Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)

(A company limited by guarantee)

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Directors' report

The Directors present their report together with the financial report of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) for the year ended 31 December 2018 and the auditors' report thereon.

As defined in section 205-30 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 the Directors referred to in these financial statements are Aspect's Responsible Entities for the purposes of that Act.

Directors

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

Julie Hamblin

- Chair of the Board
- Julie Hamblin B.A., LL.B (Hons) (Syd), LL.M (McGill), GAICD, has worked for more than 25 years as a lawyer and policy consultant in health law, clinical risk, disability and international development. A former partner of HWL Ebsworth, she has served on numerous government and non-government advisory bodies in the areas of health, medical research and clinical risk, including international work with United Nations agencies on HIV policy. Julie is Deputy Chair of Plan International Australia and a member of the Australian Research Integrity Committee. She joined the Aspect Board in April 2010 and is a Member of the Finance, People & Audit Committee, the Governance Committee and the Strategy Committee. Julie is a Member-elected Director.

Henry Capra

- Deputy Chair of the Board & Honorary Treasurer
- Henry Capra B.Ec., ACA, has more than 27 years of senior management and finance experience in the financial services industry. He is currently a non-executive director of Suncorp Portfolio Services Limited, CBHS Corporate Health Limited and Millinium Capital Managers Limited. He has held senior positions at JP Morgan, Blackrock, AMP Capital, Colonial First State Investments, BNP Paribas Asset Management and Barclays Global Investors after commencing his career with chartered accountants KPMG. Henry joined the Aspect Board in December 2010 and chairs the Finance, People &Audit Committee. Henry is a Member-elected Director.

Robert J. Brown

- Director
- Robert Brown GAICD, B.Sc., M.A. (Applied Mathematics), Grad. Dip. Applied Finance, is the founder of management consultancy firm Alford Brown & Associates, and also executive officer of the Australian Custodial Services Association. Rob has previously held senior executive roles with HSBC, Westpac, the Commonwealth Bank and State Street Bank. He is experienced in the governance of not-for-profit organisations, and has a personal interest in special education and the needs of children with learning difficulties. Rob joined the Board in June 2008, formerly held the position of Honorary Treasurer, and is a member of the Fundraising & Communicatons Committee. Rob is a Board appointed Director.

Annette Gallard

- Director

- Annette Gallard PSM, B. Soc. Stud., M. Comm, has more than 20 years' experience as a senior executive in the NSW Public Service in both the Housing and Community Services Portfolios. She retired from the position of Chief Executive of the NSW Department of Community Services in 2011 and has since focused on assisting the not-for-profit sector as a Board Member. She was awarded the Public Service Medal in 2012 for services to disadvantaged communities particularly Aboriginal people. Annette joined the Board in March, 2014 and is the Chair of the Governance Committee, Chair of the Fundraising & Communications Committee and a member of the Strategy Committee. Annette is a Member-elected Director.

Laurie Horin

- Director

- Laurie Horin B.Bus., FCA, F Fin, has more than 25 years' experience in professional accounting, corporate and investment management, and investment banking. Laurie has worked extensively in Australia, the USA and South East Asia. He was an executive director of Carlisle Partners, a corporate advisory firm specialising in mergers and acquisitions, debt and equity funding for mid-market companies. He was also a board member of a number of client companies. Laurie joined the Board in September, 2012, is Chair of the Strategy Committee and a member of the Finance, People & Audit Committee. Laurie is a Member-elected Director.

Ian Joseph

- Director (resigned 29 May, 2018)
- Ian Joseph B.Bus., Grad Dip Ed, FAMI, AFAIM, is a private banking and finance industry consultant and a former Chair of the Agribusiness Council of Australia. He was formerly Head of Strategy Service and Sales with Regional and Agribusiness Banking at the Commonwealth Bank. Ian and his family care for his sister who is on the spectrum. Ian joined the Board in March, 2011, and was a member of the Strategy Committee and the Fundraising and Communications Committee. Ian was a Member-elected Director.

Paul Khoury

- Director (appointed 23 March 2018)
- Paul Khoury B.Sc, GD Ed, MA, GD App Finance, SF Fin, GAICD is the CEO of Link Fund Solutions, a Board member of St Patrick's College Strathfield and consultant to the financial services industry specialising in business strategy, governance and operations transformation. Previously, he held senior roles in the areas of investment management, operations management and actuarial consulting for a number of domestic and international investment managers and industry service providers including State Street Corporation, Focus IM, Hambros Hopkins, GIO, MIRA Consultants and IFA Australia. Paul was appointed to the Board to fill a casual vacancy in March 2018. He is a member of the Finance, People & Audit Committee and the Strategy Committee. Paul is a Member-elected Director.

