



23rd Annual Report

2014 - 2015

About Autism Tasmania

Autism Tasmania is a community based, not for profit, incorporated association and registered charity.

We are committed to improving the lives of individuals with autism, their families, and carers; and to improve community awareness and understanding of autism and related communication conditions.

We are guided by consultation with our members and the extended autism community in our advocacy for equity and fairness.

Autism Tasmania provides education, information, support and training for people with autism, parents, educators and care providers through a range of services across Tasmania funded by State and Federal Government through the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Social Services.

Our Team 2014-2015

Chief Executive Officer
Terry Burke

Accountant
Philippa Geard

Consultant
Kate Wilson

Autism Information Team
Rose Clark - North West
Robyn Thomas - North
Robyn Davis - South

Autism Advisors
Maree Morgan - North
Deborah Smith - North/North West
Jodie Denman - South
Amy Jansen - South

Early Days Co-ordinator
Jodie Denman

Communications
Sara Lindsay

Administration
Allison Lapham

Our Vision

A bright future for all people living with autism

Our Mission

To help people on the autism spectrum, their families and carers participate fully, independently and equally in all aspects of their everyday lives; by providing information and support, increasing community awareness, delivering autism training and advocating for systemic change.

Key Objectives

To provide quality information and support services to people on the autism spectrum, their families and carers.

To complement, enhance and facilitate professional autism training to individuals and service providers.

To advocate on behalf of the autism community to government and other service providers on issues of concern and assist in development of autism friendly service provision.

To raise community awareness and understanding of autism.

To operate a sustainable, accountable and transparent organisation.

To remain the peak autism body in Tasmania.

What is Autism?

"Autism is a life-long developmental disability that affects how a person communicates with, and relates to, other people. It affects how they make sense of the world around them."

(National Autistic Society, UK).

Autism is a neurodevelopmental spectrum **condition that affects an individual's** communication, socialisation and behaviours. To be diagnosed with autism, an individual has shown challenges in the areas of:

- Communication: verbal and non-verbal,
- Social understanding and interactions,
- Fixated interests, activities and repetitive behaviours, and
- Sensory aspects of the environment.

It is not known what causes autism. Much research is being done to try to find out more. At this point it is believed to result from changes to brain development which may be



Makers' Workshop - Burnie

caused by a combination of reasons, including environmental and genetic factors or a combination of both environment and genetic factors.

Autism is not caused by parenting styles or social circumstances. There is an increased chance of having another child with autism, if there is already a child in the family with autism, but no specific genes have yet been proven to cause autism. There is no valid research or evidence to link autism with childhood vaccinations or other medical treatments.

Autism Tasmania wishes to acknowledge the Aboriginal people as the traditional owners of our land. We pay our respects to their elders past and present. We recognise the displacement and disadvantage they have suffered since European settlement. Autism Tasmania celebrates Aboriginal living culture and their valuable contributions to the Tasmanian community.

President of Autism Tasmania

This last year has been a balance between consolidation and the further development of our Association. Two indicators demonstrate the strength of our foundations:

Membership continues to grow following the 2013 removal of membership fees for people on the autism spectrum, their direct family members and carers. At the close of the financial year we had 787 members and as this report is written, this has increased to almost 900. All areas of Tasmania are represented; predominantly parents and families [both immediate and extended]; many people on the autism spectrum; and a wide range of professionals and organisations.

The Association is financially healthy.

Members' funds were boosted by another solid surplus in the 2014-15 financial year; albeit, with slightly lower income and slightly higher expenditure. Strength comes from non-recurrent grant income such as fee-for-service work; conferences and seminars; gifts and donations. While less than the previous year, each continues to provide significant money for additional activities and initiatives which cannot be achieved with recurrent funding.

Examples of such initiatives include the Victorian Autism Conference sessions conducted in Launceston, Burnie and Hobart in September – providing opportunities for over 250 people to see current presentations from national and international presenters on a range of autism topics. Collaborations with Amaze and Gateway have created

opportunities to provide workshops to our expanding membership and in the former case, trial co-branding of resources and a basis for future partnerships.

As part of our expanding fee for service work, staff have presented a very popular and successful series of autism workshops over several months to teachers/teacher aides/early childhood educators in Launceston, Devonport and Hobart.

I encourage you to go to the website to see the wide range of activities, events and resources readily available to members and the wider autism community.

