

# November 2019

The Australian Society for Medical Research

ACN 000 599 235 ABN 18 000 599 235

Public, Political, Scientific Advocacy

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# **President's Report**

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It has truly been a privilege to serve a third term as the President of the ASMR. Although my third term came about rather unexpectedly, I consider it an honour to serve the society and its members.

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Research

It is a humbling experience to represent the thousands of incredible health and medical researchers around the country and advocate for the life changing work they are performing. Their stories inspire and motivate me. It has been energizing to advocate for an inspiring, passionate and resilient workforce that continues to deliver health solutions for people around the globe.

I am incredibly proud of the ASMRs 58 years of history. A society that is at the forefront of health and medical research advocacy. Many things have changed since 1961 when the society was first formed, but there has been one constant - the ASMR has been and always will be the leading voice of the health and medical research sector, representing its members and the sector without fear or favour, and battling for Australia's health and medical researchers.

# Connecting Government to health and medical research

2019 saw Australians going to the polls on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. The ASMR sought to ensure that health and medical research was firmly on the agenda of candidates standing for election around the country. The society circulated a position document to all candidates that clearly outlined the business case for increasing investment for health and medical research, underpinned by transparent peer review. It was pleasing to see so many positive responses from candidates across the political spectrum, including independents and those from major and minor parties.

The ASMR also mobilized its membership, making factsheets and letter templates available for members to contact their local candidates, and a summary of the major parties' policies directly relevant to health and medical research in the lead up to polling day.

The day of the election was a memorable day/ night for me, not because of the result, but because I spent the day at the emergency vet with my cat Webster! I spent the evening following the results at a local burger bar. I think it's fair to say that I was as surprised as anyone at the



Dr Roger Yazbek

result given pre-polling numbers. However, the final result did not detract from ASMRs core mission to continue informing and educating government on the need to increase investment and commit to a long term, sustainable, investment model for the sector.

For 58 years the ASMR has taken pride in its position as an independent umbrella society for the health and medical research sector, taking a bipartisan approach to all political engagements.

In August this year, I held meetings with the Advisor to Karen Andrews, Minister for Industry, Science and Technology, Chris Bowen, Shadow Minister for Health, Katie Allen, Member for Higgins, Adam Bandt, Member for Melbourne, Brendan O'Connor, Shadow Minister for Employment and Industry, Shadow Minister for Science, Shadow Minister for Small and Family Business, Brendan O'Connor, Shadow Minister for Employment and Industry, Shadow Minister for Science, Shadow Minister for Small and Family Business, and Industry, Shadow Minister for Science, Shadow Minister for Small and Family Business, and Emily Bourke, Member of South Australian Legislative Council.

I have also had the opportunity to meet and speak with the NHMRC CEO Prof Anne Kelso, the chair of the AMRAB, Prof Ian Frazer and Australia's Chief

# President's Report

Scientist, Prof Alan Finkel. These meetings were an excellent opportunity to highlight the urgent need for an immediate increase to the NHMRC MREA, and to discuss the issues immediately affecting the sector. Every politician I met with recognised the tremendous health and economic benefit of health and medical research to Australia. It is encouraging that there is an increasing recognition of the need for boosting investment to the NHMRC and the ASMR looks forward to continued engagement with Government to advocate its position for a comprehensive investment model that seeks to **tie the investment for health and medical research to 3% of total health services expenditure.** 

Throughout 2019, the Government continued to make several announcements regarding disbursements from the MRFF, allocating several hundreds of millions of dollars to multiple health initiatives. Whilst the ASMR commends the government on its commitment to supporting the health and medical research sector, there remains a significant level of concern that there is no clearly defined, open and transparent expert review related to disbursements of the funds. The best science and subsequently, the best health outcomes, are underpinned by independent expert review. Throughout all my meetings this year, I have relayed this concern on behalf of the sector. The ASMR will continue advocating for clear guidelines of competitive review for the MRFF, with a proven model already defined within the NHMRC.

2019 has certainly been a turbulent and uncertain year for health and medical researchers. ASMR is aware of the public commentary regarding the NHMRCs new grant programs, and has been in regular communication with the NHMRC in order to provide factually based information back to our members. ASMR will continue to ensure that its members are delivered facts as the new grants programs continue to evolve.

This year I also attended workshops hosted by the NHMRC and Australia's Chief Scientist respectively on research quality and research integrity. I also continue to represent ASMR as a member of the NHMRC new grants management system working group. These important opportunities to engage with stakeholders, ensure that the ASMR members are strongly represented by their society.

