Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect)

(A company limited by guarantee and registered with ACNC)

ABN 12 000 637 267 Financial report for the year ended 31 December 2019

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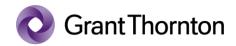
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Auditor's Independence Declaration

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To the Responsible Entities 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 2019, 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

James Winter

Partner - Audit & Assurance

Sydney, 27 March 2020

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Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
Revenue from NDIS and other services Revenue from educational services Fundraising Other revenue	_	24,417,003 78,607,968 6,185,522 1,380,183	18,100,550 79,851,514 4,930,539 1,999,771
Total Income	3 _	110,590,676	104,882,374
Employee expenses Transportation costs Depreciation and amortisation expenses Finance costs Services Other expenses from ordinary activities Total expenses	4 4 4	(84,329,849) (2,190,798) (3,063,943) (247,398) (3,553,839) (7,868,163) (101,253,990)	(80,213,464) (2,884,194) (1,340,474) (43,015) (5,100,963) (8,750,303) (98,332,413)
Surplus for the year	_	9,336,686	6,549,961
Other comprehensive income Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of investments Net gain/(loss) on sale of investments Other comprehensive income / loss for the year	<u>-</u>	606,461 47,337 653,798	(403,795) (46,115) (449,910)
Total comprehensive income for the year	_	9,990,484	6,100,051

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

Statement of financial position

As at 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
Current assets Cash and cash equivalents Trade and other receivables Other financial assets Other assets	5 6 7 8	35,435,825 1,655,563 317,174 1,549,612	24,724,320 745,103 303,974 1,765,210
Total current assets		38,958,174	27,538,607
Non-current assets			
Other financial assets Property, plant and equipment Right of use assets	7 9 10	5,993,822 24,101,520 3,345,432	5,269,201 20,504,626 -
Total non-current assets		33,440,774	25,773,827
Total assets		72,398,948	53,312,434
Current liabilities Trade and other payables Service contract liabilities Short term borrowings Short term provisions Lease liabilities	11 12 13 14	4,354,335 6,915,913 113,280 10,530,141 1,027,553	3,831,429 3,202,166 108,915 9,167,480
Total current liabilities		22,941,222	16,309,990
Non-current liabilities Long term borrowings Long term provisions Lease liabilities	13 14	740,103 2,354,550 2,370,944	860,318 2,140,481 -
Total non-current liabilities		5,465,597	3,000,799
Total liabilities		28,406,819	19,310,789
Net assets		43,992,129	34,001,645
Funds Fair value through OCI reserve Asset realisation reserve Accumulated funds		715,112 - 43,277,017	(242,715) (835,335) 35,079,695
Total funds		43,992,129	34,001,645

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

Statement of changes in funds

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Fair Value Asset Through OCI Realisation Reserve Reserve		Retained Earnings	Total	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Balance at 1 January 2018	161,080	(789,220)	28,529,734	27,901,594	
Surplus for the year Other comprehensive loss for the year	(403,795)	- (46,115)	6,549,961	6,549,961 (449,910)	
Balance at 31 December 2018	(242,715)	(835,335)	35,079,695	34,001,645	
Surplus for the year Other comprehensive income for the	- 606.461	- 47.337	9,336,686	9,336,686 653.798	
year Transfer	351,366	787,998	(1,139,364)	-	
Balance at 31 December 2019	715,112	-	43,277,017	43,992,129	

Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December 2019

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
Cook flows from a granting activities			
Cash flows from operating activities Receipts from customers and grants Payments to suppliers and employees Interest received Dividends received Interest paid		111,834,140 (94,895,757) 716,036 112,130 (243,533)	99,055,360 (96,630,703) 780,355 304,170 (43,015)
Net cash provided by operating activities		17,523,016	3,466,167
Cash flows from investing activities Proceeds on disposal of investments Payments for investments Purchase of property, plant and equipment		81,309 (70,824) (5,551,939)	90,916 (315,570) (3,064,918)
Net cash used in investing activities		(5,541,454)	(3,289,572)
Cash flows from financing activities Repayment of borrowings		(1,256,857)	(109,649)
Net cash used in financing activities	,	(1,256,857)	(109,649)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents held		10,724,705	66,946
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		25,028,294	24,961,348
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	5	35,752,999	25,028,294

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2019

1 Corporate information

Autism Spectrum Australia is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The Company is a not-for-profit entity registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and under the *Charitable Fundraising Act (NSW)* 1991.