Autism Tasmania was chosen as one of two charities to benefit from the Tasmanian Police Charity Trust ride from Burnie to Launceston, with over \$20,000 donated to us. Similarly, we were one of two charitable organisations to be promoted through Roberts Limited during their 150 year celebrations in 2015. This gave a series of functions to present Autism Tasmania to a wide range of Tasmanians around the State and led to some amazing personal stories.

Autism Tasmania Board Members:

President Mick Clark	Senior Vice President Dijon Barrett
Secretary Anita Brunacci	Vice President Kieron Cornwell
Treasurer Mike Derbyshire	Board Members Simon Chadwick resigned December14 Kathryn Fordyce Abbey Guilbert Rosalie Martin Dr Lyndsay Quarmby

We thank all our donors – small and large – for their generosity and deliberate consideration of autism and Autism Tasmania as their cause of choice.

At a public policy level, CEO Terry Burke represented Autism Tasmania in the continuing deliberations of the Improved Support for Students with Disability taskforce established by Education Minister, Jeremy Rockliff. In addition Terry continues to be an active member of the Minister for Human Services, Jacque Petrusma, Autism Advisory Panel collaborating on the implementation of **the government's policy agenda for autism** support in Tasmania.

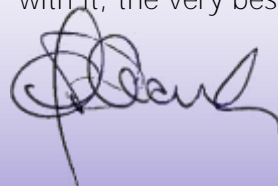
Two critical activities have occupied Board and management time during the past year or so. **Firstly, completion of the Association's** strategic plan and subsequent operational plan, to guide direction and measure performance – both individually and collectively. To understand the direction, objectives and guiding principles underpinning the Association, please go to the website.

The secondly major task has been the preparation of a new constitution - which the Board felt necessary to meet the contemporary needs of Autism Tasmania. The views of members were sought and specialist legal advice sourced. As this report is written, the decision has been clearly made, with members of the Association voting unanimously to adopt the recommended replacement constitution, which will apply from the 2015 AGM.

At the time of preparation of this report, no announcement had been made as to the next stage of rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in Tasmania. This is dependent on the negotiation of bilateral agreement between the Australian Government and Tasmanian Government. The uncertainty has significant implications for people with disabilities, their families and organisations.

Autism Tasmania's funding agreements with these two tiers of government are due to expire at the end of June 2016. Although we have confidence in being considered favourably and securing continuation of funding under the Information, Linkages and Capacity Building Program available through the National Disability Insurance Agency, the actual transition is yet to be determined or quantified.

In closing this report and my period as President and Board Member of Autism Tasmania, on behalf of the Board, our thanks to CEO, Terry Burke and the entire AT staff team around Tasmania for the terrific job each and every one of you do. I thank my Board colleagues for all they have done. We have an able Board with a good blend of individual skills, perspectives and life experiences; as well as gender and geographic balance reflecting the diversity of our membership base. I wish the organisation and all involved with it, the very best for the future.



Mick Clark
President
November 2015

The Year in Review

Autism Tasmania Members
787

Website reaches over
10,000 per year

Family & Community
Connections
2684

Facebook
followers
1536

Training Workshops 52
and participants 769

Autism Advisor Service
Registrations 127
Registrations since
program
commencement 973



The Year in Review

Another year of growth has been experienced by your association and in particular we were pleased to welcome an additional 417 new members. This expansion has been across all groups with a significant number of members identifying themselves as being on the autism spectrum. This along with families, professionals and organisations is broadening our diversity to reflect all our stakeholders.

We continue to operate in uncertain times with the transition and roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) in Tasmania unknown at the time of writing this report. The association has been involved in various consultations with both our State and Federal funders and have made representation to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) during the year. We were fortunate to secure some funding from the NDIA late in the year to undertake a consultation to identify aspects of how the NDIS can best engage with the autism community.

Due to the uncertainty of funding over recent years the Board has been keen to strengthen the financial position of the association which will give us some capacity to continue to operate if there is any lag in the receipt of recurrent funding.

A particular highlight of the year has been the expansion of our training efforts around the State. This has been a combination of increased requests by Service Providers, the running of Child Educator, Teacher and Teacher Aide Workshops and Parent Workshops. With over 30% of participants being on the autism spectrum in the Tasmanian NDIS trial site with approved plans it is not surprising that demand for training is increasing.

In meeting our funded programs, which are also **closely linked to the association's key objectives** (detailed on inside front cover) your association undertakes a range of activities each year. It is a testimony to the capacity of the team at Autism Tasmania that these additional activities are achieved in addition to our contracted work.

