

28th Annual Report

2019–2020

About us

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

We are committed to improving the lives of adults and children on the autism spectrum, their families, and carers; and to improve community awareness, acceptance, and understanding of autism.

We work closely with our members and the extended autism community to advocate for equity and fairness.

Our Board

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Kieran McDonald

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Our thanks

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Department of Communities Tasmania

Department of Social Services

National Disability Insurance Scheme

Corporate & business

Hobart Friendly Care Foundation

Specsavers Optometrists Glenorchy

The Robert Fergusson Family Foundation

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

Community fundraisers

Paypal Community Fundraising

Crafty Sew 'n' Sews

Tasplan Social Club

Partnering organisations

Australian Autism Alliance

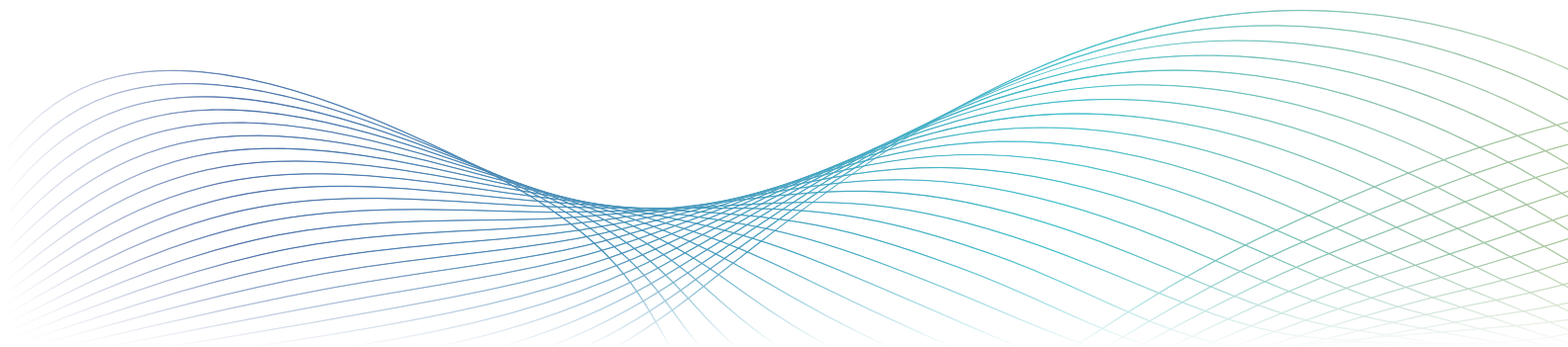
Australian Advisory Board on Autism

Cooperative Research Centre for Living with Autism (Autism CRC)

National Disability Insurance Agency

National Disability Coordinator

Officer Program



Our vision

Optimum life outcomes for adults and children on the autism spectrum.

Our Mission

To help adults and children in Tasmania on the autism spectrum, their families and carers to participate fully, independently, and equally in all aspects of their everyday lives.

Core Values

Inherent worth

We recognise and celebrate that people on the autism spectrum are valuable members of society, capable of contributing to and enriching the lives of those around them.

Social justice

We value equality and recognise that some people need a greater share of resources in order to have equal opportunity.

Individual dignity

We value individuality, acknowledge that everyone should be treated with respect, and we believe that all people should have the opportunity to be involved in choices relating to their own wellbeing.

Respecting language and identity

We acknowledge the differing views within the autism community for describing autism and respect the right of individuals to choose the language which they believe most powerfully represents them.

Evidence-based practice and policy

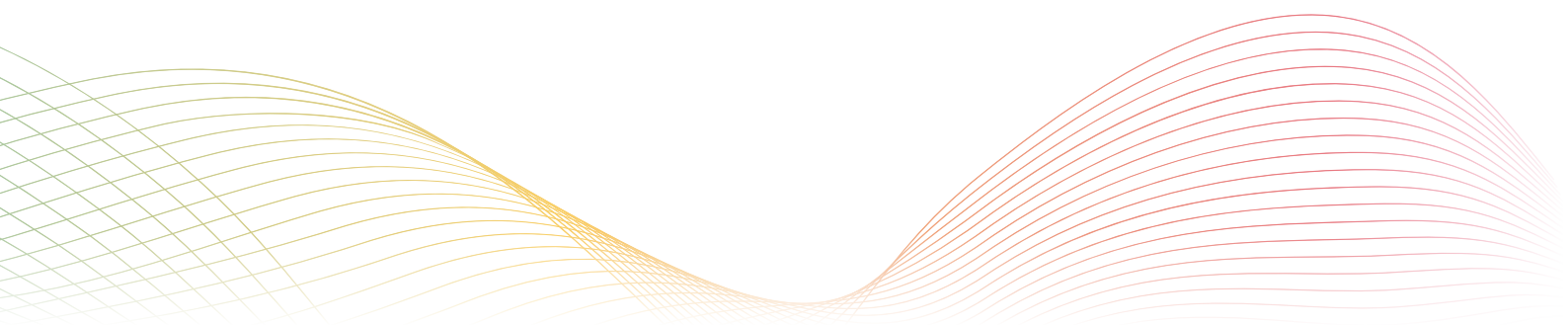
We value evidence based practice and consult with and seek input from the autism community to influence better policy outcomes.

Collaboration and community

We value partnerships with other organisations, and celebrate the diversity and achievements of the community we represent.

Professionalism and accountability

We strive to operate our organisation transparently and with the best interests of our members and the Tasmanian autism community in mind.



Key activities and achievements

- » Surplus of \$35,854 achieved during a year in which a budgeted deficit was expected due to uncertainty around ongoing funding
- » Successfully secured a NDIS three year funding agreement under Information, Linkages and Capacity Building Program (ILC) as a Disabled Peoples and Families Organisation
- » Secured premises on the North West Coast
- » Increase in revenue from Support Coordination to \$107,700
- » 10 Editions of Spectrum e-News
- » Active involvement in the Australian Autism Alliance including preparation for a submission to the Senate Select Committee on Autism
- » Commissioned a Fundraising Feasibility Study
- » Membership Increase of 6.2% to 1876 with 161 members identifying as being on the autism spectrum



1,876
registered members



161
individuals on the
autism spectrum



150,000
website visits per year



3,400
Facebook followers



3,012
family and community
connections



TRAINING

51
workshops



854
participants

Chairperson's Report

Welcome to our Autism Tasmania 2020 Annual General Meeting.

