



25th

Annual report
2016 – 2017

About us

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 on the autism spectrum.

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: 2016 – 2017

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Terry Burke

ACCOUNTANT

Philippa Geard

INFORMATION TEAM MANAGER

Maree Morgan

TRAINING MANAGER

Robyn Thomas

INFORMATION TEAM

Robyn Davis

Jodie Denman

Kerryn Pammenter

Demica Mitchell

ADMINISTRATION

Allison Lapham

COMMUNICATIONS AND BRAND

Ben Lambert

What is autism?

Autism is characterised by observable differences in social communication and behaviour. These emerge from neurological differences in information processing and sensory perception.

The level of support required by individuals varies from complex to subtle, so autism is known as a “spectrum” condition. Some of the more commonly noticed characteristics include:

- Differences in expressive communication, such as discomfort with eye contact, unusual speech patterns, or difficulty using spoken language at all.
- A systematic, procedural style of thinking and problem-solving.
- Difficulty predicting and interpreting others’ behaviour, understanding the unwritten rules of conversation, friendships, social cues and expectations.
- Sensory issues, such as hypersensitivity to certain sounds, smells, touch, or visual stimuli.
- Strengths in visual-spatial information processing and attention to details that others may miss.
- Strong preference for routine, engaging in repetitive movements or behaviours, and unusually intense or narrow interests.
- An ability to maintain focus on preferred tasks and topics of interest for extended lengths of time.
- Difficulty interpreting non-verbal communication and abstract or non-literal language.
- A tendency to amass a large body of detailed knowledge related to areas of interest.

Despite the challenges faced by many individuals on the autism spectrum, they are the same as all people in many ways: every person has strengths, interests and potential.

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's report

Our Board: 2016 – 2017

CHAIRPERSON / TREASURER

Dijon Barrett

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Kieron Cornwell

SECRETARY

Kirsty Bartlett-Clark

BOARD MEMBERS

Dean Lovell

Geraldine Robertson

Kathryn Fordyce

Peter Freak

The 2016-17 year has seen another strong year with continued growth for the organisation.

Membership is continuing to grow. At the end of the financial year we had 1311 members and currently have and at the time of writing this report approximately 1403 members, representing all areas of Tasmania, the majority parents and families, but inclusive of many people on the autism spectrum and with a diversified base of professionals and organisations.

Financially the organisation is still in a solid position, in light of a net deficit. Our fee for service conferences, workshops and seminars are continuing to increase. Expenditure was lower than originally budgeted considering we are still building the organisations resources.

1 July 2016 we saw the first roll out of the NDIS which will continue to roll out progressively to 1 January 2019 covering all age groups from 0 – 64 years.

In April 2017 we celebrated Prism17 which was a very successful exhibition showcasing a diverse array of artwork and other interests from a variety of people on the autism spectrum. To all those involved, on behalf of the organisation, congratulations on such a wonderful event.

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

In closing 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 across the state on such a fantastic job on delivering our programs and workshops across the state. 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 – thank you for volunteering your time to help benefit the organisation and its members. I'm sure 2017-18 will be another year full of challenges, exciting times and continued development.

Dijon Barrett

CHAIRPERSON

October 2017

Our thanks

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

Funders

Department of Health & Human Services

Department of Social Services

Corporate & business

Tasmanian Police Charity Trust

The Robert Fergusson Family Foundation

Catholic Development Fund Tasmania

MyState Foundation

Specsavers Optometrists Glenorchy

Naj Espresso

Supporters

Lions Clubs of Tasmania

Hobart Town Lions Club Inc.

Lions Club of Glenorchy (City) Inc.

Rotary Club of Youngtown Inc.

Partnering organisations

Cooperative Research Centre for Living with Autism (Autism CRC)

Clarence Arts and Events

I CAN Network

National Disability Insurance Agency

National Disability Coordinator Officer Program

Speak Out Advocacy

Advocacy Tasmania Inc.

The year in review

During the year some critical announcements around future funding were made that although challenging has provided the association with the platform needed to move forward.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) rollout expanded on the 1 July 2016 to accommodate the 12-14 year old age group with the timetable for the transition of all age groups by the 1 January 2019 confirmed. Autism Tasmania received advice that our contracts with the Department of Social Services and Department of Health and Human Services would be extended until the 30 June 2019.

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) announced that submissions for Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) grants for Tasmania will be opened in late 2018 for commencement in July 2019.

This in effect means that Autism Tasmania needed to look at opportunities that exist within the NDIS environment to be sustainable post 30 June 2019 when current funding will cease.

During the year the Board, Leadership Team and staff undertook a review of the potential funding options for the association going forward to inform the development of a NDIS Transition Roadmap which was adopted in May 2017. The key components of this plan are looking at fee for service opportunities available as a NDIS Registered provider that do not compromise our independence, the expansion of our fee for service training capacity and the formulation of a compelling ILC grant application.