# Connecting community to health and medical research

The first week of June heralded the start of ASMR Medical Research Weeks®. The 2019 ASMR Medallist was Prof Elizabeth Finkel, a biochemist, who also had received the ASMR Campion-Ma-Playoust Award in 1981 at the ASMR National Scientific Conference in Canberra. Dr Finkel then turned to freelance journalism, growing to become one of Australia's leading science comunicators. It was a tremendous pleasure traversing the country with Dr Finkel, and hearing her inspiring presentation on the gene therapy revolution. As they always do, the dinners also provided an opportunity for researchers to directly engage with politicians and promote the success of Australian science. I would like to thank the ASMR State committees, who in addition to organising the gala dinners, also coordinated a program of events that included public information booths. Dinner with a Scientist, and Science in the Cinema, and local scientific meetings. Community support is critical to drive Government engagement, and is a powerful tool for ASMRs advocacy work.

# Empowering researchers for health and well being

The 2019 ASMR National Scientific Meeting continues ASMRs ongoing drive to facilitate trans-disciplinary collaboration across the sector. With a theme of 'Ebbs and Flows: From Discovery to Practice', the conference program seeks to enrich scientific thinking, exploring the *reciprocus* nature of research. The conference is underscored by an innovative and interactive professional development program that will utilise art to develop critical thinking and leadership skills.

The ASMR mission is to "*empower researchers for a healthy and equitable Australia*", and over my 10 years as an ASMR Director, I hope I have helped the society in some way to achieve this noble goal.

Words cannot describe what an absolute honour it has been to be part of such a historic and exceptional organisation. I will be eternally grateful for the opportunities I have had with the ASMR to grow as a leader and as a scientist. Directors and state committees will come and go, but the ASMR will always be the peak professional society for Australian health and medical research, providing a voice for every single person around the country who shares its vision for *a healthy and equitable Australia*.

# Agenda — Annual General Meeting

The Australian Society for Medical Research Maritime Museum, Fremantle, Western Australia

Thursday, November 21st 2019, commencing at 1:00pm

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| ltem 6   | (Domestic) – Dr Lucy Furfaro<br><b>Sub-committee Reports</b><br>i. Membership - Dr Ryan Davis<br>i. Professional Development – Prof Mark Hulett<br>ii. Communications/Newsletter – Prof Mark Hulett<br>iii. ASMR MRW® and States- Dr Laura Masters<br>iv. Media - Dr Laura Masters<br>v. NSC 2019 - Dr Kevin Keane/Prof Claudine Bonder |
| Item 7   | General Business – Dr Roger Yazbek  |
| Item 8   | Directors and Office Bearers 2020 - A/Prof Christoph Hagemeyer<br>Dr Roger Yazbek, President  |

President's Report continued I would like to acknowledge and thank all the Directors who I have worked with over the past decade. These selfless individuals give their time for the ASMR, and it has been an honour to work alongside and learn from you all. To the past ASMR Presidents, your wise words and advice throughout the

year have been incredibly valuable.

Thank you to all the State committee members for their enthusiasm in promoting the sector I would like to also specially thank my wife, Laura who has been a valuable source of support, not just to me, but also to the ASMR.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge two incredible women, Cath West and Priscilla Diment. Their tireless work behind the scenes, from managing the society's finances, coordinating abstract submissions, updating the ASMR website, arranging board meetings, confirming various political meetings, coordinating with over 100 State committee members and their events around the country, or coordinating media activity for our events. The society and the sector is indebted to these two incredible people. Thank you, Cath and Priscilla.

Dr Roger Yazbek November2019 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of The Australian Society for Medical Research Elder Hall Music Conservatorium, The University of Adelaide, Adelaide, South Australia Wednesday, November 21st 2018 commencing at 1:00pm

#### Item 1 Welcome & Apologies – Dr Roger Yazbek

Dr Roger Yazbek, in the presence of the required quorum by proxy and in person, opened the Meeting at 1pm, welcoming all present and announcing apologies from A/Professors Paul Dawson, Kieran Scott, David Ascher, Christoph Hagemeyer, Stella Clark, Peter O'Loughlin, Professors John Funder, Matthew Gillespie, Wayne Phillips, Drs Brent Neumann, Mark Hulett and Laura Masters.

#### Item 2 Confirmation of Minutes of 14/11/17 - Dr Roger Yazbek

Dr Daniel Johnstone moved that the Minutes of the AGM of November 14, 2017 be accepted as a true and accurate reflection of that meeting; seconded by Dr Emma Parkinson-Lawrence.