The key activities and achievements of 2014-2015 are summarized below:-

- Increasing membership by 112% to 787 members
- Finalisation of Strategic Plan 2015-2018
- Overall Training Workshops delivered state-wide increased by 116% with an additional 455 participants
- "Future Directions – Exploring the opportunities for success in further education and employment for people on the autism spectrum" in collaboration with the National Disability Coordination Officer Programme
- Delivery of the Amaze -Victorian Autism Conference Sessions State-wide
- Participation in SpectroSpective- Stories of Autism Project
- Tasmanian Autism Community Engagement Project
- Empowering Parents to Guide Their Child's Learning –Dr Amanda Webster State-wide
- Unlocking Potential – The Middle Years Resource Pilot
- Negotiated the inclusion of the Makers Workshop Burnie in "Light it up Blue" recognising World Autism Awareness Day.
- Expansion of Family Fun Days in Burnie, Launceston and Hobart.

Autism Tasmania has again been the beneficiary of extraordinary financial support from businesses, organisations and individuals. In particular we would like to acknowledge the generous support and efforts of the 8th Tasmania Police Charity Trust Bike Road from Burnie to Launceston, North Western Tas Womens Bowling Association and Hash House Harriers-Annual Red Dress Run.

Similarly we acknowledge the continued support from our corporate sponsors Robert Fergusson Family Foundation, MyState Foundation, and Specsavers Glenorchy.

This valued support enables us to undertake awareness and support initiatives outside of the restraints of our recurrent funding and better support the autism community in Tasmania.

Program Delivery

Autism Tasmania provides information and support to individuals on the autism spectrum and their families through State funding provided by the Department of Health and Human Services. This funding supports the infrastructure to run an effective service and employs our Autism Information Team in undertaking this vital role. Under this contract we conduct autism specific training to disability service providers (support workers), child educators, teacher aides and teachers to increase their capacity to better engage and support individuals with autism.

During the year we continued to facilitate Social / Support Groups and foster the establishment of new groups in accordance with our Social Support Group Manual which includes protocols for conducting or participating in these groups.

In addition to the above Autism Tasmania has continued to develop resources available to the autism community via our website, quarterly magazine (Spectrum News), fact sheets and lending libraries. We actively connect with members and followers via Facebook and outreach into the community to build awareness of autism via visits to regional and rural areas around Tasmania.

It is again noted that our current level of funding allows us to have a presence, run offices and teams in the North and South of the State. We do, however, acknowledge that our recurrent funding does not allow us to adequately service our North West Coast communities which we remain keen to address as we transition to the NDIS.

Autism Tasmania is funded at a Federal level by the Department Social Services through the Helping Children with Autism Program. The



L-R Kris Jennings , Robyn Thomas, Florence Williams, Teresa Irvine and Deborah Smith

two components of this program are the Autism Advisor Service (AAS) and Early Days Workshops.

The AAS allows us to employ advisors to service and support families from pre diagnosis to registration for funding for early intervention services for their child. Following registration, families are supported to navigate the options available and make decisions as to how best to utilise this funding. Registrations remained consistent with last year and the value of this service and our advisors is repeatedly confirmed by families. As we move toward the full implementation of the NDIS Autism Tasmania will be looking to retain a role in supporting individuals and families through the Information, Linkages and Capacity Building Framework available under the NDIS.

Early Days Workshops provide parents and grandparents with a broad range of autism topics relevant to children newly diagnosed with autism. During the year the number of workshops and attendees exceeded our contracted obligations.

We were fortunate during the year to have Florence Williams Aboriginal Liaison Officer from Autism Queensland support us in delivering workshops in Tasmania and connecting with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community.