ILC Grants do not provide funding for core activities of funded organisations and therefore the business model utilised will have to change significantly. It is also noted that the NDIS environment is volatile with constant policy and messaging changes that requires the association to be nimble in planning its long-term sustainability.

The association has successfully accumulated reserves over recent years with prudent management on the basis that investment, which cannot come from funded activities, will be required in preparing the organisation for a successful transition.

Key activities and achievements of 2016-2017

- Communications and connections with members increased with 11 issues of Spectrum eNews, replacing the previous quarterly newsletter.
- In partnership with the NDIA we presented NDIS Information Sessions across Tasmania to our members. It is noted that a significant amount of our information requests unsurprisingly centre around the NDIS including access, pre-planning and relevant services.
- The association executed an Other Participant Agreement with the Autism Cooperative Research Centre for Living with Autism (Autism CRC) which in essence acknowledges the promotion and recruitment of their research projects that Autism Tasmania undertakes.
- In collaboration with Clarence Arts and Events through the funding provided by the Tasmanian Police Charity Trust we conducted Prism 17 and the associated Art Exhibition that coincided with World Autism Awareness Day.
- We became an inaugural partner of the Australian Autism Alliance which brings together autistic people, their parents and carers, service providers and researchers who aim to ensure the inclusion and participation of Australians on the autism spectrum. www.australianautismalliance.org.au
- Membership increase of 29.5% to 1314 with 86 members identifying as being on the autism spectrum.
- 47% increase in Helping Children with Autism Registrations.
- Delivery of training workshops increased by 41%.

1,314
registered members

20,000
website visits per year

2,139 facebook followers 2,446 family & community connections

== TRAINING ==
65 workshops 728 participants

== HCWA ==
186 new registrations 1,285 all-time registrations

Program delivery

State funding received from the Department of Health and Human Services enables Autism Tasmania to provide information and referrals to support individuals on the autism spectrum and their families. This funding is also used to promote better community awareness and understanding of autism and to provide free autism training to family members/carers of someone on the autism spectrum.

Individual, family and community connections have remained strong during the year with an increased number of enquiries about the roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Facilitation of Peer Support Groups has also continued with a number of new groups starting up during the year.

In addition to the above, Autism Tasmania has continued to develop resources available to the autism community via our website, our electronic newsletter (Spectrum eNews) 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.

Autism Tasmania receives Federal funding from the Department of Social Services through the Helping Children with Autism (HCWA) program to deliver the Autism Advisor Service (AAS) and Early Days Workshops.

Through the AAS we are able to service and support families of young children from pre-diagnosis, to registration for funding and beyond. Once registered, families are informed of the options provided by the funding for early intervention services and supported to make decisions as to how to utilise this funding to best assist their child.

This year saw a significant increase in the number of children registered for the HCWA funding, a 47% increase on registration numbers of recent years. Despite the increased workload we were still able to maintain our excellent service levels which was confirmed by comments from families who completed our feedback survey.

The HCWA program in Tasmania will continue until the full implementation of the NDIS in July 2019. Autism Tasmania intends to apply for Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) funding available through the NDIS 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 other family members with a broad range of topics relevant to young children newly diagnosed with autism. In May this year two of Autism Tasmania's staff attended an Early Days Facilitator Forum in Brisbane. During the year the number of workshop participants exceeded our contracted obligations.

Training report

“This training is so valuable to anyone who has any contact with people with autism”

“It’s a continual learning experience and sometimes you need to hear the same info twice to actually “get” something. I came away from this session having learnt something new which directly applied to my son’s behaviour...it was a “lightbulb moment”

During the 2016-17 financial year Autism Tasmanian Inc has conducted 59 workshops for a total of 738 participants. 34 fee-for-service training workshops were conducted during this period for a range of private and government organisations in the education and disability sectors. These customised training sessions were delivered to 429 teachers, disability support workers, child care educators and senior staff members. Feedback provided from participants in these training sessions was very positive. 85% of participants agreed that the training was either extremely or very successful in increasing their understanding of autism, and 71% of participants indicated that they felt more confident in interacting with individuals on the autism spectrum as a result of engaging in the training workshops.

