



## **Annual Report 2008 / 2009**



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# About ASSID

*The Aims & Objectives of A.S.S.I.D. (Tas) Inc., consistent with those of the Australasian Association are to:*

- Promote the study and understanding of intellectual disability
- Provide a forum for people who have a personal interest or occupational association
- Facilitate communication between members via conferences, national networks, workshops and lecture tours
- Publish in journals, newsletters, magazines and brochures, matters of interest for members and the wider community
- Foster high principals and standards of work practice
- Promote the rights of people with an intellectual disability
- Advocate with people with an intellectual disability
- Contribute to, and monitor the development of policy and legislation in the area of intellectual disability

*We will achieve these Aims & Objectives by:*

- Operating an effective, cost efficient not-for-profit incorporated association
- Utilising a membership of volunteers committed to advancing the interests of people with intellectual disability
- Networking with government and non-government sector organisations
- Initiating a variety of state-wide and local activities
- Providing a forum for people with intellectual disabilities to participate in decision making opportunities that inform ASSID members on specific issues
- Participating in the work of the Australasian Association

# 2008/2009 Members

LANGFORD SUPPORT SERVICES

BENI ABBES COMMUNITY

NEXUS INC.

MS GERALDINE HARWOOD

STAR TASMANIA

MRS MOIRA MCPHERSON

SUNLEA TEAM INC

ANGLICARE TASMANIA

DISABILITY SERVICES  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

OAK ENTERPRISES

NTHN RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT GROUP  
INC

TASMANIAN POLYTECHNIC

THE PARKSIDE FOUNDATION PTY LTD

MS LOUISE HAMILTON

MONTAGU COMMUNITY LIVING INC

MR CRAIG JONES

OPTIA INCORPORATED

MRS ALLY VALETICH

COSMOS INC

MS HELEN RUSSELL

OAKDALE SERVICES TASMANIA

MRS DENESE FERGUSON

SPEAK OUT ADVOCACY ASSN OF TAS

MR BEN CROTHERS

LIFE WITHOUT BARRIERS

MRS NADIA OLLINGTON

DISABILITY SERVICES ETHICS CTTEE

MS BARBARA OLSEN

MS DARRYLEEN WIGGINS

## 2008/2009 Committee

<b>President</b>	Craig Jones
<b>Vice President</b>	Barbara Olsen
<b>Secretary</b>	Mary Mallett
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ally Valetich
<b>Public Officer</b>	Elizabeth Richardson
<b>Australasian Committee Representatives</b>	Craig Jones Darryleen Wiggins Elizabeth Richardson
<b>Committee Members</b>	Darryleen Wiggins David Treanor Rick Baxter Trish Green Helen Russell Rhonda Studley Nadia Ollington Robert Blackwell



**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**8. Determination of Membership Fees for the 2009/2010 financial year**

**MOTION:** *That the Membership Fees for 2009-10 remain unchanged*

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**9. Determination of Meeting Dates for 2009/2010 including Strategic Planning Day and other events.**

**10. Any other business**

**11. Meeting Closed:**

# Minutes 2007/08 AGM



Australasian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability Inc.

**Annual General Meeting ASSID Tasmania  
2006/2007  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 1.30pm  
The Grange, Campbell Town**

## Minutes

### 12. Attendance

**Present:** Peter Hatters, Darryleen Wiggins, Rhonda Studley, Rick Baxter, Maddie Pidd, Mark Krause, Craig Jones, Janet Presser, Paul Levett, Ally Valetich, Helen Russell

**Apologies:** Robert Blackwell, David Treanor, Moira McPherson

### 13. Confirmation of Minutes of last AGM

**MOTION:** *That the Minutes of the previous annual general meeting, 30/8/2006 be accepted.*

**Moved:** Peter Hatters

**Seconded:** Darryleen Wiggins

### 14. Receipt of Financial Statement & Auditors Report 2006 - 2007

**MOTION:** *That the financial statement and auditor's report for 2006/2007 be accepted.*

**Moved:** Peter Hatters

**Seconded:** Craig Jones

### 15. President's Report

**MOTION:** *That the report be accepted*

**Moved:** Libby Richardson

**Seconded:** Maddie Pidd

### 16. Election of Office Bearer's:

All positions declared vacant. Returning Officer (Mark Krause) assumes the chair. The following people were elected

**President:** Craig Jones

**Vice President:** Darryleen Wiggins

**Secretary:** Ally Valetich

**Treasurer:** Robert Blackwell (to be confirmed)

**Public Officer:** Libby Richardson

**Australasian Representatives:** Darryleen Wiggins, Craig Jones, Libby Richardson

**Conference Convener 2009:** Joint Conveners Craig Jones & Darryleen Wiggins

**Committee Members:** Richard Baxter, Peter Hatters, Rhonda Studley, Paul Levett, Janet Presser, Moira McPherson, Maddie Pidd & Helen Russell

**17. Appointment of the auditor for 2007/2008**

Auditor for this financial year is Rendell Ridge.

