



# Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd

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## **ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17**

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## Our Mission

“To improve the quality of life for people with an intellectual disability”



ASID has a clearly stated mission; this statement of intent is reviewed each year by the Board and it is from this mission statement that all activities of the Company flow.

## Strategic Goals of the Australasian Society for Intellectually Disability



# How we are governed

## Directors

Professor Angus Buchanan – *President, Chair Events Committee*

Laura Hogan – *Vice President, Chair Inclusion Committee*

Ian Pearce - *Secretary*

Benedict Crothers – *Treasurer, Chair Finance Committee*

Dr. Allyson Thomson – *Registrar, Chair Membership Committee*

Bernadette Curryer – *Chair Partnerships & Projects Committee*

Samuel Arnold

Maurice O'Connor

Paul O'Dea

Victoria Tucker

Richard O'Loughlin – *Chair Position Papers Committee*

Darryleen Wiggins

Dr. David Treanor

Professor Christine Bigby - *Editor, Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*

Dr. Hilary Johnson - *Editor, Intellectual Disability Australasia, Chair Communication Committee*

Mark Di Marco

Sharon Brandford – *Chair Publication Committee*

Adrian Higgins

Deborah Espiner

## Divisions

Aotearoa - New Zealand – *Chair, Deborah Espiner*

New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory – *Chair, Linda Ward*

Queensland – *Chair, Maurice O'Connor*

South Australia/Northern Territory – *Chair, Denice Wharldall*

Tasmania - Vacant

Victoria – *Chair, Mark Di Marco*

Western Australia – *Chair, Justin O'Meara Smith*

**Editor, Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability – Dr. Jennifer Clegg**

**Executive Officer – Dee Sidhu**

**Secretariat - NFPAS**

# President's Report



I have had the privilege to be the President of ASID for five years, with my term coming to completion in November 2017. Much has happened over the past five years both within and external to the organisation. There is little doubt since 2013 the disability sector has been turned on its head with the 'once in a generation' change of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The expectation of what it can deliver for people with intellectual disability continues to be challenging with both positive outcomes and significant issues for individual and families.

ASID is an organisation that continues to evolve to meet the changing demands and needs from members, researchers, people with intellectual disabilities and other various stakeholders. The environment in which ASID operates is very dynamic and becoming increasingly complex. As a board we are continuously striving to work towards achieving the strategic goals to meet ASID's vision.

*"There is little doubt since 2013 the disability sector has been turned on its head with the 'once in a generation' change of the NDIS."*

The diversity of ASID's membership is one of its greatest challenges and at the same time it's strength. Addressing and meeting the many requirements in a dynamic manner continues to be an issue for ASID. Significant work has been undertaken to enable ASID to be a more responsive and pro-active organisation.

## Governance

As members are aware, over the last five years ASID has gone through a substantial governance transformation to reposition itself for both operational effectiveness and sustainability. ASID has now fully completed the move from seven independent incorporated bodies to a single entity Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) under the Australian Government legislation, the Corporations Act 2001. A CLG is widely recognised and accepted in Australia and New Zealand as the most appropriate corporate structure for not-for-profit organisations and charities whose business extends across multiple States and New Zealand. Under agreements between the New Zealand and Australian governments, a CLG registered in Australia can be easily recognised as a corporation in New Zealand and thus be an Australasian corporation. Work will continue to improve the governance of the organisation. This year the decision was made to reduce the size of the Board. This will be achieved by reducing the Directors from each division from three to two. This will commence from November 2017.

## Executive Officer

In February 2016, the Board made the decision to employ an Executive Officer (0.5 FTE) to build 'on the ground capacity' for the organisation. This role is instrumental in coordinating the delivery of the operational outcomes for ASID. The position focuses on developing a sense of internal identity, membership connections, external partnerships and delivering on priority operational outcomes, with the objective of supporting the overall vision, values and future plans. The Board appointed a new Executive Officer in May 2017. Dee Sidhu has hit the ground running and is making a significant difference to the running of the organisation. Members are now seeing and will continue to see the benefits to the organisation with this increased capacity.

# President's Report

## Executive Officer

ASID continues to contract NFPAS to conduct a range of secretariat roles for the organisation including membership services, telephone information, website maintenance and financial accounting services. At present this is the only paid support that ASID utilises. I would like to acknowledge the staff at NFPAS for the high quality support they have provided to ASID over the past 12 months.

## Finances

ASID continues to operate from a sound financial position. One of the significant outcomes of the organisational restructure is the amalgamation of organisational financial resources. ASID now has significant financial reserves which will allow some more expansive thinking on how we can invest these resources to support the strategic objectives of the organisation. The financial position of ASID is identified in the Treasurer's Report and Audited Accounts.

The Board of ASID made the decision to not hold a regular conference in 2016 due to the IASSIDD Congress being held in Melbourne in August 2016. Many ASID members took the opportunity to be part of this major international event.

## Journals

ASID owns two Journals - the Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability (JIDD) and the Research and Practice in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (RAPIDD). Both Journals are published by Taylor & Francis. I would like to acknowledge and thank Associate Professor Michael Arthur-Kelly who completed his term as Editor of JIDD in January 2017. Professor Jennifer Clegg was appointed as the new Editor in March 2017 for a three year term. Professor Christine Bigby continues to provide excellent leadership in her role as Editor of RAPIDD. The role of editor is a significant voluntary position.