#### **Item 3 President's Report** – Dr Roger Yazbek

Dr Yazbek acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land, the Kaurna people. He said,

"I recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continue to be important to the Kaurna people living today".

For 57 years, the ASMR has been at the forefront of health and medical research advocacy. When researching ASMRs history this year, I came across several old newspaper articles from the 1970s through to the early 1990s. Two things stood out: 1) government investment into Australian health and medical research has been a constant battle, no matter which decade, and 2) the ASMR has been the leading voice of the health and medical research sector, informing and educating Government about the need to increase investment for health and medical research.

2018 has been no different. Throughout the course of this year, ASMR has, without fear nor favour, continued to passionately advocate for the sector.

This year began with several meetings in Canberra. I first presented ASMRs evidence based business case for immediately increasing the investment to the NHMRC Medical Research Endowment Account (MREA) to members of the Department of Treasury and the Department of Finance. These were extremely productive meetings, and provided an opportunity to clarify the current funding pipeline for health and medical research, from basic discovery through to translation and commercialisation. I also held meetings with former PMs advisor for health, the advisors of the former Minister for Health, Bridget McKenzie, the shadow health minister, Catherine King and her advisor, the senior advisor to Deputy Labor Leader, Tanya Plibersek, Labor Senator Deborah O'Neill, former Assistant Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation, Zed Seselja, the Health Minister, Greg Hunt, Minister for Aged Care and Minister for Indigenous Health, Ken Wyatt, Shadow Minister for Young Australians and Youth Affairs, Terri Butler and

Australia's Chief Scientist, Dr Alan Finkel.

Every individual I met with recognised the tremendous health and economic benefit of health and medical research to Australia. Worryingly, the attitude at several of these meetings was that any shortfall will be addressed by the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF), not recognising that the MRFF will only support the translational and commercial end of the research pipeline, and until fully capitalised, the MRFF will not realise it predicted benefits, as highlighted by ASMRs 2014 Deloitte report.

Whilst we commend the government on its commitment to supporting the health and medical research sector, there remains a significant level of concern that there is no clearly defined, open and transparent expert review related to disbursements of the funds. The best science and subsequently, the best health outcomes, are underpinned by independent expert review. Throughout all my meetings this year, I have relaved this concern on behalf of the sector. The ASMR will continue advocating for clear guidelines of competitive review for the MRFF, with a proven model already defined within the NHMRC.

The first week of June heralded the start of ASMR Medical Research Weeks®. The 2018 ASMR Medallist was Prof Hope Jahren, a geobiologist and passionate advocate for science.

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Due to unforeseen health reasons. Prof Jahren was unable to complete the Medallist tour. Nonetheless, gala dinners around the country were a tremendous success, with a revised format that included senior and junior researchers presenting three minute summaries of their work. This was enormously popular, and will be continued into future years. The dinners also provided an opportunity for researchers to directly engage with politicians and promote the success of Australian science. I would like to thank the ASMR State Committees, who in addition to organising the gala dinners, also coordinated a program of events that included public information booths, Dinner with a Scientist, and Science in the Cinema, and local scientific meetings. Community support is critical to drive Government engagement, and is a powerful tool for ASMRs advocacy work.

The 2018 ASMR National Scientific Meeting continues ASMRs ongoing drive to facilitate trans-disciplinary collaboration across the sector. With a theme of 'Inspired Creativity: When Art Meets Science', the conference program seeks to enrich scientific thinking with new ways of seeing, understanding, and creating. The conference is underscored by an innovative and interactive professional development program that will utilise art to develop critical thinking and leadership skills. Thank you to ASMR Directors, Kathleen Wang, Simone Jaenisch and Demelza Ireland for their work in pulling this conference together.

I would like to thank all the ASMR Directors for their contributions throughout the year and acknowledge the outgoing Directors, Dr Demelza Ireland, Dr Brent Neumann, Dr Kathleen Wang, Simone Jaenisch and Dr Farzaneh Kordbacheh who are stepping down from the ASMR Board of Directors.

I would like to express a special thank you and my gratitude to **ASMRs Senior Executive Officer** And Chief Financial Officer, Cath West and ASMR Administrative Assistant Priscilla Diment. Many people don't know, or appreciate the enormous amount of work these two women do, not just for the ASMR, but for the health and medical research sector as a whole. Their dedication, commitment and belief in the health and medical research sector is inspiring, and without them, the ASMR would not be the professional society it is today.

