. The number of people receiving NDIS support to access AT through MND Victoria's Equipment Service has continued to increase over the past year.

We continue our close relationship with our offsite equipment managers to ensure that equipment is dispatched, retrieved and maintained as efficiently and effectively as is possible

One hundred and seventy-four NDIS participants with MND have selected MND Victoria to provide their AT support, mostly through our equipment bundle offer. The bundle allows the changing equipment needs of clients to be met, without needing to revise their NDIS plan.

Several volunteers continued providing administrative support to the Equipment Service team during the last twelve months. Unfortunately, their much-valued contributions have been severely restricted since March due to COVID-19 workplace restrictions.

We received a number of grants, bequests and donations to support the work of the Equipment Service. These contributions assist our ongoing purchase of new equipment.

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

Our equipment pool increased to approximately 4,000 items as a result of significant purchases in the past year.

2019/20 FACTS:



**EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
DURING THE YEAR**

313
NEW CLIENTS
RECEIVING
EQUIPMENT

3,002
EQUIPMENT
ITEMS
PROVIDED

OTHER NUMBERS

	2019/20
Clients with equipment at 30/06/20	394
Requests from Allied Health Professionals to the Equipment Service, (often for more than 1 piece of equipment)	1639
Equipment items recovered	3808
Major equipment repairs	412

EQUIPMENT AT HAND

	2019/20		2019/20
Pressure cushions	46	Tilt manual wheelchairs	13
Walking frames	45	Bed wedges	10
Electric lift / recline armchairs	36	Nebulisers	10
Standard manual wheelchairs	29	Call bells	10
Switches	23	Tilt in space powerchairs	6
Portable ramps	20	Overbed tables	5
Slings for floor hoists	16	Standing aids	6
Mounts	15	Electric floor hoists	4
eWriters	15		



“Hi.... Firstly my V6 Frontier All Terrain Electric Wheelchair has arrived and changed my life. I have escaped into the wilderness of (my suburb) - cafes, hamburger shops, Southland in all its glory are being terrorised as I reclaim my turf! Lol ”

Email from a person with MND who was issued a power wheelchair from our 4,000+ item equipment pool – Sept 2019

INFORMATION AND RESOURCING



We know that early access to good quality, accurate and accessible information is key to responding to the needs of people with MND, their families, carers, friends and others around them.

Having the right information at the right time assists people to make informed choices and decisions and to plan for the journey ahead of them.

The Information team provides information about the disease process, managing the disease, support services, treatment, research, grief and loss as well as other requested topics.

Information is current, accurate and tailored to the needs of the requesting person, be it a person with MND, a family carer, friend, health professional, or a member of the general public. Information is provided via telephone, website, email, post, social media and by group or information sessions.

A National Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) Grant was awarded to MND Australia to work alongside the MND State Associations to devise a National MND Connect Service Model. This exciting 3-year project led by MND Australia kicked off in April this year. MND Victoria has representatives on the steering committee and nominated a person with MND from Victoria who also has been appointed to the committee.

KEY ACTIVITIES

MND INFORMATION NIGHTS

Held every six weeks for people recently diagnosed with MND, their families and friends.

Traditionally face to face at our head office in Canterbury. The sessions from April onwards were delivered using virtual technology and the transition went well – we had 38 attendees via Zoom from as far away as Tasmania, Gippsland and Bendigo – virtual technology has opened up opportunities for people living in regional areas and is something we will continue to offer after COVID-19 restrictions have ended.

Two hundred and thirty-one people attended these sessions over the year.

PRESENTATIONS TO RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITIES (RACF)

We delivered 27 presentations to staff at RACFs when a person with MND moved into the facility. Each session had between 3 and 12 RACF care staff in attendance.

LIVING WELL GROUPS

This group aims to provide opportunities for people diagnosed with MND, partners, families and carers to explore issues of life, living and dying, whilst fighting motor neurone disease.

We ran one group of six sessions attended by eleven people with MND and their carers.

“It was wonderful to know that we all can still find enjoyment in life and still share a laugh despite our illness”

Feedback from a group participant

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL FORUMS

We held one Allied Health Professionals' forum in Ballarat in Oct 2019, with forty two attendees.

