



**14th Annual Report
and
2005-06 Annual General Meeting**



Wednesday 27th September 2006

Telehealth Studios

**Launceston General Hospital
Royal Hobart Hospital
North West Regional Hospital**

Agenda

14th Annual General Meeting

7.30pm Wednesday 27th September 2006
Telehealth Studios

1. **Opening**
2. **Apologies**
3. **Previous Minutes**
 - 3.1 Minutes of 2005 Annual General Meeting
 - 3.2 Motion for adoption of Minutes
4. **Financial Reports**
 - 4.1 Income & Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet
 - 4.2 Motion for adoption of Audited Financial Statements
5. **President's Report**
 - 5.1 Summary of Annual Report
 - 5.2 Motion for adoption of Annual Report
6. **Election of Office Bearers**
 - 6.1 President
 - 6.2 Vice President
 - 6.3 Committee (4 positions)
 - 6.4 Vote of thanks to the outgoing Committee
 - 6.5 First committee meeting date
7. **Appointment of Auditor**
 - 7.1 Nominations/recommendations
 - 7.2 Motion to appoint the Auditor
8. **Special Business**
 - 9.1 Alteration to the Constitution [Clause 4.2] – removing reference to the logo and the method of changing it.
10. **Close**

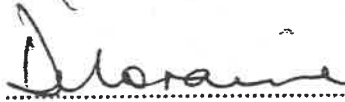
Public Officer's Report

I, Michael Richard Clark being the Public Officer of Autism Tasmania Inc., do solemnly and sincerely declare that the accompanying Statements of Assets and Liabilities (Balance Sheet) and Income and Expenditure as at 30 June 2006, exhibit a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation as at that date and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information therein is correct.

Signed:
Mick Clark
Public Officer

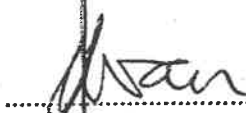


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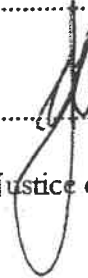

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Justice of the Peace



Report to Members

We hereby certify that the accompanying Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure of Autism Tasmania Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2005 shows the true financial position and reflects the true results of the financial operations of Autism Tasmania Inc. for that period.

Dated this th 24 day of September 2006

R. Ward

Signed:
Ros Ward
President

Signed:
Neil Gardner
Treasurer



Signed:
Mick Clark
Secretary and Public Officer

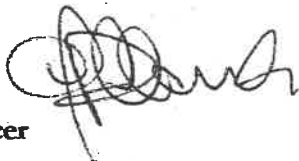
Listing of Office Bearers & Committee Members

Name	Position	Address	Occupation	Resigned	Meetings Attended
Mrs Roslyn Rae WARD	President	3 Grand View Place NORWOOD 7250	Teacher		8
Mrs Penelope Anne CROMARTY	Vice President	26 Broadview Crescent TREVALLYN 7250	Company Director		9
Dr Andrew Neil DAVIES	Vice President	10 Kenyon Street NEWSTEAD 7250	University Lecturer		10
Mr Michael Richard CLARK	Secretary	4 Hiller Street DEVONPORT 7310	Organisational Development Consultant		11
Mr Neil Herbert GARDNER	Treasurer	6 Howley Court HOWRAH 7018	Retired		8
Ms Sue BROWN	Committee Member	LAUNCESTON 7250	Speech Pathologist		7
Mr Peter HATTERS	Committee Member	81 Franklin Street WESTBURY 7303	Employment Consultant		10
Mrs Rosemary RUSH	Committee Member	48 Drysdale Avenue KINGSTON 7050	Home Duties	15 March 2006	3
Ms Debra MANSER	Committee Member	25 Flamenco Circle GLENORCHY 7010	Home Duties	31 March 2006	2

We hereby certify that this list of Office Bearers and Committee Members of Autism Tasmania Inc. is a true and accurate list of the Office Bearers and Committee Members of Autism Tasmania Inc. as at the 30 June 2006

Dated this day 24 of September 2006

Signed:
Mick Clark
Public Officer



Signed:
Ros Ward
President

R. Ward

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James S. Gibson – F.P.N.A.

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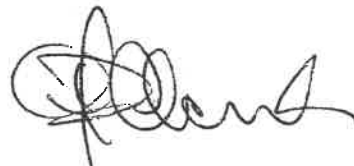
List of Members

We hereby certify that the List of Financial Members of Autism Tasmania Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2006 shows the complete list of 106 ~~financial~~ members of Autism Tasmania Inc. as at that date.