## Thank you



*ASID Board 2016-2017*

Finally, I would like to thank the Directors of the Board for their commitment and work over the past year. I would especially like to acknowledge the Board Executive including Laura Hogan (Vice President), Ian Pearce (Secretary), Benedict Crothers (Treasurer) and Allyson Thomson (Registrar). The work of each divisional committee also needs to be acknowledged as there have been some very positive initiatives and activities occurring around Australasia over the past 12 months.

**Professor Angus Buchanan, President**



# Committee Reports

COMMITTEE NAME	MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES
Journals	Our journals
Position Papers	Public statements based on research that we want to make about important issues about intellectual disability
Communications	How we communicate with our members and other people interested in ASID
Membership	Connecting with our members, getting new members, keeping our current members, promotions for members and membership rates
Events	What events we run and how we run them
Projects & Partnerships	How ASID works with other organisations or people
Inclusion	How ASID includes all people in our business, our board and our divisions
Finance	Decisions about how we make, spend and invest our money

## Journals



This year the Journals Committee have concentrated on three specific activities and we are excited with the outcomes.

Firstly we have worked on the development of a Publications Governance Framework for both our journals, JIDD and RAPIDD. The intent is to establish Editorial Chairs for both journals and develop the editorial boards.

Secondly following the resignation of Professor Michael Arthur-Kelly, the Editor of JIDD, the Committee sought a new Editor. Professor Jennifer Clegg was appointed by the Board in March 2017 for a three year term.

Thirdly the publishing contract with Taylor & Francis for JIDD and RAPIDD was reviewed and negotiations have taken place to renew our contract with them for a further six years.

**Professor Angus Buchanan, Chair Journals Committee**





# Committee Reports

## Position papers

ASID's strategic goal is to be an independent authority on intellectual disability issues across Australasia. One of ASID's key activities to achieve this goal is the development of 'position papers' on areas of critical interest.

The ASID Board has commissioned recognised subject experts to produce position papers that consider existing research that is evidence based. Two position papers will soon be ready for release.

The first by Dr. Jennifer Clegg & Professor Christine Bigby is about Debates on Dedifferentiation. *"Dedifferentiation means including people with intellectual disability in the broader group of people with disability rather than regarding them as a separate group for the purposes of policy, service provision and professional practices."* The paper summarises the case for and against dedifferentiation, pointing to some of the practical implications of adopting one position or another in policy, service provision or practice.

The second position paper, which is almost ready for release, considers Intellectual Disability and Complex Support Needs.

The paper by Associate Professor Leanne Dowse, Dr. Angela Dew & Dr. Alec Sewell makes the case that *"Complex support needs are not located in a person but in the interaction between people and support services and systems. In Australia's newly emerging disability system, shaped by a greater focus on human rights under the influence of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability, the concepts of personal and social support networks are transforming. Complex support needs are increasingly an important focus in this area. As well as specific systemic issues to address complexity, attention to enabling better inclusion for people with intellectual disability via supported decision making and enhanced accessibility in communication and information will be essential components of this dialogue."*

It is anticipated that these position papers will inform stakeholders and the broader community and stimulate discussion given the implications of these areas of critical interest on the lives of people with intellectual disability.

**Richard O'Loughlin, Chair Position Papers**

# Committee Reports

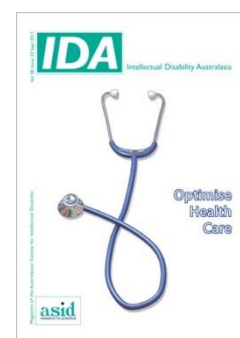
## Communications



This committee has only recently been established and is still seeking more members from the divisions.

Our role has been to:

- To establish and annually review and develop an ASID communication strategy and actions for those strategies.
- Produce and publish our magazine 'Intellectual Disability Australasia' (IDA) four times a year. We have recently surveyed our readers for their opinions and feedback has shown us we need to review the style and layout of IDA.
- To develop and distribute high quality, responsive, accessible communications with external stakeholders that include:
  - Members
  - Consumers (people who are involved with/in our activities/website/social media)
  - Stakeholders we wish to influence (government, politicians )



**Dr. Hilary Johnson, Chair Communications Committee, Editor IDA**

## Membership



This new membership committee was approved in December 2016 and the first teleconference was held in March 2017. Our work has focused on actions to encourage membership applications and renewals.

This has included:

- Recommendations that divisional membership officers follow up with members close to their renewal date.
- Ensuring that membership certificates are available in the members area of the website.
- Arranging access to two more Taylor & Francis journals for individual members. It is hoped that electronic access to the journals will soon be available for organisational members.
- Creating an updated member benefit list, a brochure or postcard about the organisation to hand out at events and updating website information on membership.
- Email blasts to stimulate member and subscriber engagement.
- A one-off discount offer to lapsed members.
- A three-year membership option for organisations.
- A review of membership fees. ASID raised its membership fees in July 2017.

