

# 24th Annual Report 2015 - 2016



# 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 on the autism spectrum, 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 information, support and referrals for people on the autism spectrum, parents, educators and service 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 and we provide training for families, service providers, professionals and educators.

## 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.

## Our Team 2015-2016

### Chief Executive Officer

Terry Burke

### Accountant

Philippa Geard

### Consultant

Kate Wilson

### Southern Information Team

Sam Collins

Robyn Davis

Jodie Denman (Early Days Co-ordinator)

Amy Jansen (until March 2016)

### Northern Information Team

Demica Mitchell

Maree Morgan (HCWA Team Leader)

Robyn Thomas (Training Manager)

Deborah Smith (until December 2015)

Rose Clark (until April 2016)

### Administration

Allison Lapham

Richard Antel - Office Assistant-North (August-November 2015)

*Autism is a complex lifelong neurological condition which affects the way a person communicates, interacts and processes information.*

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 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.

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.

# *Chairperson of Autism Tasmania*

The 2015-16 year has seen another solid year for the organisation.

Membership is continuing to steadily grow. At the end of the financial year we had 1014 members and at the time of writing this report we have 1083 members, representing all areas of Tasmania, with the majority being parents and families, but inclusive of many people on the spectrum and with a diversified base of professionals and organisations.

Financially the organisation is continuing to go from strength to strength with another solid surplus to bolster our reserves as we enter a period that will throw up funding challenges. Income continues to grow with recurrent grant income as well as non-recurrent income through our fee for service training and workshops continuing to increase. Expenditure is slightly higher than originally budgeted as the organisation is starting to build up resources in preparation for the full roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2015 marked an important milestone for the organisation, not only was it the official opening of our new Hobart office at 21 Goulburn Street, it also marked the day in which the State Government and the Commonwealth

Government reached an agreement on the NDIS roll out for Tasmanian, staged on a six-month age based cohort from 1 July 2016 to 1 January 2019 ultimately covering all age groups from 0 – 64 years. For our members and the organisation, exciting and challenging times ahead.

Once again thank you to all of our donors as your cause of choice – your continued support is greatly appreciated and significantly assists the organisation to deliver its strategic objectives.

In closing my first report as Chairperson of the organisation, on behalf of the board, once again, a huge thanks to our CEO, Terry Burke and all the Autism Tasmania staff on such a terrific job in delivering our support programs. To my fellow board members, thank you for your time and dedication to support this great organisation. To those finishing their tenure with the organisation – you have been terrific in supporting me for the last 12 months and I am looking forward to the developments in 2016-17.

Dijon Barrett  
Chairperson  
October 2016



**Photo: Official Opening of 21 Goulburn Street  
3 December 2015**

**L-R: Dijon Barrett - Chairperson  
Hon, Jacquie Petrusma, Minister for Human Services  
CEO -Terry Burke  
Immediate past President - Mick Clark**

## **Autism Tasmania Board Members:**

### **Chairperson**

Dijon Barrett

### **Deputy Chairperson**

Kieron Cornwell

### **Secretary**

Kathryn Fordyce

### **Treasurer**

Mike Derbyshire

### **Board Members**

Dean Lovell

Geraldine Robertson

Kirsty Bartlett-Clark

Rosalie Martin

Dr Lyndsay Quarmby

# Our Thanks:

## Funders

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

## Corporate/Business

Tasmanian Police Charity Trust  
The Robert Fergusson Family Foundation  
Catholic Development Fund Tasmania  
MyState Foundation  
Roberts Ltd  
St Mary's College, Hobart  
Tasmanian Networks Limited  
Specsavers Optometrists Glenorchy  
Bendigo Bank Ltd  
Naj Espresso  
Claremont Golf Club  
Bowen Road Primary School

## Supporters

Hobart Town Lions Club 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

Amaze  
Autism Spectrum Early Learning & Care Centre  
National Disability Coordinator Officer Program  
I CAN Network  
Speak Out Advocacy  
Advocacy Tasmania Inc.



