



**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND
AND THE NORTH SHORE INC.**

ANNUAL REPORT 2011





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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2011

It is my pleasure to report to members of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland and North Shore for the year ended 31 December 2011.

I am writing this report on a grey wet day in Queenstown in March. It is a good opportunity to reflect on the activities of the last year from the distance of both time and place.

I am very pleased to report that last year was one which was much more successful, both from an organisational and financial point of view, than the two previous years. After two really difficult years some of the initiatives that both the Committee and staff have put into place have started to bear fruit.

I will not dwell on the reasons why these difficulties arose, but it was always clear to the committee that we were the best people to develop the solutions and that we could not rely on others. Equally, we were confident that if we could demonstrate that we were the authors of our own destiny then others would put their hands up to help. This is a philosophy that people with Multiple Sclerosis and their carers are very familiar with on a daily basis.

As a carer I have always been inspired by the example of others who have not let Multiple Sclerosis stop them from leading as normal a life as possible, but I am constantly surprised the lengths people will go to help when you ask. An example of this is the owner of the Milford Galleries here in Queenstown who rearranged an exhibition of Karl Maughan paintings from the first floor gallery, inaccessible to wheelchairs, to the ground floor so that Erin could view it. Or the staff of Glacier Southern Lakes Helicopters who went way over what we could expect to make our flight to Milford Sound a memorable one.

Thus 2011 represented a year when we looked internally to our own resources and tried to build on the strengths of the organisation and its members. I know we made progress here but there is still more to be done. The strength of your organisation is the combined talents and resources of our membership. So if you have the ability to contribute time and resources to the Society we would welcome your contribution no matter how large or small.

The changes and improvements I referred to above were reflected in a number of ways in the results for the year. Our funding from most sources improved. In particular our income from Grants not only met our budget, but a surge of funds received late in the year means that we have carried over \$137,000 into the current year as Income in Advance. This is a \$50,000 improvement on last year and means we start 2012 with some confidence.

The Committee has also moved to start to provide for the long term financial security of the Society by reactivating the Multiple Sclerosis Auckland Region Trust. This trust was originally formed by the North Shore Society and held investments and bank deposits of around \$90,000. The sole objectives of the trust are to support the activities of the MS Society and to support MS research. The aim of the trustees is to build a fund which will be able to provide sufficient funding annually so that the Society can lessen its reliance on outside funding, particularly gaming trusts. At the same time we know from members' surveys that our members have a very real interest in MS research. We also recognise that to attract and retain world class neurological clinical staff to Auckland access to research funding is important. The Trust therefore has a mandate to support MS research as well.

At last year's AGM members made it clear that they wished to ensure that the proceeds from the sale of the Taylor's Rd premises was wisely invested and not frittered away on Society operations. The committee has taken these views into account and resolved to transfer the proceeds of the sale to the Trust when they are received in early April 2012.

The second key strategic opportunity which arose in 2011 was for the Society to become involved in the Telstra Clear Challenge, the bike ride across the Harbour Bridge which took place in December 2011. We are extremely grateful to the event organisers, Clip-on NZ Ltd, for asking us to be the named charity for the event. After a concerted effort the ride raised over \$95000. The trustees made an initial grant to the Society of \$30,000 and have made available \$15,000 for appropriate MS research projects. More importantly the opportunity presented to us, put us in touch with the MS Society in Sydney, where the Sydney to Wollongong ride raised \$3.7million last year and with the MS Chapter in Chicago. This association provided access to their BikeMS branding and experience in organising cycling events across eight states in the US, which raise millions of dollars each year for MS. So our efforts in 2011 were a great start but we will be aiming high in 2012 with the hope that we can establish our place in this event for the future.



During the year the Trust received a substantial bequest of over \$250,000 which was given by the donor for MS Research. The donor was not a member of the Society but as a young woman, had nursed her mother who had MS. The fact that we did not know the donor and the fact that her will had been made many years ago, emphasises the importance of bequests to organisations like ours. I would urge that if you have not already done so, you consider naming either the Society or the Trust as a beneficiary in your will. If you need assistance with how to go about this please contact one of the committee or a member of staff.