# Committee Reports

## Membership

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF ASID		
Type of membership	4 November 2016	4 September 2017
Full	193	170
Full (concession)	33	<b>44</b>
Organisational (Gold)	5	<b>8</b>
Organisational (Silver)	5	<b>13</b>
Organisational (Bronze)	65	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>295</b>

**Dr. Allyson Thomson, Registrar**

## Events

The main focus of the Events Committee during 2016/17 has been the strategic oversight of the Annual Australasian Conference. The Committee has been supporting both the 2017 (Tasmania) and the 2018 (Gold Coast) Conferences whilst developing the Conference Program Policy and Guide. The Committee have concentrated on completing a “Policy and Procedure for Events” that will be available for future use.

This includes:

- Privacy
- Branding
- Disclaimer for event contracts
- Risk matrix
- Delineation of Board and Divisional events
- Financial and contractual mechanisms

Recognising the hard work required in planning annual conferences, the Committee have been working toward the completion of tendering for ASID Board Event Management.

**Professor Angus Buchanan, Committee Member**  
**(on behalf of Sharon Brandford, Chair Events Committee)**

# Committee Reports

## Projects & Partnerships

Members of our committee include Bernadette Curryer (Chair), Laura Hogan, Mark DiMarco, and Adrian Higgins. We have had three meetings in the last year. Our main role and responsibilities are:

- To identify possible projects and funding opportunities and bring these to the Board for consideration,
- To identify partnerships currently in place, at both a divisional and national level, sharing what is happening and strategies used across all divisions; and
- To identify and link with potential partners, ensuring mutual benefit e.g. shared memberships.

The consideration of a possible application for an Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) grant was undertaken. Although the Board decided against proceeding with this application, it highlighted our potential, as an evidence based practice organisation, to be a valued partner for future grant applications.

We have also sent out a partnership survey to all divisions and some long term Board members to gain an understanding about the partnerships that ASID, at both a Divisional and Board level, has had over the past three years. This survey will explore these partnerships, how these partnerships occurred, their objective, why these particular organisations were chosen, outcomes, challenges and future plans. The outcomes of this survey will assist in the promotion of partnering with other organisations, raising an awareness of what is possible, with an increased understanding of the associated benefits and challenges.

**Bernadette Curryer, Chair Projects and Partnerships**

## Inclusion

The Inclusion Committee has been working on accessibility for all Board Directors in the business of the Board. All Board Directors now use the same templates to report progress or ask questions of the Board. There is a new template for our minutes and agenda. There is a projector at our meetings so that people can put reports on the big screen when they talk to their report. This makes it easier to see. There is still a lot to do to make our board meetings accessible and inclusive. We have made a good start. At the 2017 Annual Australasian Conference we are hosting a workshop on the work of the ASID Board. This is a place for people to have their say about how ASID includes people with a lived experience of disability. We plan to have one of these workshops at every Annual Australasian Conference.

Our committee will tell people what was spoken about at the Conference Workshop. This will be in the IDA magazine.

**Laura Hogan, Chair Inclusion Committee**

# Divisional Reports

## Aotearoa- New Zealand



*Support Workers Talking Workshop*

Aotearoa -NZ Division of ASID has had another successful year. It has been a year of transition to accommodate the new ASID structure. I would like to express thanks to a most supportive Committee in navigating this move while being inspirational in how we can meet the needs of NZ members. The 2016 Conference in Wellington *No more excuses: Looking beyond “because”* was well attended and evaluation findings signalled that the Conference was relevant, worthwhile and good value for money.

While Wellington is a preferred location, respondents suggested a more central venue. Based on this feedback the 2018 Conference; *Responding to the call: Building partnerships that enrich lives* (2 –3 July) will be held at the Rydges, in central Wellington. Planning for the Conference is well underway thanks to our Conference Organisers, Sharon Brandford and Jonathan Goodwin. The decision to move to an 18-month conference cycle prompted the need for shorter seminars/workshops in the regions as out-of-cycle events. This was to ensure that in any one year there is an event and an opportunity for members to network.

This year a most successful local event was facilitated by Olive Webb and John Grant in Christchurch. The event *Support Workers Talking* was run World Café style together with supporting guest speakers. Support workers expressed appreciation for the opportunity to have a workshop that focused on their needs giving them an opportunity to meet and dialogue with others in similar roles. This workshop also provided an important opportunity to update membership lists. Membership has been a focus during this year and members have been encouraged to pursue lapsed members and encourage new people to join.



*Support Workers Talking Workshop*

**Deborah Espiner, Chair Aotearoa - NZ Division**

# Divisional Reports

## New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory

The NSW/ACT division has 11 committee members that meet every two months. These are Angela Dew, Ben Chain, Ee-Lin Chang, Bernadette Curryer, Helen Amos, Linda Ward, Laura Hogan, Sam Arnold, Vivienne Riches, Sarah Butler and Susan Collings.



*Organising Committee of NSW Roadshow Event*



*Group Home Workshop*

As part of our Operational Plan, from January 2017 to January 2018, we have planned to run a series of four webinars. In June, Professor Roger Stancliffe presented our first webinar on *Transition to Retirement*. This webinar is now featured on ASID website. Two further webinars have been planned for the future as part of the series '*Ethical Issues in Ageing*,' including '*End of Life Care*' presented by Dr. Michele Wiese and '*Health*' presented by Stuart Wark.

NSW/ACT regularly provides content to IDA on our activities. All of our subcommittees promote ASID through the events we run, our membership engagement strategies, individual promotion where possible at other events and responding in a timely manner to matters of local significance.