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*.

The financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 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 27 March 2020.

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 as 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.

Members 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 entity. At 31 December 2019, the total amount that members of the Company would have been liable to contribute if the Company was wound up was \$2,460 (2018: \$2,960).

Economic dependency

Government funding continues 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 2019 to \$109,210,493 compared with \$102,882,603 in 2018. This represents 98.8% of Aspect's total income.

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 other than as set out below regarding the new accounting standards applicable from 1 January 2019.

New and revised accounting standards that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019

A number of new and revised standards became effective for the first time for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019, as described below.

AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers, AASB 1058 Income of NFP Entities

The Company has adopted AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058 Income of Not for- Profit Entities for the first time in the current year with a date of initial application of years beginning 1 January 2019.

The Company has applied AASB 15 and AASB 1058 using the modified retrospective (cumulative catch-up) method which means the comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under AASB 111 Construction Contracts, AASB 118 Revenue, AASB 1004 Contributions and related interpretations.

The following practical expedients have been applied on transition to AASB 15 and AASB 1058: For contracts modified prior to 1 January 2019, the Company has elected not to restate the contract for the modifications and has instead reflected the aggregate effect of all the modifications that occur before the transition date on 1 January 2019.

There are no material changes to the Company's accounting policies and the impact on the financial report from applying AASB 15 and AASB 1058.

Changes in presentation

There are no material changes in the presentation of the Company's financial statements to align them with the requirements of AASB 15 and AASB 1058.

AASB 16 Leases

Aspect has elected to adopt AASB 16 Leases using the modified retrospective (cumulative catch-up) method from 1 January 2019 and therefore the comparative information for the year ended 31 December 2019 has not been restated and has been prepared in accordance with AASB 117 Leases and associated Accounting Interpretations. The impact of adopting AASB 16 is described below:

Under AASB 117, Aspect assessed whether leases were operating, or finance leases based on its assessment of whether the significant risks and rewards of ownership had been transferred to the lessee or remained with the lessor. Under AASB 16, there is no differentiation between finance and operating leases for the lessee and therefore all leases which meet the definition of a lease are recognised on the statement of financial position (except where an exemption election is used). The leases identified by the Company have been recognised as a right of use asset with a corresponding lease liability on the balance sheet.

Practical expedients used on transition

AASB 16 includes several practical expedients which can be used on transition, the Company has used the following expedients:

- contracts which had previously been assessed as not containing leases under AASB 117 and associated Accounting Interpretations were not re-assessed on transition to AASB 16;
- lease liabilities have been discounted using the Company's incremental borrowing rate at 1 January 2019;
- right of use assets at 1 January 2019 have been measured at an amount equal to the lease liability adjustment by the any prepaid or accrued lease payments;
- a single discount rate was applied to all leases with similar characteristics;
- leases with an expiry date prior to 31 December 2019 were excluded from the statement of financial position and the lease expenses for these leases have been recorded on a straight-line basis over the remaining term; and
- hindsight was used when determining the lease term where the contract contains options to extend or terminate the lease.

Financial report impact of adoption of AASB 16

The Company has recognised right of use assets of \$4,535,640 and lease liabilities of \$4,449,759 at 1 January 2019 for leases previously classified as operating leases.

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.

Land and Buildings

Freehold land and buildings are recorded at cost or deemed cost.

Leasehold property

Leasehold property is recorded at cost and depreciated over the lesser of useful life or the lease period.

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.

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%
Software	20-33%
Land	Nil
Motor Vehicles	20%

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

The Company has leases over buildings, vehicles and office equipment.