We will keep you informed on the progress and activities of the Trust, but we are keen to see it become a key part of our own actions to help ourselves and to be less reliant on others.

In my report last year I detailed some proposed changes to the Constitution of MS New Zealand. These were passed at their AGM in October 2011. The effect will be to align more closely the activities and direction of the national organisation and the 18 independent regional Societies.

MSNZ is undertaking a strategic review of its activities with a view to reduce duplication, and to provide an agreed direction for the future which is closely linked to the directions and plans of the regional societies. We are actively supporting this review and await the outcome with interest.

Organisations like ours depend on the efforts of many people who give their time in either a paid or unpaid capacity over many years. Often these people go unrecognised and unsung. However this year the committee has decided to acknowledge the efforts of two such people by making them Honorary Life Members.

Tina French was a stalwart member of the North Shore Society being their secretary for over ten years. She was instrumental in beginning and supporting the process that led to the merger of the two societies in 2008. She then joined the merged organisation as the Grants Coordinator before resigning earlier last year. In addition to MS, Tina has been active in Riding for the Disabled and the Mobility Assistance Dogs Trust. Tina's husband Roy has also been a stalwart supporter of both Tina and the activities of this Society.

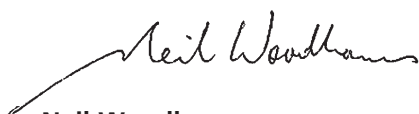
Barbara Broome has been a member of the Society for so long our records no longer exist to record the date of her joining. In addition to her membership she has been a champion of People with Disabilities for over thirty years. She has served on numerous local and national committees and Government advisory groups working for the interests of people with disabilities. Her own battle with the Ministry of Health over a lift in her house was, I know, fought as much to establish the principle for other people, as it was to serve her own interests.

We are delighted that we can honour and recognise these two people in this way.

Clearly 2011 was a challenging but also productive year for the Society. As usual it fell to the staff to bear the brunt of the work. I would like to acknowledge the work of the fieldworkers, Diane, Dianne, Georga and Glen for their sterling effort. Also thanks to Shelley in the office and in particular to Gary for his continued enthusiasm and effort.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the work of the Committee. All of them have contributed to the challenges facing the Society in their own way. Without their help the successes of last year would not have been achieved. I want especially to acknowledge the efforts of Peter Wood, Fran Watts and David Compton who took up the challenge of the fund raising for Bike MS so enthusiastically, and supporting me so that the teams of committee members successfully raised over \$26,000 of the total raised.

I would also like to farewell and thank Nelson Allen who retires from the committee at the AGM.



Neil Woodhams
President

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT 2011

This past year can be characterized as one of significant change for the Society as we have sought to stabilize our position, limit our costs and re-vitalize our various income streams in a challenging environment.



At the beginning of the year we pushed ahead with the next stage, and main part, of our restructure which saw us relocate our administration team to the North Shore office and install new working practices and locations for our Field Work team.

Immediately following our 2011 Annual General Meeting a Special General Meeting was held at which members voted unanimously in favour of selling the Taylors Road property. Micromode Limited, who own the adjacent property, was the eventual buyer and that sale will settle in April 2012. Micromode Ltd have been renting Taylors Road since April 2011.

We started the year with a reduced team of seven staff, but with the goal of striving to maintain the same level of core services our clients have enjoyed in previous years. Whilst that was a significant stretch on our resources, we felt that it was within our grasp.

We were also determined to regain significant ground in respect of all our income streams, but particularly in the area of Grants from Charitable Trusts, which had suffered so badly in the previous year from the effects of the global financial crisis. I'm pleased to report that at year end we have had good success in this area.

As has become my custom I would like to highlight some of the activities and achievements from the last year.