In June 2017, in partnership with the Centre for Disability Studies (CDS), we hosted a workshop in Sydney on '*Is there such a thing as a good group home*' facilitated by Professor Christine Bigby. The workshop quickly sold out and feedback from participants was very good. We aim to continue the conversation about supported accommodation in 2018.

**Linda Ward, Chair NSW/ACT Division**



# Divisional Reports

## Queensland

ASID Qld has had a busy year organising forums, contributing to the IDA magazine, participating in National Board activities and preparing for the 2018 Annual Australasian Conference. The current members of the Committee who meet monthly are Maurice O'Connor (Chair), Kathy Ellem, Victoria Tucker, Cheryl Walker, Paul O'Dea, Michelle Moss and Joanne Richards. Maurice O'Connor and Paul O'Dea write the quarterly reports for the IDA magazine. This year Paul O'Dea also worked with Dr. Allyson Thompson to write a very well received article for the Summer 2016 IDA called 'Talking about Bullying'.

Two of our Committee Members, Maurice O'Connor and Kathy Ellem presented papers at the 2016 IASSID Conference held in Melbourne.

The events/forums we have organised or co-sponsored over the last year include:

- *Domestic & Family Violence and People with Intellectual Disability* – this successful and well attended forum in May 2016 was sponsored by ASID.
- *Qld Roundtable for People with Intellectual Disabilities* held in October 2016 was co-sponsored by ASID Qld.
- *Sexuality and People with an Intellectual Disability* with guest speakers including Natasha Alexander (Consentability), Laura Hogan (Centre for Disability Studies, University of Sydney) and Robyn Evans (WWILD-SVP Assn) was held in March 2017 and had a large attendance.
- *Dr. Steven Moss and the PASS-ADD* – a free event held for ASID members was held in June 2017.

We continue to plan other forums for the rest of 2017.

Preparations for the 2018 Annual Australasian Conference are well underway, with the



QLD Committee with Guest Speakers Laura, Natasha and Robyn at Sexuality and Relationships Day

venue, title and themes confirmed and date claimers been sent out. The Conference will be held from the 14 - 16 November 2018 at the Gold Coast Convention Centre. The title of the Conference, '**Let's Shake It Up: Human Rights for Everyone**' was developed by a group of QLD self-advocates with an intellectual disability.

The group also identified a number of themes that were important to them and these will be included in the Conference Program.

**Victoria Tucker, Committee Member QLD Division**



# Divisional Reports

## South Australia/Northern Territory

The South Australian/Northern Territory Division meets every month via teleconference. Our Committee is Denice Wharldall (Chairperson and Membership Officer), Ian Pearce, Janet Videon, Richard O'Loughlin, Susan Michael, Ian Cummins and Debbie Knowles. Frauke Mohring, Fiona Rillotta and Brendan Kelley resigned during the year.

In July the Division held a dinner to talk with members about what is happening in ASID and to rejuvenate interest in the Division and the Committee. Some new faces attended but there was minimal interest in contributing to the workings of ASID. Despite the lack of interest we have managed to maintain our membership.

ASID SA/NT has sought to link with the Developmental Educators Association (DEA) who have many members in common to potentially run more events of common interest and share the workload. There also has been interest from the university sector in working with ASID to promote the research that is being undertaken locally in SA. ASID SA/NT were approached by Flinders University following our hosting of an event with Professor Christine Bigby about group homes. We continue to have discussions with Flinders University who are keen to work with us to promote local research.

We remain committed to running a workshop for and by self-advocates, to assist them in developing their networks and information sharing. We have had to simplify the plan of how this will work but it remains on our agenda for the year ahead.

ASID SA/NT remains aware that the Northern Territory remains an untapped area. The sparsity of the NT, and that Darwin and Alice Springs are essentially separate populations, means that we would have to commit considerable resources into reaching these communities.

Individual committee members continue to do their best to promote ASID in SA through their individual networks but currently organisations tend to be heavily focussed on the NDIS and are not keen to invest in other activities despite the links between ASID and high quality evidence based practice.

**Denice Wharldall, Chair & Ian Pearce SA/NT Division**

## Tasmania

The Tasmanian Committee consists of Darryleen Wiggins (Board Director, Divisional Financial Officer), Benedict Crothers (Board Treasurer, Board Director), Dr. David Treanor (Board Director), Fiona Redgrove, Sonny Kapoor and Tanya Petrie.

Unfortunately, Tasmania has not had a functioning committee this financial year and therefore have had no meetings. The Annual Divisional Meeting will take place on Thursday, 2 November 2017. We hope this can be resolved and have a functioning committee in 2017/18.

The Tasmanian Directors have been concentrating on our obligation to the ASID Board and working on the 2017 Annual Australasian Conference in Hobart. We have contributed articles for the IDA and these have been written by Dr. David Treanor, Darryleen Wiggins and Benedict Crothers at different times. The 2017 Annual Australasian Conference has been our main way to promote ASID this year.