Leases accounting policies

At inception of a contract, the Company assesses whether a lease exists – i.e. does the contract convey the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

This involves an assessment of whether:

The contract involves the use of an identified asset – this may be explicitly or implicitly identified within the agreement. If the supplier has a substantive substitution right, then there is no identified asset.

The Company has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the asset throughout the period of use.

The Company has the right to direct the use of the asset i.e. decision-making rights in relation to changing how and for what purpose the asset is used.

At the lease commencement, the Company recognises a right-of-use asset and associated lease liability for the lease term. The lease term includes extension periods where the Company believes it is reasonably certain that the option will be exercised.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises of the lease liability, initial direct costs, prepaid lease payments, estimated cost of removal and restoration less any lease incentives.

The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight-line basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of assets accounting policy. The right-of-use asset is assessed for impairment indicators at each reporting date.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease, however where this cannot be readily determined then the Company's incremental borrowing rate is used.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The lease liability is remeasured whether there is a lease modification, change in estimate of the lease term or index upon which the lease payments are based (e.g. CPI) or a change in the Company's assessment of lease term.

Where the lease liability is remeasured, the right-of-use asset is adjusted to reflect the remeasurement or is recorded in profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

The Company has elected to apply the exceptions to lease accounting for leases of low-value assets. For these leases, the Company recognises the payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Make good provisions

Provisions Costs required to return certain leased premises to their original condition as set out in the lease agreements are recognised as a provision in the financial report. The provision has been calculated as an estimate of future costs and discounted to a present value and is revised on an annual basis.

Since these future costs are based on the Company's past experience with similar premises and estimates of likely restoration costs determined by the Company's management, these estimates may vary from the actual costs incurred as a result of conditions existing at the date the premises are vacated.

d. Financial assets

Initial recognition and measurement

The Company classifies its financial assets into the following categories:

- 1. financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL),
- 2. amortised cost,
- 3. financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)

The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. Management determines the classification of its investments at initial recognition and reevaluates this designation at every reporting date.

Financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs unless they are carried at fair value through profit or loss in which case the transaction costs are recognised in the income statement.

Purchases and sales of investments are recognised on trade-date, the date on which the Company commits to purchase or sell the asset. Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or have been transferred and the Company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership.

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the balance date. The quoted market price used is the current bid price.

The categories of financial assets are:

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term or if so designated by management. Assets in this category are classified as current assets if they are either held for trading or are expected to be realised within 12 months of the Statement of Financial Position date.

After initial recognition they are measured at their fair values. Gains or losses on remeasurement are recognised in the income statement.

Financial assets at amortised cost

Financial assets are measured at amortised cost if the assets meet the following conditions (and are not designated as FVPL or FVOCI): they are held within a business model whose objective is to hold the financial assets and collect its contractual cash flows, the contractual terms of the financial assets give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding. After initial recognition, these are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Discounting is omitted where the effect of discounting is immaterial. The Company's cash and cash equivalents, trade and most other receivables fall into this category of financial instruments as well as long-term deposit that were previously classified as held-to-maturity under AASB 139.

Financial assets classified as fair value through other comprehensive income (previously Available-for-sale financial assets)

Investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading are eligible for an irrevocable election at inception to be measured at FVOCI. Under FVOCI, subsequent movements in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income and are never reclassified to profit or loss. Dividend from these investments continue to be recorded as other income within the profit or loss unless the dividend clearly represents return of capital. This category was previously classified as 'available-for-sale'.

The fair value of investments that are actively traded in organised financial markets is determined by reference to quoted market bid prices at the close of business on the reporting date.

Financial liabilities

The Company measures all financial liabilities initially at fair value less transaction costs, subsequently financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. The financial liabilities of the Company comprise trade creditors, other payables, borrowings and lease liabilities.

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

At each balance date the Company assesses whether there is any objective evidence that a financial asset or group of financial assets is impaired. Any impairment losses are recognised in the income statement. The Company 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.