“A great day. lots of take home messages. well organised and very thought provoking for Allied Health professionals”

A forum participant

Our second forum planned for Hobart for March 2020 was postponed due to COVID-19.

ASK THE (RESEARCH) EXPERTS

COVID-19 impacted the normal way this event happens – with people visiting the labs at the Florey. Instead, we held a Live Stream event with presentations by three top MND researchers which was viewed by 438 people across Australia and New Zealand.



2019/20 FACTS:



INFORMATION & RESOURCES

TYPE OF RESOURCE SENT OUT	2019/20
Client Information kits	
• General information pack	554
• Welcome pack	486
GP Information Kits	432
Health Professional pack	81
Talking with Young People Kits	11
MND News – hard copy – 6 editions per year	900 each edition
MND News e-version – 6 editions per year	725 each edition
Health Professional e-newsletter – 6 editions per year	400 each edition
Website visits	36,583
Facebook likes	10,847



SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS

 **83,600**

 **25,000**

 **14,900**

VOLUNTEER SERVICES



We were very proud to see Cynthia Vincent one of our longstanding volunteers recognised with a Premier's Volunteer Champions Award in October 2019.

While working, raising her family and supporting her mother who had been diagnosed with MND, Cynthia began her volunteer "career" with MND Victoria early in the 1980s. Since then Cynthia has actively supported the work of MND Victoria in a variety of roles including with the Eastern Support Group, advocating to local members of parliament, awareness raising and community fundraising. Cynthia has also volunteered at the Canterbury office in both Reception and MND News mailout roles. She continues to support people living with MND as one of our Bereavement Call Volunteers.

- Contact with Clients - on average volunteers completed 58 contacts with clients each month a reduction from 66 contacts per month up to February 2020. Since COVID-19 related restrictions have been in place Life Story volunteers and people with MND have adapted to working with each other online. Ten Life Stories have been completed this year.
- Volunteers have transitioned into the new role of "Social Chat" volunteers making regular calls and contact to clients and carers who are isolated due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Our new Story Catcher Volunteer role has commenced and will enable us to record and acknowledge the stories of our volunteers.
- Program Support - while volunteer roles at MND Victoria head office have been on hold since March our volunteers have continued to average 57 occasions of support each month across the year.
- Our Volunteer Seminar - Behind the Scenes - in October brought together MND Victoria staff and volunteers to share information and learn from each other. This year our volunteer team meetings, education sessions and updates have moved online and have been enthusiastically welcomed by all.

2019/20 FACTS:



4,500
VOLUNTEER
HOURS
CONTRIBUTED

2018/19: 6,935



136
REGISTERED/
ACTIVE
VOLUNTEERS

2018/19: 128

95
VOLUNTEERS
ATTENDING
TRAINING

2018/19: 53



5
NUMBER OF
SUPPORT
GROUPS

2018/19: 6

11
NUMBER
OF NEW
VOLUNTEERS

2018/19: 20

- National Volunteer Week - this year showed how resilient and adaptive our volunteers are. Unable to meet in person our celebration too went online. This year we recognised 21 volunteers with Years of Service Awards. Four volunteers mark 30 years volunteering, two 20 years, two 15 years, two 10 years and 12 volunteers completed 5 years of volunteering with MND Victoria. We look forward to being able to present their awards in person later in 2020.

SUPPORTER DEVELOPMENT



The first half of this financial year saw continued growth in fundraising income as a result of our focus on building strong relationships with our supporters.

Our Walk to D'Feet MND events in November saw approximately 2,500 people walk in Rosebud, Carlton and Bendigo with a total of \$220,000 being raised. Our two main challenge events for the year – Global Charity TV and Larapinta – brought together 27 people impacted by MND. While all these are fundraising events, at their core they are an opportunity to build relationships that will live on for many years. The challenge events in particular allow participants to share their stories in a safe and caring environment. When sharing their stories, participants acknowledged how the services provided by MND Victoria helped them and their loved ones as MND took away their independence, mobility and eventually their life.