**Benedict Crothers & Darryleen Wiggins, Committee Members Tasmanian Division**

# Divisional Reports

## Victoria



*How to promote good health and maximise the healthcare of people with an Intellectual Disability Workshop*

The Victorian Division of ASID has 10 committee members; Professor Christine Bigby, Mark Di Marco, Coral Farr, Brent Hayward, Hilary Johnson, Louis Mountford, Anne Marie Mumford, Loretta Sheppard, Sophia Tipping and Sean Wilson. We meet monthly in Melbourne and this year we managed 10 meetings.

This year, through our events and podcasts, we have focussed on two of ASID's strategic directions: to forge interaction between intellectual disability research, policy and practice and to engage and strengthen membership.

Our first seminar was *'Putting rights into practice: Political citizenship and people with intellectual disability.'* Our speakers included Sue Lang, Nathan Despott, Jane Tracey, Sharon Kensell and Sophia Tipping.



*How to promote good health and maximise the healthcare of people with an Intellectual Disability Workshop*

Our second event was *'What makes a good group home,'* a very successful workshop facilitated by Professor Christine Bigby. Our final workshop for the year was a workshop facilitated by Nick Lennox & Jane Tracey titled *'How to promote good health & maximise the healthcare of people with an Intellectual Disability: tips and strategies.'*

From these events two new podcasts were produced and are now available on the ASID website:

- ASID Podcast Episode 3: *'How to promote good health & maximise the healthcare of people with an Intellectual disability – Ideas, tips and strategies'*
- ASID Podcast Episode 2: *'Political citizenship of people with intellectual disability'*

During the year ASID Victoria have contributed articles to IDA and provided researchers the opportunity to discuss their findings at our events.

**Mark Di Marco, Chair Victoria Division**

# Divisional Reports

## Western Australia



WA State Conference 2017

Our Division Committee has three new Committee members; Ruth Lee, Britta Meyer and Amanda Lovelock. Other members include Justin O'Meara Smith, Dr. Allyson Thompson, Elizabeth Barns, Chris Yates, Susan Peden, Professor Angus Buchanan, Sharon McFarlane and Jill Mackenzie.

Meetings have been held monthly at a member's office on a rotational basis.

In September it was agreed that meetings will move to six weekly, with additional meetings or sub-committees booked as required.

We have held several events over the last 12 months including:

- August 2016: *Claiming Full Citizenship* – Professor Tim Stainton spoke on how people with disability can experience their lives as complete citizens at a forum presented by the Disability Services Commission and ASID WA.
- November 2016: *Meaningful Participation for people with intellectual disability in the development (and influencing) of their service design*. A panel presentation that considered how people with intellectual disability can have choice and control over their life through inclusive planning and co-design of services.
- April 2017: *Engaging people with intellectual disability in research*. A panel conversation linking university/research organisations with disability service providers and individuals/families.
- August 2017: *WA State Conference with Simon Duffy as keynote speaker*. The focus was on citizenship, connection with community and a range of local research activities.



Associate Professor Helen Leonard

Through our annual research forum we seek to bring a grassroots connection to areas of research (as identified by People with Disabilities (PWD) and providers) to share with Researchers through Universities and Institutes. We have not yet achieved the potential of this forum but know that we have assisted with connecting key stakeholders. Our intention is to foster and promote relevant and accessible research outcomes.

The WA Division has connected with prospective members through the Committee and raised our profile through our events and activities. We have succeeded in securing some additional organisation members but recognise as a Committee we are not specifically advancing a strategic agenda. We will have new members join the Committee this year which we hope will increase the capacity of the Committee to undertake works on behalf of ASID.

**Justin O'Meara Smith, Chair WA Division**

# Moving Forward



2017 has been another busy and productive year for ASID for our Divisions and our Board of Directors. Looking forward to 2018, we are already faced with new challenges, changes and adventures.

The 2017 Annual General Meeting marks the end of our current board structure and the commencement of the new 14 Director positions structure. With this transition and the end of a three year cycle, a number of Board Directors are either ending their term or resigning from the Board. However, as with any well planned transition, we are happy to report that many of these outgoing Directors will remain engaged with ASID business either through their local divisions and/or as part of ASID Board Committees. Thus ensuring the wealth of skills and knowledge is not lost from our organisation.

Dee Sidhu is now fully inducted into our organisation as our Executive Officer. Between Dee and Sue Salisbury (ASID Secretariat) we have a well-oiled machine churning through the workload, ensuring that our back of house is running smoothly and our public image is as strong as possible, our customers are engaged and the business of the Board and Divisions is supported. We are fortunate to have both of them working for our organisation; they make a great team.

Hopefully you have started to notice some of the changes we have recently made to the way we communicate with members and other stakeholders. 2017 marked the commencement of our new fortnightly e-blasts and there are more changes to come. Work is happening around refreshing the look of our IDA magazine, changes are being made to the format and layout of our website and we're increasing our social media presence. There are also many other initiatives commencing around communication together with our presence in the disability sector across Australia and New Zealand.

## Conference 2018

ASID Qld, with the support of the ASID Events Committee, is well underway with planning for the 2018 ASID Australasian Conference to be hosted on the sunny Gold Coast in November 2018, with a focus on inclusion, lived experience and human rights for everyone; it is already looking like an exciting event not to be missed.

It is incredible that a year has already passed since I was elected into the Vice President's position for ASID Ltd. My sincere thanks to Angus Buchanan and the whole Board for their support and patience while I have learnt a new role.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for ASID for 2018 we would love to hear from you. It's already shaping up to be a great year but definitely strengthened by contributions by our members and stakeholders.