AUTISM TASMANIA INCORPORATED

ABN: 90 215 494 454

**Financial Report For The Year Ended
30 June 2015**

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30 June 2015**

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**AUTISM TASMANIA INCORPORATED
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Membership Fees	1,275	955
Grant Income - DHHS	225,213	215,677
Grant Income - DSS Early Days	26,307	25,801
Grant Income - DSS AAS	178,886	175,447
Non-recurrent Grants - Other	1,879	-
Unexpended Grants brought forward	10,449	27,373
less: Unexpended Grants carried forward	(7,388)	(10,449)
Conferences, Workshops & Seminars	15,327	26,236
Consulting, Fees for Service	5,144	2,596
Gifts, Donations & Bequests	50,079	65,400
Fundraising Activities	1,200	-
Interest Income	4,646	2,346
Dividends Received - MyState	157	155
Sundry Income	532	3,570
	<u>513,706</u>	<u>535,107</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Accommodation - Client Services	2,321	1,977
Advertising & Promotion	1,410	1,497
Accounting & Audit	3,600	4,993
Bank Fees & Charges	550	530
Catering	4,607	-
Conferences, Workshops & Seminars	10,689	5,860
Consulting Fees	1,820	8,292
Database	-	385
Depreciation	848	1,357
Electricity & Office Amenities	4,953	4,837
Equipment Purchases	1,747	1,438
Fundraising Expenses	1,921	6,412
Insurance	9,783	9,563
Library	789	804
Meeting Expenses, Committee & Governance	1,183	844
Network Support	508	3,445
Office Equipment Lease	2,622	2,622
Provision for Annual Leave	772	8,583
Provision for Long Service Leave	190	429
Rent	32,492	31,638
Repairs & Maintenance	296	800
Salaries and wages - superannuation	27,460	24,373
Salaries and wages	298,722	272,543
Software Expenses	4,259	4,975
Staff Recruitment	-	506
Staff - Other Payroll Expenses	5,637	6,127
Stationery, Printing & Postage	15,461	15,627
Subscriptions	3,533	1,728
Sundry Expenses	5,838	2,663
Telephone & Fax	14,665	16,780
Training & Staff Development	398	2,848
Travel for Client Services	6,217	7,364
Travel for Training & Staff Development	48	2,617
	<u>465,339</u>	<u>454,457</u>
Current year surplus	48,367	80,650
Transfer (to)/from Reserves	-	(36,585)
Retained Surplus at the Beginning of the Financial Year	<u>63,370</u>	<u>19,305</u>
Retained Surplus at the End of the Financial Year	<u>111,737</u>	<u>63,370</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**AUTISM TASMANIA INCORPORATED
STATEMENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 30 JUNE 2015**

	NOTE	2015 \$	2014 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	227,404	185,884
Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors	3	1,773	3,197
Prepayments		12,521	4,346
		<u>241,698</u>	<u>193,427</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial Assets	4	1,869	1,796
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	1,413	2,261
		<u>3,282</u>	<u>4,057</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>244,980</u>	<u>197,484</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other payables		5,103	3,097
Grants received in advance	6	7,388	10,449
GST Payable		(216)	2,439
Payroll Liabilities	7	21,669	14,873
Other Current Liabilities	8	2,608	7,600
Provision for Annual Leave		25,360	24,588
		<u>61,912</u>	<u>63,046</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provision for Long Service Leave		4,404	4,214
		<u>4,404</u>	<u>4,214</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>66,316</u>	<u>67,260</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>178,664</u>	<u>130,224</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained surplus		111,737	63,370
Alex Wally Reserve		2,500	2,500
Gifts, Donations & Bequest Reserve		16,356	16,356
Share Revaluation Reserve		1,869	1,796
Autism Awareness Reserve		46,202	46,202
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		<u>178,664</u>	<u>130,224</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**AUTISM TASMANIA INCORPORATED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act Tasmania. The Board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The Association is a not for profit entity for financial reporting purposes.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

(a) Income Tax

Autism Tasmania Incorporated is exempt from income tax.

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

(c) Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee provisions have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

(d) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and 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.

(f) Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

**AUTISM TASMANIA INCORPORATED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

(g) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

(h) Goods and 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 (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

(i) Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

**AUTISM TASMANIA INCORPORATED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
NOTE 2: Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Bendigo - 136780525 - Cheque Account	5,759	96,144
Bendigo - 153732847 - Investment Account	179,085	-
Bendigo - 136779782 - Hobart Debit	1,772	194
Bendigo - 136780301 - Launceston Debit	97	529
Bendigo - 13720764 - Devonport Debit	465	607
Bendigo - 136780392 - Gift Account	37,219	74,937
Ride for Autism Account	47	12,928
Bendigo - 136003381 - OR&R Account	2,000	-
Paypal Funds Holding Account	532	445
Cash on Hand	428	100
	<u>227,404</u>	<u>185,884</u>
NOTE 3: Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors		
Other Receivables	1,773	3,197
	<u>1,773</u>	<u>3,197</u>
NOTE 4: Financial Assets		
<i>Non-Current:</i>		
MyState Shares	1,869	1,796
	<u>1,869</u>	<u>1,796</u>
NOTE 5: Property, Plant and Equipment		
Office equipment	1,003	1,003
Less accumulated depreciation	(697)	(514)
	<u>306</u>	<u>489</u>
Website	3,545	3,545
Less accumulated depreciation	(2,438)	(1,773)
	<u>1,107</u>	<u>1,772</u>
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>1,413</u>	<u>2,261</u>
NOTE 6: Grants Received in Advance		
The Zone Funding	3,477	3,602
Resource Kits	2,500	-
Other	1,411	-
DSS	-	6,847
	<u>7,388</u>	<u>10,449</u>