Dated this day 24th of September 2006

R. Ward

Signed:
Ros Ward
President



Signed:
Mick Clark
Secretary

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
via links of the Telehealth Studios - Royal Hobart & Launceston General Hospitals
7.30pm, Wednesday, 28th September 2005

Meeting opened (after technical difficulties) at 7.55pm

Present: Ros Ward (in the chair), Cheryl Scott (minutes), Penny Cromarty, Peter Hatters, Sue Brown, Andrew Davies, Debbie Sauerwald in Launceston. Rosemary Rush, Neil & Louise Gardner, Debb Manser in Hobart. By phone: Mick & Rose Clark, Bill Cromarty, Robyn Lake, Karen Rawnsley

Apologies: John & Jenny Dent

Minutes

Minutes were tabled of the 2004 Annual General Meeting.

Moved Peter Hatters & seconded Penny Cromarty that the minutes be passed as a true and correct record. Carried

It was noted that a motion carried last year to increase the membership was not enacted. It was resolved to deal with this motion at the end of this meeting

Treasurer's Report

Prepared and tabled by Neil Gardner. Neil stated that although we were in surplus this year that the next 3-4 months could see that change. He plans to plan a 12 month budget for 2006

It was moved by Neil Gardner & seconded Mick Clark that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried

President's Report

Prepared and tabled by Ros Ward and will be distributed to phone attendees.

Election of Office Bearers

The President conducted the election of office bearers.

Vice President:

There was one written nomination received. Penny Cromarty was nominated by Bill Cromarty/ seconded Ros Ward. Penny was declared duly elected.

Secretary:

There was one written nomination received. Mick Clark was nominated by Ros Ward/ seconded Peter Hatters. Mick was declared duly elected.

Treasurer:

There was one written nomination received. Neil Gardner was nominated by Ros Ward/ seconded Louise Gardner. Neil was declared duly elected.

Committee Members:

There was one written nomination received. Peter Hatters was nominated by Julie Hatters/ seconded Mick Clark. Peter was declared duly elected.

From the floor, Ros Ward nominated and Mick Clark seconded Sue Brown. Sue was declared elected.

A casual vacancy for a Vice President remains, caused by the appointment of Mick Clark as Secretary.

Ros Ward thanked outgoing committee members for their contribution over the last year. She thanked outgoing Secretary, Cheryl Scott for her work especially in producing the Newsletter and Bulletins. Cheryl indicated that she is willing to continue to assist in the production of AT publications.

It was agreed to hold the first meeting for the new committee on Wed 5th October at 7.15pm.

Appointment of Auditor

Neil Gardner moved and Penny Cromarty seconded that James S Gibson be appointed as the Auditor for Autism Tasmania. Carried

General Business

It was moved Mick Clark and seconded Penny Cromarty that the motion passed at last year's AGM to increase membership fees be rescinded. Carried

Note of explanation:

Last year's motion did not take into effect the additional cost of GST borne by Autism Tasmania and had not been put into effect.

There was further discussion about the figures to be set for the membership fees, in particular the Concessional rate.

It was moved by Mick Clark and seconded Neil Gardner that the membership fee be set at \$25.00 plus GST (\$2.50) - total \$27.50 and that the concessional rate be set at \$10.00 plus GST (\$1.00) - total \$11.00. Carried

Penny asked the meeting to note the technical difficulties of the meeting and asked that it be followed up with Telehealth.

Ros thanked everyone for their attendance and forbearance

The Meeting closed at 8.15pm

AUTISM TASMANIA INCORPORATED

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the financial and other records of Autism Tasmania Inc. for the year ended 30th June 2006 and have obtained the information required by me. My audit was conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards.

The attached statement, in my opinion, represents a true and fair view of the state of the Incorporation as at 30th June 2006 and the results for the year ended on that date, according to the information at my disposal and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the books of the Incorporation.

The rules relating to the administration of the Incorporation have been properly observed.


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JAMES S. GIBSON - F.P.N.A. Auditor

15/09/2006

AUTISM TASMANIA INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2006

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Button Sales	-	1,515
Commonwealth Respite for Carers	-	11,853
Donations	2,404	1,998
Fundraising	19,217	33,599
Grant	12,794	33,912
Interest	933	1,698
Membership	3,245	1,936
Professional Training	-	345
Seminar/Conference Fees	3,426	17,413
Sundry	<u>146</u>	<u>-</u>
	42,165	104,269
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Annual Return	47	51
Autism Week	-	360
Bank Fees	97	258
Commonwealth Respite for Carers	-	4,386
Executive Officer	-	1,200
Fundraising	14,583	26,405
Insurance - Public Liability	-	3,170
Library Books	57	263
Meeting Expenses	306	434
Conference	337	16,759
Seminar Expenses	2,339	115
Sundries		
Admin Fees	197	-
Advertising	572	888
Auditing	600	350
Autism Council	418	194
IP Australia	-	273
IT Cost	12	1,919
Miscellaneous	163	-
Newsletter	483	150
Subscriptions	692	-
Support Worker	33,427	20,464
Telephone, Postage & Stationery	2,281	3,328
Travel & Accommodation	<u>2,401</u>	<u>12,215</u>
	59,012	93,182
<u>(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR YEAR</u>	<u>\$(16,847)</u>	<u>\$11,087</u>

THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO AND SHOULD BE READ
WITH THE ATTACHED AUDITORS REPORT

AUTISM TASMANIA INCORPORATED

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30TH JUNE, 2006

	2006	2005
<u>ACCUMULATED INCOME</u>		
Balance brought forward	42,897	31,810
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	<u>(16,847)</u>	<u>11,087</u>
	<u>\$26,050</u>	<u>\$42,897</u>
 <u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>		
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Island State Credit Union	31,919	43,755
Debtors	5,004	8,544
ATO BAS	<u>19</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$36,942</u>	<u>\$52,299</u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Trade Creditors	10,892	8,298
GST Net Balance	-	361
Creditor ATO	<u>-</u>	<u>743</u>
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	<u>10,892</u>	<u>9,402</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	<u>\$26,050</u>	<u>\$42,897</u>

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AUTISM TASMANIA 2006

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the 14th Annual General Meeting of Autism Tasmania Inc. This year has been one of consolidation and I begin by thanking Rose Clark, for her commitment to the position of Family Support Coordinator and for her work with the many families throughout Tasmania who have sought her assistance. Rose is employed on a part time basis and I wish to acknowledge the enormous contribution she makes to the organisation.

Members seek support in a variety of ways; by accessing information and resources, attending support groups, seminars or conferences or by seeking assistance with advocacy. Support groups continue to meet on a semi-regular basis, mostly with Rose in attendance. Guest speakers are welcomed, with a view to those present accessing information that is current and of interest. A specific support group for people with Asperger Syndrome is operating successfully in Hobart and Rose is keen to establish similar groups in the north. With funding from the Communities for Children Program, Rose is also providing specific support to families in the East Tamar region, and in particular the George Town area. Membership of the organisation remains constant, despite an increase in the numbers of children being diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder each year. Membership is made up of families, individuals and organisations throughout the state.

Rose has also taken on a much greater role in ASD training and has given presentations to both education and health providers, and employment agencies. Rose was again invited to attend the Brunei Autism Conference recently, and presented three papers at the conference. She also organised successful visits to the state by Deanne Michaels and Wendy Lawson which were well received by the autism community.

Some time ago Giant Steps generously offered Autism Tasmania the use of a room in the centre which has recently received alterations and refurbishment. This room is now pleasant to use, functional and is becoming the administrative centre of Autism Tasmania. A small library of books is located here, after many attempts at operating the library in a variety of ways. Books have been catalogued and a system for borrowing and returning books developed. New books are also being added on a regular basis. Membership data will also be maintained from the office in the near future and this will bring to fruition a long term plan to move such administrative functions out of committee member's homes and operate from a central point.

Late in 2004 Autism Tasmania was awarded a grant from the Tasmanian Community fund to develop a project titled "Families Supporting Families". Unfortunately several things have come together to delay this project and as a result a consultant has been engaged to complete the project during the latter part of this year.

Thank you to Michael Ferguson MHR who has generously assisted with photocopying the newsletter this year. As administrative procedures improve, we anticipate being able to email the newsletter to those members who wish to receive

the newsletter in this manner. The website is also finally under redevelopment and a new server engaged. Contact telephone numbers and email addresses have been updated and further improvements will be made in the near future. Unfortunately committee involvement in National Autism Awareness Week was rather quiet this year, although some support groups took on organising events in their areas.

The financial viability of the organisation remains a constant concern for Autism Tasmania. The Tasmanian Government does not provide any funding and we are constantly seeking avenues to continue operation of the organisation. Our association with National Foods continued throughout the past year and required us to assist with the selling of Pura Milk at the Hobart Show and Agfest. Thank you to the many volunteers who assisted with this successful activity and in particular Mick Clark.

To conclude I wish to thank the committee of Autism Tasmania for their hard work throughout the year. Thankyou especially to executive members Penny Cromarty, Mick Clark and Neil Gardner who have worked continuously throughout the year to develop systems that will stand the organisation in good stead in future years. Thank you also to Andrew Davies, Peter Hatters and Sue Brown for their contribution and commitment. We have also been well supported behind the scenes by David Savil, Louise Davies, Cheryl Scott and Geraldine Robertson and I thank them for their contribution. It was with much sadness that Rosemary Rush resigned during the year for family reasons. For the past ten years Ro made an enormous contribution to Autism Tasmania and to promoting the needs of those with ASD in the wider community and I thank her for her valuable contribution.

Ros Ward (Mrs)
President