**Laura Hogan, Vice President ASID**

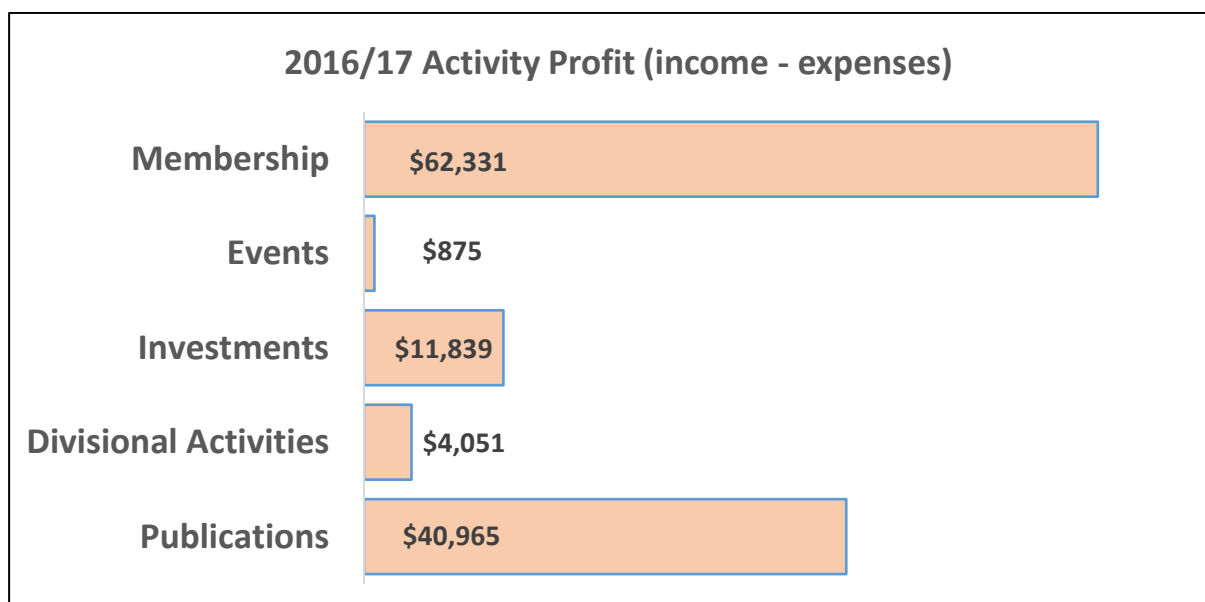
# Treasurer's Report



## Important points:

- We lost \$34,537 this year.
- We still have \$693,781.
- ASID doesn't make enough money to pay for what it costs to run the company each year.
- We should find ways to make more money and we should try and spend less money.

This graph shows where we made money through our activities this year:



**Membership** = membership fees from individual and organisational members. This amount includes the money we have received this year for three year membership payments.

**Events** = we didn't have an annual conference in 2016, but we did host ASID Roadshow events in several divisions.

**Investments** = we have our extra cash invested in term deposits and we also own some shares that pay us regular dividends.

**Divisional Activities** = each of our divisions hold events such as workshops, seminars, or conferences which make us some money.

**Publications** = the publisher of our journals, Taylor & Francis, gives us money to produce the journals and also when people use our journal articles in their work, we get some extra money (this is called royalties). We also continue to sell copies of our book on Positive Behaviour Support.

# Treasurer's Report

Here is another way of looking at our current finances:

2016/17 activity profit (total from chart above):	<b>\$120,062</b>
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Running costs:

Administration	\$71,775
Governance	\$77,823
Special projects	\$5,000
Total running costs	<b>\$154,598</b>

Money we lost ('net loss'):	<b>\$34,537</b>
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How much money we have ('total equity'):	<b>\$693,781</b>
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**Administration** = telephones and internet, postage, bank fees, accounting, audit, subscriptions, storage, awards and grants, secretariat support, Executive Officer recruitment costs, and insurance

**Governance** = salary and expenses for Executive Officer, and cost of directors to attend board meetings

**Special projects** = the development of position statements

## Notes:

1. It was a good year for membership income with many members choosing to pay for three years of membership and many organisational members choosing the more expensive Silver and Gold membership options.
2. Not having a conference in 2016 means that we haven't made as much money as we usually do each year.
3. It is good to see our divisional activities are making a good amount of money.
4. This year has been a good year for our journals, we have made more royalties this year than ever before.
5. We didn't have an Executive Officer for the whole year so our governance costs were less than what we planned.
6. We didn't make enough money to cover all the costs of running the organisation.

**Benedict Crothers, Treasurer**

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**30 JUNE 2017**



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**General Information**

The financial report covers Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd as an individual entity. The financial report is presented in Australian dollars, which is Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd's functional and presentation currency.

The financial report consists of the financial statements, notes to the financial statements and the directors' declaration.

The Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd is a not-for-profit unlisted public company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business are:

*Registered office*  
38 Surrey Road  
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*Principal place of business*  
38 Surrey Road  
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**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**  
**(a company limited by guarantee)**  
**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements, on the company for the period ended 30 June 2017.

