



Your **MDNSW** **2020-21 Yearbook**

Celebrating our Neuromuscular Community

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A Welcome from the President & CEO

Welcome to our 2020-21 Yearbook,

Despite the continued disruption due to the Covid-19 pandemic, MDNSW remains positive about the future of the organisation and our plans for delivering on our mission to empower, connect and support the neuromuscular community.

This year we have continued to witness the incredible resilience of our community as they support one another through yet another very challenging time.

The health and safety of our members remains our top priority and while ongoing Covid-19 restrictions sadly resulted in the cancellation of many of our popular children's camps and face to face Peer Connect groups, we were able to harness technology and expand our reach across NSW. We did this through the online delivery of our Peer Connect groups and by expanding the number of online support groups available, thanks to funding via the Department of Social Services and the generosity of our donors. For this we are extremely grateful as these groups continue to be a core network of support for many in our community.

The online groups have continued to grow in popularity over the last 12 months with 58% of participants joining us from regional NSW! You can learn more about our Peer Connect programs in the Highlights section of the Yearbook.

Earlier in 2021, we were fortunate enough to be able to run Adventure Camp on the Northern Beaches of Sydney, as well as the Young Adults Skill Development Weekend in Lake Macquarie in March. Both programs were a huge success, with great attendance and really positive feedback from the participants. We look forward to running them again in 2022!

The MDNSW Board of Directors have continued to drive the organisation forward, maintaining focus and proving a flexible environment for staff as they too navigate the complexities of the pandemic.

Sadly, this year we farewellled Director, Associate Professor Kristi Jones and Director Shannon Finch. We wish to thank them both for their many years of service to the community and outstanding contribution to MDNSW.

In June 2021, we welcomed two new Directors, Tait Jenkins and Associate Professor Michelle

Farrar, who bring a breadth of knowledge and experience to the organisation. Tait will serve on the Finance Governance & Risk Committee and Michelle on the Research & Client Services Committee. You can read more about our Directors and their backgrounds and experience at www.mdns.org.au/our-board

Throughout the last year the MDNSW team have continued to work diligently to deliver our Strategic Plan with an IT transformation project and CRM upgrade also in progress to support the continued expansion and improvement of our services.

Lockdowns across Sydney have been disruptive but have provided an opportunity to focus our energies on improving our internal systems and work on the development of new Covid-Safe NDIS services that our community indicated they want through our 2020 consultation process. In late 2020, the team were able to successfully pilot our new Community Access & Recreation Service (CARS), which we hope to have fully operational in early 2022 due to delays caused by Covid-19 lockdowns in Greater Sydney.

We are excited to showcase all of our other achievements this year throughout this report and we express our sincere thanks to our wonderful community and supporters for helping us to navigate these difficult and complex circumstances!



Charlotte Sangter
Chief Executive Officer



Anthony Ball
President

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Message from our patron

Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC Governor of New South Wales.



At the end of this extraordinary year, it is a relief to now feel that the holiday season is almost upon us, giving everyone a chance to re-group with families and communities.

Muscular Dystrophy NSW is a community which, in a very important and positive way, is also a collective - a 'peer collective' of shared wisdom and support. As I discovered last year, that 'sharing' is not only of information, but of laughter, tears and personal stories of journeys through love and life; health and wellbeing; study, work and children; good times and social connections.

Last year, I felt privileged to spend a few wonderful hours with the Online Mums' Peer Connect Program. Some mums live in more remote areas of NSW, bringing a different context and meaning to our pandemic understanding of the word 'isolation'. Unfortunately, devastating floods suspended the group's planned physical 'catch up' at the Mums' Retreat on the Hawkesbury in late March this year, just as it had for the previous week's community gathering, The Big Red Roll + Stroll at Parramatta Park.

The Delta variant has been the latest instalment in a relentlessly ongoing two-year drama. Social gatherings were again suspended - for several weeks, and in some areas, months. Nonetheless, throughout the pandemic, Muscular Dystrophy NSW continued to do what it does best - 'empower, support and connect people' - provide health information and advice, advocate for its members, and deliver vital online support and activities.

In August, Dennis and I caught up with Charlotte Sangster, Chief Executive Officer, Joan Martin, Client Services Manager and Alicia Ballesty, Communications & Engagement Manager via zoom. Our wide-ranging and productive discussion covered the Duke of Edinburgh program, Peer Connect, the virtual activities and connections that were enabled during the pandemic and the activities it hoped to resume as soon as possible, post-lockdown.

While the science of COVID-19 variants and vaccines has grabbed the world's attention, for people living with muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular conditions, for caregivers, and

for parents and family members, science is an ever-present part of life and of maintaining health and well-being.

It was, therefore, a wonderful experience to join the Muscular Dystrophy community at this year's Neuromuscular Information and Research Day to hear the virtual keynote presentation by Professor Monique Ryan and Ms Robin Forbes from the Australian Neuromuscular Disease Registry. The other sessions in the program provided the audience with the latest medical information from neurologists and other medical and health professionals.

Perhaps paradoxically, this year of isolating, distancing and mask-wearing has highlighted how much we need and value our interactions and connections. In thanking the Muscular Dystrophy community for sharing their insights, I look forward to our first 'in person' catch-up ... 'live and zoom-free'!

For now, stay well, have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, filled with the joys of the season.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Beazley".

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Who we are

At Muscular Dystrophy NSW, we know you want to live the life you choose.

To do that, you need information on your neuromuscular condition, support programs, NDIS services, and a community that gets you.

The problem is, it's hard to find other people who have your condition, and service providers who understand your specific needs. Which leaves you feeling even more alone and unsupported.

We believe people with neuromuscular conditions deserve specialised support, and a community that understands them.

We understand that a new diagnosis, or a change in your condition can make you feel anxious and alone.

That's why for over 60 years, we've connected people across NSW living with neuromuscular conditions to the support programs they want, and the community they need.

Everything we do comes back to our Vision, Mission and Values.



Our Mission is to empower, connect and support people with neuromuscular conditions, and be an effective advocate for the neuromuscular community.



Our vision is for every person with a neuromuscular condition is able to live the life they choose. We believe that people living with neuromuscular conditions have the same rights as others to live the life they choose; have relationships, work, enjoy hobbies and interests and live a life free from abuse or exploitation.



Our Values: Empowerment and responsiveness, Integrity and respect, Partnerships and teamwork



Our Services

At Muscular Dystrophy NSW, we know that a diagnosis or a change in your condition can make you feel anxious and alone.

That's why we're here with information, support programs and a community that's tailored to your needs at every step of your journey.

We've been part of the NSW neuromuscular community for over 60 years. For you, this means:

- Specialised support and services
- Respect for your specific needs
- Planning for your future as your condition changes

Which means you can feel less alone and anxious for the future, knowing we'll be here with the support and community you deserve, at every stage of your life.

You can download our Organisation Overview for further information about who we are and what we do **HERE**.



"We are committed to providing quality services and programs for all our clients and members. We make a point of being there for our members at each stage of life, including in times of transition when they might not know what to expect next. We maintain a continuity of support, providing information and advice along the way, focussing on the specific needs of each member and anticipating their future supports."

- Joan Martin, Client Services Manager.

Our Community

MDNSW has over 2,000 members that make up a community of people living with a neuromuscular condition, their carers, family members, health professionals, and board directors. Across Australia, there are an estimated 40,000 people living with a neuromuscular condition.

"Here at Muscular Dystrophy NSW, we create a community for people living with a neuromuscular condition and their families; one where they can connect, learn, grow, share, have fun and be treated with respect and equality." - Charlotte Sangster, CEO

Ultimately, every person with a neuromuscular condition should be able to live the life they choose.

That's why we're always here for our member community with a listening ear and advice in times of transition.

There are approximately

13,000

people living in NSW with a neuromuscular condition

and

40,000

people Australia wide



Our History

For more than 60 years Muscular Dystrophy Association of NSW (MDNSW) has been serving the neuromuscular community of NSW.

Back in 1957, we commenced operation as a specialist support group within the Society for Crippled Children, now known as Northcott Disability Services. There was a need for a separate entity to be established to better focus on the specific and high support needs of those living with neuromuscular conditions (NMC). The community of members living with NMCs, and their families, were instrumental in seeing this change come to fruition.