It is with great pleasure that I present the Autism Tasmania's 2019/2020 Annual Report to be tabled at this videoconference enabled AGM, linking every Region of Tasmania.

Our membership is drawn from across the state and increasing, numbering nearly 2000, in total. Though most of our members are parents and carers, the proportion and involvement of people on the autism spectrum continues to grow.

While the current COVID 19 Pandemic has limited opportunities for face-to-face gatherings, including training, Autism Tasmania has adapted by engaging via videoconference, email, Facebook, and Spectrum ENews. NDIS coordination of support (COS) activities have meant that Autism Tasmania remains directly involved in understanding what services are available to persons on the autism spectrum and their families.

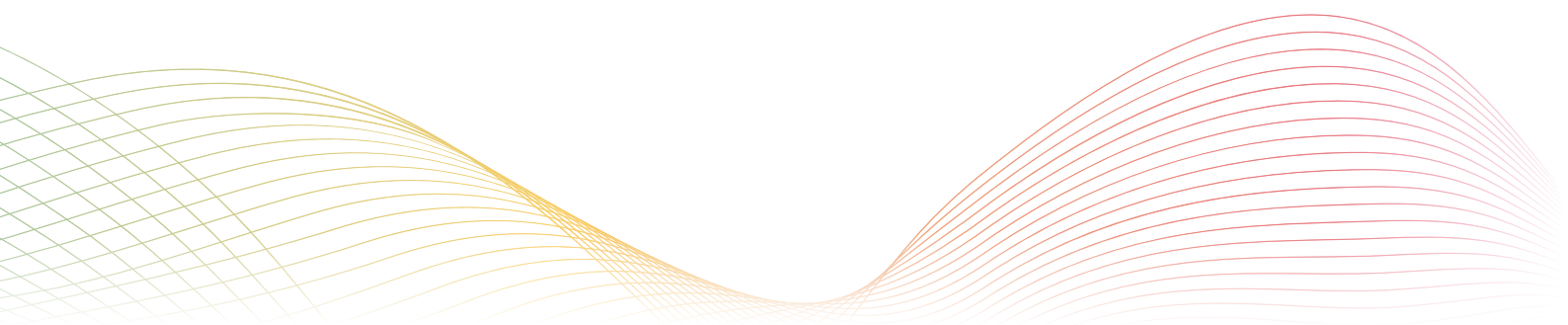
I would like to thank members of the board for their continued commitment to the governance of Autism Tasmania, through drafting and reviewing documents, attending face-to-face meetings and linking up via ZOOM.

Combining a range of skills, gender, location and lived experience, the board's strategic engagement has guided our organisation into one that is viably NDIS funded and, with the recent opening of an office in Burnie, accessible in every region of Tasmania.

As recently advised our longstanding CEO Terry Burke, is retiring at the end of 2020. During his eight years of service, Terry has guided the growth and development of Autism Tasmania, leaving a foundation of skilled staff to carry things forward. Transition arrangements, including a process to recruit a replacement CEO, are presently underway.

I thank Terry and all Autism Tasmania staff for their solid work in serving the needs of Tasmanians on the autism spectrum.

Kieran McDonald
CHAIRPERSON



Chief Executive Officer Review

It is with a great deal of pride that I provide this review on a year when we finally secured certainty around our medium-term funding.

Leading into Christmas 2019 as we celebrated the upcoming festive season, we all contemplated where we would be at this time in 2020.

Having spent the best part of three years positioning and repositioning the organisation for a grant application under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) with ever changing investment strategy, policy and guidelines we finally submitted our application to the Information, Linkages and Capacity Building Program (ILC) in late September 2019.

The resilience that staff showed during this period is to be commended and the contributions from the team to identify a program designed to deliver better outcomes for individuals on the autism spectrum was rewarded on the eve of the holiday season when we were advised that we had been successful in securing a NDIS ILC three year grant through to February 2023.

I acknowledge the major contributions of both Maree Morgan, Autism Advisor Manager, and Robyn Thomas, Training Manager in developing such a strong application with me to secure the maximum grant funding available.

We headed into 2020 with a feeling of relief and excitement around the implementation of our plans which included the long awaited expansion

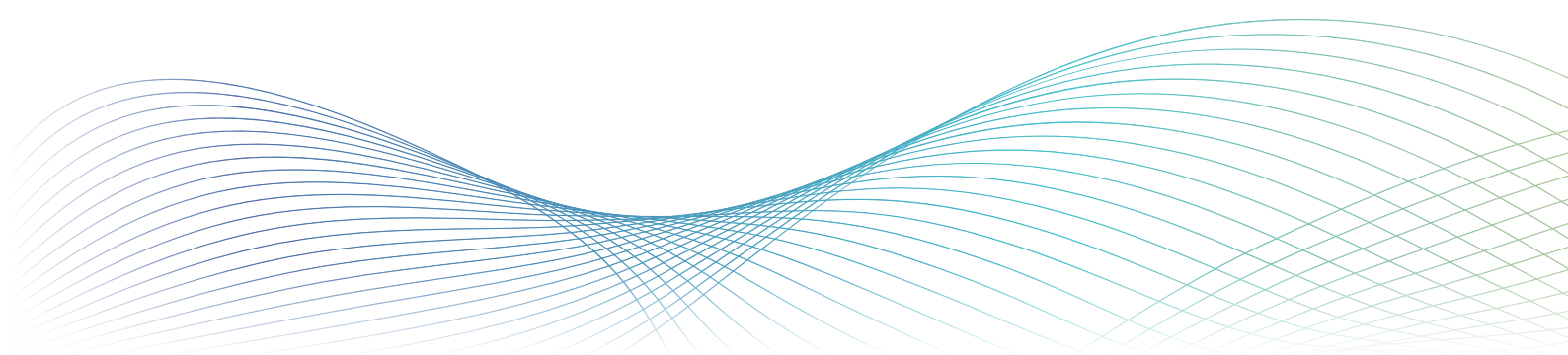
into the North West Coast, securing and recruiting staff, securing office tenancies and continuing to engage with the autism community in Tasmania.