It really has been a privilege to serve again as the 2018 ASMR President, and I thank you all for the opportunity.

There were no questions from the floor.

**Item 4 Treasurer's Report** – Dr Daniel Johnstone

Dr Johnstone referred to the Financial Statements contained in the Annual Report which show a healthy surplus.

He advised that the surplus is largely due to income from previous years taken into the operating accounts and that the Society should exercise caution in the management of resources going forward. He urged all present to support the ASMR by maintaining their membership and encouraging colleagues to do the same. There being no questions from the floor, the meeting accepted the audited accounts by consensus.

#### Item 5 ASMR Research Fund – Dr Daniel Johnstone

Dr Johnstone advised that donations to the Research Fund support two awards each year.

The awards allow a postgraduate student member of the Society nearing completion of their studies or a recently graduated postdoctoral member to undertake a short period of research in a laboratory outside their home city (Domestic Award \$2000, International Award \$5000).

Award Winners 2018

#### Nicole van der Burg

(AIBN, University of Queensland) is the winner of the International Award. She will travel to the laboratory of Prof Marcus Maurer at the Department of Dermatology and Allergy, Charité – Universitätasmedizin Berlin to conduct her study on "Suitability of diagnostic microneedles in sampling skin for markers of chronic spontaneous uticaria".

Dr Johnstone announced **Ms Lucy Furfaro** as the 2018 Domestic Award winner.

Ms Furfaro (UWA) will travel to the laboratory of Dr Jeremy Barr, School of Biological Sciences, Monash University, Victoria to f acilitate her proposed study *"Bacteriophage transfer across maternal membranes"*.

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# ii. Award Winner 2017 (I) - **Dr Erin McGillick**

Dr Johnstone welcomed Dr Erin McGillick who reported briefly on her study *"Identifying interventions to improve the transitions from fetal to newborn life; towards better respiratory outcomes for preterm babies*", working with A/ Professor Arjan te Pas in the Department of Paediatrics at Leiden University Medical Centre in The Netherlands.

Dr McGillick thanked ASMR for the opportunity and support.

## Item 6 Sub-committee Reports

Dr Yazbek announced that sub-committee reports were tabled at the Board Meeting earlier in the week and that he was happy to address any questions in respect of the portfolios of Membership, Professional Development, Communications/Newsletter, ASMR MRW®/States, Media or NSC.

There being no questions from the floor on Sub-committes or Item 7 'Other Business', Dr Yazbek handed the meeting to the 2019 President, Dr Emma Parkinson-Lawrence.

#### Item 8—Directors and Office Bearers 2019 – Dr Emma Parkinson-Lawrence

Dr Parkinson-Lawrence expressed her feeling of privilege in taking up a second term as President of ASMR. She congratulated Dr Yazbek on his outstanding year in 2018, the numbers of political meetings taking ASMR messages to government leaders as well as his work-ethic and vision for the society and the sector.

Dr Parkinson-Lawrence spoke also of ASMR's independence as an organisation, its acknowledged integrity in the sector and the importance of continuing Dr Yazbek's legacy into the future.

Dr Parkinson Lawrence presented Dr Yazbek and outgoing directors, Drs Ireland, Kordbacheh, Wang and Simone Jaenisch respectively with the badges of past president and past directors.

She thanked all directors stepping down from the board.

The 2019 Board was announced as follows-

# Dr Daniel Johnstone –

Executive Director/Honorary Treasurer.

# Dr Amy Winship -

Executive Director, Honorary Secretary, Communications, Media and Social Media.

Dr Parkinson-Lawrence spoke of her intention to implement regular E-bulletins to the membership in 2019.

# Dr Roger Yazbek -

**Executive Director** 

## A/Prof Christoph Hagemeyer -

Sponsorship.

## Dr Laura Masters -

ASMR MRW®

#### A/Prof Claudine Bonder and Dr Kevin Keane –

NSC 2019.

Dr Parkinson Lawrence advised that this meeting is expected to be held in WA.

#### A/Prof David Ascher, Dr Jessica Holien and Dr Mark Hulett –

Professional Development/ Newsletter.

Dr Parkinson-Lawrence informed the meeting that it is hoped that Professional Development workshops will expand beyond the NSC and take place throughout the year.

# Dr Kevin Keane -

Membership

In closing, Dr Parkinson-Lawrence advised that she and the 2019 Board would be working hard throughout the coming year championing the goals and mission of the Society.