In the early days, all of MDNSW's work was voluntary and was done by family members. The association operated from offices in South Sydney for many years, before moving to the more central location of Meadowbank, near Ryde, in 2008 and then in 2017 on to our current physical location in the Multiple Sclerosis building in Lidcombe, Sydney.

In 2009, MDNSW became a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee and on 1 July, 2000 was endorsed as a Charitable Institution with DGR status.

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Jen & Kieran's Story

The mothers of our Muscular Dystrophy community are a group of incredibly resilient, supportive women whose unconditional love for their children sees them leave their personal needs behind so their child can have the assistance and care that they need.

Like Jen, who lives in regional western NSW in a town called Millthorpe, with her four children: 19-year-old Angus, 17-year-old Ruby, 14-year-old Kieran and 10-year-old Finn.

"We're a big family and my husband and I both work full-time, so to say my life is busy is an understatement," Jen explains.

"Our son, Kieran, has a form of muscular dystrophy called congenital myopathy – or so we think. Officially, he still has not been given a diagnosis for his condition, but it has affected him since birth and leaves him feeling very weak and tired most days.

"He uses his power wheelchair to get about nowadays, but has recently had surgery on his feet and legs to help give him more stability and enable him to stand and walk more often.

"Kieran's surgeries and specialist appointments are at Westmead Children's Hospital, 250km away in Sydney, which means that going out for a single appointment can mean a 14-hour round-trip.

"It's a lot, our situation is always evolving, and we don't know what the future holds. I go through phases of being really frustrated, Kieran has been living with this for 14 years now and we still have no diagnosis. Other times I just need to get away from it all.

"The support from Muscular Dystrophy NSW really helps. They have been happy to take on our "mystery case" as their own, which I am eternally grateful for, and their programs and services have helped us in so many ways.

"Kieran has participated in their Camp program and every time he comes back with a renewed sense of strength and confidence. My experience with the Mums' Retreat program has provided me with a tribe of friends I value and hold so close to my heart.

"We connect, joke, share knowledge and resources, relax, be adventurous, have fun, and ultimately support each other in the most unique way because we all share that same lived experience. You have a few glasses of wine you laugh, you cry, because you can, it is a very safe space. MDNSW have created a unique community that couldn't have come together anywhere else.

"Through this program, MDNSW have created a unique community that couldn't have come together anywhere else. It supports not only mums, but entire families, who are living with the everyday challenges of muscular dystrophy."



Our Impact



47
Camp and
Retreat
Participants



394
people received
support from
Client Services



3,721
followers on
social media



More than
\$504,000
received in fundraising & donations



At least **30%** of participants
in our Kids Camp programs
were from regional areas and
60% in the Camps and Retreats for adults.



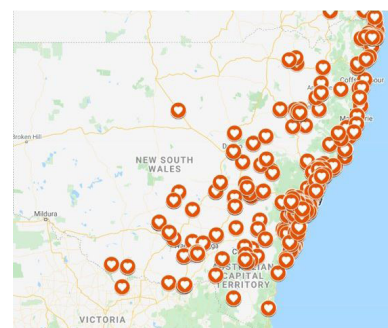
\$207,357
raised from Sugar Free September

More than
\$40,000
in non-government
grant funding



724
people attended
almost 100 Peer
Connect sessions

50%
of participants in
our online Peer
Connect session
were from regional NSW



2,017
members
across NSW



\$75,000
raised from the
Big Red Roll + Stroll

FY2020-21 Highlights

Big Red Roll + Stroll

Despite having to change the Big Red Roll + Stroll to a virtual event due to bad weather and the true disappointment of not being able to connect in person, our MD community once again rose to the challenge and impressed us (as always) with your creativity and spirit.

We didn't let torrential rain and flooding dampen our community spirit as we each celebrated the MD community together on Sunday, 21 March 2021, for our first virtual Big Red Roll + Stroll.

Together we raised over \$75,000 to support programs like Adventure Camp, Mum's Retreat and our weekly Peer Connect sessions.



Adventure Camp

Our Adventure Camp was held over 5 days in April 2021, with 30 children, between the ages of 6-18 with neuromuscular conditions.

Over the duration of Camp, the campers connected with other children with shared lived experience, while also gaining increased capacity, independence, skills and resilience.

They all had the opportunity to participate in adventurous activities, like abseiling, high-ropes and archery and most of all had a lot of fun!

Hear John's experience of attending Adventure Camp for the first time:

"Meet John... he is nine years old and lives with Congenital Myotonic Dystrophy. In April 2021, John attended MDNSW's Adventure Camp on a scholarship, meaning all his expenses were covered by the income received from our donor community.

This was John's first time to ever attend Camp and it was also the first time he has ever left his family, in particular his mother Effie.

"I think I was more anxious about John going to Camp than he was," Effie said.

"I knew that he would enjoy it, but I was worried how he would go being away from me for four days, especially getting to sleep at night.



"The Adventure Camp experience ended up being such a positive opportunity for John to develop independence and this was something I really wanted for him.

"Not only did he make new friends and enjoy new experiences like playing in the sand at the beach and abseiling, but he also developed new independent skills that he is still doing at home now like brushing his teeth every day and getting himself dressed. He's more confident and we both understand that things won't fall apart if I'm not around.



"John can't wait to go back to Camp next year and I am so grateful to the donors of MDNSW for making this life-changing experience for him possible," Effie said.

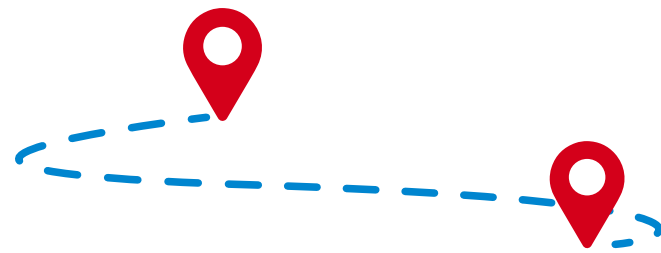
CARS Program

Throughout December 2020, we ran our Community Access and Recreation Service (CARS) trial with members who expressed interest in participating. The trial saw three separate groups 'choose their own adventures', heading to fun and exciting places across Greater Sydney.

Good mates Scott and Patrick, who live on opposite sides of Sydney and rarely get to catch up in person, went for a pub feed in Manly and rolls along the beach parade.

Self-proclaimed foodies and good friends Carolyn, Julie and Monique went to Glenbrook in the lower Blue Mountains to check out a recommended café and soak in the fresh air, sunshine and amazing views.

"To be able to go out with friends anywhere we choose in a safer social situation and not having to worry about transport or logistics is great! I normally wouldn't head up to the mountains with friends for lunch because it is so difficult to get to, but when I learned of the CARS program I saw it as a unique chance to see somewhere new and different," Monique said.



Andrew and Jasna enjoyed all nature had to offer, taking a roll through the beautiful bush tracks of the Royal National Park.

"I haven't been able to get out of Sydney for a number of years and I feel in a way like I've lost my connection with the natural environment. So, when the opportunity came to get out into the bush, the whole idea really resonated with me. I felt on the day like I was having a holiday from disability. I was able to do things so far out of my day to day capabilities that I'd forgotten that things like this were even possible," said Andrew.



Sugar Free September



The BIGGEST thank you goes out to our amazing MD community for your incredible strength and support in going #SugarFreeforMD in 2020.

Thanks to you, and over 2,200 others like you, we were able to raise over a whopping \$207,000 for MDNSW - more than double from last year!

The money raised will go such a long way; helping kids access our camps, mums' connect through our retreats and online groups and helping both kids and adults build

resilience through our 36 online Peer Connect Groups. Thank you for helping us create so many important opportunities for the MD community.

We're incredibly proud of everything we've achieved together, thank you again for your support for the MD community.



Peers & Families Social Lunch

Our Peers and families social lunch was held in the short break between Covid lockdowns on Saturday 1 May 2021, at Dooleys Club in Lidcombe.

We had a great turn out with 18 adults with MD and their families and carers joining together to reconnect, meet others and chat about life.

The group enjoyed sharing their stories and exchanging handy information over a delicious lunch at Lloyds Bistro. Despite the value of

online meetups, it is obvious that people really do value meeting up in person. One participant said they liked:

"Seeing the community face-to-face and talking to people." Another commented that they: "Always enjoy the interaction when meeting new folk and to hear how we are all handling MD."