Not long into the year this all changed as we all faced the restrictions that came with COVID-19. This diverted our energies initially to maintaining our services and ultimately to fast tracking our plans to expand our communication channels. We acquired additional IT hardware and software and had people operating from home within a matter of days due to our cloud-based IT infrastructure.

We have utilised various video conferencing platforms including Zoom and Microsoft Teams and enhanced our website to better capture online enquiries and online memberships.

In addition, we developed and delivered online parent information sessions, Early Days workshops and fee for service training. This was backed up with information distributed to members via Spectrum E-News.

It is notable that our online communication channels enabled us to continue to implement our ILC Program as well as finalise the recruitment of new staff on the North West Coast to work from our new premises at 9 King Street, Burnie.



As recently announced my tenure as CEO will finish at the end of 2020. I would like to express my gratitude to all Board Members and staff that I have worked with and the talented people I have learnt so much from both within Tasmania and nationally. I particularly would like to acknowledge the wonderful administrative support and wise counsel that I received over the last eight years from Allison Lapham.

The Association is well placed to continue to deliver a relevant, trusted and valued service to the Tasmanian community and I wish them every success.

Terry Burke

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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.

Our team

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Terry Burke

COMMUNICATION & ADMINISTRATION

Allison Lapham

ACCOUNTANT

Eleanor Whitchurch
Izaak de Winter

TRAINING MANAGER

Robyn Thomas

AUTISM ADVISOR MANAGER

Maree Morgan

AUTISM ADVISOR TEAM

Jodie Denman
Kerryn Pammenter
Courtney Landers
Roger O'Meagher
Krystyna Moyle
Mellissa Radford
Amanda Gunders

PEER SUPPORT: THE AUTISTIC WAY PROJECT

Geraldine Robertson
Tracy Voss

AUTISTIC CONSULTANTS

Paige Hope
Pen Brake
Ruth McTaggart
Daniel Zomerdyk
Donna Kenny

Program delivery

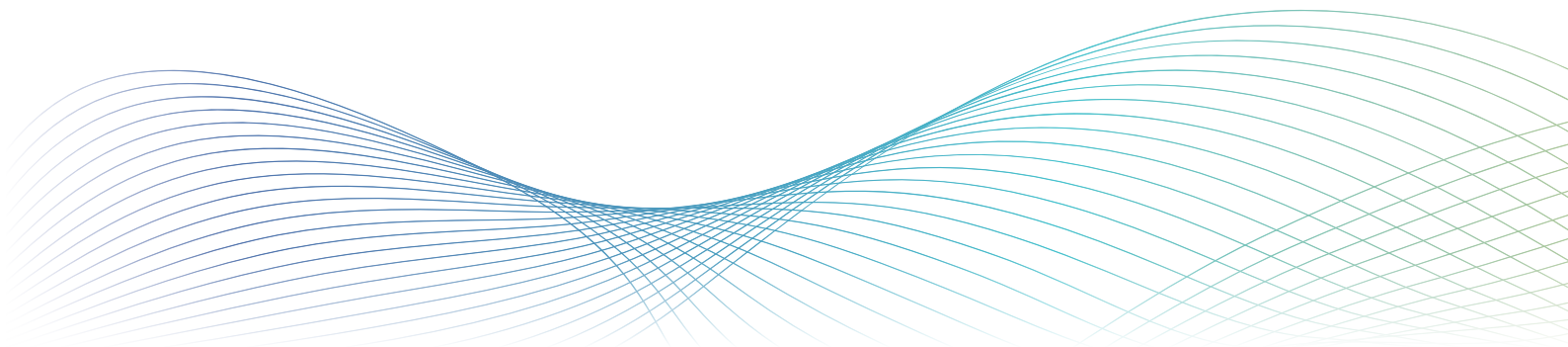
Autism Tasmania was funded at a Federal level by the Department of Social Services (DSS) through the Helping Children with Autism (HCWA) program to deliver the Autism Advisor Service and Early Days Workshops, the National Disability Insurance Scheme under the Information, Linkages and Capacity Building Program (ILC) and the Department of Communities Tasmania – Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) Transition Funding.

Since the inception of the federally funded Helping Children with Autism (HCWA) program in 2008, Autism Tasmania has been delivering the Autism Advisor Service and Early Days Workshops.

New registrations for the HCWA funding package ceased in 2018 after Tasmanian children of all ages became eligible to apply for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). However the Department of Social Services provided ongoing funding this year to enable us to continue the Autism Advisor Service and thus support families of young children by providing information about autism and diagnostic services and to provide assistance with applying for the NDIS, including transitioning to NDIS for those children already registered for HCWA. This funding was scheduled to cease at the end of June 2020, however, has been extended until early next year as a result of difficulties caused by COVID-19 experienced by some families in applying for NDIS.

Early Days Workshops are provided for parents and other family members of young children to learn about a range of autism related topics. These workshops are open to family members of young children with or without a diagnosis. This provides an excellent opportunity to learn about autism and suggested strategies at the very early stages even while waiting for an assessment. During the first part of the year we conducted face to face workshops across the state as usual. In the second half of the year social distancing requirements prompted us to conduct our first online Early Days workshop which enabled family members from all over the state to come together virtually.

During the year we continued to receive transition funding from the Department of Communities Tasmania that allowed us to maintain our work in supporting individuals on the autism spectrum of all ages (regardless of whether they are NDIS participants or not) and their families.



It also enables us to promote better awareness and understanding of autism in the broader community.

We continue to develop our catalogue of evidence-based resources and directory of services relevant to the autism community and share this information with our members via methods including our Facebook page, electronic newsletter (Spectrum eNews) and our website. We have a lending library in each of our offices where our members are able to borrow from the variety of books, DVDs and games we hold. Our members are also eligible to join the closed group on Facebook for Autism Tasmania Members which was developed as a safe space for the autistic community and their family members to share experiences and seek advice from one another. Our free information sessions available to family members of someone on the autism spectrum continue to be popular with online sessions now making them more accessible to families in remote areas of Tasmania.

Like most things, our Peer Support Groups had to suspend face to face meetings during the height of the pandemic. Many groups are recommencing now following our COVID-19 safe guidelines.