**AUTISM TASMANIA INCORPORATED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
NOTE 7: Payroll Liabilities		
Accrued Wages	8,418	6,387
PAYG Withholding Payable	7,556	6,357
Superannuation Payable	5,695	2,129
	<u>21,669</u>	<u>14,873</u>

NOTE 8: Other Current Liabilities

Accrued Expenses	2,608	1,878
Payments in Advance	-	5,722
	<u>2,608</u>	<u>7,600</u>

NOTE 9: Economic Dependence

At the time of preparation of these financial statements no announcement had been made as to the next stage of rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme in Tasmania. This is dependent on the negotiation of a bilateral agreement between the Australian Government and Tasmanian Government.

Autism Tasmania funding agreements with these two tiers of government are due to expire at the end of June 2016. Although we have confidence in being considered favourably and securing continuation of funding under the Information, Linkages and Capacity Building Program available through the National Disability Insurance Agency the actual transition is yet to be determined or quantified.

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**ANNUAL STATEMENTS GIVE TRUE AND FAIR VIEW OF FINANCIAL
POSITION AND PERFORMANCE OF INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION**

I, Michael Ian Derbyshire, being a member of the Board of Autism Tasmania Incorporated, certify that:

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Autism Tasmania Incorporated during and at the end of the financial year of the Association ending 30 June 2015.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Management and is signed by me on behalf of the Board.



Michael Ian Derbyshire
Treasurer

17 September 2015

Independent Audit Report

Autism Tasmania Inc

Auditor's Independence Declaration

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2015, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Accounting Professional Ethical Prouncements in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Crowe Horwath Tasmania



Alison Flakemore
Audit Partner

Dated this 21st day of September 2015.
Hobart, Tasmania

Autism Tasmania Inc

Independent Audit Report to the members of Autism Tasmania Inc

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Autism Tasmania Inc, which comprises the statement of financial position at 30 June 2015, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes, and the statement by members of the Board of Governance.

Board of Governance's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board of Governance of the Association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporations Act (Tas) 1964*, and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Board of Governance's responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement; whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about 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 and fair presentation of the financial report 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's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Autism Tasmania Inc

Independent Audit Report to the members of Autism Tasmania Inc

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the accounting professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Autism Tasmania Inc presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Autism Tasmania Inc as at 30 June 2015, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporations Act (Tas) 1964.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Autism Tasmania Inc to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act Tasmania 1964*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



Crowe Horwath Tasmania



Alison Flekmore
Audit Partner

Dated this 19th day of October 2015.
Hobart, Tasmania

Our Thanks:

Funders

Department of Health & Human Services
Department of Social Services
National Disability Insurance Agency

Corporate/Business

Tasmanian Police Charity Fund
MyState Foundation
Roberts Ltd
Butler McIntyre & Butler
The Robert Fergusson Family Foundation
North Western Tas Womens Bowling Association
Catholic Development Fund Tasmania
Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School
Tasmanian Networks Pty Ltd
Claremont Golf Club
Mineral Resources Tasmania
Aurora Energy Safety Incentive Scheme
Specsavers Optometrists Glenorchy
Sandpiper Ocean Cottages
Discovery Holiday Parks

Supporters

Bruny Island Ultra & Relay
Hash House Harriers/Full Moon Hash
Hobart Town Lions Club Inc
Tasmanian Brick Enthusiasts Inc.
Rotary Club of Youngtown Inc
Lions Club of Glenorchy (City) Inc

We thank all individuals that supported us during the year and acknowledge the donations made by our members

Partnering Organisations

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Stephen Pender from MyState presents Terry Burke with a cheque, on behalf of the MyState Foundation



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Deborah Smith with the Roberts team at Agfest



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