



**Motor Neurone Disease
Association of South Australia Inc
(MND SA)**

Annual Report

2014 / 2015

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The Cornflower

The blue cornflower is the symbol of hope for people living with MND

- hope for finding the cause
- hope for development of treatments and for cure

The cornflower represents positive hope for the future
- a future without MND.



Motor Neurone Disease

Motor Neurone Disease is the name given to a group of diseases in which the nerve cells (neurons) controlling the muscles that enable us to move around, speak, breathe and swallow fail to work normally. With no nerves to activate them, muscles gradually weaken and waste. The patterns of weakness vary from person to person.

There are three main forms of *Motor Neurone Disease* namely, *Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis* (the most common form), *Progressive Muscular Atrophy* and *Progressive Pseudobulbar Palsy*.

Progression of MND can be rapid, creating high levels of disability and consequent needs for support. MND is a death sentence, there are no remissions. Average survival after diagnosis is usually no more than 2 to 5 years, or less. The cause of MND is not known and there is no cure.

Summary of Facts:

MND is a rapidly progressive, terminal neurological disease

There is no known cause, no known cure and no effective treatment for MND

Each day in Australia more than one person dies from MND and another is diagnosed

People with MND progressively lose the use of their limbs, their ability to speak, swallow and to breathe, whilst their mind and senses usually remain intact

Average life expectancy is 2-5 years

An estimated 1900 people have MND in Australia and thousands more, families and carers, live daily with the effects of MND

The Motor Neurone Disease Association of SA Inc (MND SA)

Vision

A World without Motor Neurone Disease

Mission

To provide and promote the best possible care and support for people living with Motor Neurone Disease.

Objectives

Provide information and support services to persons with Motor Neurone Diseases, their immediate families and to other interested persons.

Sponsor, encourage and promote research into the causes, cure and treatment of Motor Neurone Disease.

Promote public awareness through community education and Motor Neurone Disease research.

Providing MND specific information and support to health and allied professionals.

Committee of Management 2014– 2015

Stephen Warren - Chairperson

Sharon Perkins - Treasurer

Michelle Myers – Secretary

Dr Peter Allcroft - Committee Member

Susan Craig - Committee Member

Gail Jackson—Executive Director until February 2015

Kerry Cox – Executive Director from February 2015

Staff

Kerry Cox - Executive Director from February 2015

Jerry Packer - MND Advisor from November 2014

Pamela Bartlett—MND Advisor from November 2014

Carol Armstrong - Administration Officer from January 2015

Jessica Schulz - Fundraising/Events Officer until June 2015

Bianka Feo—Marketing & Fundraising Officer from June 2015

Committee of Management

Stephen Warren (Chairperson)

Stephen joined the Committee as Treasurer in 2000 and was appointed Chairperson in May 2004. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Accountancy and a Master of Business Administration. Stephen is the Director, Business Services, Fyfe. He is a fellow of CPA and a fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Stephen represents South Australia as a Director of the national organisation, MND Australia.

Sharon Perkins (Treasurer)

Sharon joined the Committee in May 2004 to and is a Certified Practising Accountant and holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of SA.

Michelle Myers (Secretary)

Michelle has been associated with MNDA of SA for 6 years and cared for her mother who had motor neurone disease. Michelle is a Senior Project Officer at the Lyell McEwin Hospital. Her Board term ends at this AGM .

Dr Peter Allcroft (Committee Member)

Dr Allcroft was elected to the Committee in 2009. He is a member of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, Australian and New Zealand, the Palliative Medicine Society and the Thoracic Society of Australia and New Zealand. Peter works at Daw Park Repatriation General Hospital as a Senior Staff Specialist in palliative care, runs the MND Clinic and is a Senior Lecturer at Flinders University.

Susan Craig (Committee Member)

Susan lost her husband to MND in 2011 She has an extensive background in marketing and business development and operates her own clothing manufacturing business (Solarsuit Pty. Ltd.). Susan joined the MND Association of SA board in 2013 but is stepping down from the Committee of Management at this AGM.

Kerry Cox (Executive Director)

Kerry was appointed as Executive Director in February 2015. She holds University qualifications in Business and has significant leadership and management experience in a range of sectors, including not-for-profit.