Everyone said that attending the day helped improve their motivation and confidence.

Young Adults Weekend

Taking the big step of moving out of home and into independent living is huge for any young person, but for a young man with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, there is so much more to consider and plan for.

Great mates Scott and Patrick have talked about moving out of home for quite a few years now, ever since they met at our Summer Camp when they were young teenagers. Now, in their early twenties, they were able to catch up again, along with a small group of other young men who use powerchairs, to test out their independent living skills (and have lots of fun!) at our Young Adults Weekend held in Lake Macquarie in March 2021.



The accessible accommodation venue was one of the best we've ever stayed at, with unique gadgets and gizmos, like automatic cupboards and sinks that moved to suit a person at wheelchair height.

Fun was had reuniting at the pub for a delicious dinner, followed the next day with a road trip to the Hunter Valley for cheese tasting, shopping and sight seeing. Back at HQ, the gang took time to learn important independent living skills, like doing your own laundry, how to work a washing machine, cooking skills and more!

Thank you to everyone who attended the weekend to participate and help out - a brilliant time was had by all.



Online Peer Connect Program

During the Covid-19 pandemic, online Peer Connect has become our flagship program, offering people living with a neuromuscular condition, and their families, a supportive place to stay connected, informed and have a laugh with new friends and old.

Peer Connect groups ensure that participants are empowered throughout life stage changes through connecting with others with similar lived experience. Hearing about other people's journey and experiences can make people feel like they are not alone. If others have had success, they feel more confident and motivated to try new things. Peer connection is powerful!

Topics covered throughout the year have included:

- Condition-specific subjects
- Discounts, Bills & Blackouts
- Let's Talk about Sex & Relationships
- MD Life, Love & Loss
- Parenting with MD
- Writers Workshop
- Accessible Housing
- Women's Winter Wellness Workshop
- Innovation Showcase: Assistive Technology
- Getting started with Support Workers
- Black Friday 13th Spooky Trivia
- Looking for Love
- NDIS Tips & Tricks
- Family Fun Night
- Hobbies and activities at home





Peer Connect Retreat

On Friday 21 May, a group of 22 adults living with MD and their partners and carers arrived at a very wet Newcastle Rydges Hotel for the Peer Connect Retreat.

Everyone got to know each other at dinner the first night playing a fun fact guessing game, taking photos and sharing stories.

The next morning, over breakfast, people discussed all kinds of topics, such the challenges of booking accessible tickets to the theatre, safely using accessible public transport, and their experiences in hospital. With so much in common, everyone had a lot to discuss and learn from each other.

It was a beautiful sunny day, so a group of us set out for a long flat drive along the waterfront, stopping and chatting to people and puppies galore! Once we found the 'How's the Serenity?' mural we knew we had to pose for a pic, and somehow roped a couple of guys in muscle tees into our shot. Ah the irony of people without muscle power 'muscling' the body builders into our photoshoot!

For one participant this was her first night away from her Mum in 25 years! Hiring a power wheelchair for the first time ever, she experienced the independence and freedom it offered – we were all so proud of her getting out of her comfort zone and trying new things.

Another group had a lovely time visiting the markets, checking out the sustainable straw stall and everyone bought handcrafted gifts for themselves or others. And then there was all this honking and cheering and what do you know...the Variety Club car rally was in town beeping and waving at us as they streamed by!

That night, everyone decided they wanted to eat together and although it was tricky to find a booking, a lovely dinner was had by all, with some people utilising their chairs power elevation function to reach the bar tables.

Although there were some challenges with ensuring everyone had the exact access features they required, the hotel was very accommodating and even purchased some bed raisers to use when needing to raise guest's beds.

It was a great location to have the Retreat as people got to explore museums, the local scenery and do as much or as little as they liked, and loved the opportunity to deeply connect with others and experience timeout from home and the regular routine. Thanks all for a fantastic weekend. It was great getting to meet so many people and be able to chat about all manner of things not only to do with our problems of managing day to day life. I don't think I could suggest anything better than what we had for the weekend.

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Written by,
Carolyn Campbell-McLean,
Peer Connect Program
Coordinator



Muscular Dystrophy NSW



Retreat 20 May 2019



Neuromuscular Information & Research Day

In November 2020, we held the MDNSW annual Neuromuscular Information and Research Day (NIRD), going virtual and hosting the event on Zoom for the first time. This enabled us to open the event up to almost 70 people from far and wide, some even from interstate!

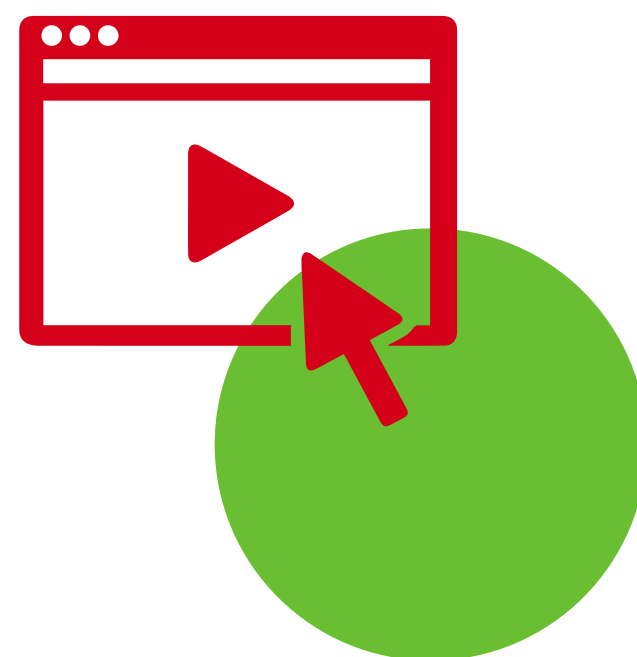
Associate Prof Michelle Farrar kicked off the day with her down to earth approach to gene therapy, followed by our MDNSW PhD scholar Sam Bryden with an insight into her laboratories work in diagnosing rare conditions.

The breakout sessions covered FSHD, SMA and Duchenne, as well as transition to adult healthcare and parenting with MD. It was great to have such informative speakers, both medical professionals and people with valuable lived experience to share.

One of the highlights of the day was the Lived Experience panel which led to some thoughtful conversations about empowerment and independence for people with neuromuscular conditions.

Huge thanks to everyone involved in making this event so successful!

Watch the recordings [HERE](#)

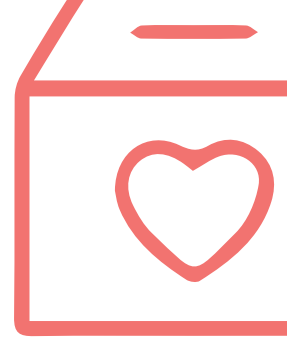


The team at the Kids Neuroscience Centre (part of the Sydney Children's Hospitals Network), invited MDNSW to be the first to participate in their 'Ask A Scientist' initiative, which directly connected our MD community with the team of clinician-researchers and scientists who study and treat neuromuscular conditions that affect children and their families.

The 'Ask A Scientist' segment became a regular feature in our newsletter Talking Point, and answered questions from the community like:

- Q** "What can you tell us about the effectiveness of Exondys 51 for boys and young men with Duchenne, and the chances of it being approved here in Australia?"
- Q** "What is the coolest research project you are currently involved in?"
- Q** "Just wondering if you could shine some light on any research that is going on around the world about LMNA CMD. I had heard over the parents grape vine that there may be a link with a second gene mutation causing muscle regeneration in some patients. Another area of interesting research has been on the progression of heart involvement. My son is now 12 and I am wondering what signs we should be monitoring for that may lead to discovering heart involvement we had not been looking for."
- Q** "Have any robust research studies identified whether Becker Muscular Dystrophy may cause developmental delays in speech/language and other learning difficulties, which may mirror Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), or which may inadvertently lead to misdiagnosis of ASD?"

Donation Box Volunteers



Ever notice the donation boxes on the countertop of your local shops and wondered if loose change really makes a difference? Well since 1994, MDNSW donation boxes across the state have raised over \$770,000 for the neuromuscular community... a little bit really does go a long way!