Comments from some of the participants in Autism Tasmania’s professional training sessions are testament to their success:

“this training is so valuable to anyone who has any contact with people with autism”

“I use aspects of the training in my work everyday. It gave me a greater understanding and new techniques”

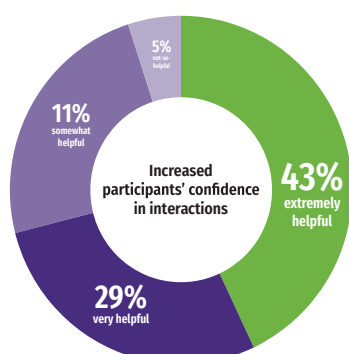
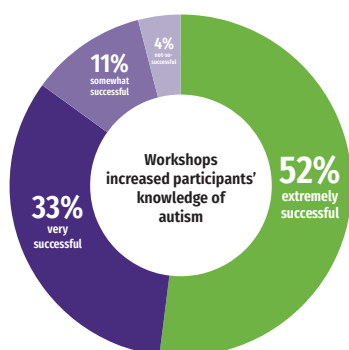
“The trainer was wonderful, I really enjoyed her personal knowledge and the experience she has that she passed on”

In addition to professional training sessions, 23 community workshops were conducted in the 2016-17 financial year. These workshops were delivered to 309 parents, family carers, students studying in the disability, childcare and community sectors and members of various community organisations. During 2016-17 Autism Tasmania Inc established a state-wide approach to the delivery of information sessions on specific topics for parents and family carers conducted in Hobart, Launceston and Ulverstone. These sessions aim to provide parents and family carers with research based information and practical strategies on topics of relevance and interest to Autism Tasmania members. 100% of parents and family carers who attended these sessions indicated that they would recommend them to friends or other family members and 97% of participants indicated that they learnt practical ideas during the session that they planned to implement. The popularity and success of these sessions is best illustrated by the comments of parents and family carers who have attended:

“I always come away from these sessions with learning something new & ideas to put into practice”

“It’s a continual learning experience and sometimes you need to hear the same info twice to actually “get” something. I came away from this session having learnt something new which directly applied to my son’s behaviour ...it was a “lightbulb moment”

“Thank you Autism Tas as always extremely helpful”



Autism Tasmania Inc

Financial Report

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

Autism Tasmania Inc

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

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Autism Tasmania Inc

Report by the Board

30 June 2017

The Board members submit the financial report of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

1. General information

Principal Activities

The principal activities of Association during the financial year were:

- Providing education, support and practical help to people on the autism spectrum.
- Providing help to parents and carers for young children on the autism spectrum.
- Providing generic and customised fee-for service training and consulting services to organisations in the health, education and disability sector.

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/(deficit) of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$ (9,178) (2016: \$ 25,498).

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

Signature 

Name *Denise Barrett*

Position *CHAIR PERSON*

Dated at Hobart this *4TH* day of *OCTOBER* 2017.

Autism Tasmania Inc

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

The Board declare that in Board opinion:

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that Autism Tasmania Inc is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

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:

Signature 

Name DION BARRETT

Position CHAIRPERSON

Dated at Hobart this 25TH day of SEPTEMBER 2017.

Signature 

Name Kirsty Bartlett

Position Secretary

Dated at Hobart this 25th day of September 2017.

Autism Tasmania Inc

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Income		
Consulting, fees for service	23,682	7,166
Conferences, workshops & seminars	1,122	21,499
Dividends received - MyState	158	134
Fundraising activities	-	23
Gifts, donations & bequests	23,405	24,581
Grant income - DHHS	245,433	235,156
Grant income - DSS AAS	185,765	182,326
Grant income - DSS Early Days	27,319	26,813
Non-recurrent grants - other	2,371	20,268
Unexpended grants brought forward	-	14,108
Less: Unexpended grants brought carried forward	-	(6,720)
Interest income	4,073	5,596
Membership fees	1,710	200
Sundry income	(75)	1,995
Unrealised gain/(loss) on asset	279	-
Total income	515,242	533,145
Less: expenses		
Accommodation - client services	3,744	3,316
Advertising & promotion	2,968	184
Accounting & audit	4,994	3,980
Bank fees & charges	409	530
Catering	2,423	2,875
Conference, workshops & seminars	3,371	7,763
Consulting fees	7,710	19,276
Depreciation	2,037	652
Electricity & office amenities	12,766	6,259
Equipment purchase	115	3,575
Fundraising expenses	283	943
Insurance	8,264	8,727
Library	932	2,399
Meeting expenses, committee & governance	2,447	948
Network support	128	891
Patent fees	2,901	2,622
Office relocation	-	4,161
Provision for annual leave	7,895	892
Provision for long service leave	-	(4,404)
Rent	50,033	46,932
Rates, water, land Tax	5,105	5,236
Repairs & maintenance	1,523	1,087

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Autism Tasmania Inc

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Salaries and wages - superannuation	29,762	27,078
Salaries and wages	322,763	305,474
Security	611	924
Software expenses	8,144	10,928
Staff recruitment	8,896	1,432
Staff - other payroll expenses	2,207	2,031
Stationery, printing & postage	3,063	14,192
Subscriptions	2,962	3,242
Sundry expenses	1,367	938
Telephone & fax	15,476	17,066
Training & staff development	-	460
Travel for client services	9,121	5,038
Total expenses	524,420	507,647
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	(9,178)	25,498
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income	(9,178)	25,498