Marielle Latour

- Director (appointed 31 October 2018)
- Marielle Latour, B.Ec, Exec MBA, GAICD, has over 30 years' experience within the financial services industry. She is currently a non-executive director of CBHS Health Fund Limited and CBHS Corporate Health Fund Pty Ltd. Her previous board directorships include My Credit Union Limited and the Australian Handball Federation. Her professional experience is in consulting, marketing and distribution, stakeholder management and managing businesses. She has held senior executive positions at Colonial Group, Commonwealth Bank, TAL and a start-up business. Marielle was appointed to a casual vacancy on the Board in August 2018 and is a member of the Strategy Committee and the Fundraising & Communications Committee.

Pamela Rutledge

- Director (appointed on 23 March 2018)
- Pamela (Pam) Rutledge BA Dip Social Work, MAICD, FIPAA, has over 40 years' experience managing and leading complex health, community services and mental health services. Pam was the Executive Officer of the Richmond Inquiry, which influenced the delivery of services for people with a mental illness and those with a developmental disability. Pam had extensive experience in senior roles in the NSW government, including health, housing, and ageing and disability. In 2009 Pam became CEO and Company Secretary of Richmond Fellowship of NSW and then CEO of the merged Flourish Australia (RichmondPRA Ltd), a role she retired from in 2017. Pam was appointed to the Board to fill a casual vacancy in March 2018. She is a member of the Strategy Committee and the Fundraising & Communications Committee. Pam is a Member-elected Director.

Paul Stevenson

- Director (resigned 30 May 2018)
- Paul Stevenson was the Acting Chief Marketing Officer and Customer Segmentation lead for Prospa Advance Ltd. He was previously Qantas Airlines Group Head of Customer Insight. Before that Paul has held senior roles in Foxtel, Vodafone and Virgin Media in the UK. Paul has a son on the autism spectrum. Paul was appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy in September 2017 and was a Member of the Fundraising & Communications Committee and the Strategy Committee.

Paul Vevers

- Director (appointed 1 August 2018)
- Paul Vevers PSM, GAICD, BA (Hons), CQSW, Dip Management Studies is a Deputy Secretary at the Department of Family and Community Services where he manages three of the Department's Districts which provide child protection, out of home care and public housing services and coordinates the management of public housing tenancies across NSW. Paul worked for one year as a group parent in a Rudolph Steiner home in Switzerland before embarking on a career in child protection in London, UK. He subsequently worked for Fujitsu UK (ICL) and then joined the UK Audit Commission. Since 2000, Paul has worked in various regional management roles in the then Housing NSW and now in the Department of Family and Community Services. Paul was appointed to a casual vacancy on the Board in August 2018 and is a member of the Governance Committee and the Strategy Committee.

Jeanie Young

- **Director** (resigned 22 August 2018)
- Jeanie (Jenny) Young B.Bus., FAICD, leads the Technology, Media & Entertainment and Telecommunications segment, and is a Customer Advisory Partner at Ernst & Young. She was formerly Executive Director, NBN Transition at Telstra Corporation Limited. Jenny has held senior marketing positions for Unilever, Lion Nathan, Pepsi and Telstra, and has worked in New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Australia. Jenny has a son on the autism spectrum. She joined the Board in March 2010 and at the time of her resignation was the Chair of the Fundraising and Communications Committee and a member of the Governance Committee. Jenny formerly held the positions of Chair of the Board and then Immediate Past Chair. Jenny was a Member-elected Director.

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

Meetings of the Directors in 2018

	Directors' Meetings		2 22 To	1 1 80 11 1	Strategy Committee		Governance Committee		Fundraising & Communications Committee	
	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held	No. of meetings attended	No. of meetings held						
Ms J Hamblin	7	7	9	10	3	4	3	3		
Ms J Young	5	5					3	3	2	2
Mr H Capra	7	7	10	10						
Mr R Brown	4	7	4	4					1	1
Ms A Gallard	6	7			3	4	3	3	2	2
Mr L Horin	7	7	8	10	3	4				
Mr I Joseph	2	3			2	2			1	1
Ms M Latour	1	2			0	0			1	1
Mr P Khoury	5	5	7	7					11	1
Ms P Ruteledge	5	5			3	3			1	2
Mr P Stevenson	2	3			0	2			1	1
Mr P Vevers	3	3			1	1	0	1		