But those boxes don't fill up by themselves, it takes a team of dedicated volunteers to approach local businesses, nurture relationships and empty the boxes every few months. This would only be possible with the help of volunteers like Robert Murray, who's been driving all over Sydney emptying donation boxes since 2007, when he took inspiration from the then CEO, Rob Ferguson, who used to do the collections from the airport himself.

Robert says, "I have always thought volunteering with the donation boxes was a good and practical way of contributing to the MD community. The thousands of dollars we collect from the boxes go directly to programs coordinated by MDNSW that actually benefit people and families living with MD. It's something I can do that makes a difference in someone's life."

Robert is now mentoring newer volunteers, like Bill McLean, who started helping out with collections in May and has channelled his salesman past into putting 20 new boxes out in the community in the last 6 months alone, and he's keen to put out more!



Bill says, "I just put out boxes in my local community and suburbs that I frequent for errands, so I'm always keeping an eye on the boxes and looking out for new box partners. Since I already go to all these places it's not even out of my way, and it gives me a more personal relationship with people and businesses in my local area which is nice."



Our Partner Hireup

We officially announced our partnership with Hireup in October 2020 and we're so excited to partner with an organisation that shares similar values of working to connect and support our communities, whilst improving outcomes for people with living with a disability.

Hireup is an NDIS registered online platform for people to find, hire and manage support workers who fit their needs and share their interests.

Members of MDNSW can sign-up to Hireup and receive their first 2 hours of support FREE! You can learn more about the partnership and join Hireup by [clicking here](#).

Bill is enthusiastic about more MD members getting involved as donation box volunteers. He says, "If more people were willing to put a few boxes in their neighbourhoods we could quickly and easily be raising money and awareness for the MD community all over Sydney and the state. I wish people knew how easy it is to volunteer like this - so easy and it makes such a big impact with the funds you raise. I'm happy to share my tips and tricks with any new volunteers!"

A huge thank you to Robert, Bill and our other valuable volunteers including Vinh Nguyen, Vicky Diep, Sonia Baxter, Sandra Allen, Rosi Bishop, Robert Forbutt, Leanne Smith, Heather Carney, Fran Stork, Ewan Gemmell, Eleanor Ward, Eleanor Dodd, Debbie Fenech, Bryony Macri and Brian Russell.

Jack's Story

Meet Jack. He's 19, has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy and grew up on a farm in central NSW where he lived with his parents and younger sister.

Jack has written about his 'Escape from the Country' where he talks about achieving his goals for study, independence and living the life he chooses.

"All my schooling was completed at the local central school which I caught the bus to everyday. I graduated high school in 2019. My experiences with living in a regional area with a disability were extremely positive, the support I had received from my family, friends and teacher's aide ensured that I could achieve all I wanted in life.

"Growing up with MD honestly seemed very normal, all my friends included me in everything they did. They knew me before I needed a power chair and they adapted to it with me and always helped me when I needed it. The best thing I could do was to focus on what I could do, not what I couldn't do, and this all helped me to stay positive and ensure that I had a great time growing up.

"I have since moved to Wollongong and am living in the on-campus accommodation at the University of Wollongong (UOW). I am studying Computer Science which is something that I am very passionate about. I live by myself now with a whole team of support workers to assist me with personal care, cooking and daily living activities.

"My interests and passions are researching anything to do with technology, watching sport, playing computer games and hanging out with my family and friends. I have developed an interest in assistive technology and will look to use my knowledge to make more developments in this area.

"I have managed the move very well, as all the support has worked out. The staff at UOW have been extremely accommodating and they have fitted the doors with remote opening so I can access my room independently.

"Since moving to Wollongong, I have also started taking more responsibility for my specialist appointments at the Prince of Wales Hospital, which I attend independently with a support worker.

"In 5 years' time I plan to have had experience in the computer science field and will be looking to build my own company that specialises in creating assistive technology applications that can help people with disabilities in rural areas to live their best life. I think who better to do this than somebody who has experienced it.

"If I only had one thing that I could say to other young people with neuromuscular conditions it would be, focus on what you can do, not what you can't do, then you don't get bogged down with feeling like you're missing out on life. Look to the now and the future, try not to worry about what you were once able to do in the past.

"Work hard towards your life goals and dreams and take advice from others in your position, although everybody's experiences are different. Ensure that you get all the support you need because it is out there, and you should be taking every chance to make things easier for you to complete.

"Work hard towards your life goals and dreams and take advice from others in your position, although everybody's experiences are different"



Celebrating Our Team

This year our team worked together tirelessly to ensure the ongoing rollout of our programs and services to the community. We would not be here without you all and are so grateful for your hard work, dedication and passion for MDNSW – you're all legends!

Our Staff



Charlotte Sangter
Chief Executive Officer



Joan Martin
Client Services Manager



Alicia Ballesty
Communication & Engagement Manager



Angelito Escalada
Finance Manager



Zan Schmidt
Fundraising Manager



Milvia Harder
Operations & Quality Manager



Alex Marshall
NDIS Service Development Manager (as of Aug 2021)



Mitch Taylor
Client Programs Coordinator



Ganesh Kakani
Senior NDIS Support Coordinator



Carolyn Campbell-McLean
Peer Connect Program Coordinator



Jenny Smith
Client Services Administration Support



Chris Hastas
Administration Assistant



Garcia Selina
Finance Officer



Andy Nunn
Donor Programs Coordinator (as of July 2021)



Laura Howard
Client Services Coordinator (as of September 2021)

Our Patron



Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC
Governor of New South Wales

Muscular Dystrophy NSW

Our Board



Anthony Ball
President



Richard Arnheim
Treasurer



Clinical A/Professor Kristi Jones
Medical Director



Kim Brislane
Director



Christina Liang
Director



David Kay
Director



Nathan Teong
Director



Stuart Uhlhorn
Director



Michelle Ball
Director



Laura Sheridan Mouton
Director



Shannon Finch
Director



Tait Jenkins
Director (as of July 2021)



A/Professor Michelle Farrar
Director (as of July 2021)

Our 2020-21 Volunteers and Camp Carers

Adventure Camp Carers

Alicia, Allan
Charli, Pham
Cindy, Octhaliany
Corey, Wright
Dalena, Pangna
Izzi, Harman
Jim, Anthopoulos
Joshua, Dransfield

Kate, Creighton
Oscar, Cavalletto
Sharon, Nguyen
Tayla, Campedelli
Tej, Kehal
Tiarne, Hughes
Vanessa, Kouch
Kate, Creighton

Young Adults Weekend

April, Le
Emily, Bulkeley
Izzi, Harman
Rayyan, Azam
Samantha, Roots
Tej, Kehal



A Tribute to Michael Reid

29/08/1991 – 15/10/2012

When Michael suddenly passed away he was happy and in a pretty good place. He had a great 21st birthday; a couple of parties, and a holiday cruise with family and friends. He was doing transition to work, had a good bunch of friends, playing Boccia, and volunteering though Tax Help.

His life was not fully shaped by his disability, but the world that had to cater for a person with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) in a regional area was very challenging. Services were at least two hours away, doctors could be totally ignorant of the condition. The hospital was placing him, a young disabled man, in children's or older people wards, or wanting to send him home, as it was easier.

Michael could be a little dour at times but he could laugh and see the humour in most things. One time, when he was in the hospital emergency department, his parents decided to surprise him. We closed the curtains and you could see the concern on his face, but he broke out into laughter soon after and pretty much forgot his troubles once we mooned him.

At the time of his passing, Michael had received one of the Supported Living Fund packages.

In many ways, it was a precursor to the NDIS and we all were able to see the way forward to a more independent life. He and family set up a Circle of Support with some great people who were looking to give this young man a great step up into the world. He had been offered a purposely designed house and he was doing lots of things for his independence, such as finding out what technology offered for person with DMD.

He loved car racing, especially the Bathurst 1000. He'd set up for the day with food and drink in front of the TV and be enthralled for the whole day. Besides that, he liked to cook and try new foods (although the staples of life were chocolate, cheese, bacon & chorizo!), watch movies, cricket, listen to his music, but never of his own generation. Michael could tend to be an old man, but I think that may have been due to his struggle to ask for help and speak up for himself. At his passing, he seemed to be more at ease with all the things a young man needed to do and was realising his capabilities to deal with life.