**DIRECTORS**

The following persons were directors of the company from the date of change to a company limited by guarantee and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

<b>Name</b>		<b>Appointed</b>	<b>Resigned</b>
Angus	Buchanan	13 October 2014	
Bernadette	Curryer	12 November 2016	
David	Treanor	18 July 2016	
Victoria	Tucker	12 November 2016	
Ian	Pearce	13 October 2014	
Allyson	Thomson	13 October 2014	
Benedict	Crothers	13 October 2014	
Darryleen	Wiggins	13 October 2014	
Laura	Hogan	13 October 2014	
Vivienne	Riches	13 October 2014	12 November 2016
Maurice	O'Connor	13 October 2014	
Richard	O'Loughlin	13 October 2014	
Ann	Wharldall	13 October 2014	9 May 2017
Hilary	Johnson	13 October 2014	
Christine	Bigby	12 November 2016	
Sharon	Brandford	13 October 2014	
Adrian	Higgins	13 October 2014	
Olive	Webb	13 October 2014	12 November 2016
Claire	Quilliam	13 October 2014	12 November 2016
Sam	Arnold	1 December 2014	
Justin	OMearaSmith	13 November 2016	8 February 2017
Mark	DiMarco	12 November 2015	
Paul	O'Dea	7 April 2016	
Deborah	Ann	5 December 2016	

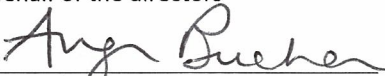
**OBJECTIVES**

The objective of the company is to improve the quality of life for people with an intellectual disability. This includes promoting the rights, development and wellbeing of people with intellectual disability, promoting the research and understanding of intellectual disability, supporting people with intellectual disability to take part in the governance of the company, bringing together people who have an interest in the field of intellectual disability, promoting high ethical standards of practice in the field of intellectual disability, and promoting communication, research, scholarship and the dissemination of knowledge about intellectual disability.

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 is set out on page 12.

On behalf of the directors

  
 Angus Buchanan  
 Director

Date: 29 October 2017

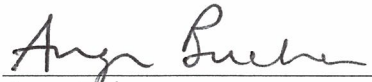
**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**  
**(a company limited by guarantee)**  
**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

In the director's opinion:

- a) the company is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. Accordingly, as described in note 1 to the financial statements, the attached special purpose financial statements have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 requirements to prepare and distribute financial statements to the members of Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd;
- b) the attached financial statements and notes thereto comply with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013, the Accounting Standards as described in note 1 to the financial statements, and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- c) the attached financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- d) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 60.15 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

On behalf of the directors



Angus Buchanan  
Director

Date: 29 October 2017

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**  
**(a company limited by guarantee)**  
**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>	3	233,091	469,938
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Accounting		25,837	28,573
Auditing		2,526	3,000
Bad Debt		3,898	-
Bank Charges & Fees		2,031	3,931
AGM & Conference Expenses		28,601	27,321
Communications & Marketing		-	15,834
Consultancy Fees		1,755	-
Corporate Fees		311	-
Divisional Expenses		7,257	13,289
Dues & Subscriptions		81	-
Doubtful Debts Expense		-	3,600
Executive Officer Expense		16,506	-
Executive Officer Expenses & Allowances		327	-
IDA Editionals		8,020	-
Insurance		2,754	2,480
JIDD Editorial		54,138	65,258
Journal Submission Backlog Project		13,636	-
Mid Year Meeting		29,485	12,174
IDA Production & Distribution		-	6,550
Per Diem		2,904	5,663
Postage & Courier		-	246
Printing & Stationery		129	147
Publication Printing		1,207	4,345
Research Databases - Ebsco		-	-
RAPIDD Editorial		20,280	42,290
Recruitment Cost		3,706	3,744
Royalties Paid		189	253
Secretariat Services		25,861	22,408
Subscriptions		-	46
Storage		85	77
Strategic Projects		5,000	7,457
Telephones		2,446	3,524
IT & Webhosting		355	1,073
Conference Expenses		8,302	227,981
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>267,628</u>	<u>501,261</u>
<b>OPERATING DEFICIT</b>		<u><u>(34,537)</u></u>	<u><u>(31,323)</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**  
**(a company limited by guarantee)**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	5	686,005	736,212
Debtors & Other Receivables	4	580	3,986
GST Receivable		1,435	1,190
Accrued Income		5,246	1,698
Prepayments		-	3,335
Advances - National Conferences		22,268	3,232
Shares		1,877	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>717,411</u>	<u>749,653</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>717,411</u>	<u>749,653</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
GST Payable		-	-
Creditors & Accruals		11,112	13,396
Conference Income in Advance		5,827	909
Memberships in Advance		6,690	8,907
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>23,630</u>	<u>23,212</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>23,630</u>	<u>23,212</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>693,781</u>	<u>726,441</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Surplus		693,456	492,035
Reserve for Governance Funds		-	234,406
Financial Asset Reserve		325	-
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>693,781</u>	<u>726,441</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**  
**(a company limited by guarantee)**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	<b>Total Equity</b> <b>\$</b>
<b>BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2015</b>	690,397
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Year 2015-16	(31,323)
Transfer of Reserve for Governance Fund from State Associations	67,367
<b>BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2016</b>	<hr/> 726,441
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Year 2016-17	(34,537)
Transfer of Reserve for Governance Fund from State Associations	1,552
Financial Asset Reserve for increase of share valuation	325
<b>BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2017</b>	<hr/> <hr/> 693,781