Company secretary

Adrian Ford, who is also the Chief Executive Officer, held the position of Company Secretary at the end of the financial year:

Name and Qualifications Mr Adrian Ford FAICD, B. Soc.Stud Appointment date: 2000

Principal activities

The principal activities of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) are to provide a range of services to children, young people and adults on the autism spectrum that are person-centred, family-focused and customer-driven. These include customer engagement services, diagnostic and assessment services, therapy services (speech pathology, occupational therapy and psychology) including behaviour support programs, educational services for school-aged children to prepare them for transition to environments that are not autism-specific, short term accommodation services, individually-funded and block-funded programs for children, young people and adults in response to their individual needs, strengths and capabilities. A range of support services are provided to families of people on the spectrum. As well the provision of workshops, training and consultation to other professionals and parents in ways of working

with people on the spectrum continues as does Aspect's research program. There were no significant changes in the nature of its activities during the year.

Short- and long-term objectives

Aspect's long-term objective or vision is the best opportunities for people on the autism spectrum. It does this through its mission by working with people of all ages on the autism spectrum, delivering evidence-informed solutions that are person-centred, family-focused and customer-driven.

Its short-term objectives for the next three years are:

- 1. Engage people on the autism spectrum in Aspect's governance, research, service planning and service delivery;
- 2. Innovate and deliver high quality autism-specific person-centred services;;
- 3. Extend Aspect's capabilities and reach nationally, and
- 4. Be a knowledge leader in autism practice.

Strategies for achieving those objectives

Aspect's strategies for achieving these objectives include:

- achieve its point of difference in service delivery through the Aspect-wide implementation of the Aspect Comprehensive Approach with autism-specific person-centred practice at its centre;
- continue to engage with people on the spectrum at all levels of the organisation including
 through the Aspect Advisory Council comprising people on the spectrum who advise the
 Board and Executive on governance, strategy and risk and through the co-production of
 research with people on the spectrum;
- continue to focus on growth opportunities in both education and disability nationally under the ongoing education funding reforms and the rollout of the NDIS;
- consolidate its position as knowledge leader for services and supports that work for people on the spectrum and their families;
- encourage supporters to continue to donate to Aspect; and
- attract the best people to work at Aspect, and aim for high levels of engagement and staff retention.

The Board continuously reviews the entity's performance against these strategic objectives using a set of key performance indicators which include indicators on service performance, funding from government and fundraising, human resource management and financial performance.

Financial result

The surplus for 2018 was \$6,549,961 (2017: surplus \$3,947,890).

Review of operations

Government grants continued to provide the major operational income for Aspect, supported by fundraising and contribution by clients' families for some of the services through a fee for service charge. Income from these three sources increased in 2018 to \$102,882,603 compared with \$91,400,190 in 2017. This represents 98.1% of Aspect's total income.

Contribution on winding up

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 entity. At 31 December 2018, the total amount that members of the company would have been liable to contribute if the company was wound up was \$2,960 (2017: \$3,500).

Significant changes in state of afairs

In the opinion of the directors, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of Aspect that occurred during the financial year under review not otherwise disclosed in the report or the financial statements.

Events after the reporting date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors of Aspect to affect significantly the operations of Aspect, the results of the operations, or the state of affairs of Aspect, in subsequent financial years.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 for the year ended 31 December 2018 has been received and can be found on page 10 of the financial report.

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

Julie Hamblin

Chair of the Board

Dated this 22nd day of March 2019 at Sydney



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Auditor's Independence Declaration

To the Directors of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, as lead auditor for the audit of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) for the year ended 31 December 2018, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd Chartered Accountants

C F Farley

Partner - Audit & Assurance

Sydney, 22 March 2019

Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2018

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
Revenue from rendering of services Federal/state grants and salary subsidies Fundraising Other revenue	_	9,532,689 88,419,375 4,930,539 1,999,771	11,170,479 75,244,799 4,984,912 2,518,868
Total Income	3 _	104,882,374	93,919,058
Employee expenses Transportation costs Insurance expense Depreciation and amortisation expenses Finance costs Services Other expenses from ordinary activities	4 4 -	(79,102,145) (2,884,194) (1,358,180) (1,340,474) (43,015) (5,100,963) (8,503,442)	(73,393,981) (2,749,572) (1,207,759) (1,190,328) (46,907) (3,898,944) (7,483,677)
Total Expenses	_	(98,332,413)	(89,971,168)
Surplus for the year	_	6,549,961	3,947,890
Other comprehensive income Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments Net gain/(loss) on sale of investments Other comprehensive income for the year		(403,795) (46,115) (449,910)	215,589 83,455 299,044
Total comprehensive income for the year	_	6,100,051	4,246,934