Autism Tasmania is registered as an NDIS provider for Support Coordination services. Our knowledge of autism and related services makes us perfectly suited to provide this service to NDIS participants on the autism spectrum and this year we have worked with more than 45 participants who have Support Coordination funding in their plan. Support Coordination is funded to assist participants (and/or their nominees) to understand and implement their NDIS plan and to connect them with services to help achieve the goals listed in their plan.



Peer Support the Autistic Way

In May 2019, Autism Tasmania secured funding from the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) under the Information Linkages and Capacity Building Disabled Persons and Families Organisations Readiness Grant Round to deliver the project – Peer Support the Autistic Way.

During the one-year grant period (now extended to October 31st 2020 due to COVID-19) the principal aim of the project is to develop and pilot a model for establishing and supporting autistic-facilitated Peer Support Groups for adults on the autism spectrum and to develop a bank of related resources for use by the broader autism community.

Autistic Consultants (Tracy Voss and Geraldine Robertson) were recruited to co-design and develop Peer Support the Autistic Way with Autism Tasmania.

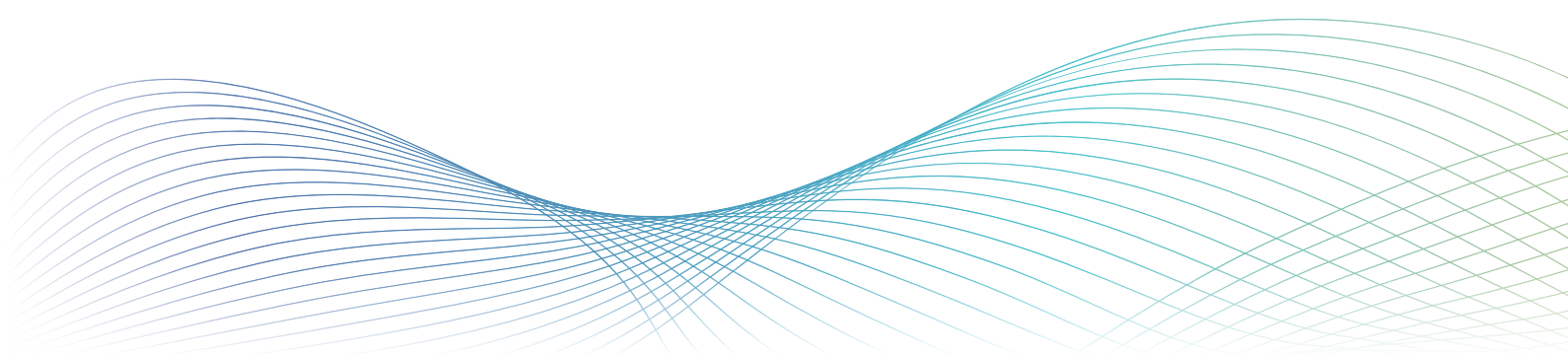
The project's aim is being achieved in three phases:

PHASE ONE

Research phase

This involved reviewing three key types of information:

- » Evidence from the research literature,
- » Resources from leading peer-support organisations, and
- » Preferences and opinions of Tasmanian autistic adults expressed via an online survey.



PHASE TWO

Development phase

Information obtained in the research phase was compiled to develop a model and associated resources for Autism Tasmania to support and evaluate autistic-facilitated Peer Support Groups. Autistic Consultants played central roles in the design and development of:

- » A recruitment process and associated resources for potential autistic Peer Support Group Facilitators,
- » Workshops and associated resources for autism specific Group Facilitation Training for new autistic Peer Support Group Facilitators,
- » A handbook for autistic Peer Support Group Facilitators.

PHASE THREE

Pilot phase

The resources developed during Phase 2 are trialled by recruiting and training new autistic Facilitators, and establishing pilot Peer Support Groups. Feedback by new autistic Peer Support Group Facilitators and Members will be used to inform refinements of the model's processes and resources.

During February 2020 the autism-considerate recruitment process was successfully trialled in Hobart to recruit the first group of trainee Facilitators. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the suspension of the project just prior to the training workshop for trainee Facilitators and the subsequent launch of the pilot groups. The NDIA recognised and responded to this obstacle and extended the grant period, which now expires on October 31st 2020.

The project resumed in July 2020 with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

Training report

As a service which traditionally involves groups of people meeting together, Autism Tasmania's training program evolved into two distinct sections during 2019-20.

Prior to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic we continued to see the benefits of developing and promoting a statewide schedule for fee for service training workshops and parent/ carer information sessions. We also continued to deliver tailored workshops for individual organisations. Until our activities were disrupted in early March 2020, we conducted 29 fee-for service workshops for 690 teachers, disability support staff, disability employment service workers, health workers and allied health professionals, and 15 Early Days and Information Sessions for 114 parents, family carers and community members.

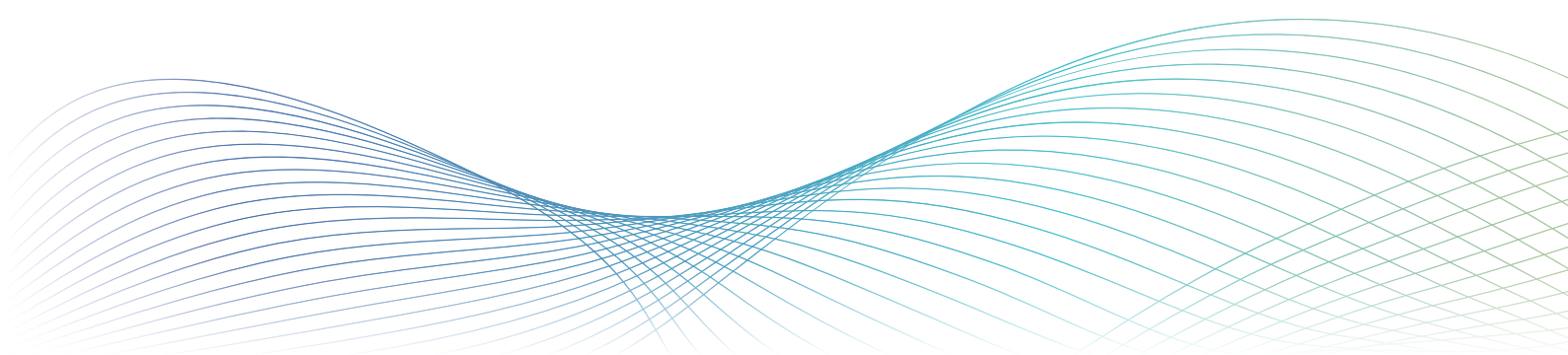
Some notable new activities during this period included:

- » Hobart and Elizabeth Colleges, The Friends School and Launceston Christian School engaging us to conduct training for a large portion of their teaching staff;

- » The Mersey Community Hospital engaging us to conduct training for their administration, triage and reception staff;
- » Tailored autism awareness training for national organisations including the Hawthorn Football Club and the Sony Foundation.