**Submitted by Dave Reid,
Michael's father**

A Tribute to Ricky Camilleri

17/05/1967 – 12/01/2016

“Do not cry for me because I am gone, smile for me because I have lived”.

Sadly on the 12th January 2016, we lost another DMD warrior Ricky Camilleri. Ricky was an incredible 47 years old, perhaps one of the oldest people with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy in NSW, if not Australia! As you can imagine Ricky was resilient beyond belief, remarkably strong in mind and spirit.

Ricky led a full and interesting life despite his physical limitations. He had played Push and Power wheelchair sports for many years, and was a proud member of the Northcott Eagles back in the day. He had studied history at Macquarie University and was a mad soccer

and St George Dragons fan, attending the Sydney Olympics soccer final with his mate Danny Campbell-McLean in 2000.

One of Rick's most passionate interests was his fascination for medieval stories such as Lord of the Rings and he had an awesome collection of swords, castles and fantasy memorabilia. Rick was interested in the world and was a true and humble gentleman, always asking about how others were going.

On 22nd January Ricky was surrounded by his loving family and friends as we bid him a final farewell at his funeral. We can only imagine the reunion that is happening with his brother Danny Camilleri, who passed away at age 21. With all of the boys together again, I am sure the wheelchair footy and hockey matches are fierce!

Sending our love and condolences to Ricky's incredibly strong and loving family.

Submitted by Carolyn Campbell-Mclean

Losing a loved one with muscular dystrophy can leave you feeling lost and disconnected from the MD community that may have once felt so close. We want you to know that you and your lost loved one will always be a part of our community and that their memory will live on in the hearts and minds of us all, through our In Memoriam page. If you would like to submit a tribute, please visit www.mdns.org.au/in-memoriam



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Financial Report
For the Year Ended 30 June 2021

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2021. In order to comply with the provisions of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act), the directors report as follows:

Directors

The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

Mr. Richard Arnheim	
Dr. Kristi Jones	Resigned on 20 April 2021
Mr. Tait Royce Jenkins	Appointed 15 th June 2021
Ms. Kim Brislane	
Dr. Christina Liang	
Mr. David Kay	
Mr Anthony Ball	
Mr. Nathan Teong	
Mr. Stuart Uhlhorn	
Ms. Michelle Ball	
Ms. Laura Sheridan Mouton	
Dr. Michelle Anne Er	Appointed 15 th June 2021

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the company during the financial year was the provision of care and assistance to people with muscular dystrophy and the furtherance of research into muscular dystrophy.

Review of Operations

During the year, the entity continued to engage in its principal activity, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

The net current year surplus of the entity for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 amounted to \$351,175 (2020: \$224,372).

Short-term and Long-term Objectives

The company's short-term objectives are to:

- Work towards a national collaboration with other State based Muscular Dystrophy Associations around Australia
- Continue to evolve MDNSW's client services and programs for the National Disability Insurance Scheme
- Provide high quality services and programs that MDNSW clients select as part of their NDIS packages
- Continue to provide the Duke of Edinburgh's Award for young people with a neuromuscular condition in NSW
- Ensure MDNSW's website and communication continues to and places increased emphasis on providing specialist information and connection to the lived experience and stories of people living with a neuromuscular condition
- Implement the 9th year of the MDNSW PhD scholarship
- Implement the annual NSW Kids in Need and Sugar Free September campaigns to increase regular income and raise awareness.

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The company's long-term objectives are to:

- Position MDNSW as the leading whole of life provider of choice of specialised services and expert information for people affected by neuromuscular conditions
- Raise MDNSW profile across NSW, as the provider of choice
- Ensure a strong governance and continuous improvement culture
- Attract and retain employees of high calibre in a safe and productive work environment
- Fund a substantial increase in information, services, training and events
- Fund research towards improving well-being, treatment and a cure
- Ensure MDNSW remains focused on the National Disability Insurance Scheme and stays current and up to date with all information that is available
- Ensure we build continuous improvements within our internal processes to remain compliant with the National Disability Insurance Scheme Practice Standards.

Strategies

To achieve these objectives, the entity will be considering the following strategies:

- Implementation of the 3-year Strategic Plan and annual Business Plan
- Increased profile through technology, social media and digital mediums
- Focus on the major fundraising strategies per annum
- Continual review of all services to ensure they fit within the changing requirements of the National Disability Insurance Scheme
- Production of all rebranded marketing materials and business collateral, updating of website and social media platforms to ensure a consistent and recognisable look.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Information on Directors

<i>Name, qualifications and independence status</i>	<i>Experience, special responsibilities and other directorships</i>
Mr Anthony Ball <i>President</i>	President, Muscular Dystrophy Association of NSW General Manager, Government and Industry Relations ANZ/APAC, Aristocrat Leisure. Director, Gaming Technologies Association Director since August 2017
Clinical A/Professor Kristi Jones MB BS Phd FRACP, CG (HGSA) <i>Medical Director</i>	Clinical Genetics/Paediatric Specialist Director since April 2006
Mr. Tait Royce Jenkins BCom (ProfAccg)	Treasurer, Boccia Australia since June 2017 Analyst, KPMG-Audit Assurance & Risk Consulting Director since June 2021
Mr. Richard Arnheim BCom CA <i>Treasurer</i>	Member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia & New Zealand Authorised Representative and Principal of Shadforth Financial Group Director since April 2012
Ms. Kim Brislane	Director of Fundraising, ADRI 2020 Brand & Communication Advisor and Consultant since 2014 Ambassador of the Duke of Edinburgh Award in Australia Founder 'Power Suit' supporting women suffering DV Founder, Readhead.com.au Director since 2014
Dr. Christina Liang MBBS, BSc (Med), FRACP, PhD	2010 Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians Director since 2014
Mr David Kay	Director- Health, Ageing and Human Services at KPMG Non-Executive Director of Muscular Dystrophy Foundation Australia Non-Executive Director of Accessible Arts Director since July 2017
Ms Michelle Ball	Director of Wheelchair Sports Australia Regional Executive APAC L&LD, D&I and Head of HR Australia & Senior Vice President Head of HR Australia at Bank of America Meryl Lynch Director since December 2018
Nathan Teong BCom, GradDipAppFin	Parent of George who lives with a neuromuscular condition. Director since February 2018
Stuart Uhlhorn	Fellow CPA Australia, Fellow AICD, retired company executive Director Owl Solutions (business consultants), Director since May 2018
Laura Sheridan Mouton BA (Hons) JD GAICD FGIA	Group Director, Legal & Commercial Affairs at The iQ Group Global Director of Lithgow Aged Care Limited Director since July 2020
Dr. Michelle Anne Er	Associate Professor in Pediatric Neurology, UNSW Specialist Child Neurologist, Sydney Children's Hospital Director since June 2021

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Meeting of Directors

During the financial year, 6 meetings of directors were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

	<i>Number eligible to attend</i>	<i>Number attended</i>
Mr. Anthony Ball	6	6
Dr. Kristi Jones	5	1
Mr. Richard Arnheim	6	6
Mr. Tait Jenkins	1	1
Ms. Kim Brislane	6	4
Dr. Christina Liang	6	6
Mr David Kay	6	4
Ms. Michelle Ball	6	6
Mr Nathan Teong	6	6
Mr Stuart Uhlhorn	6	6
Ms. Laura Sheridan Mouton	6	6
Dr. Michelle Ann Er	1	1

Company Limited by Guarantee

The company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$20 towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company. At 30 June 2021, the total amount the members of the company are liable to contribute if the company wound up is \$41,720.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

As required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, a copy of the auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2021 has been received and can be found attached to this report.

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

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Anthony Ball
President

Dated this: 25 October 2021

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Richard Arnheim
Treasurer



Directors
 Jane Perry FCA
 Phillip N. McCarthy FCA
 Brad Druitt CA
 Thomas P. McCarthy CA

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
 UNDER S 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001
 TO THE DIRECTORS OF
 MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

In accordance with section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001, we are pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Muscular Dystrophy Association of New South Wales.