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of financial position

As at 31 December 2018

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
Current assets	6	25,900,915	25 651 200
Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables	7	25,900,915 745,103	25,651,289 603,149
Other financial assets	8	303,974	529,078
Other assets	9	1,765,210	1,392,541
Total current assets		28,715,202	28,176,057
Non-current assets			
Other financial assets	8	4,092,606	4,226,946
Property, plant and equipment	10	20,504,626	19,060,353
Total non-current assets		24,597,232	23,287,299
Total assets		53,312,434	51,463,356
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	7,033,595	12,272,185
Short term borrowings	12	108,915	109,246
Short term provisions	13	9,167,480	8,182,900
Total current liabilities		16,309,990	20,564,331
Non-current liabilities			
Long term borrowings	12	860,318	969,636
Long term provisions	13	2,140,481	2,027,795
Total non-current liabilities		3,000,799	2,997,431
Total liabilities		19,310,789	23,561,762
Net assets		34,001,645	27,901,594
Equity			,
Asset revaluation reserve	14	(242,715)	161,080
Asset realisation reserve	14	(835,335)	(789,220)
Accumulated surplus		35,079,695	28,529,734
Total equity		34,001,645	27,901,594

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 December 2018

	Asset Asset Revaluation Realisation Reserve Reserve		Retained Earnings	Total	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Balance at 1 January 2017	(54,509)	(872,675)	24,581,844	23,654,660	
Surplus for the year	-	-	3,947,890	3,947,890	
Total other comprehensive income for the year	215,589	83,455	-	299,044	
Balance at 31 December 2017	161,080	(789,220)	28,529,734	27,901,594	
Surplus for the year	· -	-	6,549,961	6,549,961	
Total other comprehensive income for the year	(403,795)	(46,115)	-	(449,910)	
Balance at 31 December 2018	(242,715)	(835,335)	35,079,695	34,001,645	

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December 2018

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash flows from operating activities Receipts from customers and grants Payments to suppliers and employees Interest received Dividend received Interest paid		99,055,360 (96,630,703) 780,355 304,170 (43,015)	91,597,611 (87,965,872) 632,397 148,365 (46,907)
Net cash provided by operating activities		3,466,167	4,365,594
Cash flows from investing activities Proceeds on disposal of investments Payments for investments Purchase of property, plant and equipment		48,492 (315,570) (3,064,918)	1,099,403 (391,277) (2,065,099)
Net cash used in investing activities	,	(3,331,996)	(1,356,973)
Cash flows from financing activities Repayment of borrowings		(109,649)	(105,757)
Net cash used in financing activities		(109,649)	(105,757)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held		24,522	2,902,864
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		26,180,367	23,277,503
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	6	26,204,889	26,180,367

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2018

1 General information and statement of compliance

The financial report includes the financial statements and notes of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect).

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. Aspect is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 (including comparatives) were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors (who are Aspect's Responsible Entities under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*) on 22 March 2019.

2 Statement of significant accounting policies Changes in accounting policies

There have been no changes to the accounting policies applied by the company during the reporting period.

New and revised accounting standards that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018

A number of new and revised standards became effective for the first time for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. There was no material impact on the financial statements as the changes are largely clarifications of existing requirements.

Summary of accounting policies

The significant accounting policies that have been used in the preparation of these financial statements are summarised below.

The financial statements have been prepared using the measurement bases specified by Australian Accounting Standards for each type of asset, liability, income and expense. The measurement bases are more fully described in the accounting policies below.

All amounts are presented in Australian dollars which is Aspect's functional and presentation currency, unless otherwise noted.

a. Income tax

Under Section 50-1 and 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, the income of Aspect is exempt from income tax.

b. Property, plant and equipment

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

Property

Freehold land and buildings purchased are recorded at cost.

Freehold land and buildings that have been donated, are valued at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired, in accordance with the requirements of AASB 1004: Contributions.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

Property and equipment are reviewed each year for impairment or whenever events or changes in business circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the assets may not be recoverable. Impairment losses are recognised if expected future cash flows from the assets are less than their carrying values.