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**  
**(a company limited by guarantee)**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from Members & Customers		208,934	524,753
Payments to Suppliers		(267,455)	(630,279)
<b>NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	6	(58,521)	(105,526)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Interest Income		8,091	14,666
Dividend Received		224	
<b>NET CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		8,314	14,666
Reserve for Governance Funds		-	67,367
<b>NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH</b>		(50,207)	(23,493)
<b>CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		736,212	759,705
<b>CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	4	686,005	736,212

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements



**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**  
**(a company limited by guarantee)**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

**1. COMPANY INFORMATION**

The financial statements of the Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2017 were authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

The company is a not-for-profit unlisted public company limited by guarantee and is incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd aims to enhance the skills, knowledge and commitment of its members and to facilitate a supportive network in order to enhance the quality of life of people with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

**2. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

**a) Basis of Preparation**

The directors have prepared the financial report on the basis that the company is not a reporting entity as there are unlikely to exist users who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. Accordingly, this "Special Purpose Financial Report" has been prepared for the purposes of complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 requirements to prepare and distribute financial statements to the members of Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the disclosure requirements of:

- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows
- AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- AASB 1031 Materiality
- AASB 1048 Interpretation and Application of Standards
- AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures

These financial statements do not conform with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB').

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

**b) Significant Accounting Judgement, Estimates and Assumptions**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**  
**(a company limited by guarantee)**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont.)**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

**2. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)**

**b) Significant Accounting Judgement, Estimates and Assumptions (cont.)**

There are no estimates or judgements which have risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

**c) Revenue**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of consideration received or receivable. Revenue is recognised net of the amounts of goods and services tax (GST) payable to the Australian Taxation Office.

Donations, sponsorships and grants received are recognized as revenue when the company gains control, economic benefits are probable and the amount of the donation can be measured reliably.

**d) Expenditure**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

**e) Income Tax**

The company is exempt from income tax pursuant to the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. Accordingly, Australian Accounting Standard AASB 112 has not been applied and no provision for income tax has been included in the financial reports.

**f) Goods & Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

**g) Cash & Cash equivalents**

Cash & cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

**h) Trade & Other Receivables**

Trade receivables, which comprise amounts due from membership and conference fees are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less an allowance for any uncollectible amounts. The carrying amount of the receivable is deemed to reflect fair value.

An allowance for doubtful debts is made when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect the debts. Bad debts are written off when identified.

**i) Creditors & Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amount being normally paid within 30 days of the recognition of the liability.

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**  
**(a company limited by guarantee)**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (cont.)**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>3. REVENUE</b>		
Interest Received	11,615	14,666
Dividends Received	224	-
Membership Subscriptions	62,331	64,831
Publications	1,154	1,778
Conference Proceeds	9,177	273,323
JIDD		
Royalties	41,924	36,302
Copyright Distributions	-	-
Editorial Contribution	63,909	58,873
Travel Allowance	21,195	-
RAPIDD		
Editorial Contribution	10,253	10,151
Divisional Income	11,308	9,732
Other Income	-	283
	<u>233,091</u>	<u>469,938</u>
<b>4 DEBTORS &amp; OTHER RECEIVABLES</b>		
Accounts Receivable	580	7,586
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	-	(3,600)
	<u>580</u>	<u>3,986</u>
<b>5 CASH &amp; CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		
Operating Account	15,568	88,741
High Interest Account	282,144	265,459
Term Deposits	388,294	382,012
	<u>686,005</u>	<u>736,212</u>

**6. CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to operating result:

Total Surplus (Deficit)	(34,537)	(31,323)
<b>Adjustment for:</b>		
Investment Income	(8,314)	(14,666)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	3,406	50,600
(Increase)/Decrease in GST Receivables		(1,190)
(Increase)/Decrease in Accrued Income	(3,548)	451
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments	3,335	(2,446)
(Increase)/Decrease in Advances	(19,036)	20,876
Increase/(Decrease) in GST Payable	(245)	(7,849)
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	418	4,644
Increase/(Decrease) in Accrued Expense	-	(124,623)
Net cash flows from operating activities	<u>(58,521)</u>	<u>(105,526)</u>

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**  
**(a company limited by guarantee)**

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 60-40 OF THE AUSTRALIAN  
CHARITIES AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012 TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE  
AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD**

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2017 there have been:

- i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

  
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Simon Fry  
Registered Company Auditor

Dated: 29 October 2017





**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

**Report on the Financial Report**

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd, which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2017 and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Director's Declaration.

**Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 2 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditors' Responsibility**

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I have conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY LTD  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

**Independence**

In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

**Auditor's Opinion**

In my opinion, the financial report of Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability Ltd is in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

**Basis of Accounting**

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to note 2 to the financial report which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



**Simon Fry**  
**Chartered Accountant**  
**Erindale**

Dated this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.



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The Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability (ASID) is a not-for-profit organisation that brings together research, policy and practice to improve the lives of people with a disability. As an independent authority on intellectual disability issues, ASID aims to develop strategic partnerships and bring together knowledge from across Australasia.