As we all know, the second half of this year brought about challenges unheard of since the establishment of the organisation in 1981. Community led events were postponed or cancelled from early February as COVID-19 restrictions came into force. Fortunately, the Association had already been working with other state organisations to hold a virtual national fundraising event to mark MND Awareness week and Global MND Day. Australia Moves for MND (AM4MND) was launched on April 27 and ended June 21. Over \$220,000 was raised by 186 participants and these funds were distributed to the various state associations. This was an excellent result both financially and because it enhanced the strengthening relationship between the state MND associations. It is intended to have an annual national virtual fundraising event.

Zooming with Dan was launched on 16 April through Facebook live stream and was a great success regularly drawing audiences from across Australia. Daniel Woodrow's guests included MND staff, people living with MND, families whose loved ones had died from MND and fundraisers.

COVID-19 restrictions also saw us move the proposed Great Wall of China, September 2020 to September 2021 and Tuscany September 2020 was confirmed in its place. Unfortunately, this too was also cancelled and was replaced with the Australian Three Peaks Walk currently planned for March 2021. These changes negatively impacted fundraising income in the 2019/2020 financial year.

2019/20 FACTS:



FUNDRAISING - OUTCOMES BY ACTIVITY

	2019/20	2018/19
Bequests and Trusts	457,003	491,538
General donations	268,654	118,777
Donor Development	811,111	446,284
Investments	424,086	458,402
Merchandising	73,893	55,030
Walk to D'feet and special events	885,514	1,057,655

Our partnership with The Producers grew stronger and they helped enable us to pivot our Day of Hope and Ask the Experts events to virtual events resulting in a much wider audience being able to participate. The Producers have also worked with us to produce some exceptional videos of people with MND which we shared online via our Social Media. Digital awareness and fundraising will be even more important in the next financial year.

Despite the postponement and cancellation of MND run events, as well as community run events, this has still been a very successful year for Supporter Development. Both the Christmas and Tax Appeals were very well supported financially with a number of our long-term, dedicated supporters increasing their donations as they recognised the negative impact COVID-19 was having on fundraising activities and they wanted to ensure the Association could still deliver vital care and support services to people living with MND.



Highlights from last financial year:

- A total of 18 supporters undertook the Larapinta challenge in September and raised a total of \$111,000
- Three Walk to D'Feet MND events in November raised a total of \$220,028 and once again provided a safe and welcoming environment for people impacted by MND to get together and celebrate their loved ones who were either living with MND or who had died from the disease.
- The first Ballarat Walk to D'Feet MND on March 1 raised approximately \$15,000
- Our continued emphasis on digital fundraising resulted in increased funds being raised for both our Christmas 2019 and Tax 2020 Appeals.
- In February our 9 Global Charity TV ambassadors departed in a convoy of vintage and modern MGs for an exciting five-day mystery trip to the Grampians as a reward for raising \$110,000 throughout the year. A film of their trip will be aired on free to air TV once COVID-19 restrictions have ended.
- We received 11 Bequests totalling \$354,036. These Bequests ensure that the Association is in a very secure financial position to weather unexpected downturns in fundraising income such as we are seeing as a result of COVID-19.
- Our successful grant applications to Trusts and Foundations underwrite equipment purchase or implementation of new projects that enhance our service delivery.
- COVID-19 restrictions forced the postponement of the Benalla Act to D'Feet MND and SuperBall XII events both of which raised funds specifically for research. While the RockOFF MND event itself was cancelled, \$100,000 was raised prior to the event through a variety of smaller events, raffles and ticket sales and these funds were allocated to MND Research Australia, as were funds donated that were specifically designated for research.
- Workplace Giving / Regular Giving continues to provide monthly income.