Plant and equipment that have been donated are valued at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired, in accordance with the requirements of AASB 1004: Contributions.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straightline basis over the useful life to Aspect commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the improvement.

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

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rate
Buildings	2.5%
Building with demountable classrooms	10%
Leasehold improvements	10%
Plant and equipment	20-33%
Library	10%
Software	20-33%
Land	Nil

Residual values and useful lives of assets are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

The carrying amount of an asset is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the carrying amount is greater than the estimated recoverable amount.

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 or loss and other comprehensive income. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

c. Leases

Operating leases

Where the company is a lessee, payments on operating lease agreements are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Associated costs, such as maintenance and insurance, are expensed as incurred.

d. Financial assets

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial instruments, incorporating financial assets and financial liabilities, are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial instruments are classified and measured as set out below.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial assets measured at amortised cost

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

Aspect early adopted AASB 9 Financial Instruments in 2010 and therefore all investments form part of Aspect's investment portfolio and have been classified as available for sale financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income.

Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are taken directly to equity (into the asset revaluation reserve).

Realised gains or losses on the sale of investments are transferred from the asset revaluation reserve into the asset realisation reserve.

Financial liabilities

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

Fair value

Fair value is determined based on current last sale 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.

Impairment of financial assets

AASB 9's impairment requirements use more forward looking information to recognize expected credit losses - the 'expected credit losses (ECL) model'. Instruments within the scope of the new requirements included loans and other debt-type financial assets measured at amortised cost and fair value reported in Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI), trade receivables and loan commitments and some financial guarantee contracts (for the issuer) that are not measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Aspect considers a broader range of information when assessing credit risk and measuring expected credit losses, including past events, current conditions, reasonable and supportable forecasts that affect the expected collectability of the future cash flows of the instrument.

Trade and other receivables

Aspect makes use of a simplified approach in accounting for trade and other receivables and records the loss allowance at the amount equal to the expected lifetime credit losses. In using this practical expedient, Aspect uses its historical experience, external indicators and forward-looking information to calculate the expected credit losses using a provision matrix.

Aspect assess impairment of trade receivables on a collective basis as they possess credit risk characteristics based on the days past due. With the majority of Aspect's trade receivables on payment plans, Aspect only allows 85.52% for amounts that are 90 days past due and writes off fully any amounts that are more than 180 days past due and not on any payment plan.

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 the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

e. Impairment of non-financial assets

At each reporting date, Aspect reviews the carrying values of its tangible 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 to sell or value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

f. Employee benefits

Provision is made for Aspect's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees up to the reporting date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs.

Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits plus related on-costs using a high quality corporate bond rate that represents the period to the expected payment.

Aspect contributes to several contribution superannuation plans. Contributions are charged against income in the period to which they relate.

g. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when Aspect 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.

h. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

i. Revenue and other income

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when goods are provided to entities outside Aspect.

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

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

Grant monies and donations are recognised upon receipt of the monies. Where conditions are attached to the receipt of these monies, revenue is only recognised once these conditions have been fulfilled and the company is assured of control of the funds.

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. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense of an item. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST components of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

k. Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to prepare for their intended use or sale, are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowing costs are expensed in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in the period in which they are incurred.

I. Government grants

A number of the company's programs are supported by grants received from the federal and state governments.

If conditions are attached to a grant which must be satisfied before the company is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue is deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

Where a grant is received on the condition that specified services are delivered to the grantor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction. Revenue is recognised as services are performed during the year.

Revenue from a non-reciprocal grant that is not subject to conditions is recognised when the company obtains control of the funds, economic benefits are probable and the amount can be measured reliably. Where a grant may be required to be repaid if certain conditions are not satisfied, a liability is recognised at the year end to the extent that such conditions remain unsatisfied.

m. Comparative figures

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

n. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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

Key estimates - Impairment

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

Key estimates - Long service leave

Management continue to review the probability factors used to accurately reflect the liability for long service leave for all staff.

The Directors believe that there are no other key estimates or judgements.