Presentation by Tasmanian Police Charity Trust: Commissioner of Police Darren Hine, Terry Burke, Lynn Batge and Linda Phillips



Thank you to the staff at MyState Foundation (pictured here presenting the cheque to CEO, Terry Burke is Richard and Jane from MyState) for their generous donation to our statewide resource libraries



L-R Robyn Thomas, Demica Mitchell and Maree Morgan in our new northern office

# *The Year in Review*

Autism Tasmania Members  
1014

Website reaches over  
20,000 per year

Family &  
Community  
Connections  
2418



Facebook  
followers  
1882

Chris Varney and participants at the Hobart "I Can Network"  
Information and Planning workshop in April 2016

Training Workshops 46  
and participants 938

Helping Children with Autism Program  
Registrations 126  
Registrations since program  
commencement 1099

# *The Year in Review*

2015-16 saw some significant developments for Autism Tasmania and in particular the adoption of a more inclusive Constitution that allows participation by proxy from members who cannot, or prefer not to, attend Annual General Meetings. At least two positions on the Board are now reserved for persons who are on the autism spectrum. This has seen the expansion of this membership category during the year.

We also saw a move to a central location in Hobart which provides better facilities for our members and capacity to run smaller training sessions, peer support groups and space for members to drop in to utilise our library resources and connect with our Information Team.

Our Launceston office moved to bigger and brighter premises within the Northern Children Network premises at Newstead that provides better access and the benefit of an interview room for our clients.

Many of our activities during the year were focused on readiness for the NDIS including the consultation with and survey of the autism community to identify how to make the NDIS autism friendly and member NDIS forums held during June in Burnie, Launceston, Hobart and Queenstown. The report prepared by Banks Spencer Consulting was released at these forums with representatives from the NDIA giving an update on the "First Plan" initiative.

Our appreciation goes to the Hobart Town Lions Club who sponsored the initial Unlocking the Potential – Middle Years website and in particular District Governor Annette Ogilvie who successfully put this program up to the State Convention to have this resource expanded to cover further age based cohorts.

Autism Tasmania was pleased to sponsor the "I Can Network" to conduct workshops in both Launceston and Hobart to gauge the level of interest for the expansion of the network into

Tasmania. Chris Varney, Chief Enabling Officer, recently reported that he was hopeful to recruit one "I Can School" for 2017 in Northern Tasmania and a Community Based Mentoring Program involving a number of schools in Southern Tasmania. Sponsorship for an "I Can Camp" is also being progressed.

We again were fortunate and grateful for the financial support provided by our generous donors during 2015-16. The Tasmania Police Charity Trust has provided funding for an event to celebrate World Autism Awareness Day in 2017 and the Mystate Foundation donation that has allowed us to expand our member library resources in both Hobart and Launceston.

## ***At a Glance***

The key activities and achievements of 2015-2016:

- Membership increased by 28% to 1014 members
- Adoption of New and Inclusive Constitution
- Move to new premises in Hobart and upgrade of premises in Launceston
- Release of Report to the National Disability Insurance Agency on the most effective ways the NDIA can communicate with the autism community in Tasmania
- NDIS Member Forums
- The launch of "Unlocking the Potential - Middle Years" website
- Over 20% increase in participants attending training workshops
- Significant increase in reach via social media and website usage
- Sponsoring of the "I Can Network" expansion into Tasmania

# Program Delivery

Autism Tasmania is funded to provide information, resources and support to individuals on the autism spectrum and their families through State funding provided by the Department of Health and Human Services. This includes linking people in with other relevant services.

Individual, family and community connections have remained strong during the year with a significant numbers of enquiries being generated around the roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Facilitation of Peer Support Groups has continued including the formation of groups around sharing knowledge, resources and experiences of the NDIS.

There has continued to be strong demand from service providers for training which appears to be aligned to the high number of participants in the NDIS whose primary disability is identified as autism. During the year Robyn Thomas was appointed Training Manager with state wide responsibility for the development of training modules tailored to service provider requirements. Autism Tasmania was successful in securing a tender with TasTAFE to provide training to their teaching and support staff. This demand has delivered a 40% increase in revenue from fee for service training and consulting and supports further development of our capacity in this area of our operations.

Autism Tasmania delivers two components of the Department of Social Services – Helping Children with Autism (HCWA) Program in Tasmania being the Autism Advisor Service (AAS) and Early Days Workshops.

The AAS allows us to employ advisors to service and support families of young children on the autism spectrum 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 have remained consistent over the last few years and the value of this service and our advisors is repeatedly confirmed by families. This year under the leadership of Maree Morgan we have moved to look for efficiencies to better service clients including greater usage of electronic communication to offset the increasing costs of postage and delivery delays. This has resulted in quicker turnaround times for registration and access to service providers.