In applying this forward-looking approach, a distinction is made between: financial instruments that have not deteriorated significantly in credit quality since initial recognition or that have low credit risk ('Stage 1'), and financial instruments that have deteriorated significantly in credit quality since initial recognition and whose credit risk is not low ('Stage 2'). 'Stage 3' would cover financial assets that have objective evidence of impairment at the reporting date. '12-month expected credit losses' are recognised for the first category while 'lifetime expected credit losses' are recognised for the second category.

Measurement of the expected credit losses is determined by a probability-weighted estimate of credit losses over the expected life of the financial 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 assesses impairment of trade receivables on a collective basis as they possess credit risk characteristics based on the days past due.

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.

Service contract liabilities

Service contract liabilities generally represent the unspent grants or other fees received on the condition that specified services are delivered or conditions are fulfilled. The services are usually provided, or the conditions usually fulfilled within 12 months of receipt of the grant or fees.

Where the amount received is in respect of services to be provided over a period that exceeds 12 months after the reporting date or the conditions will only be satisfied more than 12 months after the reporting date, the liability is presented as non-current.

Where the monies are received for the Company to acquire or construct an item of property, plant, and equipment which will be controlled by Autism Spectrum Australia then the funds are recognised as a contract liability and amortised to revenue as and when the obligation is satisfied.

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.

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

h. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include 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

The Company has adopted AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities for the first time in the current year with a date of initial application of 1 January 2019.

Revenue recognition policy for revenue from contracts with customers (AASB 15)

AASB 15 requires revenue to be recognised when control of a promised good or service is passed to the customer at an amount which reflects the expected consideration. The customer for these contracts is the fund provider.

Revenue is recognised by applying a five-step model as follows:

- 1. Identify the contract with the customer
- 2. Identify the performance obligations
- 3. Determine the transaction price
- 4. Allocate the transaction price
- 5. Recognise revenue

Revenue from the rendering of a service

Generally the timing of the payment for rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

Revenue from government funding/grant income

Government funding/grant income arising from an agreement which contains enforceable and sufficiently specific performance obligations is recognised when control of each performance obligations is satisfied.

Within grant agreements there may be some performance obligations where control transfers at a point in time and others which have continuous transfer of control over the life of the contract. Where control is transferred over time, generally the revenue is recognition based on either cost or time incurred which best reflects the transfer of control.

Revenue recognition policy for revenue streams which are either not enforceable or do not have sufficiently specific performance obligations (AASB 1058)

Grant income

Assets arising from grants in the scope of AASB 1058 are recognised at their fair value when the asset is received. These assets are generally cash but maybe property which has been donated or sold to the Company at significantly below its fair value.

Once the asset has been recognised, the Company recognises any related liability amounts (e.g. provisions, financial liabilities).

Once the assets and liabilities have been recognised then income is recognised for any difference between the recorded asset and liability.

Capital grants

Capital grants received under an enforceable agreement to enable the Company to acquire or construct an item of property, plant and equipment to identified specifications which will be controlled by the Company (once complete) are recognised as revenue as and when the obligation to construct or purchase is completed.

For construction projects, this is generally as the construction progresses in accordance with costs incurred since this is deemed to be the most appropriate measure of the completeness of the construction project as there is no profit margin.

For acquisitions of assets, the revenue is recognised when the asset is acquired and controlled by the Company.

Revenue from fundraising

Donations and bequests

Donations and bequests collected are recognised as revenue when the Company gains control of the asset.

In-kind donations

Services donated by volunteers, goods and facilities donated are included at the fair value to the Company where this can be quantified, and a third party is bearing the cost.

Significant estimates and judgements relating to revenue

For many of the grant agreements received, the determination of whether the contract includes sufficiently specific performance obligations was a significant judgement involving discussions with several parties at the Company, review of the proposal documents prepared during the grant application phase and consideration of the terms and conditions.

Grants received by the Company have been accounted for under both AASB 15 and AASB 1058 depending on the terms and conditions and decisions made.

If this determination was changed then the revenue recognition pattern would be different from that recognised in this financial report.

j. Income tax

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.

k. 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.

I. Reserves

Fair value through other comprehensive income reserve

This reserve records fair value changes at each reporting date on investments classified at fair value through other comprehensive income. It represents the unrealised fair value excess over cost for investments held.