3 Revenue from ordinary activities

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School fees	6,458,960	6,145,844
Other fee for service	3,073,729	5,024,635
Federal grants	45,413,927	32,004,621
State grants and subsidies	43,005,448	43,240,178
Donations and bequests	4,930,539	4,984,912
Other revenue	1,999,771	2,518,868
Total revenue from ordinary activities	104,882,374	93,919,058

4 Operating surplus from operating activities

Operating surplus from operating activities has been arrived at after charging the following items:

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Depreciation of: - Freehold buildings - Leasehold buildings - Office machines and equipment - School library - Software	88,278 260,218 391,363 273 164,670	88,278 262,230 349,102 678
Amortisation of: - Leasehold improvements	435,672	490,040
Total depreciation and amortisation	1,340,474	1,190,328
Finance costs - Bank loans and overdraft interest and fees Net bad and doubtful debts expenses including movements in allowance for credit losses	43,015 19,949	46,907 (20,593)

Net expenses from movements in provision for employee		
benefits	3,838,598	3,675,513
Operating lease and other rental payments during the year	1,240,921	1,227,750
Net loss/(gain) on disposal of non-current assets	231,678	(249,403)

5 Taxation

Aspect is a charitable institution and meets the necessary conditions for its income to be exempted from income tax under Sections 50-1 and 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

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	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
Cash at bank		25,897,749	25,641,395
Cash on hand		3,166	9,894
Cash and cash equivalents	_	25,900,915	25,651,289

Reconciliation of Cash

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand, cash at bank and cash equivalents and short-term deposits at call, net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

Cash at bank and on hand	8	25,900,915	25,651,289
Bank term deposits		303,974	529,078
		26,204,889	26,180,367

7 Trade and other receivables

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Fees and government subsidies Less: allowance for credit losses	1,027,061 (298,596)	922,400 (331,489)
	728,465	590,911
Other receivables	16,638	12,238
	745,103	603,149

The company does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single receivable or group of receivables.

At 31 December 2018, the ageing analysis of trade receivables was as follows:

	Total	0-30 days	31-60 days	61-90 days	91+ days
2018	1,027,061	310,099	260,219	107,584	349,159
2017	922,400	385,608	101,971	74,539	360,282

Trade receivables are non-interest bearing loans and generally on 30-day terms. An allowance for credit loss is recognised when there is objective evidence that an individual trade receivable is impaired. A net expense of \$19,949 was recognised in 2018 (2017: reversal of expense of \$20,593).

	2018	2017 \$
Balance at 1 January 2018	331,489	486,240
Charge for the year	19,949	(20,593)
Amounts written off	(52,843)	(134,158)
Balance at 31 December 2018	298,595	331,489

Receivables past due but not considered impaired are:

31-60 days	\$260,219	(2017: \$101,971)
61-90 days	\$107,584	(2017: \$74,539)
91 days and over	\$50,564	(2017: \$28,793)

These receivables relate to fee for service charges for school fees, other fee for service charges and contracted government grants. These receivables are not considered impaired as, based on historic recovery patterns, they are recovered before ageing beyond 120 days.

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			2018 \$	2017 \$
Current Bank term deposits			303,974	529,078
Non-current Available for sale financial assets	s		4,092,606	4,226,946

The available for sale financial assets are Aspect's investment portfolio. They are measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

9 Other assets

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Accrued income Prepayments	1,043,985 721,225	943,502 449.039
	1,765,210	1,392,541

10 Property and equipment

10 Property and equipment		
	2018 \$	2017 \$
Freehold land and buildings – at deemed cost	6,193,461	6,193,461
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(589,683)	(501,405)
	5,603,778	5,692,056
Leasehold buildings – at cost	10,734,921	10,501,200
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(2,923,816)	(2,738,074)
	7,811,105	7,763,126
Leasehold improvements – at cost	7,367,956	7.028,578
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(3,403,304)	(3,297,674)
	3,964,652	3,730,904
Office machines and equipment – at cost	4,931,840	4,548,019
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(3,882,258)	(3,735,722)
	1,049,582	812,297
School library – at cost	26,288	27.873
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(26,287)	(27,494)
	1	379
Software – at cost	2,240,115	1.061.591
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(164,607)	.,
	2,075,508	1,061,591
Total property, plant and equipment	20,504,626	19,060,353
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	Freehold land and buildings (a)	Leasehold buildings	Leasehold improvements	Office machines and equipment	School library	Software	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$. \$	\$
Asset gross carrying	j amount						
Balance at 1 Jan 2018	6,193,461	10,501,200	7,028,578	4,548,019	27,873	1,061,591	29,360,722
Additions	-	356,489	799,614	729,339	, -	1,179,476	3,064,918
Disposals		(122,768)	(460,236)	(345,518)	(1,585)	(952)	(931,059)
Balance at 31 Dec 2018	6,193,461	10,734,921	7,367,956	4,931,840	26,288	2,240,115	31,494,581
Accumulated depred	iation						
Balance at 1 Jan 2018	(501,405)	(2,738,074)	(3,297,674)	(3,735,722)	(27,494)	-	(10,300,369)
Depreciation	(88,278)	(260,218)	(435,672)	(391,363)	(273)	(164,671)	(1,340,475)
Disposals	-	74,476	330,042	244,827	1,480	64	650,889
Balance at 31 Dec 2018	(589,683)	(2,923,816)	(3,403,304)	(3,882,258)	(26,287)	(164,607)	(10,989,955)
Carrying amount 31 December 2018	5,603,778	7,811,105	3,964,652	1,049,582	1	2,075,508	20,504,626