As the lead audit partner for the audit of the financial report of Muscular Dystrophy Association of New South Wales for the year ended 30 June 2021, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Name of Firm: MCCARTHY SALKELD
 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Name of Partner:


 Jane Perry FCA

Address: Ground Floor, Suite 3
 410 Church Street
 North Parramatta NSW 2151

Dated this 27th day of October 2021

**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES
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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
REVENUE			
Revenue from donations and special events	2	590,517	549,272
Other Income	2	908,648	964,834
Appeal and special event expenses		(38,302)	(35,915)
Client service provision expenses		(892,471)	(941,444)
Administration expenses		(248,685)	(245,151)
Depreciation & Amortisation expenses	3	(24,541)	(23,726)
Other expenses	3	(42,995)	(39,000)
Profit (loss) before financing income (cost)		252,171	228,870
Financial income (loss)		99,004	(4,498)
Net Financial Income	4	99,004	(4,498)
Profit (loss) for the year		351,175	224,372
Total comprehensive income for the year		351,175	224,372
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Profit (loss) attributable to:			
Members of the company		351,175	224,372
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
Members of the company		351,175	224,372

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,524,918	1,159,890
Trade and other receivables	6	22,219	12,448
Financial assets	7	415,289	323,295
Other assets	8	58,883	56,303
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		2,021,309	1,551,936
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	9	25,926	29,988
Right of use assets	11	24,574	31,595
Intangible Assets	10	8,903	11,567
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		59,403	73,150
TOTAL ASSETS		2,080,713	1,625,086
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	12	70,051	102,522
Short-term provisions	13	96,573	68,475
Other liabilities	14	304,633	146,671
Lease liabilities	15	6,867	6,592
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		478,125	324,260
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Long-term provisions	13	13,730	21,201
Other liabilities	14	47,116	82,192
Lease liabilities	15	18,450	25,317
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		79,297	128,710
TOTAL LIABILITIES		557,422	452,970
NET ASSETS		1,523,291	1,172,116
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		1,523,291	1,172,116
TOTAL EQUITY		1,523,291	1,172,116

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES OF EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR 30 JUNE 2021

	Retained Earnings	Total
Balance at 30 June 2019	947,744	947,744
Profit (Loss) attributable to members of the company	224,372	224,372
Balance at 30 June 2020	1,172,116	1,172,116
Profit (Loss) attributable to members of the company	351,175	351,175
Balance at 30 June 2021	1,523,291	1,523,291

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Notes	Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)
		2021 \$	2020 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from donations, subscriptions and government agencies		1,483,277	1,489,246
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1 117,392)	(1,542,165)
Interest received		3,636	17,843
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	16	369,521	(35,076)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(10,793)	(46,305)
Purchase of intangibles		-	(11,340)
Trust Distribution		12,892	11,444
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		(2,099)	(46,201)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of lease liability		(6,592)	31,909
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(6,592)	31,909
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		365,028	(49,368)
Cash at beginning of financial year		1,159,890	1,209,258
Cash at end of financial year	5	1,524,918	1,159,890

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

Muscular Dystrophy Association of New South Wales applies Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements as set out in AASB 1053: Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and its regulations. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Accounting Policies

a) Income Tax

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

b) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost as indicated, less where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised either in the profit or loss or as a revaluation decrease if the impairment losses relate to a revalued asset. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to Note 1f) for details of impairment).

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, including buildings, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

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

Class of fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Plant and Equipment	10.00 – 50.00%
Motor Vehicles	8.33 – 12.50%
Leasehold Improvements	33.33%
Right of Use Asset	20.00%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

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Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

b) Property, Plant and Equipment (continued)

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

c) Intangibles

The organisation has developed two online portals to generate donations. The portals are initially recognised at cost. These portals will be amortised for five years and are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and impairment losses.

The directors will assess impairment for any intangibles on annual basis and make the required adjustments based on reliable evidence.

d) Leases

The Entity as lessee

At inception of a contract, the entity assesses if the contract contains or is a lease. If there is a lease present, a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability is recognised by the entity where the entity is a lessee. However all contracts that are classified as short-term leases (lease with remaining lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets are recognised as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Initially the lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments still to be paid at commencement date. The lease payments are discounted at the interest rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the entity uses the incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are as follows:

- fixed lease payments less any lease incentives;
- variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate, initially measured using the index or rate at the commencement date;
- the amount expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees;
- the exercise price of purchase options, if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options;
- lease payments under extension options if lessee is reasonably certain to exercise the options; and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the exercise of an option to terminate the lease.

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability as mentioned above, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date as well as any initial direct costs. The subsequent measurement of the right-of-use assets is at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated over the lease term or useful life of the underlying asset whichever is the shortest. Where a lease transfers ownership of the underlying asset or the cost of the right-of-use asset reflects that the entity anticipates to exercise a purchase option, the specific asset is depreciated over the useful life of the underlying asset.

Concessionary Leases

For leases that have significantly below-market terms and conditions principally to enable the entity to further its objectives (commonly known as peppercorn/concessionary leases), the entity has adopted the temporary relief under AASB 2018-8 and measures the right of use assets at cost on initial recognition.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

e) Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the company commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transactions costs, except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss', in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit and loss immediately.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at either fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest rate method or cost. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Amortised cost is calculated as: (i) the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition; (ii) less principal repayments; (iii) plus or minus the cumulative amortisation of the difference, if any, between the amount initially recognised and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest rate method; and (iv) less any reduction for impairment.

The effective interest rate method is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying value with a consequential recognition of an income or expense in profit or loss.

(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss

Financial assets are classified at 'fair value through profit or loss' when they are either held for trading for the purpose of short term profit taking, derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid an accounting mismatch or enable performance evaluation where a group of financial assets is managed by key management personnel on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying value being included in profit or loss.

(ii) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost

(iii) Financial liabilities

Non derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Fair Value

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

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Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

e) Financial Instruments (continued)

Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the company assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. Impairment losses are recognised in the profit and loss.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expire or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are either discharged, cancelled or expire. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

f) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying amounts 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 asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Where the future economic benefits of the asset are not primarily dependent upon the asset's ability to generate net cash inflows and when the entity would, if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of an asset.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of a class of asset, the entity estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Where an impairment loss on a revalued asset is identified, this is debited against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that same class of asset.

g) Employee Benefits

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the entity's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries, annual leave and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled, plus related on-costs.

The entity's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as part of current trade and other payables in the statement of financial position.

Other long-term employee benefits

The entity classifies employees' long service leave and annual leave entitlements as other long-term employee benefits as they are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Provision is made for the entity's obligation for other long-term employee benefits, which are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on high quality corporate bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any re-measurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur.

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Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

g) Employee Benefits (continued)

The entity's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current liabilities in its statement of financial position, except where the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current liabilities.

h) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at reporting date.

i) Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

j) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities, which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

k) Revenue

Revenue recognition

Operating Grants, Donations and Bequests

When the entity receives operating grant revenue, donations or bequests, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance to AASB 15.

When both these conditions are satisfied, the entity:

- identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant
- recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement
- recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

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Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

k) Revenue (continued)

Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the entity:

- recognises the asset received in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards (for example AASB 9, AASB 16, AASB 116 and AASB 138);
- recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions, revenue or contract liability arising from a contract with a customer); and
- recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the related amount.

If a contract liability is recognised as a related amount above, the entity recognises income in profit or loss when or as it satisfies its obligations under the contract.

Membership subscriptions revenue comprises revenue from membership fees derived and relating to the financial year.

Donations are recognised as revenue when received.

General Bequests up to \$10,000 are recognised as revenue in full when received.

General Bequests more than \$10,000 are recognised as income equally over five financial years commencing with the financial year of initial receipt of funds and apportioned on a monthly basis depending on timing of receipt.

In April 2017, the accounting policy was changed and approved by the board, to recognise any bequest income received to be amortised over three years instead of five years which had been the previous policy. However, all bequests receipted prior to this date, would remain on the preceding policy.

This policy allows for financial planning and budgeting of expenditures for on-going programs.

The timing of receipt and amounts of bequests is highly irregular and appropriately are expended over a five/three-year period providing significant security over the medium term.

Specific or tagged bequests are recognised as income when the appropriate program or research expenses as approved by the board are incurred.

Revenue for fundraising events is recognised in the year in which the event is held.

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to customers.

Other revenue is recognised when the right to receive the revenue has been established.

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

l) Finance Costs

Finance costs are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred.

m) Training and Development

Training and development costs are expensed as they are incurred.