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 preparation of financial information requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

3 Revenue from ordinary activities

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
Revenue from services subject to specific performance obligations			
School fees Other fee for service Government funding		6,503,743 2,368,971 8,872,714	6,458,960 3,073,729 9,532,689
NDIS funding Education and other Federal fundings Education and other State fundings Other Income		22,048,032 33,545,871 38,558,354 94,152,257	15,026,821 30,387,106 43,005,448 88,419,375
Fundraising Donations and bequests	15	6,185,522	4,930,539
Other revenue Interest and investment income Other revenue		828,165 552,018 1,380,183	1,084,525 915,246 1,999,771
Total revenue from ordinary activities		110,590,676	104,882,374

4 Operating surplus from operating activities

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

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
Depreciation (amortisation) of:		Ψ	Đ
- Freehold buildings		88,278	88,278
- Leasehold buildings		269,264	260,218
- Leasehold improvements		505,360	435,672
- Office machines and equipment		420,407	391,363
- School library		-	273
- Software	40	590,426	164,670
- Right of use assets	10	1,190,208	-
Total depreciation and amortisation		3,063,943	1,340,474
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Finance costs			
- Bank loans, leases and overdraft interest and fees		243,533	43,015
- Finance costs (Make Good - Lease Provision)		3,865	
Total finance costs		247,398	43,015
Net bad and doubtful debts expenses including		405.044	40.040
movements in allowance for credit losses		135,941	19,949
Lease financing (rental payments previous year)		340,690	1,240,921
Net loss/(gain) on disposal of non-current assets		-	231,678
Frankrick for the consequence			
Employee benefits expense		72,048,436	69,082,406
Wages and salariesDefined contribution plan superannuation expense		6,545,294	6,181,141
Workers' compensation insurance expense		1,478,287	1,111,319
- Employee leave benefits		4,257,832	3,838,598
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Total employee benefits expense		84,329,849	80,213,464

5 Cash and cash equivalents

	Notes	2019 \$	2018 \$
Cash at bank		35,434,947	24,721,154
Cash on hand		878	3,166
		35,435,825	24,724,320

Reconciliation of Cash Flows

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, reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows:

	Notes		
		2019 \$	2018 \$
Cash at bank and on hand Bank term deposits	7	35,435,825 317,174	24,724,320 303,974
	_	35,752,999	25,028,294

6 Receivables

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Fees and government subsidies Less: allowance for credit losses	2,055,900 (426,568) 1,629,332	1,027,061 (298,596) 728,465
Other receivables	26,231 1,655,563	16,638 745,103

The Company does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single receivable or group of receivables. At 31 December 2019, the ageing analysis of trade receivables was as follows:

	Total	0-30 days	31-60 days	61-90 days	91+ days
2019	2,055,900	1,034,222	258,801	209,376	553,501
2018	1,027,061	310,099	260,219	107,584	349,159

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 \$135,941 was recognised in 2019 (2018: \$19,949).

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Reconciliation of changes in the provision for impairment of receivables:		
Balance at 1 January 2019	298,595	331,489
Charge for the year	135,941	19,949
Amounts written off	(7,968)	(52,843)
Balance at 31 December 2019	426,568	298,595

Receivables past due but not considered impaired are:

31-60 days	\$258,801	(2018: \$260,219)
61-90 days	\$209,376	(2018: \$107,584)
91 days and over	\$126 933	(2018: \$50.564)

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.