11 Trade and other payables

2018	2017
\$	\$
1,401,362	345,863
2,430,067	2,948,760
-	782,314
3,202,166	7,463,653
7,033,595	12,272,185
2018	2017
\$	\$
108,915	109,246
	\$ 1,401,362 2,430,067 3,202,166 7,033,595 2018 \$

There is one bank loan denominated in Australian dollars. The amount in current liabilities comprises the portion of the bank loan payable within one year. The non-current balance represents the portion of the bank loan not due within one year.

The bank loan with Westpac is secured by first mortgage over Aspect's land at Thornton and Corrimal, as well as the lease at Terrigal and a fixed/floating charge over Aspect's assets. The business loan bears interest at 4.76% (2017: 4.22%) per annum, payable monthly and is expected to be repaid by 2029. The purpose of the loan was to finance the upgrade project of Vern Barnett School.

In addition, interest on the above mentioned loan is partly subsidised by the Department of Education NSW. The rate varies and is currently reimbursed at about 4.15% per annum.

Financing arrangements Aspect has access to the following financial facilities:		
	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Total facilities available:		
Bank overdraft	150,000	150,000
Bank loans	969,233	1,078,882
Facilities utilised at the reporting date: Bank loan	969,233	1,078,882
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13 Provisions		
	2018 \$	2017 \$
Current	Ą	Ψ
Provision for remediation of leasehold properties	145,000	180,000
Provision for long service leave	7,013,593	6,197,682
Provision for annual leave	2,008,887	1,805,218
	9,167,480	8,182,900
Non-current	4 007 005	700 000
Provision for remediation of leasehold properties	1,027,685	760,000
Provision for long service leave	1,112,796	1,267,795
	2,140,481	2,027,795
	11,307,961	10,210,695
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14 Reserves

The asset revaluation reserve records revaluations in available for sale financial assets. The asset realisation reserve records the gain or loss on disposal of financial assets.

15 Commitments and contingencies

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Non-cancellable operating lease expense commitments Future operating lease rentals not provided for in the financial statements and payable:	,	·
Within one year One year or later and not later than five years	1,160,236 1,365,210	1,102,031 1,743,526
	2,525,446	2,845,557

Aspect leases property and equipment under non-cancellable operating leases expiring from 1 to 73 years. Leases generally provide Aspect with a right of renewal at which time all terms are renegotiated.

The company has no contractual commitments for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment.

There are no contingent liabilities that have been incurred by Aspect in relation to 2018 or 2017.

16 Fundraising Appeals conducted during the year

Fundraising appeals conducted during the financial period included mail and telephone appeals, payroll giving, raffles, Celebrity Golf Day, Walk for Autism, merchandise sales, applications to trusts, foundations and registered clubs, donations provided by corporates, community groups and clubs and the general receiving of directly and indirectly solicited donations including gifts in will.

This helps Aspect to create a world where no-one on the autism spectrum is left behind. Money raised supports programs and initiatives not covered by government grants or the NDIS.

In particular this income was used to fund part of the redevelopment of Aspect's schools, resources for Aspect schools, Aspect therapy services, some services for adults on the spectrum, some of the work of the Aspect Research team and work to create an autism friendly Australia.

The cost of raising these funds was 39% (2017: 30%) of the gross revenue received. This included the costs of events, all promotional activity and the payment for all administrative services including salaries.

	2018	2017
Results of fundraising appeals	\$. \$
Community fundraising	1,830,181	1,501,718
Individual giving	1,667,841	1,663,532
Philanthropy	1,262,850	933,583
Bequest	169,667	886,079
Less: Total costs of fundraising appeals	(1,906,689)	(1,508,525)
Net surplus	3,023,850	3,476,387

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

Transactions with key management personnel

Key management within the Company are the members of the Executive. A team of eight staff continued to fulfill the Executive roles.