OUR SUPPORTERS:

BEQUESTS

The Estate of Dorothy Jean Mahler
 The Estate of Edna May Bastian
 The Estate of Helen Jean Burgess
 The Estate of George Findon Miller
 The Estate of Yvonne Lesley Turner
 The Estate of Ronald Arthur Prince
 The Estate of Agnes Florence Wilkinson
 The Estate of Daphne Hazel O'Hanlon
 The Estate of Marisa Agius
 The Estate of Isobel Caroline McLaren
 The Estate of Helen Margaret Griffin

TRUSTS & FOUNDATIONS

Collier Charitable Fund
 Dimmick Charitable Trust
 FightMND Care Grants Initiative
 George & Edith Ramsay Charitable Trust
 Joe White Bequest
 Kate Jones & Stephen Alomes Fund
 Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust - Marshall Fund
 Mona Georgina Harris Perpetual Charitable Trust
 Pethard Tarax Charitable Trust
 The Brorsen Family Trust
 The GW Vowell Foundation
 The Mulgrew Family Endowment
 The William Angliss Charitable Fund
 Wanless Family Fund

SCHOOLS

Ballarat Specialist School
 Briagolong Primary School
 Eastbourne Primary School
 Emerson School
 Koonung Secondary College
 Lang Lang Primary School
 Learning for Life Autism Centre
 Methodist Ladies' College
 Ouyen P-12 College
 Plenty Parklands Primary School
 Streeton Primary School
 Trinity Grammar School
 Yarra Hills Secondary College

CHURCHES

Glen Waverley Anglican Church
 Uniting Church Pyramid Hill

SUPPORT GROUPS

Barwon Support Group
 Bendigo Support Group

ORGANISATIONS

Arcare-Malvern East
 Coles Bay Holidays
 Communication Direct
 Community Villages Association
 Frontline Stores Australia
 G.J Gardner Homes
 Gaji Hair Design
 Garth Lisle Property Consultants
 Greyhounds Entertainment
 Halit Flowers
 Hannaton Marinos
 Happy Spaces Group
 IGA Ritchies Supermarkets and Liquor Stores
 Kew Skin Therapy
 Loch Sport Business & Tourism Association
 Lorraine Lea Linen
 MiniMax Camberwell
 Moonee Ponds Staff Welfare Fund
 Mountain Sports Wodonga
 Natrad: Automotive Heating & Cooling Special-ists
 Roe's Holding
 Yarra Valley Christmas Tree Farm

CORPORATIONS

A.G. Commb's Group Pty Ltd
 Australian Government Department of Human Services
 Cummins South Pacific
 Dyson Group of Company
 Express Insurance Brokers
 Horsham Legal Pty Ltd T/As Brown & Proudfoot
 JM Hiscock & Sons Pty Ltd.
 Marubeni-Itochu Steel Oceania Pty Ltd (MISO)
 McGrathNicol Melbourne
 Peter R Purcell & Associates
 Specsavers Pty Ltd.
 St John of God Healthcare
 Trevor P Weichmann & Associates Pty Ltd.
 UBS AG

CLUBS

Ballarat Scrabble Club
 Bass Coast Lions Club
 Belmont Rotary Club
 Bendigo BMX Club
 Carnegie Lions Club
 Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia Victoria
 Clunes Football Netball Club
 Country Women's Association of Victoria
 Country Women's Association-Yarrawonga Border Branch
 Craft Ladies of the Combined Probus Club of Monash Central
 Culcairn Women's Bowling Club
 Eaglehawk Football Club
 Flinders Golf Club
 Heathcote Bowls Club
 Hoppers Crossing Apex Club
 Knoxfield Cricket Sporting Club
 Leopold Sportmans Club
 Lions Club of Bass Valley
 Lions Club of Boroondara Central
 Lions Club of Frankston
 Lions Club of Geelong Breakfast
 Lions Club of Leopold
 Lions Club of Macarthur & District
 Lions Club of Numurkah
 Men's Society Group of St John's Anglican Church
 Midland Bowls Club
 Mitcham Scottish Society
 Pines Cricket Club
 Portsea Golf Club
 Rochester Golf Club
 Rochester Quilting Patch
 Roseville Craft Group
 Rotary Club of Cranbourne
 Ruby Red Dancers
 Strathfieldsaye Football Club
 The Australia Day Long Table Group
 The Ballarat Woodworker Guild
 The Village Glen Bowl Club
 The Village Glen Croquet Club
 The Village Glen Fidelity Club
 The Village Glen Golf Club
 The Village Glen Quilters
 The Village Glen Residence Committee
 Werribee Bushwalking & Outdoor Club
 Werribee Districts Football Club
 Western Heights Tuesday Morning Badminton Club
 White Hill Bowls Club

FINANCE INFORMATION



In a year that has seen unprecedented challenges, the Association has had a good trading outcome, and an audited financial surplus after transfers to the MND Care Foundation.