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# **Past Presidents**

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# THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH, ABN 18 000 599 235 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

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# **Directors Report**

Your director presents this report for The Australian Society for Medical Research ("Society") for the financial year ended 30 June 2019.

## Directors

| Directors   |  |  |
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| The names of the directors of the Society at the date of this report are: |  |  |
| President   | Dr Emma Parkinson-Lawrence (from 21 Nov 2018 to 31 Jan 2019) |  |
| President   | Dr Roger Yazbek (from 1 Feb 2019)                            |  |
| Honorary Treasurer  | Dr Daniel Johnstone  |  |
| Honorary Secretary  | Dr Amy Winship, (from 21 Nov 2018 to 14 Jun 2019)            |  |
| Director  | A/Prof Christoph Hagemeyer                                   |  |
| Director  | Prof Claudine Bonder   |  |
| Director  | A/Prof David Ascher (to 19 Sep 2019)                         |  |
| Director  | Dr Jessica Holien (to 31 Aug 2019)                           |  |
| Director  | Dr Mark Hulett   |  |
| Director  | Dr Kevin Keane   |  |
| Director  | Dr Laura L Masters   |  |
| Director  | Dr Ryan Davis (co-opted 14 Jun 2019)                         |  |
| Director  | Dr Kiri Beilby (co-opted 25 Jun 2019)                        |  |
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#### **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the Society during the course of the year were promotion of interest and support for medical research in Australia. No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

#### **Operating Result**

During the financial year the Society's activities resulted in a consolidated operating loss of \$14,878.

#### **Review of Operations**

At the end of the financial year the Society had net assets of \$1,474,252.

During the year, events management was undertaken by ASN Events Pty Limited, on behalf of the Society.

On an accruals basis, they have reported net assets of \$76,442, which includes \$20,000 liability to the Society, revenue of \$66,682 and a net profit of \$18,109 after taking into consideration other interest income of \$371.

This year, the Australian Health & Medical Research Congress Unit Trust was non active during the 2019 financial year. The Society's branch accounting is undertaken by the National Office.

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with

Accounting Standards, Australian Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian

Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001 (as amended). The Australian Society for

Medical Research complies with all Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) in their entirety.

#### Significant Changes in the State of Affairs

No significant changes in the Society's state of affairs occurred during the financial year other than as mentioned in this report. The Society's accounting policy is on an accruals basis. Accordingly the comparative figures reflect the accruals basis of accounting.

#### After Balance Date Events

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

#### Future Developments

The Society expects to maintain the present status and level of operations and hence there are no likely developments in the operations in future financial years.

#### **Environmental Issues**

The Society's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

#### **Director's Benefits**

Since the date of incorporation, no office bearer has received or has become entitled to receive a benefit (other than a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments or due and receivable by office bearers shown in the accounts or the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the Society) because of a contract made by the Society with the office bearer, or with a firm which the office bearer is a member or an entity in which the office bearer has a substantial financial interest.

#### Auditors Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 has been included.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the director:

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Dr Roger Yazbek, President

Dr Daniel Johnstone, Honorary Treasurer

#### Dated: 30th October 2019

# **Independent Auditor's Report**

# **Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

#### Qualification

The Society has determined that it is impractical to establish controls over the collection of sponsorships and donations, prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenue from these sources was limited, our audit procedures with respect to sponsorships and donations pledged had to be restricted to amounts recorded in the financial records.

#### **Qualified Audit Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of The Australian Society for Medical Research, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive Income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Society. In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial report of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required had the limitation on our audit procedures referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed, the accompanying financial report of The Australian Society for Medical Research:

(a) gives a true and fair view of the Society's financial position as at 30 June 2019 and of its performance for the year then ended; and

(b) that the financial records kept by the Society are such as to enable financial statements to be prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

#### **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 Society 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 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.

#### Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor's Report Thereon

The Society is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Society's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2019, 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 Society for the Financial Report**

The Society is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and for such internal control as the Society determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the 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 Society is responsible for assessing it's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Society either intends to liquidate the Society or to cease operations, or has 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 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 the 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 association's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee'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 association'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 association 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 Society 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.