The direct involvement of autistic adults in our training program continues to be a defining feature which is integral to its effectiveness. Our five Autistic Consultants are located in each of the three main geographical regions of the state. They attend workshops to engage in discussions with training participants and offer examples and suggestions based on their personal experiences.

Our training program was significantly impacted when in-person activities were halted in March, 2020 due to COVID-19.



The cancellation of workshops was unfortunate, but the pandemic-related restrictions also prompted us to develop online workshop options which will continue to enrich our training activities into the future.

Using Zoom we have delivered two fee-for-service workshop sessions to 25 participants, and 5 Early Days and Information Sessions to 25 parents and family carers. Anecdotal feedback suggests that online workshops are more accessible for some families and allow organisations to overcome logistical obstacles.

Feedback from our training activities continues to confirm that our workshops, whether they be online or in-person, are successful in broadening participants' understanding of autism, and increasing their confidence and capacity to effectively support autistic people through their work or personal roles. Some feedback highlights include:

“ *This workshop was one of the most relevant, best delivered professional learning sessions that I have attended.* ”

“ *An excellent presenter who pitched her presentation, perfectly for my needs. She obviously [had] done her homework with relation to how [our services] work, because her insight into what education we might need was exactly on point.* ”

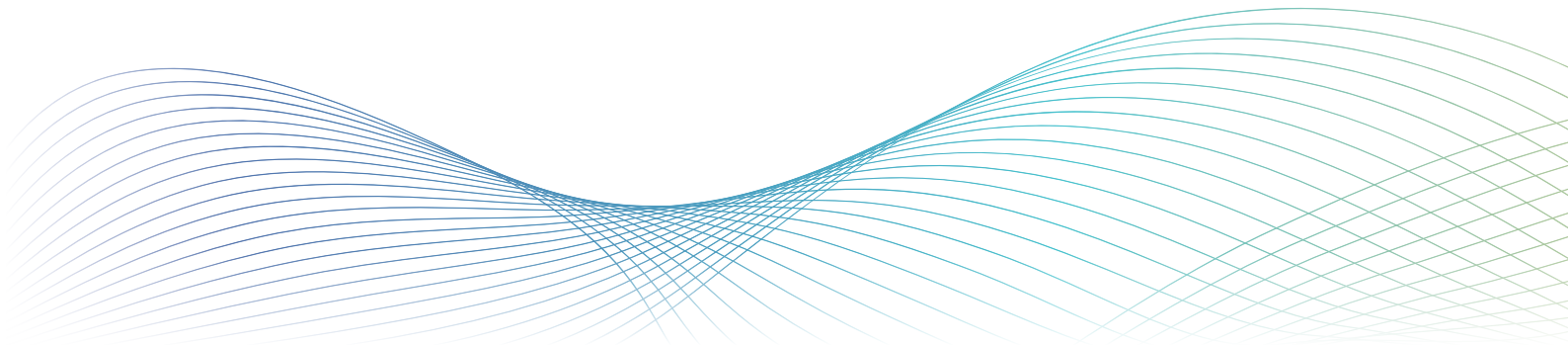
“ *One of best presented PD's I have attended; very informative, definitely not boring, the speakers truly enlightened and inspired me. Signing up to attend additional PD's and have insisted that colleagues attend your sessions. I have not stopped thinking and talking about this PD. Thank you so much.* ”

Financial Report

Autism Tasmania Inc. (ABN 90 215 494 454)
Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2020.

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AUTISM TASMANIA INC

Report by the Board

For The Year Ended 30 June 2020

The Board members submit the financial report of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

1. General information

Principal Activities

The principal activities of Association are:

- 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 promote and encourage the acceptance of people with autism and other related communication conditions;
- to promote and support research into autism and other related communication conditions.

Autism Tasmania Inc is a government funded not-for-profit organisation. The Board employ management staff to manage the day to day operations of the service.

Significant Changes

There were no other significant changes in the nature of activities during the year.

2. Operating Results and Review of Operations for the Year

Operating result

The net surplus of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$ 35,854 (2019: \$89,609).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board:



Name: David Donald

Position: Treasurer

Hobart
7 September 2020

AUTISM TASMANIA INC
BOARD DECLARATION

**Board's Declaration – per section 60.15 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits
Commission Regulation 2013**

The Board declare that in the Board's opinion:


1. the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for Profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth); and
2. there are reasonable grounds to believe that Autism Tasmania Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit
Commission Regulation 2013.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board:



Chairperson
Kieran McDonald



Treasurer
David Donald

Hobart
7 September 2020

AUTISM TASMANIA INC
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
For The Year Ended 30 June 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
INCOME		
Consulting, fees for service	42,955	89,612
Government Stimulus	26,988	-
Dividends received - MyState	206	159
Gifts, donations & bequests	9,811	15,681
Contract Income - DHHS	201,985	267,024
Contract Income - DSS AAS	158,837	156,048
Contract Income - DSS Early Days	28,838	28,332
Contract Income - DPFO	101,668	-
Contract Income - NDIA	95,314	-
Non-recurrent grants - other	-	14,670
Interest income	2,902	3,414
Membership fees	1,176	150
Sundry income	2,454	2,182
Support Co-ordination	107,700	102,028
	<u>780,834</u>	<u>679,300</u>
EXPENSES		
Accommodation - client services	6,493	2,852
Accounting & audit	9,720	8,726
Advertising & promotion	924	1,555
Bank fees & charges	618	701
Catering	3,673	5,732
Conference, workshops & seminars	6,521	2,662
Consulting fees	15,651	2,240
Depreciation	3,367	1,947
Electricity & office supplies	10,354	11,839
Equipment lease	1,246	3,457
Equipment purchase	1,064	16,668
Insurance	10,245	9,764
Library	253	595
Meeting expenses, committee & governance	2,355	2,511
Merchandise purchased	107	780
Professional development	5,420	-
Project expenses	29,626	537
Provision for annual leave	6,758	(112)
Provision for long service leave	5,816	2,888
Rates, water, land tax	5,442	5,321
Rent	53,541	52,777
Repairs & maintenance	1,215	989