7 Other financial assets	2019	2018
0	\$	\$
Current Bank term deposits	317,174	303,974
Non-current Listed investments classified as FVOCI:		
The Company holds a mixed portfiolio of investments in fixed interest securities, alternative assets, property trust, Australian		
and international equities.	5,993,822	5,269,201
8 Other assets		
	2019 \$	2018 \$
Accrued income Prepayments	615,922 933,690	1,043,985 721,225
Frepayments	1,549,612	1,765,210
9 Property and equipment		
	2019 \$	2018 \$
Freehold land and buildings – at deemed cost Less: Accumulated depreciation	6,193,461 (677,961)	6,193,461 (589,683)
	5,515,500	5,603,778
Leasehold buildings – at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation	12,517,573 (3,193,080)	10,734,921 (2,923,816)
	9,324,493	7,811,105
Leasehold improvements – at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation	9,165,729 (3,895,755)	7,367,956 (3,403,304)
	5,269,974	3,964,652
Office machines and equipment – at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation	2,387,863 (1,310,398)	4,931,840 (3,882,258)
	1,077,465	1,049,582
School library – at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation	-	26,288 (26,287)
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Software – at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation	3,669,121 (755,033)	2,240,115 (164,607)
	2,914,088	2,075,508
Total property, plant and equipment	24,101,520	20,504,626

Movements in property, plant and equipment are shown as follows:

	Freehold land and buildings (a)	Leasehold buildings	Leasehold improvements	Office machines and equipment	School library	Software	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Asset gross carry	ing amount						
Balance at 1 Jan 2019	6,193,461	10,734,921	7,367,956	4,931,840	26,288	2,240,115	31,494,581
Additions	-	1,782,652	1,810,682	529,599	-	1,429,006	5,551,939
Disposals	-	-	(12,909)	(3,073,576)	26,288)	-	(3,112,773)
Balance at 31 Dec 2019	6,193,461	12,517,573	9,165,729	2,387,863	-	3,669,121	33,933,747
Accumulated depreciation							
Balance at 1 January 2019	(589,683)	(2,923,816)	(3,403,304)	(3,882,258)	(26,287)	(164,607)	(10,989,955)
Depreciation	(88,278)	(269,264)	(505,360)	(420,407)	-	(590,426)	(1,873,735)
Disposals		-	12,909	2,992,267	26,287	-	3,031,463
Balance at 31 Dec 2019	(677,961)	(3,193,080)	(3,895,755)	(1,310,398)	-	(755,033)	(9,832,227)
Carrying amount 31 December 2019	5,515,500	9,324,493	5,269,974	1,077,465	-	2,914,088	24,101,520

10 Right of use assets

	Buildings	Vehicles	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 January 2019	4,109,277	426,363	4,535,640
Depreciation charge	(996,116)	(194,092)	(1,190,208)
Balance at 31 December 2019	3,113,161	232,271	3,345,432

11 Trade and other payables

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Current		
Trade creditors	1,910,248	1,401,362
Other creditors and accruals	1,548,376	2,430,067
Goods and services tax payable	895,711	
	4,354,335	3,831,429

12 Service contract liabilities

		2019 \$	2018 \$
Current			
Capital grants received to acquire or construct an asset		256,835	-
Payments for future services and grants received in advance		6,659,078	3,202,166
		6,915,913	3,202,166
13 Borrowings			
3		2019 \$	2018 \$
Current Bank loan – secured		113,280	108,915
Non-current Bank loan – secured		740,103	860,318
Bank Idan – Secured		740,103	000,510
The bank loan with Westpac is secured by first mortgage ov	er land and buidings.		
Financing arrangements			
		2019	2018
Total facilities available:		\$	\$
Bank overdraft facility Bank loans		150,000 853,383	150,000 969,233
Bank loans		1,003,383	1,119,233
Facilities utilised at the reporting date: Bank loan		853,383	969,233
14 Provisions			
	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
Current	(2)	•	·
Make-good provision under leases Long service leave	(i)	60,000 7,625,861	145,000 7,013,593
Annual leave Workers compensation		1,939,800 904,480	2,008,887
		10,530,141	9,167,480
Non-current Make-good provision under leases	(i)	1,117,430	1,027,685
Long service leave	(i)	1,237,120	1,112,796
		2,354,550	2,140,481
		12,884,691	11,307,961

(i) Movements in provisions

(1)	Movements in provisions	Make-good provision under lease \$
Charge for t Utilised during Adjustments	ng the year	1,172,685 89,745 (85,000) - 1,177,430

15 Fundraising Appeals conducted during the year

Fundraising appeals conducted during the financial period included direct mail, telephone and digital appeals, regular giving program, corporate giving including payroll giving, applications to trusts, foundations & registered clubs, events including Walk for autism, other fundraising activities including community raffles and mechandise sales, other solicited and unsolicited donations including bequests.