**18. Determination of the Research Incentive for 2007/2008**

Current Incentive level is \$1000. Further discussion will take place at the next committee meeting.

**19. Determination of Membership Fees for the 2008 -2009 financial year –**

Membership fees are to increase for the 08/09 financial year by 5%. Rounded to the nearest dollar. ACTION: Figures to be ratified at regional association AGM.

**Motion:** *That the 5% increase in membership fees for the 2008/2009 financial year be accepted*

**Moved:** Craig Jones

**Seconded:** Paul Levett

**20. Determination of Meeting Dates for 2007/2008 including Strategic Planning Day and other events:**

- a. February strategic planning day
- b. Meeting times: 3.30 pm if doing tele conference / face to face meetings will be held at 11am
- c. Calendar of meetings dates to be determined at the next committee meeting.

**21. Any other business:**

- o Australasian news – Code of ethics to be launched at the National conference in Perth November 2007.
- o Australasian report – tabled

**22. Meeting Closed: 2pm**

# President's Report

This year has been a very anxious one for the Tasmanian ASSID Committee and in particular, the Organising Committee for the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual ASSID Conference, with the enormity of the preparations for the conference. It is my pleasure to now provide a report on the achievements of the committee for this year.

In October 2008 we held our third annual Celebrating Support Workers Conference in Hobart. This was designed as a two day conference which was held jointly with National Disability Services (NDS) Tasmania and was attended by 150 delegates each day with the theme of *Celebrating Our Client Networks*. This year we had two keynote speakers for the conference, being Jane Wardlaw, who talked about Choice, Flexibility, Control and Independence, a client controlled funding model. Jane told of the differences between funding models across different states and the difficulties faced by clients with block funding allocations. The second Keynote address was from Maria van Ravenstein who told the delegates about her life experiences and the importance of belonging. Maria has achieved a great deal in her life, and how this would not have been possible without the support she received and the strong links in her community. Maria performed a dance piece which she learned eight years ago and revived to perform especially for the conference. The piece was called "*Atlantia, the story of an Ice Queen*". All who were present would agree that it was very moving and performed with such love and passion.

The conference also saw the presentation of our student award, the Jim Woodworth Memorial Student Award. This was awarded to Maria Campbell who displayed outstanding achievement in the Diploma of Disability. This year the award was sponsored by OAK Enterprises and I would like to thank them and our other sponsors for their generosity in making the conference such a success. The feedback from the conference delegates was overwhelmingly positive

As many of you would recall, last year saw the passing of Associate Professor Christopher Newell, a long time friend of ASSID and a great loss to the Tasmanian Community. ASSID Tas had been considering how we could honour Christopher's legacy and a number of Christopher's colleagues had remark that they wished someone would do something to honour and acknowledge the enormous contribution he made to the sector and to the wider community. ASSID Tas approached Christopher's wife Jill and family with a proposal on how we would like to honour Christopher's memory, to which Jill graciously consented to our request. It is with extreme honour and pleasure that I am able to announce that the ASSID Tas Research Incentive Award is to be hereby known as the Associate Professor Christopher Newell Research Incentive Award. The inaugural winner of the award will be announced at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.

Myself and Elizabeth (Libby) Richardson attended the mid year meeting in Melbourne which provided us with an opportunity to have continued input into the strategic direction of the Australasian committee. There are some exciting things ahead for the future direction of ASSID and the committee will keep everyone updated as the year progresses.

ASSID Tas is hosting the 44<sup>th</sup> ASSID Conference in Hobart in November 2009 with the theme *Power and Passion: Progress through Partnerships*. Darryleen Wiggins and I, as co-conveners for the conference, have overcome many challenges over the past 12 months and are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. We have been very lucky to have the services of our Conference Manager, Andrea Goodwin and Sponsorship Coordinator Harwent Gill of Leishman Associates. Andrea has been vital to ensuring that the planning and logistics are on track with all of the preparations. Whilst Harwent has had the unenviable task of securing sponsorship during an economic crisis. I thank both of them and the rest of the team at Leishman's for the fantastic service we have received. I would also like to thank the committee for the amazing effort and dedication they have shown to ensuring that Tasmania produces a conference of fitting standards of ASSID.

As president it is with great pleasure that I thank the committee for their ongoing support over the past year. Special thanks to Vice President, Barbara Olsen for her invaluable support and assistance. Thanks to Secretary Mary Mallett for stepping in to the role mid year and ensuring all of the membership continued to receive email updates and to Treasurer Ally Valetich for ensuring we remain financially stable. Also thank you to outgoing committee members Robert Blackwell, Helen Russell and Trish Green.

I would like to thank all members of the committee and the Tasmanian membership for their support over the past two years in my role as President. It has been an honour to be part of such a dedicated committee. However, due to changing work demands, I have decided to step down as President but look forward to continuing to be involved in ASSID as a committee member.