AUTISM TASMANIA INC
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
For The Year Ended 30 June 2020
(continued)

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Salaries and wages	472,244	377,905
Salaries and wages - superannuation	43,090	36,629
Security	1,122	757
Software expenses	17,171	10,921
Staff - other payroll expenses	-	(287)
Staff recruitment	1,485	-
Stationery, printing & postage	1,500	1,744
Subscriptions	5,399	4,527
Sundry expenses	2,508	2,295
Telephone & fax	11,475	12,193
Travel for client services	8,577	8,578
	<u>744,980</u>	<u>589,691</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	35,854	89,609
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
Comprehensive Income/(Deficit) for the Year	<u>35,854</u>	<u>89,609</u>

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

AUTISM TASMANIA INC
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As at 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	1,268,943	562,758
Trade and Other Receivables		801	419
Prepayments		4,744	8,633
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,274,488	571,810
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial Assets		1,521	1,738
Property, Plant & Equipment	4	15,238	3,013
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		16,759	4,751
TOTAL ASSETS		1,291,247	576,561
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	5	14,990	41,471
Provision for Annual Leave		36,262	29,504
Provision for Long Service Leave		17,051	14,317
Funding Received in Advance	6	680,167	216,358
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		748,470	301,650
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provision for Long Service Leave		19,227	16,145
Funding Received in Advance	6	229,147	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		248,374	16,145
TOTAL LIABILITIES		996,844	317,795
NET ASSETS		294,403	258,766
EQUITY			
Reserves		71,861	72,078
Accumulated Surplus		222,542	186,688
TOTAL EQUITY		294,403	258,766

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

AUTISM TASMANIA INC
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
For The Year Ended 30 June 2020

	Accumulated Surplus \$	Reserves	TOTAL \$
Balance at 1 July 2018	97,079	72,279	169,358
Comprehensive income for the year	89,609	-	89,609
Share Revaluation	-	(201)	(201)
Balance at 30 June 2019	186,688	72,078	258,766
Balance at 1 July 2019	186,688	72,078	258,766
Comprehensive income for the year	35,854	-	35,854
Share Revaluation	-	(217)	(217)
Balance at 30 June 2020	222,542	71,861	294,403

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

AUTISM TASMANIA INC
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
For The Year Ended 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Funding Receipts		1,407,558	735,508
Other Receipts		206,092	233,609
Payments to suppliers and employees		(894,981)	(658,408)
Interest received		2,902	3,414
Dividend Received		206	159
Net cash generated from operating activities	11	<u>721,777</u>	<u>314,282</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of Computer Equipment		<u>(15,592)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(15,592)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents		706,185	314,282
Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of the financial year		<u>562,758</u>	<u>248,476</u>
Cash & cash equivalents at end of the financial year	3	<u>1,268,943</u>	<u>562,758</u>

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

AUTISM TASMANIA INC
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For The Year Ended 30 June 2020

This financial report covers Autism Tasmania Inc as an individual entity incorporated in Tasmania.

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Preparation

These financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the minimum requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth) and therefore comply with the following Australian Accounting Standards as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board:

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

No other Accounting Standards have been intentionally applied in the compilation of this financial report.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, has been prepared on an accruals basis, is based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets. The amounts presented within the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

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

(b) Comparative Figures

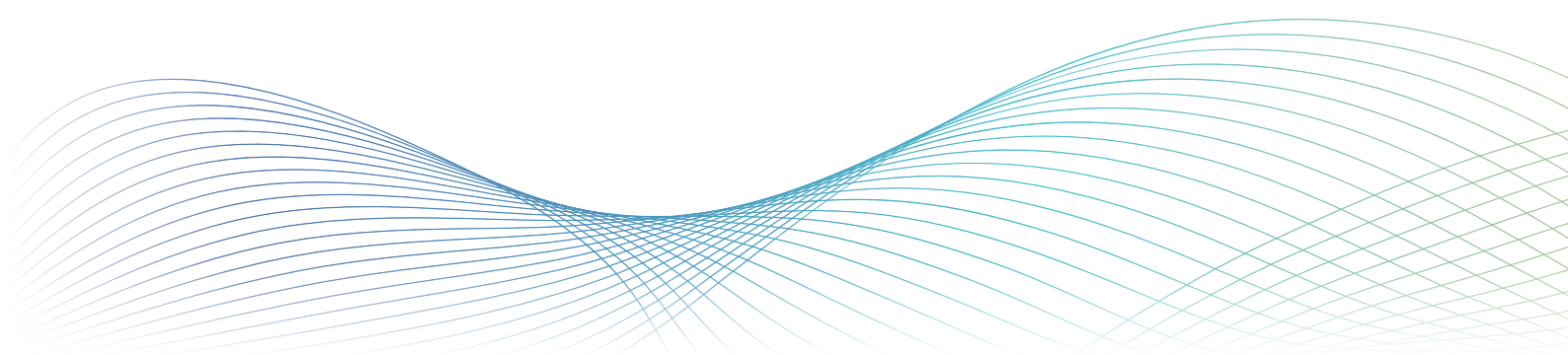
Where appropriate, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

(d) Trade and Other Receivables

The Association considers accounts receivable to be fully collectible, accordingly no allowance for doubtful debts is required.



AUTISM TASMANIA INC
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For The Year Ended 30 June 2020 (continued)

(e) Financial Assets

The Association holds shares in MyState Ltd which are recorded at quoted market value annually with the movement recorded via the Statement of Financial Performance.