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Autism Tasmania Inc

Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	271,586	250,076
Accounts receivable and other debtors		5,491	8,248
Prepayments		7,369	6,980
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>284,446</u>	<u>265,304</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial assets		1,877	1,598
Property, plant and equipment		1,818	1,277
Intangible assets		2,312	692
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>6,007</u>	<u>3,567</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>290,453</u>	<u>268,871</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Account payables and other payables	4	34,302	30,947
Provision for annual leave		34,147	26,252
Other current liabilities		22,697	7,782
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>91,146</u>	<u>64,981</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provision for long service leave		4,594	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>4,594</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>95,740</u>	<u>64,981</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>194,713</u>	<u>203,890</u>
EQUITY			
Reserves		72,279	76,405
Accumulated Surpluses		122,434	127,486
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>194,713</u>	<u>203,891</u>

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 2017

2017

	Accumulated surpluses	Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2016	203,891	-	203,891
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	(9,178)	-	(9,178)
Transferred to/(from) reserves	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2017	194,713	-	194,713

2016

	Accumulated surpluses	Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2015	178,664	-	178,664
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	25,498	-	25,498
Transferred to/(from) reserves	(271)	-	(271)
Balance at 30 June 2016	203,891	-	203,891

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

Autism Tasmania Inc

Cash Flow Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

	2017	2016
Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Grant receipts	525,447	511,084
Other receipts	50,123	49,023
Payments to suppliers and employees	(554,093)	(541,956)
Interest received	4,072	5,596
Dividend received	158	134
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	6 <u>25,707</u>	<u>23,881</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of plant and equipment	<u>(4,197)</u>	<u>(1,207)</u>
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(4,197)</u>	<u>(1,207)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	21,510	22,674
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>250,076</u>	<u>227,404</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	3 <u><u>271,586</u></u>	<u><u>250,078</u></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 2017

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

(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* 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 to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Autism Tasmania Inc

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(d) Trade and Other Receivables

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

(e) Financial Assets - MyState

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 and Equipment

Plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all plant and equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Fixed asset class	Depreciation Rate
Plant and equipment	20%
Intangible assets	20%

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 Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

Autism Tasmania Inc

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For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(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 Tax 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 in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

(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.

(m) Revenue and Other Income

Interest revenue is recognised over the period for which the 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).

2. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The Board members evaluate estimates and judgements 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, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

Autism Tasmania Inc

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Autism awareness gift account	48	47
Bendigo - OR&R account	12,000	6,000
Bendigo - Cheque account	36,463	18,937
Bendigo - Investment account	194,818	211,630
Bendigo - Hobart debit	2,117	1,387
Bendigo - Launceston debit	799	796
Bendigo - Gift account	24,140	10,333
Cash on hand	200	200
Paypal funds holding account	1,001	746
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>271,586</u>	<u>250,076</u>

4. Accounts Payables and Other Payables

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Account payables	1,588	3,566
Accrued wages	14,002	10,360
GST Payable	4,359	4,379
PAYG withholding payable	8,024	9,853
Superannuation payable	6,329	2,789
	<u>34,302</u>	<u>30,947</u>

5. Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

Under the funding agreement with the 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 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.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

6. Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

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

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(9,178)	25,498
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in profit:		
Depreciation	2,037	652
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries:		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	3,075	(934)
(Increase)/decrease in shares	(279)	9,506
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	(706)	(7,329)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	9,321	-
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	12,489	(3,512)
Increase/(decrease) in unexpended funds	8,948	-
Cashflow from operations	<u>25,707</u>	<u>23,881</u>

7. Events After the End of the Reporting Period

There are no events after the statement of financial position date affecting these financial statements to be disclosed.

8. Economic Dependency

Autism Tasmania Inc is dependent on the State Government Department of Health and Human Services 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 State Government Department of Health and Human Services will not continue to support Autism Tasmania Inc.

9. Association Details

The registered office of the Association is:

Autism Tasmania Inc
21 Goulburn Street
HOBART TAS 7000

Autism Tasmania Inc

Auditors' Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)

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

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)* 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 13th day of September 2017.
Hobart, Tasmania.

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Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Autism Tasmania Inc, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and Boards' Declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2017, 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 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 Association 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.

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Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describe the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Autism Tasmania Inc to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act (Tas) 1964*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Other Information

The Board are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Board' Report the year ended 30 June 2017, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Board for the Financial Report

The Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial statements is appropriate to meet the needs of the members in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing the Association's 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 Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.


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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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_files/ar3.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.


Crowe Horwath Tasmania


Alison Flakemore
Audit Partner

Dated this 12th day of October 2017.
Hobart, Tasmania.



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