- The 2019/20 year resulted in a trading surplus. The audited financial statements provide a report on the final outcome for 2019/20 and will be available from the Association's office and website after they have been presented at the Annual General Meeting.
- Our income from NDIS increased by 49%. NDIS income was 29% of the total income for the year, compared with 24% in the previous financial year.
- Fundraising continues to underpin the Association's finances, and fundraising, paid services and investment contributed 71% of total income.
- We maintain our support for research into care, treatment and ultimately a cure for MND and through the support of events that raise funds for research we contributed \$447,000 to MND Research Australia and for our own Nina Buscombe Awards for travel and conference attendance. The Nina Buscombe Awards were not offered in the 2019/20 financial year, given the COVID-19 related travel restrictions, and funds have been held for allocation in the next financial year. Funding for research accounted for 7% of our expenditure.
- Our focus remains on service delivery with 79% of all expenditure being applied to services to support people living with MND and to research.
- Our income remains dependent on year to year activities to continue to fund care, support and research, with a strong reliance on the many fundraising events – both large and small – that are delivered by us or our supporters on our behalf. From March 2020, the activities were cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions preventing physical gatherings and therefore we worked hard to increase our virtual and online campaigns. We monitor our expenditure closely with a focus on efficiency and effective operations, to maximise the funds available for services.
- We maintain low administration costs at 4.5% of total expenditure, however these costs continue to rise as the monitoring and acquittal processes required by Government and regulators increase. We are constantly working to understand and appropriately allocate the true costs of service provision.
- The Association remains in a strong financial position, with adequate reserves to meet the challenges ahead. Our mission continues: to provide and promote the best possible care and support for people living with MND.

2019/20 FACTS:



NDIS INCOME WAS
29%
OF TOTAL
INCOME

2019/20: 24%



71%
OF FUNDRAISING
UNDERPINS THE
ASSOCIATION



79%
OF EXPENDITURE
SUPPORTS OUR
CLIENTS AND
RESEARCH

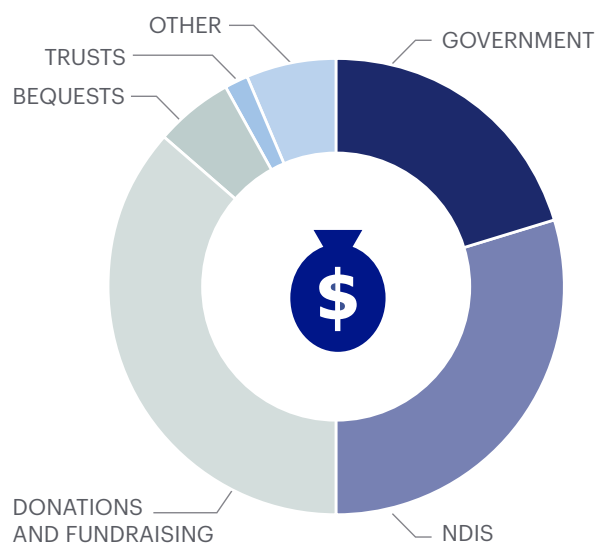


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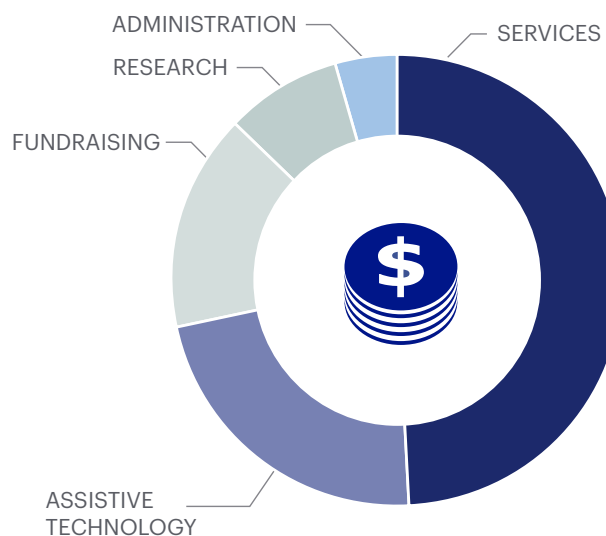
INCOME