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.

Fundraising funds are incorporated into other operational income and applied as set out in the Financial Statements. All funds are applied for Aspect's Charitable purposes.

	2019	2018
Results of fundraising appeals	\$	\$
Community fundraising	2,409,177	1,830,181
Individual giving	1,575,365	1,667,841
Philanthropy	2,080,147	1,262,850
Bequest	120,833	169,667
Income from fundraising	6,185,522	4,903,539
Less: Total costs of fundraising appeals	(2,025,607)	(1,906,689)
Net surplus	4,159,915	3,023,850
Add: Deferred income	281,167	
Underlying surplus	4,441,082	3,023,850

16 Related party transactions

a) Key management personnel compensation

The directors act in an honorary capacity and receive no compensation for their services. Directors may receive reimbursement for direct expenses incurred by the directors in fulfilling their roles.

Key management personnel compensation consists of amounts paid to members of the Executive. Throughout the year, there were some changes in the Executive structure in line with the current business environment. This team continued to fulfill the Executive roles.

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Total key management personnel remuneration	2,147,491	1,800,748

b) Other related party transactions

The directors and other key management personnel may be donors to the Company.

Nil other related party transactions.

17 Contingent liabilities

Security deposit guarantees of \$34,450 secured against term deposits at Note 7.

18 Commitments

Nil.

19 Events subsequent to the reporting date

At the date of the completion of this Financial Report , the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is continuing to evolve and Aspect is closely monitoring the situation to keep up with the latest information coming from the Australia Federal Government and State/Territory based Governments.

Aspect's response to COVID-19 is being guided by advice from the Australian Federal Government and/or the responsible state and local health authorities, and any decisions that we make are based on providing the best outcomes for the health and wellbeing of our community.

As this Financial Report indicates, the company is in a sound financial position with reserves as outlined in the Financial Statements. Therefore, whilst the impact of COVID-19 is likely to be material for our services, our community and the financial position of the company, the directors consider that the company remains well placed to manage these impacts and continue to support our community.

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 2019 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 27th day of March 2020

Declaration by Chief Executive Officer in respect of fundraising appeals

Opinion

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

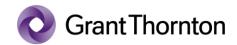
- a the financial statements give a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) with respect to fundraising appeal activities for the financial year ended 31 December 2019;
- b the statement of financial position gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs with respect to fundraising appeal activities as at 31 December 2019;
- 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 2019 to 31 December 2019; 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.

Jacqui Borland

Chief Executive Officer

Jacqui Borland

Dated this 27th day of March 2020



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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 financial report of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) (the "Registered Entity") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2019, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in funds 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 Responsible Entities' declaration.

In our opinion:

- 1. the financial report of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:
 - a) giving a true and fair view of the Registered Entity's financial position as at 31 December 2019 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
 - b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013; and
- 2. the financial report of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) shows a true and fair view of the financial result of its fundraising appeals for the year ended 31 December 2019;
- the financial report and associated records of Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) have been properly kept during the year ended 31 December 2019 by the Registered Entity in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) and Regulation 2015;
- money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year ended 31 December 2019 by Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) and Regulation 2015; and
- 5. there are reasonable grounds to believe that Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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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 Registered Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our 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.

Responsibilities of the Responsible Entities for the financial report

The Responsible Entities of the Registered Entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) and the Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2015, and for such internal control as the Responsible Entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Responsible Entities are responsible for assessing the Registered Entity'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 Responsible Entities either intend to liquidate the Registered Entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

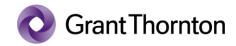
Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Registered Entity's financial reporting process.

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.

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 Registered Entity's
 internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Responsible Entities.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Responsible Entities' 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 Registered Entity'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 Registered Entity 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 those charged with governance 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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Chartered Accountants

James Winter

Partner - Audit & Assurance

Sydney, 27 March 2020