Chairperson's Report

As I write my report for this year, I reflect upon the achievements made across Australia, and indeed the world, in terms of Motor Neurone Disease awareness and funding. It was in August 2014 that a simple event known as the Ice Bucket Challenge appeared. It took the world by storm and become a phenomenal success thanks largely to the power of social media. Awareness reached unprecedented levels and the challenge was taken up by anyone and everyone. In one sense this is similar to MND whose impact can touch anyone.

The magnificent awareness created by social and local media, and actively managed by MND Associations across Australia saw fundraising reach new peaks. Nationally, enormous funds were raised for research, and in excess of \$1m was allocated to a special Ice Bucket Challenge Grant at the end of 2014. Locally, we received donations in excess of \$150,000 in late 2014, part of which has been used for the increase in service provision from our MND Advisors.

This awareness and fundraising has continued, assisted by increased media coverage and a second edition Ice Bucket Challenge. In June, the Cure for MND 'Big Freeze at the G' raised over \$2.4m for research, with special grants to be allocated through Research Grants Allocation meetings. For South Australia, the awareness has meant a much more sustainable financial position to provide improved and extended support to those who need us most.

Sadly, the awareness and fundraising efforts have not yet produced a cure, or found the cause of MND. This has resulted in 612 people being diagnosed nationally in the last 12 months and registering with an MND Association, and sadly resulted in the loss of life for 514 others. This is disappointing, however it is somewhat comforting that we have provided these members, and their families, with the best support and care that is possible.

One achievement often unheralded is that of the staff. Their contribution has been enormous, particularly during those exceptionally busy and crazy times associated with the Ice Bucket Challenges. The achievements over the last year, and the foundations laid for a solid future, would not have been possible without their efforts and on behalf of the Committee of Management, I thank them all.

The coming year for us represents a year of understanding, as we comprehend and position ourselves for the National Disability Insurance Scheme. It is much needed by all members and their families and for our Association, we will continue to review our strategy to determine our position in respect of service provision under the Scheme.

One area that we stand united on is that equal services should be provided to all, irrespective of age and location. MND is a cruel disease that no-one should have to suffer through, let alone be denied equity. On behalf of all members, we will continue the challenge for equity for as long as we have to.

Stephen Warren

Executive Director's Report

I joined the MND SA Association in March this year and had a steep learning curve to come to terms with MND the disease, as well as the role of the Association, the Board, members and of course staff. MND is a disease I didn't know a lot about and as I understand more about it and speak with people impacted by it I have come to hold each and every one of them in such high regard as they confront the challenge of living with MND every day. The people around them are also a source of inspiration for all the team at MND SA and we never cease to be amazed by their courage and generosity.

My brief was clear—continue the work of the Association to provide the best support and care that is possible to people living with MND in South Australia, and their families. With a whole new team I think we have met that brief and continue to do so, always striving to do more and better and being responsive to feedback and opportunities.

I am very pleased with the level of support we provide, especially given our very limited resources. The commitment and expertise of the MND Advisors to our clients and their families is admirable, as they also regularly educate and assist other health professionals across the State who work with people with MND, which makes their roles quite diverse. The provision of these services remains the Association's priority as early access to information and assistance is vital for people with MND and their families, along with on-going support as the disease progresses. Over the past financial year our MND Advisors conducted over 200 metropolitan client support visits, 47 country visits, facilitated 14 presentations to health professionals and 5 general presentations. At the 30 June 2015 we had 110 people registered with the Association so demand for our services in SA remains high.

The government changes to funding of disability services through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) as at July 2016 presents a significant opportunity and challenge for the Association. Much of my role has involved preparing the Association to be ready to embrace this reform and give our clients confidence in continuing to receive quality services.

Over the past year though it has again been the generosity of donors and the fundraising efforts of many that have enabled the Association to continue. Some of the highlights were the Ice Bucket Challenge which, as Stephen said, was a phenomenon in late 2014 and gave the Association a huge and essential fundraising boost. The Walk to D Feet MND in May 2015 saw record numbers of people participate and exceeded all previous fundraising efforts for this event. The Telethon and Clipsal Luncheon projects were also significant events and were an important part of our calendar ... and behind it all are our remarkable volunteers who so willingly and generously support the Association!