Craig Jones  
President  
ASSID Tasmania

# Australasian Report

Its been a busy year for your Australasian board members. We have been working on the following:

- 14th IASSID World Congress, Singapore 24-26 June 2009  
Funding approved to value of \$3000.00 to sponsor a keynote speaker. To also use the opportunity as marketing event for 2009 conference.
- Proposal that ASSID changes its name from 'the Australasian Society for\_ the Study of\_ Intellectual Disability' to "the Australasian Society for\_ Studies in\_ Intellectual Disability'. No firm decisions on this as yet. Rebranding of ASSID being investigated.
- Conference 2008 held in Victoria - 469 registrants. Total expenses 191,000. Total revenue 214,090. Surplus 23,307. Therefore 17,480 will be returned to the ASSID Board. Sue Mason, Conference Manager developed a booklet on Planning Tips and Suggested Timeframes for running conferences. This was distributed to Tasmania and Queensland.
- The Journal of Intellectual and Development Disability (JIDD) publishing rights went out to tender. The successful publisher for the years 2009 - 2014 is Taylor and Francis / Informa.
- IDA is now available from 2002 onwards on the ASSID website for members only.
- ASSID wrote to Bill Shorten to acknowledge his challenge made at the 2008 ASSID conference and invite him to convene a national meeting of interested parties to highlight the issues of research and the outcome and impact this research would have. (Principles and priorities)
- ASSID hosted a joint Australasian forum with the Victorian office of the Senior Practitioner regarding restrictive practices on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009. This will be followed up with a roundtable discussion at the 2009 ASSID conference.
- Investigated ways to engage Northern Territory membership with view to building capacity for SA/NT regional committee. The board approved two one day seminars to be scheduled around the mid-year meeting and November board meetings in 2010.
- Australasian Research Award and Tasmanian Regional Research Award went to Nadia Ollington who will present her initial findings at the 2009 ASSID conference.

- Australasian Board discussed and approved the idea of ASSID appointing an executive officer, additional to the secretariat, for an initial period of 12 months to raise our profile, undertake marketing and actively work to attract funding for projects. This is still in process and is up for discussion and feedback to the board from regional committees.
- Research the Practice Agenda: Roundtable discussion at 2009 Conference
- ASSID Board signed on as an organisational supporter of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

**ASSID Executive Board Members:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Dr Olive Webb
Vice President	Mr Richard O'Loughlin
Secretary	Ms Darryleen Wiggins
Treasurer	Mr Craig Jones
Registrar	Dr Angus Buchanan
Journal Joint Editor	A/Prof Ian Dempsey
Journal Joint Editor	Prof Susan Balandin
Magazine Editor	Ms Sue Peden
Joint Conference Convenors 2009	Craig Jones and Darryleen Wiggins
Australasian Representative to IASSID 2004-2008	Dr Keith R McVilly

**2008 – 2009**

**Audited  
Financial  
Statements**

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### AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY INC INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

#### Scope

I have audited the special purpose financial report of the Australasian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability Inc for year ended 30 June 2009. The Association is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and information contained therein and has determined that accounting policies used are consistent with financial reporting requirements of the Association's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of members. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to members of the Association. No opinion is expressed as to whether accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of members. The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee of Management's financial reporting requirements under the Association's constitution. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than members, or for any purposes other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australasian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with accounting policies adopted.

The audit opinion in this report has been formed on the above basis.

#### Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the special purpose financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Australasian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability Inc for the year ended 30 June 2009 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

Max Peck & Associates



Rendell W Ridge

02 October 2009

**Australasian Society for the  
Study of Intellectual Disability Inc**

**Statement of Receipts & Payments**  
for year ended 30 June 2009

	2009	2008
<b>Receipts</b>		
Interest	444.89	815.28
Grants	620.00	10,000.00
Seeding Grant		5,000.00
Miscellaneous receipts		135.52
Memberships		850.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>1,064.89</b>	<b>16,400.78</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Accounting, audit	203.50	390.50
Advertising	74.15	76.80
Annual lodgement fees	70.40	50.00
Catering		158.05
Conference expenses		440.00
Conference Seeding Grant	10,000.00	10,000.00
Planning Day expenses	180.00	248.90
Postage	75.00	70.00
Board meeting expenses	508.00	54.98
Room hire	240.00	100.00
Sundry expenses		4.00
Grant	1,000.00	170.00
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>12,329.05</b>	<b>11,759.23</b>
<b>Surplus (- deficit) for year</b>	<b>-11,264.16</b>	<b>4,641.55</b>
<b>Add balance brought forward</b>	<b>21,736.39</b>	<b>17,094.64</b>
<b>Balance carried forward</b>	<b>\$10,472.23</b>	<b>\$21,736.39</b>
<b>Balance represented by:</b>		
Bank balance	11,472.23	21,932.42
Deduct un-presented cheques	-1,000.00	-196.03
	<b>\$10,472.23</b>	<b>\$21,736.39</b>