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Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

n) Prepaid Membership Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in June of the current financial year but relating to the following financial year are deemed prepaid..

o) Comparative Figures

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

p) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

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

Key estimates

- i) Plant & Equipment*
As indicated in note 1(b), the company reviews the useful life of plant and equipment on an annual basis.
- ii) Intangible Assets*
As indicated in note 1(c), the company reviews the useful life of intangible assets on an annual basis.
- iii) Employee benefits*
For the purpose of measurement, AASB 119: Employee Benefits defines obligations for short-term employee benefits as obligations expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. As the entity expects that all of its employees would use all of their annual leave entitlements earned during a reporting period before 12 months after the end of the reporting period, the entity believes that obligations for annual leave entitlements satisfy the definition of short-term employee benefits and, therefore, can be measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid to employees when the obligations are settled.

Key judgements

- i) Performance obligations under AASB 15*
To identify a performance obligation under AASB 15, the promise must be sufficiently specific to be able to determine when the obligation is satisfied. Management exercises judgement to determine whether the promise is sufficiently specific by taking into account any conditions specified in the arrangement, explicit or implicit, regarding the promised goods or services. In making this assessment, management includes the nature/ type, cost/ value, quantity and the period of transfer related to the goods or services promised.
- ii) Lease term and Option to Extend Under AASB 16*
The lease term is defined as the non-cancellable period of a lease together with both periods covered by an option to extend the lease if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise that option; and also periods covered by an option to terminate the lease if the lessee is reasonably certain not to exercise that option. The options that are reasonably going to be exercised is a key management judgement that the entity will make. The entity determines the likelihood to exercise the options on a lease-by-lease basis looking at various factors such as which assets are strategic and which are key to future strategy of the entity.

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Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

q) Economic Dependence

The company is dependent on donations, bequests and special events for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report the Board of Directors has no reason to believe these revenue sources will not continue to support the company.

r) New and Amended Accounting Policies Not Yet Adopted by the Entity

AASB 1060

The AASB has issued AASB1060: General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities. AASB 1060 defines the disclosure requirements for Tier 2 general purpose financial statements, as defined by Australian Accounting Standards, and serves as a replacement for the existing Reduced Disclosure Regime.

AASB 1060 may be early-adopted and is mandatory for periods beginning on or after 1 July 2021 (and is mandatory for the Company's 30 June 2022 year-end).

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Note 2: Revenue	Note	2021	2020
		\$	\$
Revenue			
Special Events		260,486	136,176
Donations		193,438	197,702
Non-government Grants		39,609	45,888
Bequests		96,984	169,506
Total revenue		590,517	549,272
Other Income			
Membership fees		2,201	3,396
Grants received			
Government Grants		317,551	494,940
JobKeeper		230,250	60,000
Cash Flow Boost		51,728	48,272
Other Income		306,918	358,226
Total other income		908,648	964,834
Total revenue and other income		1,499,165	1,514,106

Note 3: Profit/Loss for the year

The surplus for the year includes the following specific expenses:

Depreciation and Amortisation		
Plant & Equipment	7,195	7,100
Motor Vehicles	6,860	8,637
Leasehold Amortisation	2,664	2,725
Intangibles Amortisation Expense	800	1,753
Right of Use Assets	7,021	3,511
	24,541	23,726
Other expenses		
Scholarship Grants	42,995	39,000
	42,995	39,000

Note 4: Net Financial Income

Financial income		
Interest income	3,636	17,843
Distributions – managed funds	12,892	11,444
Imputation credits – managed funds	3,373	4,116
Changes in fair value – managed funds	79,102	(37,900)
	99,004	(4,498)
Financial costs		
Net financing income/ (cost)	99,004	(4,498)

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Note 5: Cash and cash equivalents	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Current			
Cash on hand		551	396
Cash at bank		322,873	350,569
Cash on deposit		1,201,494	808,925
		<u>1,524,918</u>	<u>1,159,890</u>
Note 6: Trade and other receivables			
Current			
Trade receivables		22,219	12,448
Other receivables		69	-
		<u>12,288</u>	<u>12,448</u>
Note 7: Financial assets			
Current			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	7(a)	415,289	323,295
		<u>415,289</u>	<u>323,295</u>
(a) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss			
Held for trading Australian managed fund units		415,289	323,295
Securities in managed funds held for trading purposes to generate income through the receipt of distributions and capital gains.			
Note 8: Other Assets			
Current			
Other		6,589	14,037
Prepayments		28,616	22,634
Accrued Income		23,677	19,632
		<u>58,883</u>	<u>56,303</u>

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Note 9: Property, plant and equipment	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Plant and equipment – at cost		59,662	48,462
Add: Purchases		10,794	11,200
Less: Disposals		(2,863)	-
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(49,168)	(44,035)
Total plant and equipment		<u>18,425</u>	<u>15,627</u>
Motor vehicles – at cost		89,784	89,784
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(82,283)	(75,423)
Total motor vehicles		<u>7,501</u>	<u>14,361</u>
Leasehold Improvement – at cost		8,175	8,175
Less: Leasehold amortisation		(8,175)	(8,175)
Total leasehold improvements		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total property, plant and equipment		<u>25,926</u>	<u>29,988</u>

Movements in carrying amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Plant and Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Leasehold Improvement	Equipment Leased	Total
2021					
Balance at the beginning of the year	15,627	14,361	-	31,595	61,583
Depreciation / amortisation expense	(7,996)	(6,860)	-	(7,021)	(21,877)
Purchase of asset	10,794	-	-	-	10,794
Carrying amount at the end of year	<u>18,425</u>	<u>7,501</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,574</u>	<u>50,500</u>

Note 10: Intangibles

Intangibles – at cost	11,567	1,980
Add: Purchases	-	13,320
Less: Disposals	-	(1,980)
Less: Amortisation	(2,664)	(1,753)
Total Intangible Assets	<u>8,903</u>	<u>11,567</u>

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Note 11: Right of Use Assets

Right of use assets

The entity's lease portfolio includes equipment. This lease has an average of 5 years as its lease term.

1. Options to extend or terminate

The option to extend or terminate are contained in the equipment lease agreement. These clauses provide the entity opportunities to manage leases in order to align with its strategies. All of the extension or termination options are only exercisable by the entity. The extension options or termination options which were probable to be exercised have been included in the calculation of the Right of use asset.

i) AASB 16 related amounts recognised in the balance sheet

	2021 \$
Right of use assets	
Leased Equipment	35,106
Accumulated depreciation	(10,532)
Total Right of use asset	24,574
Movements in carrying amounts:	
Leased Equipment	
Opening net carrying amount	35,106
Depreciation expense	(10,532)
Net Carrying Amount	24,574

ii) AASB 16 related amounts recognised in the statement of profit or loss

	2021 \$
Depreciation Charge related to right-of-use assets	7,021
Interest expense on lease liabilities	1,159

Note 12: Trade and Other Payables

Current

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Trade payables	11,524	8,128
Accrued expenses	10,000	52,480
Credit Cards	2,947	1,808
Net GST	758	(2,478)
PAYG Withholding	13,004	9,046
Superannuation liability	4,116	5,675
Other Payables	27,703	27,863
	70,051	102,522

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	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Note 13: Provisions			
Current			
Annual leave liability		72,449	68,475
Time off in lieu liability		11,787	-
Long service leave liability		12,336	-
		96,573	68,475

Non-current

Long service leave liability	13,730	21,201
	13,730	21,201

Note 14: Other Liabilities

Current

Grant and retreat income in advance	-	5,929
Bequest income received in advance	35,076	53,985
Research bequest income received in advance	8,500	51,000
Other income in advance	261,057	35,757
	304,633	146,671

Non-current

NEWS fund held	41,623	41,623
Bequest income received in advance	5,494	40,569
	47,116	82,192

Note 15: Capital and leasing commitments

Operating Lease Commitments

Non-cancellable operating lease rentals are payable as follows:

Less than one year	6,867	6,592
Between one and five years	18,450	25,317
Minimum lease payments	25,317	31,909

The entity entered an agreement in November 2019 for equipment lease for a Fuji Xerox Printer over a period of 60 months. The lease expires at the end of December 2024.