We are all one team with the same vision—clients, Board members, staff, carers, families and members—and together we continue to walk side by side, supporting those that need it and moving closer to one day making MND a thing of the past.

Kerry Cox

RESEARCH

Motor Neurone Disease Research Institute of Australia

The Motor Neurone Disease Research Institute of Australia (MNDRIA) is the research arm of MND Australia. It was established in 1984 as a national organisation promoting medical and scientific research into MND and has been driven forward by the vision to understand the causes, find effective treatments and discover cures for MND.

The aims of the MNDRIA are:

1. To promote medical and scientific research into MND.
2. To determine the relative merits of research proposals for the study of MND for the receipt of research grants.
3. To administer research grants for the study of MND.
4. To facilitate the exchange of information about MND.
5. To affiliate with other bodies, either national or international, to advance the cause of research into MND.
6. To raise funds to support research into MND.
7. To be an Approved Research Institute by meeting the conditions of Income Tax Assessment Act.

The MNDRIA's overarching 2015 – 2018 strategic objective related to research is to:

Promote, support and fund the best MND research that has the greatest chance of providing benefit for people living with MND.

MND Australia acknowledges the urgent need to advance research to better understand MND and to find treatments for this devastating disease. In order to progress MND research MND Australia will double research spend through our research arm, the MND Research Institute of Australia (MNDRIA), from the present \$2 million per annum to \$4 million per annum by 2018.

The MND Australia Research Committee has awarded \$2,573,184 in new research grants commencing in 2015:

MND AUSTRALIA ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE GRANT

Professor Naomi Wray

Queensland Brain Institute, University of Queensland
Sporadic ALS Australian Systems Genomics Consortium (SALSA-SGC)

BILL GOLE POSTDOCTORAL MND RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Dr James Howells

BMRI, University of Sydney
Hyperexcitability of the lower motor neuron in ALS

BERYL BAYLEY POSTDOCTORAL MND RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Dr Parvathi Menon

Westmead Hospital, University of Sydney
Insights into ALS pathophysiology from patterns of disease progression

ANGIE CUNNINGHAM LAUGH TO CURE MND Grant

Associate Professor Julie Atkin

ASAM, Macquarie University
Optimising the protective activity of protein disulphide isomerase in motor neuron disease

MND ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE GRANT-IN-AID

Associate Professor Ian Blair

ASAM, Macquarie University
Next-Generation Sequencing of Australian sporadic MND patients to identify genetic risk factors

MNDRIA GRANT-IN-AID

Dr Catherine Blizzard

Menzies, University of Tasmania
Synaptic dysfunction: an early mechanism of TDP-43 pathogenesis in ALS

Mick RODGER BENALLA MND RESEARCH GRANT

Professor Roger Chung

ASAM, Macquarie University
Proteomic studies to identify the defects caused by mutations in a newly identified familial MND gene

MICK RODGER MND RESEARCH GRANT

Associate Professor Tracey Dickson

Menzies Research Institute, University of Tasmania, Tasmania
Inhibitory regulation of motor neurons: A new target mechanism for ALS?

PETER STEARNE FAMILIAL MND RESEARCH GRANT

Dr Danny Hatters

University of Melbourne, Victoria
Determining the mechanism of toxicity of C9ORF72 RAN translation products

GRAHAM LANG MEMORIAL MND RESEARCH GRANT

Dr Robert Henderson

UQ Centre for Clinical Research, Queensland
Blood biomarkers in ALS: Translation into clinical practice of pNfH and search for additional biomarkers using proteomics

MND VICTORIA RESEARCH GRANT

Dr Anne Hogden

Macquarie University, NSW
Decision support tools for motor neurone disease multidisciplinary care

MNDRIA GRANT-IN-AID

Professor Lars Ittner

Dept of Anatomy, University of NSW, NSW
Novel MND mouse models

CUNNINGHAM COLLABORATION GRANT

Professor Pamela McCombe

UQ Centre for Clinical Research, Queensland
A multicentre study of the impact of metabolic balance and dietary intake on the clinical parameters of disease progression