(f) Plant & Equipment

Plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment of losses.

Plant and equipment is depreciated on a straight line basis over the assets useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

At the end of each manual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

(g) Trade and Other Payables

Trade 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 which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

(h) Employee Benefits

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 benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Contribution made by the Association to an employee superannuation fund is charged as an expense when incurred.

(i) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(j) 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. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an expense of the item.

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 statement of financial position.

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(k) Unexpended Grants

It is the policy of the Association to treat grant monies as a carried forward liability in the statement of financial position where the Association is contractually obliged to provide the services in a subsequent financial period to when the grant is received or in the case of specific project grants where the project has not been completed.

(l) Revenue and Other Income

Interest revenue is recognised over the period for which funds are invested.

Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

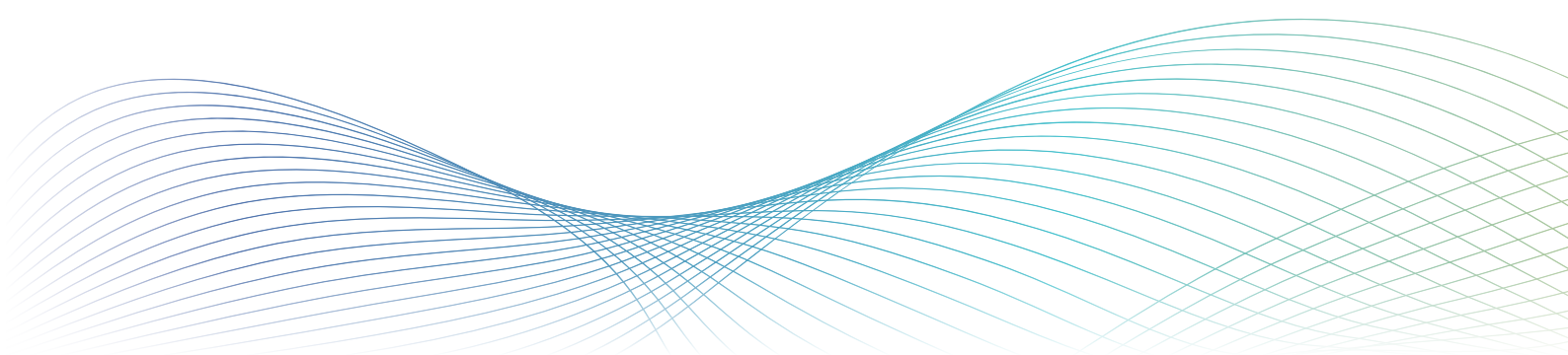
Grant income is recognised when expensed in accordance with the terms of the funding agreement.

Donation income is recognised when the Association obtains control over the funds which is generally at the time of receipt.

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

Note 2: Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The board evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Association.



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	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Note 3 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Autism awareness gift account	48	48
Bendigo - Cheque account	123,749	328,383
Bendigo - Investment account	1,077,288	175,030
Bendigo - Hobart debit	2,458	2,434
Bendigo - Launceston debit	624	1,019
Bendigo - Gift account	64,341	55,644
PayPal Account	235	-
Cash on hand	200	200
	<u>1,268,943</u>	<u>562,758</u>

Note 4 Property, Plant & Equipment

Computer Equipment - at cost	19,349	3,758
less: Accumulated Depreciation	(5,551)	(3,048)
	<u>13,798</u>	<u>710</u>
Website - at cost	5,300	5,300
less: Accumulated Depreciation	(3,860)	(2,997)
	<u>1,440</u>	<u>2,303</u>
Total	<u>15,238</u>	<u>3,013</u>

Note 5 Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities

Accounts payable	2,894	2,324
Accrued Expenses	2,500	1,500
Accrued wages	-	7,316
GST payable	(3,109)	25,598
PAYG withholding payable	7,064	2,342
Superannuation payable	5,505	1,854
Sundry Payables	136	537
	<u>14,990</u>	<u>41,471</u>

Note 6 Funding Received in Advance

The increase in funding received in advance is due to the receipt of funds from the NDIA which represent funding for multiple years. Grant funds have been received for the period ending February 2023.

Current Portion of Funding in Advance	680,167	216,358
Non-Current Portion of Funding in Advance	229,147	-
	<u>909,314</u>	<u>216,358</u>

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Note 7 Capital & Financial Leasing Commitments

Operating Lease Commitments

Minimum Lease Payments Payable - not later than 12 months	50,710	39,073
Minimum Lease Payments Payable - between 12 months and 5 years	<u>62,333</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>113,043</u>	<u>39,073</u>

The operating lease commitments are for premises in Hobart and Burnie.

Note 8 Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

Under the funding agreement with the former Department of Health and Human Services, in the event of cessation of the funded service, unexpended funds held at the date of cessation are repayable to the former Department. Given the continuity of the services and the probability of repayment any potential future liability can not be reliably determined at this time. Any unspent grant funds relating to current funding agreements are separately recognised as a liability.

There are no other contingent assets and liabilities at year end.

	2020	2019
Note 9 Auditors' Remuneration	\$	\$
Remuneration of auditor - audit of financial statements	2,900	4,205

Note 10 Events After the Reporting Period

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the association in future financial years.

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Note 11 Cash Flow Information

Reconciliation of Cashflow from Operating Activities
with Current Year Surplus

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Comprehensive income/(deficit) for the year	35,854	89,609
Non cash flows		
Depreciation expense	3,367	1,947
(Gain)/Loss on disposal of intangible assets	-	-
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable and other debtors	(382)	4,144
(Increase)/decrease in financial assets	-	-
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	3,889	(925)
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable and other payables	(26,481)	14,449
Increase/(decrease) in income received in advance	692,956	202,570
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	12,574	2,488
	<u>721,777</u>	<u>314,282</u>

Note 12 Economic Dependency

Autism Tasmania Inc is dependent on the Government for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report the Board members have no reason to believe the Government will not continue to support Autism Tasmania Inc.