	2019/20	2018/19
Government	\$1,328,771	\$1,275,991
NDIS	\$1,918,090	\$1,285,461
Donations and Fundraising	\$2,368,845	\$2,161,313
Bequests	\$354,036	\$374,708
Trusts	\$106,862	\$120,205
Other	\$406,253	\$98,230
Total	\$6,482,857	\$5,315,908



EXPENDITURE

	2019/20	2018/19
Services	\$2,777,244	\$2,282,876
Assistive Technology	\$1,260,571	\$1,191,471
Fundraising	\$875,495	\$595,239
Research	\$473,297	\$453,791
Administration	\$242,094	\$277,913
TOTAL	\$5,628,701	\$4,801,290



STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Revenue	5,890,872	4,857,506
Other Income	795,686	458,402
Employee benefits expense	(2,843,532)	(2,438,185)
Depreciation, amortization and impairments	(369,426)	(380,291)
Donation to MND Care Foundation	(410,458)	(458,855)
Research expenditure	(447,000)	(350,600)
Other expenses	(1,968,750)	(1,632,215)
Surplus/(Deficit) attributable to members of the Association	647,392	(55,762)
Other Comprehensive Income		
Net fair value increase/(decrease) on revaluation of financial assets	(725,723)	453,395
Total other comprehensive income for the year	(725,723)	453,395
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity	(78,331)	509,157

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT JUNE 30 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,607,614	2,134,263
Trade debtors	61,035	12,821
Inventories	38,623	44,030
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	6,456,374	7,392,988
Other assets	193,977	54,334
Total current assets	10,357,622	9,638,436
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	2,803,579	2,870,330
Total non-current assets	2,803,579	2,870,330
TOTAL ASSETS	13,161,201	12,508,766
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	8,346,434	7,515,871
Employee entitlements	431,183	536,854
Total current liabilities	8,777,617	8,052,725
Non-current liabilities		
Employee entitlements	20,565	14,691
Total non-current liabilities	20,565	14,691
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,798,182	8,067,416
NET ASSETS	4,363,019	4,441,350
EQUITY		
Reserves	1,372,066	2,097,789
Retained earnings	2,990,953	2,343,561
TOTAL EQUITY	4,363,019	4,441,350

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	RETAINED EARNINGS \$	CAPITAL ACQUISITION RESERVE \$	REVALUATION SURPLUS \$	FINANCIAL ASSET RESERVE \$	TOTAL \$
2019					
Equity as at beginning of period	2,287,799	83,175	929,872	631,347	3,932,193
Surplus/(deficit) attributable to members of the Association	55,762	-	-	-	55,762
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	453,395	453,395
Equity as at 30 June 2019	2,343,561	83,175	929,872	1,084,742	4,441,350
	RETAINED EARNINGS \$	CAPITAL ACQUISITION RESERVE \$	REVALUATION SURPLUS \$	FINANCIAL ASSET RESERVE \$	TOTAL \$
2020					
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

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Cash from operating activities		
Fundraising and donations received	2,057,027	1,765,391
Receipts from Bequests	354,036	374,708
Operating Grants	1,727,265	1,275,991
National Disability Insurance Scheme	1,869,876	1,308,711
Other income	494,086	155,955
Payments to suppliers and employees	(5,351,300)	(4,252,637)
Interest/dividends received	424,086	458,402
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,575,076	1,086,521
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	60,185	70,894
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(372,801)	(433,711)
(Acquisition)/Disposal of financial assets	210,891	25,109
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(101,725)	(337,708)
Net increase(decrease) in cash held	1,473,351	748,813
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	2,134,263	1,385,450
Cash at end of financial year	3,607,614	2,134,263



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 2020, 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 2020 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Regime.