TERRY QUINN MND RESEARCH GRANT

Dr Greg Neely

Garvan Institute of Medical Research, NSW
Genomic approach to find new MND disease genes and drug targets

BOB DELANEY MND RESEARCH GRANT

Dr Shyuan Ngo

UQ School of Biomedical Sciences, Queensland
In search of novel MND therapeutics: investigating the role of selective K_{ATP} channel activators on cortical hyperexcitability, corticospinal circuit degeneration, and cortical bioenergetics

MNDRIA GRANT-IN-AID

Associate Professor Peter Noakes

UQ School of Biomedical Sciences, Queensland
The role of altered neuromuscular activity and mRNA transport in modifying the progression of MND

MNDRIA GRANT-IN-AID

Dr Rachel Tan

Neuroscience Research Australia, NSW
Histopathological changes in functional zones of the cerebellum across the MND-FTD continuum

MNDRIA Research Grants (cont.)

TED DIMMICK MEMORIAL MND RESEARCH GRANT

Dr Bradley Turner

Florey Institute of Neuroscience & Mental Health, Victoria
Androgen receptor abnormalities in MND

MNDRIA GRANT-IN-AID

Associate Professor Steve Vucic

Westmead Millenium Institute, University of Sydney, NSW
Safety and biological efficacy of narrow-band UVB phototherapy in ALS

ROSALIND NICHOLSON MND RESEARCH GRANT

Dr Kelly Williams

ASAM, Macquarie University, NSW
Epigenomic approaches to understand MND disease variability

CHARLES & SHIRLEY GRAHAM MND RESEARCH GRANT

Associate Professor Trent Woodruff

UQ School of Biomedical Sciences, Queensland
Therapeutic targeting of the NLRP3 inflammasome using a potent and orally active inhibitor in experimental MND

ZO-EE MND RESEARCH GRANT

Dr Justin Yerbury

IHMRI, University of Wollongong, NSW
Monitoring accumulation of ubiquitin chains in ALS – Developing a potential imaging tool for monitoring preclinical disease progression

NHMRC/MNDRIA CO-FUNDED POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Nicole Sheers

Institute of Breathing and Sleep, Austin Health, VIC
Lung Volume Recruitment in Neuromuscular Disease: Can 'breath-stacking' improve lung function, respiratory symptoms and quality of life for people with neuromuscular disease?

MNDRIA PHD SCHOLARSHIP TOP-UP GRANT

Victoria McLeod

IHMRI, Florey Institute, VIC
Androgen Receptor Dysregulation in ALS

CONTINUING GRANTS

The following grants were awarded in previous years and continue in 2015:

MND AUSTRALIA LEADERSHIP GRANT 2013 – 2016

Associate Professor Ian Blair

Australian School of Advanced Medicine, Macquarie University, NSW
Investigating the pathogenic basis of familial MND

BILL GOLE POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP FOR MND RESEARCH 2013 – 2015

Kelly Williams

Australian School of Advanced Medicine, Macquarie University, NSW
Investigating the molecular basis of ALS

GRAHAM LINFORD POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP FOR MND RESEARCH 2013 – 2015

Dr Sharpley Hsieh

Neuroscience Research Australia, NSA
Seeing the future in MND

MNDRIA/NHMRC CO-FUNDED PHD SCHOLARSHIP 2013 – 2015

Dr Nimeshan Geevasinga

University of Sydney and Westmead Hospital, NSW
Electrophysiological and neuroanatomical determination of patients with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis with the C9ORF72 mutation

MNDRIA Research Grants (cont.)

Dr Parvathi Menon

University of Sydney and Westmead Hospital, NSW
Pathophysiology of ALS: Evidence to support the dying forward hypothesis

PHD SCHOLARSHIP MND TOP-UP GRANT 2013 – 2015

Jayden Clark (PhD candidate) and **Associate Professor Tracey Dickson** (Principal Supervisor)

Menzies Research Institute, University of Tasmania, Tasmania
Axonal protection in ALS

Rosemary Clark (PhD candidate) and **Associate Professor Tracey Dickson** (Principal Supervisor)

Menzies Research Institute, University of Tasmania
Interneuron dysfunction in ALS: A new target for potential therapeutics?