Signed on : 30th October 2019

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Chartered Accountant PO Box 5066 Sydney NSW 2001

# THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH, ABN 18 000 599 235 DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION

The directors of the Society declare that:

1. the consolidated financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:

(a) comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations; and

(b) give a true and fair view of the Society's financial position as at 30 June 2019 and of its performance for the year ended on that date;

2. in the director's opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Society will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and is signed for and on behalf of the directors by:

Dr Roger Yazbek , President

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Dr Daniel Johnstone , Honorary Treasurer

Dated: 30th October 2019

#### THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH, ABN 18 000 599 235 Consolidated Detailed Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 June 2019 2019 2018 \$ \$ Income Donations 886 1,669 **MRW Events** 39,998 57,364 Membership fees 109,698 111,338 Sponsorship - General 203.232 283,700 Sponsorship - NSC 36.649 40.435 Events income 55,000 Interest received 8,911 7,336 Sundry income 4,677 4,008 Total income 404,051 560,849 **Expenses** Advertising & promotion 615 Annual report & distribution 142 111 Audit fees 8,754 14,151 Bank fees & charges 1,617 2,202 Committee & workshops 734 Computer/EDP 6,997 3,741 Depreciation 601 962 **Dinners/Meetings MRW Events** 106.066 143,532 Directors meeting costs 20,224 21,324 Education/Awards/Prizes 26,378 34,288 Entertainment 1,762 2,245 Executive meeting costs 2,928 1,715 Filing fees 1,241 238 General expenses 1,768 2,396 Guest speaker 2,077 3.083 Hire/Rent of plant & equipment 1,505 3.353 Insurance 6,565 5,908 Legal fees 310 2,766 Light & power 3,040 2,938 Lobbying 8,723 18,906 Member communication 1,611 3,097 MRW General 9,073 17,294 22,473 National Scientific conference 18,070 Newsletters 3.605 2.618 Printing, postage & stationery 3.356 4,860 Provision for LSL 2,990 2,854 Public relations 3,386 4,732 Salaries & wages 131,651 129,409 10,696 Strata costs 6,878 Subscriptions 5,024 5,125 Superannuation 12,507 12,294 Telephone 7.425 6,040 Total expenses 418,929 474,046 **Operating Surplus/(Deficit)** (14, 878)86,803 Opening retained profits 1,489,129 1,402,326 Net profit (loss) attributable to the association 86,803 (14, 878)**Closing retained profits** 1,474,252 1,489,129

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

| THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH, ABN 18 000 599 235<br>Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2019<br>Note 2019 2018 |    |           |           | 5 |
|--|----|-----------|-----------|---|
|  |    | \$        | \$        |   |
| Assets   |    |           |           |   |
| Current Assets   |    |           |           |   |
| Cash assets  | 2  | 1,027,004 | 1,020,700 |   |
| Receivables  | 3  | 107,418   | 92,247    |   |
| Other  | 5  | 20,000    | 20,000    |   |
| Total Current Assets   |    | 1,154,422 | 1,132,948 |   |
| Non-Current Assets   |    |           |           |   |
| Other financial assets   | 4  | 10,000    | 10,000    |   |
| Property, plant and equipment  | 6  | 547,002   | 547,603   |   |
| Total Non-Current Assets   |    | 557,002   | 557,603   |   |
| Total Assets   |    | 1,711,424 | 1,690,550 |   |
| Liabilities  |    |           |           |   |
| Current Liabilities  |    |           |           |   |
| Payables   | 7  | 8,116     | 8,295     |   |
| Current tax liabilities  | 8  | 16,374    | 13,430    |   |
| Provisions   | 9  | 48,368    | 45,378    |   |
| Other  | 10 | 164,314   | 134,317   |   |
| Total Current Liabilities  |    | 237,172   | 201,421   |   |
| Total Liabilities  |    | 237,172   | 201,421   |   |
| Net Assets   |    | 1,474,252 | 1,489,129 |   |
| Equity   |    |           |           |   |
| Retained profits   |    | 1,474,252 | 1,489,129 |   |
| Total Members' Funds   |    | 1,474,252 | 1,489,129 |   |

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#### THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH, ABN 18 000 599 235

2019

## Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2019

2018

The Company is limited by guarantee. Other than the retention of net earnings for the year, there have been no changes in equity during the year

| Retained Earnings Opening Balance 1 July  | 1,489,129 | 1,402,326 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Comprehensive income  | (44.070)  | 00.000    |
| Operating surplus/(deficit) for the year<br>Other comprehensive income for the year | (14,878)  | 86,803    |
| Total comprehensive income for the year   | (11.070)  | 00.000    |
| attributable to members of the entity   | (14,878)  | 86,803    |
| Retained Earnings Closing Balance 30 June   | 1,474,252 | 1,489,129 |
|   |           |           |

#### Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2019

| Cash Flow From Operating Activities      |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Receipts from customers                  | 379,969   | 587,468   |
| Payments to Suppliers and employees      | (382,577) | (468,393) |
| Interest received                        | 8,911     | 7,336     |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating |           |           |
| activities (note 2)                      | 6,304     | 126,411   |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash held     | 6,304     | 126,411   |
| Cash at the beginning of the year        | 1,040,700 | 914,289   |
| Cash at the end of the year (note 1)     | 1,047,004 | 1,040,700 |

#### Note 1. Reconciliation Of Cash

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

Cash at the end of the year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:

| Deposit account                          | 215,930   | 210,767   |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| General account                          | 425,790   | 428,336   |
| Funds at call - CMA                      | 385,183   | 381,498   |
| Cash on hand                             | 100       | 100       |
| Advances - ASN Events Pty Ltd Unit Trust | 20,000    | 20,000    |
|  | 1,047,004 | 1,040,700 |

#### Note 2. Reconciliation Of Net Cash Provided By/Used In Operating Activities To Operating Profit After Income Tax

| Operating profit after income tax                             | (14,878) | 86,803  |
|---|----------|---------|
| Depreciation  | 601      | 962     |
| Changes in assets and liabilities net of effects of purchases |          |         |
| and disposals of controlled entities:                         |          |         |
| (Increase) decrease in trade and term debtors                 | (15,171) | 33,955  |
| Increase (decrease) in trade creditors and accruals           | (179)    | 3,162   |
| Increase (decrease) in other creditors                        | 29,996   | (1,204) |
| Increase (decrease) in employee entitlements                  | 2,990    | 2,854   |
| Increase (decrease) in sundry provisions                      | 2,944    | (122)   |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                     | 6,304    | 126,411 |

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

#### THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH, ABN 18 000 599 235

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019

#### Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 (as amended).

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

#### (a) Going Concern

The Society's financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. As at 30 June 2019, the Society had an excess of current assets over current liabilities. Cash reserves were sufficient to support the Society's operations.

#### (b) Basis of Preparation

#### Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

The Society has prepared financial statements in accordance with the Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied to all years presented. The entities have however elected to adopt exemptions available under AASB 1 relating to AASB 132: Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation, and AASB 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, and financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied, if applicable.

#### **Functional and Presentation Currency**

The Society's financial reports are presented in Australian dollars.

#### (c) Accounting Policies

#### Income tax

As the Society is a charitable institution in terms of subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

#### Property, Plant and Equipment

a) Property

The property (Suite 702,37 Bligh Street, Sydney) valuation was reviewed by Brian Dowling Commercial Real Estate Agents in 2016. The Agent noted an estimated increase in valuation of \$133,646. This material increase was factored into the 2016 Audited Financial Accounts by the Directors. The property market valuation shall be reviewed in the 2020 financial year. b) Plant and equipment

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets.

The Society is a non profit organisation and there are no changes to its current disclosure requirements under AASB 116 par Aus 77.1.

#### c) Depreciation

Depreciation is recognised in the profit and loss on a diminishing basis over the estimated useful life of each asset. The depreciation rates used for the 2019 year and 2018 year was as follows:

Class of Asset Depreciation Rate %

Office equipment 20% - 40%

#### Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the directors review the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the assets fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the assets carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement. Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

#### Investments in Associates

Any Investments in associate companies are recognised in the financial statements by applying the equity method of accounting. The equity method of accounting recognises the company's share of post-acquisition reserves of its associates. The Society's interests in joint venture entities are brought to account using the cost method.

#### Members Liability

The Society is limited by guarantee. Every member of the Society undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Society in the event of the same being wound up during the time that he or she is a member or within one year afterwards for payment of the debts and liabilities of the Society contracted before the time at which he or she ceases to be a member and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up the same and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors amongst themselves

such amount as may be required not exceeding the sum of \$20.

#### Sponsorship

Sponsorship revenue is recognised at the time the pledge is made.

#### **Provisions and Employee entitlements**

Provision is made for the liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements expected to be settled within one year together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave which will be settled after one year, have been measured at their nominal amount.

Contributions are made by the Society to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred. **Cash and Cash Equivalents** 

Cash and Cash Equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks or financial institutions, other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of twelve months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short term borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

#### Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

#### 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 item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST. Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

#### **Comparative Figures**

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

#### **Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements**

The directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report 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 internally.