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 2020, 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 – Reduced Disclosure Regime 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.

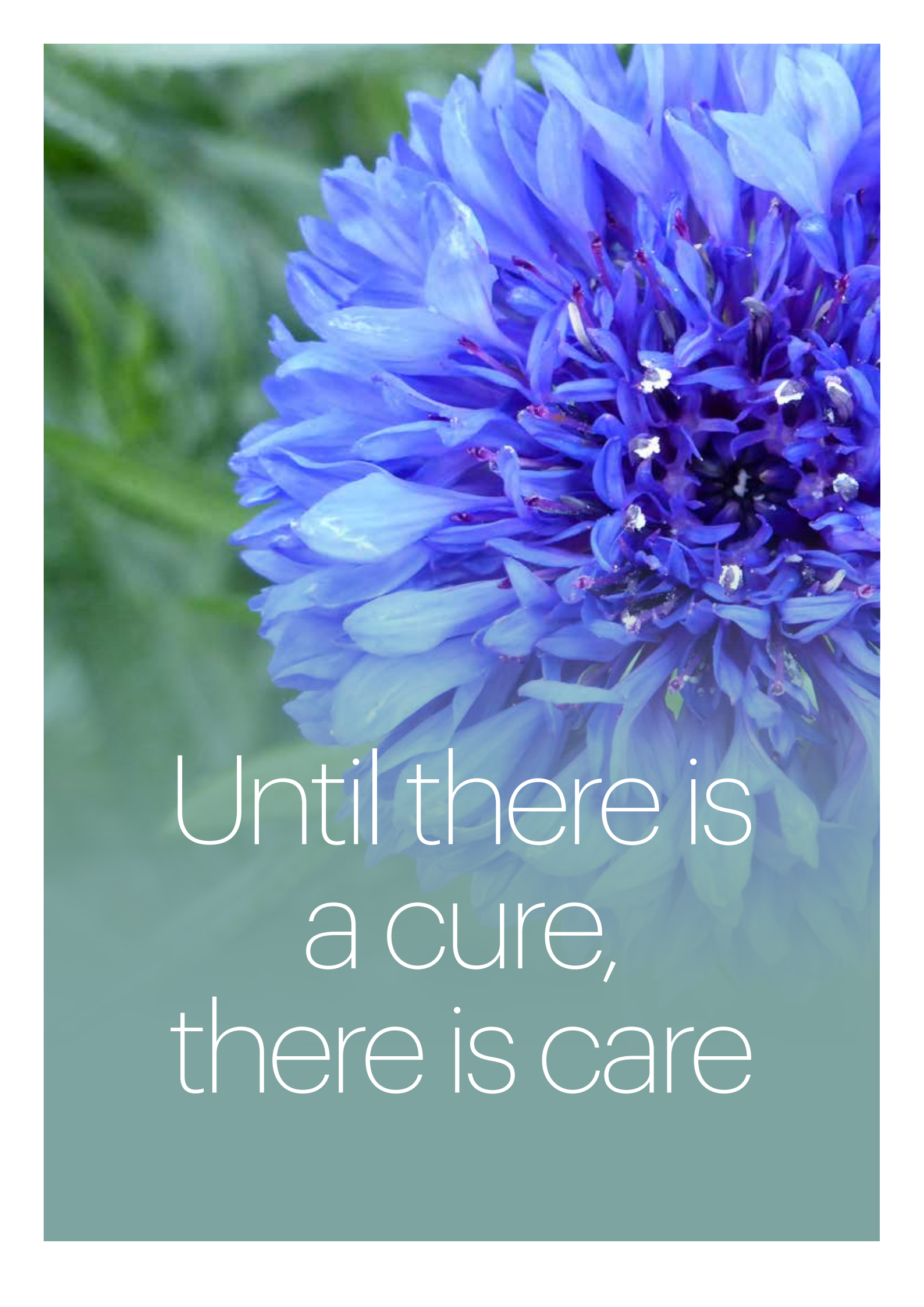
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C. L. Siddles
Director

Dated: Melbourne 27th August, 2020



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