Jennifer Fifita (PhD candidate) and **Associate Professor Ian Blair** (Principal Supervisor)

Australian School of Advanced Medicine, Macquarie University, NSW
Examining the role of novel molecules causing motor neuron disease

Research Meetings

MND AUSTRALIA RESEARCH MEETING

The [2015 MND Australia Research Meeting](#) will be held on the 22–23 November. The MND Australia Research Meeting provides opportunity for recipients of MNDRIA grants to report on outcomes of their funded project to MND scientists and the wider MND community.

INTERNATIONAL ALS/MND MEETINGS

The 26th International Symposium on ALS/MND will be held in Orlando, Florida on 11–13 December 2015. The symposium is the largest meeting on MND/ALS, and is organised by the Australian Motor Neurone Disease Association and the International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations.

Statement by the Committee of Management For the year ended 30 June 2015

1. In the opinion of the Committee of Management of the Motor Neurone Disease Association of SA Inc.
 - a. the accounts present fairly the results of the operations of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2015 and the state of affairs of the Association at 30 June 2015.
 - b. the Committee has reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
2. The financial statements have been made out in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 and the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profits Commission Act 2012.
3. During the financial year no officer of the Association, or a firm of which the officer is a member, or a body corporate in which the officer has a substantial interest has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and the Association.
4. During the financial year, no officer of the Association has received directly or indirectly any payment from the Association other than in the case of officers employed by the Association, approved salaries that have been determined in accordance with general market conditions.
5. The term 'officer' includes Committee of Management members who receive no remuneration and the Executive Director who takes part in the day to day management of the Association and receives remuneration in the normal course of their employment.

Dated at Adelaide the 26 October 2015.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Management.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Stephen Warren'.

Stephen Warren
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Sharon Perkins'.

Sharon Perkins
Treasurer

Income Statement for year ended 30 June 2015

	2014-2015	2013-2014
Income		
Donations & Subscriptions	\$492,710	\$119,943
Fundraising	\$86,763	\$114,906
Grants	\$6,000	\$29,540
Other	\$1,442	\$2,512
Interest	\$2,177	\$1,177
Total Income	\$589,091	\$268,078
Expenses		
Employee Expenses	\$187,023	\$184,302
Memberships	\$7,625	\$11,318
Office Costs	\$35,581	\$29,383
Client Support Expenses	\$8,937	\$23,612
Fundraising	\$18,763	\$24,613
Donations to Research	\$12,324	\$3,409
Equipment	\$9,100	\$8,781
Other	\$3,834	\$2,512
Total Expenses	\$283,187	\$287,930
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$305,904	(\$19,852)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2015

	2014-2015	2013-2014
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$353,764	\$55,285
Trade Debtors & Inventory	\$878	\$668
Property & Equipment	\$24,029	\$29,593
Investments	\$5,294	\$5,294
Total Assets	\$383,965	\$90,840
Liabilities		
Employee Provisions	\$13,998	\$21,187
Accounts Payable	\$18,364	\$23,955
Total Liabilities	\$32,362	\$45,142
Net Assets	\$351,603	\$45,698
Retained Earnings	\$351,603	\$45,698
Total Members Funds	\$351,603	\$45,698

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Cash Flow Statement for year ended 30 June 2015

	2014-2015	2013-2014
Cash Received from Operations		
Cash Received from Donations and Subscriptions	\$482,415	\$118,446
Cash Received from Fundraising	\$85,153	\$116,607
Cash Received from Grants	\$6,000	\$29,540
Research Donations Received	\$9,324	\$1,320
Other Receipts	\$2,415	\$2,377
Total Cash Received from Operations	\$585,306	\$268,290
Cash Used in Operations		
Payments for Employee Expenses	(\$187,568)	(\$177,590)
Payments to Suppliers	(\$96,409)	(\$97,301)
Total Cash Used in Operations	(\$283,977)	(\$274,891)
Net Cash Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations	\$301,329	(\$6,601)
Cash used for Repayment of Borrowings	(\$0)	(\$12,010)
Cash used for purchase of Assets	(\$2,850)	(\$17,530)
Opening Cash Balance	\$55,285	\$91,426
Closing Cash Balance	\$353,764	\$55,285

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015

Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act, 1985. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985, the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulation 2013 and the following applicable Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements

AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows

AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 110: Events after the Balance Sheet Date

AASB 1031: Materiality

AASB1048: Interpretation of Standards

AASB 1054: Australian Additional Disclosures

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical cost and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report.