#### Key Estimates - Impairment

The directors assess impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the group that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

#### **Agency Agreement**

The Society has entered into an Agency Agreement with ASN Pty Ltd. From the Society's perspective, there is no change in the way ASN Pty Ltd manage events for the Society.

#### Nature and Purpose of Retained Earnings

The retained earnings of the Society are set aside for the future expansion of the economic entity, The Australian Society for Medical Research.

#### **Effect of Changes in Accounting Policy**

The Society has adopted the following Accounting Standards:-

AASB 132: Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation -AASB 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement -AASB 132 relates primarily to increased disclosures required under the standard and does not affect the value of amounts reported in the financial statements.

| Note 2: Cash assets | 2019      | 2018      |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Bank accounts:      |           |           |
| Deposit account     | 215,930   | 210,767   |
| General account     | 425,790   | 428,336   |
| Funds at call - CMA | 385,183   | 381,498   |
| Other cash items:   |           |           |
| Cash on hand        | 100       | 100       |
|                     | 1,027,004 | 1,020,700 |
| Note 3: Receivables |           |           |
| Current             |           |           |
| Debtors             | 107,418   | 92,247    |
|                     | 107,418   | 92,247    |

|   | 2019                    | 2018                    |  |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Note 4: Other Financial Assets                  |                         |                         |  |
| Non-Current                                     |                         |                         |  |
| Other investments                               |                         |                         |  |
| - HMRC investment                               | 10,000<br><b>10,000</b> | 10,000<br><b>10,000</b> |  |
| Note 5: Other Assets                            |                         |                         |  |
| Current   |                         |                         |  |
| Advances - ASN Events Pty Ltd Unit Trust        | 20,000<br><b>20,000</b> | 20,000<br><b>20,000</b> |  |
| Note 6: Property, Plant and Equipment           | ·                       |                         |  |
| Property:                                       |                         |                         |  |
| - Suite 702, 37 Bligh Street Sydney             | 546,000                 | 546,000                 |  |
|   | 546,000                 | 546,000                 |  |
| Office equipment:                               |                         | ·                       |  |
| - At cost                                       | 51,807                  | 51,807                  |  |
| - Less: Accumulated amortisation                | (50,805)                | (50,204)                |  |
|   | 1,002                   | 1,603                   |  |
|   | 547,002                 | 547,603                 |  |
| Note 7: Payables                                |                         |                         |  |
| Unsecured:                                      |                         |                         |  |
| - Creditors                                     | 8,116                   | 8,295                   |  |
|   | 8,116                   | 8,295                   |  |
| Note 8: Tax Liabilities                         |                         |                         |  |
| Current   |                         |                         |  |
| GST   | 16,374                  | 13,430                  |  |
|   | 16,374                  | 13,430                  |  |
| Note 9: Provisions                              |                         |                         |  |
| Current   |                         |                         |  |
| Provision for Long Service Leave                | 48,368                  | 45,378                  |  |
|   | 48,368                  | 45,378                  |  |
| Note 10: Other Liabilities                      |                         |                         |  |
| Current   |                         |                         |  |
| Subscriptions in Advance                        | 164,314                 | 134,317                 |  |
|   | 164,314                 | 134,317                 |  |
| Note 11: Auditors' Remuneration                 |                         |                         |  |
| Remuneration of the auditor of the Society for: |                         |                         |  |
| Auditing or reviewing the financial report      | 8,754                   | 14,151                  |  |
| Other services                                  | -                       | -                       |  |
|   | 8,754                   | 14,151                  |  |

# THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH RESEARCH FUND ABN 97 428 769 214

# Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2019

# Profit and Loss for the year ended 30 June 2019

|                                      | 2019   | 2018   |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Income                               |        |        |
| Donations                            | 6,991  | 7,189  |
| Interest received                    | 782    | 750    |
| Total income                         | 7,773  | 7,939  |
| Expenses                             |        |        |
| Grants                               | 7,000  | 7,000  |
| Total expenses                       | 7,000  | 7,000  |
| Net Income/(Loss)                    | 773    | 939    |
| Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2019     |        |        |
| Accumulated reserves brought forward | 26,942 | 26,002 |
| Net income/(loss) for year           | 773    | 939    |
| Accumulated reserves                 | 27,715 | 26,942 |
| Represented by:                      |        |        |
| Term Deposit                         | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Cash Management Account              | 2,687  | 1,924  |
| Cheque Account                       | 28     | 18     |
| Total Net Assets                     | 27,715 | 26,942 |

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#### July 25, 2019 Executive Meeting

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