In readiness for the transition to the NDIS, HCWA Advisors from around Australia were invited to a workshop in Melbourne during June. This allowed for the sharing of experiences and for representatives from the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to identify the processes around transition. The HCWA program in Tasmania will continue to at least June 2018 and the association will be looking to apply for block funding from NDIA to continue to support individuals on the autism spectrum and their families that may or may not be participants of 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 National Co-ordinators of the program reviewed and re-developed the content of the Early Days Modules including a major re-branding to allow for greater community access and usage. This included conducting a Facilitator Forum in March where Autism Tasmania was represented. During the year the number of workshops conducted and attendees in Tasmania exceeded our contracted obligations.





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**Financial Report For The Year Ended  
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**AUTISM TASMANIA INCORPORATED  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Membership Fees	200	1,275
Grant Income - DHHS	235,156	225,213
Grant Income - DSS Early Days	26,813	26,307
Grant Income - DSS AAS	182,326	178,886
Non-recurrent Grants - Other	20,268	1,879
Unexpended Grants brought forward	14,108	10,449
less: Unexpended Grants carried forward	(6,720)	(7,388)
Conferences, Workshops & Seminars	21,499	15,327
Consulting, Fees for Service	7,166	5,144
Gifts, Donations & Bequests	24,581	50,079
Fundraising Activities	23	1,200
Interest Income	5,596	4,646
Dividends Received - MyState	134	157
Sundry Income	1,995	532
	<u>533,145</u>	<u>513,706</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Accommodation - Client Services	3,316	2,321
Advertising & Promotion	184	1,410
Accounting & Audit	3,980	3,600
Bank Fees & Charges	530	550
Catering	2,875	4,607
Conferences, Workshops & Seminars	7,763	10,689
Consulting Fees	19,276	1,820
Depreciation	652	848
Electricity & Office Amenities	6,259	4,953
Equipment Purchases	3,575	1,747
Fundraising Expenses	943	1,921
Insurance	8,727	9,783
Library	2,399	789
Meeting Expenses, Committee & Governance	948	1,183
Network Support	891	508
Office Equipment Lease	2,622	2,622
Office Relocation	4,161	-
Provision for Annual Leave	892	772
Provision for Long Service Leave	(4,404)	190
Rent	46,932	32,492
Rates, Water, Land Tax	5,236	-
Repairs & Maintenance	1,087	296
Salaries and wages - superannuation	27,078	27,460
Salaries and wages	305,474	298,722
Security	924	-
Software Expenses	10,928	4,259
Staff Recruitment	1,432	-
Staff - Other Payroll Expenses	2,031	5,637
Stationery, Printing & Postage	14,192	15,461
Subscriptions	3,242	3,533
Sundry Expenses	938	5,838
Telephone & Fax	17,066	14,665
Training & Staff Development	460	398
Travel for Client Services	5,038	6,217
Travel for Training & Staff Development	-	48
	<u>507,647</u>	<u>465,339</u>
Current year surplus	25,498	48,367
Retained Surplus at the Beginning of the Financial Year	111,737	63,370
Transfer (to)/from Reserves	(9,750)	-
Retained Surplus at the End of the Financial Year	<u>127,485</u>	<u>111,737</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**AUTISM TASMANIA INCORPORATED  
STATEMENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2016**

	NOTE	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	250,076	227,404
Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors	3	8,248	1,773
Prepayments		6,980	12,521
		<u>265,304</u>	<u>241,698</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Financial Assets	4	1,598	1,869
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	1,970	1,413
		<u>3,568</u>	<u>3,282</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><b>268,872</b></u>	<u><b>244,980</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable and other payables		3,566	5,103
Grants received in advance	6	-	7,388
GST Payable		4,379	(216)
Payroll Liabilities	7	23,002	21,669
Other Current Liabilities	8	7,782	2,608
Provision for Annual Leave		26,252	25,360
		<u>64,981</u>	<u>61,912</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provision for Long Service Leave		-	4,404
		<u>-</u>	<u>4,404</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u><b>64,981</b></u>	<u><b>66,316</b></u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><b>203,891</b></u>	<u><b>178,664</b></u>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
Retained surplus		127,485	111,737
Autism Expo 2017 Reserve		9,750	-
Alex Wally Reserve		2,500	2,500
Gifts, Donations & Bequest Reserve		16,356	16,356
Share Revaluation Reserve		1,598	1,869
Autism Awareness Reserve		46,202	46,202
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		<u><b>203,891</b></u>	<u><b>178,664</b></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**AUTISM TASMANIA INCORPORATED  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