Key management personnel remuneration includes the following expenses:

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Total key management personnel remuneration	1,800,748	1,723,628

The Board of Directors of Aspect receive no remuneration.

19 **Events subsequent to the reporting date**

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors of Aspect to affect significantly the operations of Aspect, the results of the operations, or the state of affairs of Aspect, in subsequent financial years.

Responsible Entities' declaration

In the opinion of the Responsible Entities of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect):

- a. The financial statements and notes of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:
 - i. giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 31 December 2018 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Requirements (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013, and
- b. There are reasonable grounds to believe that Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

The Responsible Entities are the members of the Board of Directors. This declaration is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Chair of the Board Julie Hamblin

Dated this 22nd day of March 2019

Declaration by Chief Executive Officer in respect of fundraising appeals

Opinion

I, Adrian Ford, Chief Executive Officer of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) declare, in my opinion:

- a the financial statements give a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) with respect to fundraising appeal activities for the financial year ended 31 December 2018;
- b the statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs with respect to fundraising appeal activities as at 31 December 2018;
- c the provisions of the *Charitable Fundraising Act* 1991, the Regulations under that Act and the conditions attached to the authority have been complied with during the period from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018; and
- d the internal controls exercised by Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied from any fundraising appeals.

Adrian Ford

Chief Executive Officer

Dated this 22nd day of March 2019

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)

Report on the audit of the financial report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) (the "Company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018, and the statement of 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 financial report of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect):

- has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 ("ACNC Act"), including:
 - a. giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2018 and of its financial performance for the year then ended;
 - b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards Reduced Disclosure Requirements and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.
- 2. is in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 ("the Act") and the Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2015 (the "Regulation"), including showing a true and fair view of the Company's financial result of fundraising appeals for the year ended 31 December 2018.

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

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Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report 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 is 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.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Report on the requirements of the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the NSW Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2015

We have audited the compliance of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) (the "Company") with the requirements of Section 24(2) of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Our Opinion

In our opinion:

- Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) has properly kept the accounts and associated records during the year ended 31 December 2018 in accordance with the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and NSW Charitable Fundraising Regulations 2015 (section 24(2)(b) of the Act);
- b the Company, has, in all material respects, properly accounted for and applied money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year ended 31 December 2018 in accordance with section 24(2)(c) of the Act; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due over the 12 month period from the date of this report (section 24(2)(d) of the Act).



Responsibilities of the Directors under the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991

The Directors of the Company are responsible for compliance with the requirements and conditions of the NSW Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and NSW Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2015 and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary for compliance with the Act and the Regulation. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control over the conduct of all fundraising appeals; ensuring all assets obtained during, or as a result of, a fundraising appeal are safeguarded and properly accounted for; and maintaining proper books of account and records.

The Directors are also responsible for ensuring the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to form and express an opinion on the Company's compliance, in all material respects, with the requirements of the Act and Regulation, as specified in section 24(2)(b), 24(2)(c) and 24(2)(d) of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with the applicable Standards on Assurance Engagements (ASAE 3100 Compliance Engagements), issued by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. Our audit has been conducted to provide reasonable assurance that Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) has complied with specific requirements of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2015, and whether there are reasonable grounds to believe the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due over the 12 month period from the date of this independent auditor's report (future debts).

Audit procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement. The auditor designs procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and incorporate the audit scope requirements set out in the Act. The audit procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion on compliance of that Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) with the Act and Regulations and its ability to pay future debts. Audit procedures include obtaining an understanding of the internal control structure for fundraising appeal activities and examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the Company's compliance with specific requirements of the Act and Regulation, and assessing the reasonableness and appropriateness of the Company's assessment regarding the Company's ability to pay future debts.

Inherent Limitations

Because of the inherent limitations of any compliance procedures, it is possible that fraud, error or noncompliance may occur and not be detected. An audit is not designed to detect all instances of noncompliance with the requirements of the Act and Regulation, as the audit procedures are not performed continuously throughout the year and are undertaken on a test basis.

Whilst evidence is available to support the Company's ability to pay future debts, such evidence is future orientated and speculative in nature. As a consequence, actual results are likely to be different from the information on which the opinion is based, since anticipated events frequently do not occur as expected or assumed and the variations between the prospective opinion and the actual outcome may be significant.

Grant Thornton Audit Pty Ltd

Chartered Accountants

C F Farley

Partner - Audit & Assurance

Sydney, 22 March 2019