Note 13 Entity Details

The registered office of the entity and the principal place of business is:

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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO AUTISM TASMANIA INC

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2020 there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Australian Charities And Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Bentleys Tasmania Audit Pty Ltd
Registered Audit Company
Michael Ian Derbyshire
Director

Date: 7 September 2020

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS
OF AUTISM TASMANIA INC
ABN: 90 215 494 454**

Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial report of Autism Tasmania Inc (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by the members of the Board of Governance.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Autism Tasmania Inc has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2020, and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The special purpose financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the responsible entities' financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibility of the Board for the Financial Report

The Board of Governance of the registered entity 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 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The Board's responsibility also includes such internal control as the Board determines 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.

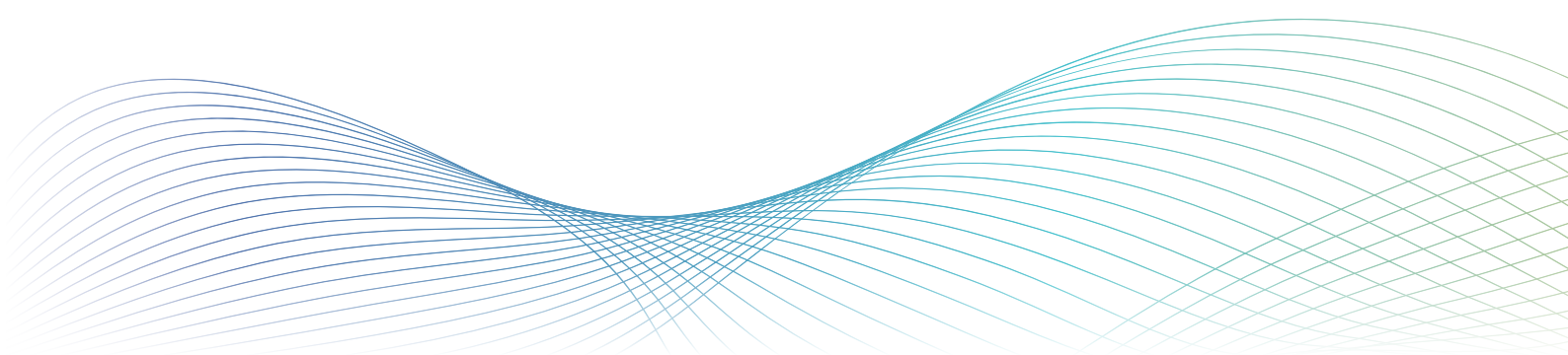
In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing the registered entities ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.



- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

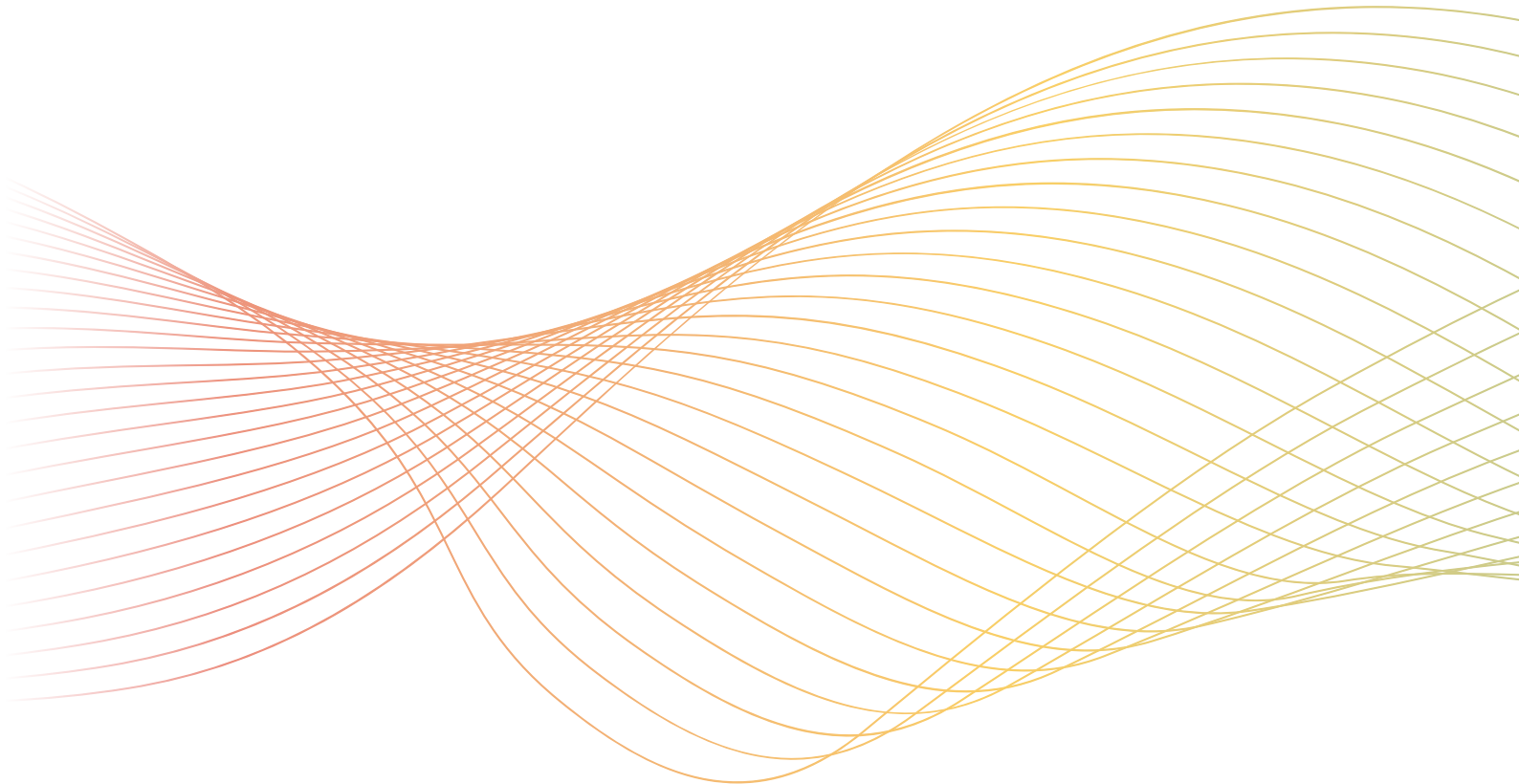
We communicate with the Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Michael Ian Derbyshire
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7 September 2020



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