Equipment Donations

Grants received for the purchase of equipment received during the financial year are recognised in the Income Statement as revenue, with the corresponding recognition of an expense.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on Motor Vehicles and Equipment. Depreciation is calculated over a useful life of 5 years.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015

Employee Provisions

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits and annual leave are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Sick leave liabilities are non-accumulating and are recognised when the leave is taken and measured at the rates paid or payable. Long Service leave liabilities are recognised based on a probability assessment of an employee completing seven years service.

Receivables

Trade receivables and other receivables are recorded at amounts due less any provision for doubtful debts.

Collectability of trade debtors is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. A provision for doubtful debts is raised when some doubt as to collection exists.

Accounts Payable

Trade payables and other accounts payable are recognised when the economic entity becomes obliged to make future payments resulting from the purchase of goods and services.

Goods & Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except:

where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority, it is recognised as a part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or part of an item of expense; or

for receivables and payables which are recognised inclusive of GST

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of the receivables or payables.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2015

Revenue

Revenues are recognised at fair value of the consideration received net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Interest revenue is recognised on receipt taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue from all fundraising activities are recognised upon receipt.

Revenue based grants are credited to revenue in the same period in which the expenditure to which they relate is charged or on receipt if non-specific.

Income Tax

The economic entity is exempt from income tax, due to it being a charitable institution in terms of section 50-5 of the Income Tax Act 1997.

Continued Funding of Operations and Going Concern

The financial report has been prepared on the going concern basis. However, the ability of the Association to continue as a going concern and maintain its current level of operations, programs and activities, is dependent upon the continued support of members' subscriptions, donations, fundraising and upon achieving expected levels of financial performance.

2. Notes to the Income Statement

Donations & Subscriptions	2014-2015	2013-2014
Memorial Donations	\$30,217	\$18,784
Research Donations	\$9,324	\$1,320
General Donations	\$263,809	\$97,699
Bequests	\$187,500	
Subscriptions	\$1,860	\$2,140
	\$492,710	\$119,943

3. Notes to the Balance Sheet

Asset	Original Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Written Down Value
2014-2015			
Wheel Chair	\$12,465	\$12,465	\$0
Light Writer	\$24,422	\$24,421	\$0
V & Bi Pap Machines	\$10,100	\$10,100	\$0
Computers	\$30,054	\$25,538	\$4,516
Printers	\$7,003	\$7,002	\$0
Motor Vehicle	\$29,855	\$10,342	\$19,513
Equipment cost \$1000 or less	\$3,154	\$3,154	\$0
TOTAL	\$117,052	\$93,023	\$24,029
<i>2013-2014 Comparatives</i>	<i>\$116,907</i>	<i>\$87,314</i>	<i>\$29,593</i>

MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION OF SA INC
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of the Motor Neurone Disease Association of SA Inc:

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the Motor Neurone Disease Association of SA Inc. ("the association"), which comprises the income statement for the period ended 30 June 2015, the balance sheet for the year then ended, the cash flow statement, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the statement by the Committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are consistent with the financial requirements of the *Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985, section 60.40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Regulation 2013*, and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibilities also include establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Independence

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

MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION OF SA INC
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Basis for Qualified Opinion

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the Motor Neurone Disease Association of SA Inc. to maintain an effective system of internal control over income (apart from interest received) from donations, until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, as we have been unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to support the measurement and completeness assertions relating to income (apart from interest received), the scope of our audit was thus limited to recorded amounts only.

Qualified Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report:

- (a) presents fairly the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of *Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985, section 60.40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Regulation 2013*; and
- (b) complies with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Association to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporations Act (SA) 1985, section 60.40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Regulation 2013* and for the purpose of fulfilling the Board of Management's financial reporting responsibilities. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



HLB Mann Judd
Chartered Accountants



Corey McGowan
Partner

Adelaide, South Australia
27 October 2015

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