	NOTE	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>			
Grant Receipts		511,084	475,514
Other Receipts		49,023	77,351
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(541,956)	(516,148)
Interest Received		5,596	4,646
Dividends Received		134	157
Net cash generated from operating activities	9	<u>23,881</u>	<u>41,520</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</b>			
Purchase of Property, Plant & Equipment		<u>(1,209)</u>	-
		<u>(1,209)</u>	-
Net increase in cash held		22,672	41,520
Cash on hand at beginning of the financial year		227,404	185,884
<b>Cash on hand at end of the financial year</b>	2	<u><u>250,076</u></u>	<u><u>227,404</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**AUTISM TASMANIA INCORPORATED  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

**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 2016**

**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 2016**

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
<b>NOTE 2: Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Bendigo - 136780525 - Cheque Account	18,937	5,759
Bendigo - 153732847 - Investment Account	211,630	179,085
Bendigo - 136779782 - Hobart Debit	1,387	1,772
Bendigo - 136780301 - Launceston Debit	796	97
Bendigo - 13720764 - Devonport Debit	-	465
Bendigo - 136780392 - Gift Account	10,333	37,219
Bendigo - 151096914 - Autism Awareness Gift Account	47	47
Bendigo - 136003381 - OR&R Account	6,000	2,000
Paypal Funds Holding Account	746	532
Cash on Hand	200	428
	<u>250,076</u>	<u>227,404</u>
<b>NOTE 3: Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors</b>		
Receivables and Deposits	<u>8,248</u>	<u>1,773</u>
	<u>8,248</u>	<u>1,773</u>
<b>NOTE 4: Financial Assets</b>		
<i>Non-Current:</i>		
MyState Shares	<u>1,598</u>	<u>1,869</u>
	<u>1,598</u>	<u>1,869</u>
<b>NOTE 5: Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Office equipment	2,211	1,003
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(933)</u>	<u>(697)</u>
	<u>1,278</u>	<u>306</u>
Website	3,545	3,545
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(2,853)</u>	<u>(2,438)</u>
	<u>692</u>	<u>1,107</u>
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>1,970</u>	<u>1,413</u>
<b>NOTE 6: Grants Received in Advance</b>		
The Zone Funding	-	3,477
Resource Kits	-	2,500
Other	-	1,411
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,388</u>

**AUTISM TASMANIA INCORPORATED  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
<b>NOTE 7: Payroll Liabilities</b>		
Accrued Wages	10,360	8,418
PAYG Withholding Payable	9,853	7,556
Superannuation Payable	2,789	5,695
	<u>23,002</u>	<u>21,669</u>
<b>NOTE 8: Other Current Liabilities</b>		
Payables and Accrued Expenses	<u>7,782</u>	<u>2,608</u>
	7,782	2,608
<b>NOTE 9: Cash Flow Information</b>		
Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operating Activities with Current Year Surplus		
Surplus for The Year	25,498	48,367
<i>Non Cash Flows</i>		
Depreciation expense	652	848
<i>Changes in Assets and Liabilities</i>		
Accounts Receivable	(934)	(6,751)
Accounts Payable	9,506	1,155
Income in Advance	(7,329)	(3,061)
Provisions	(3,512)	962
	<u>23,881</u>	<u>41,520</u>

**NOTE 10: Economic Dependence**

Autism Tasmania funding agreements, both State and Federal, are due to expire at the end of June 2017. 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 the funding quantified.

**AUTISM TASMANIA INCORPORATED**  
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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 2016.

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



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Michael Ian Derbyshire  
Treasurer

26 September 2016

## Autism Tasmania Inc

### Auditor's Independence Declaration

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2016, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2016.  
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 2016, 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 Incorporation 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

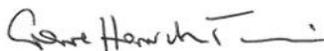
In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Accounting Professional Ethical Pronouncements.

#### 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 2016, 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 Incorporation 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 Flakemore  
Audit Partner

Dated this 2<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.  
Hobart, Tasmania



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