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Note 16: Cash flows information	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Reconciliation of cash flows from operations		
Operating result	351,175	224,372
Trust Distribution	(12,892)	(11,444)
Non-cash flows in profit		
Depreciation and amortisation	24,541	23,726
Unrealised (gain)/loss from investments	(91,994)	26,456
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase)/decrease in other current assets	(5,983)	16,665
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(2,322)	(17,905)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	90,415	(270,312)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	20,627	(27,008)
Increase/(decrease) in accrued income	(4,046)	374
	<u>369,521</u>	<u>(35,076)</u>

Note 17: Events after the Statement of Financial Position date

Other than the following, the directors are not aware of any significant events since the end of the reporting period.

The entity has considered the impact of COVID-19 and have determined that there are no adjustments required to the 2021 financial statements. Given the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 an estimate of its financial effect cannot be made.

In the opinion of the directors, there are no other matters that have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of Muscular Dystrophy Association of New South Wales, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs in future financial years.

Note 18: Related Party Transactions

a. Key Management Personnel

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the company, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) is considered key management personnel.

Short-term benefits

Salary and wages	144,847	138,652
Superannuation	13,760	13,131
	<u>158,607</u>	<u>151,783</u>

Long-term benefits

Employee benefits	9,454	7,150
Total compensation	<u>168,061</u>	<u>158,933</u>

b. Other Related Parties

Other related parties include close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or jointly controlled by those key management personnel, individually or collectively with their close family members.

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other persons unless otherwise stated.

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Note 19: Financial risk management

General objectives, policies and processes

In common with all businesses, the Company is exposed to risks that arise from its use of financial instruments. This note describes the Company's objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks and the methods used to measure them. Further quantitative information in respect of those risks is presented throughout those financial statements.

There have been no substantive changes in the Company's exposure to financial instrument risks, the objectives, policies and processes for managing those risks or the methods used to measure them from previous periods unless otherwise stated in this note.

The Board has overall responsibility for the determination of the Company's risk management objectives and policies. The Company's management policies and objectives are therefore designed to minimise potential impacts of these risks on the results of the Company where such impacts may be material. The Board receives reports from the Management through which it reviews the effectiveness of the process put in place and the appropriateness of the objectives and policies it sets.

The overall objective of the Board is to set policies that seek to reduce risk as far as possible.

The Company's financial instrument consists mainly of cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, trade and other receivables, trade and other payables and lease liabilities.

The carrying amounts for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 9: *Financial Instruments* as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	Note	2021	2020
		\$	\$
Financial Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	1,524,918	1,159,890
Financial assets at fair value – Held for trading	7(a)	415,289	323,295
Trade and other receivables	6	22,288	12,448
		<u>1,962,496</u>	<u>1,495,633</u>
Financial Liabilities			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost – trade and other payables	12	70,051	102,522
Lease liabilities	15	25,317	31,909
		<u>95,368</u>	<u>134,431</u>

Note 20: Fundraising appeals conducted

Fundraising appeals conducted during the financial year included mail appeals, raffles and various other sundry fundraising projects and general receiving of indirectly solicited donations and bequests

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
i) Results of fundraising appeals		
Gross proceeds from fundraising appeals	590,517	549,272
Less: Direct costs of fundraising appeals	(38,302)	(35,915)
Net surplus obtained from fundraising appeals	<u>552,215</u>	<u>513,357</u>
ii) Application of net surplus obtained from fundraising appeals		
Distributions (expenditure on direct services)	892,471	941,444
Administration expenses	248,685	245,151
	<u>1,141,156</u>	<u>1,186,595</u>
Net Fundraising Appeal Deficit after application of Funds	<u>(588,941)</u>	<u>(673,238)</u>
iii) Deficit transferred to retained earnings	<u>(588,941)</u>	<u>(673,238)</u>

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Note 21: Fundraising appeals conducted (continued)	2021 \$	2021 %	2020 \$	2020 %
iv) Comparisons of certain monetary figures and percentages				
Total cost of fundraising	38,302	6.48	35,915	6.54
Gross proceeds from fundraising	590,517		549,272	
Net surplus from fundraising	552,215	93.51	513,357	93.46
Gross proceeds from fundraising	590,517		549,272	
Total costs of services	892,471	71.56	941,444	73.25
Total expenditure	1,246,994		1,285,236	
Total costs of services	892,471	59.53	941,444	62.15
Total income received	1,499,165		1,514,806	

Note 22: Contingent Assets or Liabilities

The directors have determined that there are no contingent assets or liabilities except for the following:

At year-end, there was a change in accounting policy in relation to the recognition and measurement of time off in lieu entitlement derived by employees during the year. The previous accounting treatment had been to disclose the balance of time off in lieu entitlement (2020: \$761) as a contingent liability due to the materiality of the balance. In the current year, due to the change of accounting policy, the above entitlement has been allocated to short-term provisions in the balance sheet as per note 13.

The comparative has not been adjusted due to the non-material impact on the financial statements in the prior year. Management and the Board continue to monitor this entitlement on a progressive basis.

Note 23: Directors Remuneration

No director received any remuneration from the Company during the year.

Note 24: Entity Details

The principal place of business of the entity is:

Muscular Dystrophy NSW
Studdy MS Centre
80 Betty Cuthbert Drive
LIDCOMBE NSW 2141

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DECLARATION BY CEO IN RESPECT OF FUNDRAISING APPEALS

I, Charlotte Sangster, CEO of Muscular Dystrophy Association of New South Wales, declare that in my opinion:

- (a) the financial report gives a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of the company with respect to fundraising appeal activities for the financial year ended 30 June 2021;
- (b) the statement of financial position sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs with respect to fundraising appeal activities as at 30 June 2021;
- (c) the provisions of the Charitable Fundraising (NSW) Act 1991 and Regulations under the Act and the conditions attached to the authority have been complied with during the year ended 30 June 2021;
- (d) the internal controls exercised by the company are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the company from any of its fundraising appeals.

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Charlotte Sangster
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CHARLOTTE SANGSTER
CEO

Dated this 25 day of October 2021

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Muscular Dystrophy Association of New South Wales, the directors of the registered entity declare that, in the directors' opinion:

- 1) The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 6 to 25, satisfy the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and:
 - a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirement applicable to the entity; and
 - b) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the registered entity as at 30 June 2021 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The declaration is signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

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Anthony Ball

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DIRECTOR

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TREASURER

Dated this 25 day of October 2021



Directors

Jane Perry FCA
Phillip N. McCarthy FCA
Brad Drutt CA
Thomas P. McCarthy CA

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Muscular Dystrophy Association of New South Wales (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, 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 Directors' Declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Muscular Dystrophy Association of New South Wales has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (the ACNC Act), including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to the following:

1. Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose;

2. The impact of COVID-19 pandemic on economic activity globally, combined with the uncertainties it has generated in Australia, has created operational challenges for the Company. At the date of signing this financial report, the directors have considered the potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Company's financial position and have determined that no material adjustments are required to be disclosed in the financial report for the year ended 30th June 2021; and

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3. Collections and fundraising income amounting to \$5,426 for the Company for the 2021 financial year. It is not always possible for the Company to establish controls over the collection of all sources of fundraising income prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to fundraising and donation income had to be restricted to amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion whether the collections and fundraising income of the Company is complete.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of the above matters.

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

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2021, 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 Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the ACNC Act and for such internal control as the directors determine 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 directors are responsible for assessing the Company'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 directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

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As part of an audit in accordance with the 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 Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' 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 Company'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 Company 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 directors 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.

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Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In addition, our audit report has also been prepared for the members of the Company in accordance with Section 24(2) of *Charitable Fundraising (NSW) Act 1991*. Accordingly, we have performed additional work beyond that which is performed in our capacity as auditors pursuant to the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. These additional procedures included obtaining an understanding of the internal control structure for the fundraising appeal activities and examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting compliance with the accounting and associated record keeping requirements for fundraising appeal activities pursuant to the *Charitable Fundraising (NSW) Act 1991* and Regulations.

It should be noted that the accounting records and data relied upon for reporting on fundraising appeal activities are not continuously audited and do not necessarily reflect after the event accounting adjustments and the normal year-end financial adjustments for such matters as accruals, provisioning and valuations necessary for year-end financial report preparation.

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

Dated this 27th day of October 2021 at North Parramatta

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