CLIENT SERVICES

- **Our Field Worker Service** is the backbone of the Society's service delivery, and despite the reduction in number from six to four fieldworkers we continue to provide a caring, professional, and comprehensive service across all areas of Auckland. During the year our Field Workers attend many hundreds of home visits, this being only a small, but key part of their role. The ground that they cover and the role that they undertake for the Society should never be undervalued, and I thank them for their excellent service during a year which saw changes to their working arrangements
- **Essence of Managing MS:** This two-day weekend event, which ran last August in Central Auckland, was aimed at providing a range of tools to those who wanted to be more actively engaged in their own healthcare. Attendance was lower than anticipated, but those who enjoyed the weekend provided very positive feedback. We were very grateful to Procure Health for their sponsorship of this event and in return Dr Craig Hassad recorded two presentations for their GP continuing education library.
- **Volunteers:** We continue to rely increasingly on volunteers with a range of skills to support us in all areas of the Society's work. There is a lot of potential to increase our capacity in this area. Plans are being prepared for a 2012 campaign to attract more volunteers and further capitalize on that area of support.
- **Mid-winter Lunch and Spring Lunch:** These two events were very well attended by members and great social occasions that clearly signaled to me, and to the Committee that these types of social events had been sorely missed for some time. Consequently, lunches and other opportunities for members to meet have been built into our planning for 2012.
- **Membership Survey:** In October we surveyed our members with a comprehensive set of questions to identify how well we were doing in their eyes, whether or not they perceived a drop in service from the Society as a consequence of our restructure and office move. I am very happy to report that the vast majority of people were happy with our level of service to them and did not perceive any drop in support.

However, whilst this is a reassuring statistic I am very aware of the need to ensure that we do not relax into complacency, and we have plans in place for 2012 to increase the number and range of opportunities for our members to keep well, manage their symptoms and socialize with each other.

We have already announced 4 lunches that will be held around the region during the course of the year. We are trialling Nordic Walking classes during April on the North Shore and, if successful, will apply for funding to expand this new style of exercise to other areas. In April, our Research Day and AGM will be an opportunity for members to meet and hear the latest updates on research and new drugs from our leading clinicians. We have also just announced workshops for members to learn about managing stress and there will be other topics covered as the year progresses. Overall the goal is to provide inexpensive opportunities for members to be as much in control of their own health as they can, and to work alongside clinicians and health professionals to ensure that the best advice and information is provided, followed up by practical opportunities.

- **MS Nurses:** This year has seen an increasing collaboration between our Field Workers and the MS Specialist Nurses, Fiona D'Young and Lynette Newby. I believe that this strong bond can only benefit the MS community as we both have limited resources. Members will see regular items from Fiona and Lynette in our Newsletters.

FUNDRAISING AND INCOME

- In October 2010 our **Fundraising Coordinator** role became vacant and it was decided not to fill that vacancy. As a result some of those duties fell to me and our Grant Coordinator, Tina French, to manage. In May, Tina left the Society to take up a new position and we have filled that role with a contractor, Janine Wilson, for the remainder of the year. Despite being very sad to lose Tina, who was a key member of our team for many years, I am happy to report we still managed to achieve a respectable result in respect of income overall of \$503,536. And we made a very healthy improvement to our income from grants, achieving over \$159,000, and also income in advance for 2012 of \$137,620. This is a great start to 2012.
- We continued to support the **Art for MS** showcase and fundraising event in 2011 and our efforts were bigger and better than ever. We partnered with the Auckland Studio of Potters and held our exhibition at the Aotea Centre Foyer in July. The Cocktail party was well attended and successful but overall the event did not achieve the return we had planned for. However, the Committee are still committed to this event and plans are being developed for the next exhibition in 2013.
- **Awareness Week 2011** fell in September. Our street appeal was very well coordinated by Reena Mehta and we had more locations and volunteer collectors than ever before. Our target for the year was \$45,000 and we achieved a healthy \$35,000, which I consider a good result given the extended impact of the financial downturn.
- The **Telstra Clear Challenge** inaugural cycle event over the Auckland Harbour Bridge in December presented a fantastic opportunity for us to partner with Callum McNair and Graham Seatter from ClipOnNZ Ltd, and be involved in an event that had true potential. The challenges were significant for both the promoters, in terms of sheer scale and logistics, and for the Society in terms of fundraising. Neil Woodhams took a Project Leader role and invested a significant amount of time and effort into the event, ensuring that we maximized the opportunity. In this first year there was a lot for everyone to learn about this new style of event. For instance nearly all of the fundraising was done online. We achieved an income of over \$95,000 and are already working on the 2012 Challenge. Our grateful thanks go to Callum and Graham for their commitment to giving back to the community through the Society.

SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS

It is very important to the Society and to me personally to acknowledge those people who put themselves out to support the Society in key ways. Elsewhere in this Annual Report you will notice that we have included more detail about those who support the Society financially. Below I would like to acknowledge those who are key to us at this current time.

- Dr Ernie Willoughby
- Fiona D'Young and Lynette Newby
- Marvyn and Doug Smith Charitable Trust
- Callum McNair, Graham Seatter and ClipOn NZ Ltd
- The anonymous Donor who supports our water-walking classes
- Milton Jennings and Fidelity Life Assurance Company
- Professor George Jelinek, Dr Sandra Neate and Dr Craig Hassad
- Rod Milner Motors
- Amanda Billing
- Catherine Peters
- Jenny MacMillan

2011 AND THE FUTURE

The upheaval of the last eighteen months both in terms of the financial climate and the Society's own change is clearly settling down now. I believe that the changes were essential and have proven themselves to be the right thing to do. We are lean and efficient and have the exciting prospect of plenty of scope for improvement and opportunities to provide better, broader services for people with Multiple Sclerosis. Our plans for 2012 are exciting and I am thoroughly enjoying developing the various new offerings and opportunities that we have in store for our members.

We are clear on our goals and are resolutely determined to focus on maintaining financial stability and take advantage of as many opportunities as resources allow to increase funding. As a consequence of that financial confidence we will ensure that people with MS continue to be on the receiving end of our best efforts.

I must acknowledge the hard work and commitment of my colleagues, Diane, Dianne, Glen, Georga, Janine, Shelley and Tina. Thank you for rising above the uncomfortable days of the last year and continuing to be dedicated, professional and enthusiastic in the service of our members.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of our Committee over the last year. They have stepped up like never before, with energy and enthusiasm. No organization could want for a more committed team of people willing to make things work. The Society is in good hands.

I acknowledge the continued support that the Society receives from our Patron Dr Ernie Willoughby, our many volunteers and supporters.

And finally, I acknowledge the continued support of our President Neil Woodhams. My thanks to you Neil, for your incredible commitment to this organization, myself, and those that work within it.

Gary McMahon



General Manager



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED

We have audited the financial statements of Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland and North Shore Incorporated on pages 9 – 13 which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2011 and the Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Movement in Accumulated Funds for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The management committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and for such controls as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of financial statements 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates as well as evaluating the presentation of the financial statements.

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

At the request of the Society's Committee our related accounting firm prepared the financial report from information provided to us by the Society. We are satisfied that this assistance has not affected our independence. Other than this and in our capacity as auditor we have no other relationship with, or interests in, the Society.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with other organisations of a similar nature, control over revenues from contributions and donations prior to being banked is limited. It was not practicable to extend our examination of donations beyond the accounting for amounts received as shown by the accounting records of the society, or to determine the effect of the limited control.

Qualified Opinion on Financial Position and Financial Performance

In our opinion, except for adjustments that might have been necessary had we been able to obtain sufficient evidence concerning contributions and donations as described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements on page 9 to 13 comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and are present fairly, in all material respects the financial position of the society as at 31 December 2011, and its financial performance for the year ended on that date.

Restriction on Distribution or Use

This report is made solely to the members of the society, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the society's members those matters which are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the society and the society's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

Lynch Phibbs & Associates

Parnell, Auckland

2 April 2012



MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the Year Ended 31 December 2011

| | Note | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|--------------------------------------|------|------------------|------------------|
| REVENUE | | | |
| Donations | | 69,910 | 47,605 |
| Subscriptions | | 11,777 | 12,415 |
| Grants | | 159,692 | 167,699 |
| Ministry of Health | | 57,754 | 52,460 |
| FBT Refunds - Prior Years | | | 26,599 |
| Sponsorship | | 500 | 5,108 |
| Book Sales | | 4,533 | 10,274 |
| Interest | | 13,845 | 17,272 |
| Rent Received | | 25,210 | — |
| Fundraising Events | | 89,047 | 50,165 |
| Bequests | | 42,500 | 48,647 |
| Sundry Income | | 1,856 | |
| Total Revenue | | 476,624 | 438,245 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| Administration & Premises | | 72,961 | 91,763 |
| Client Services | | 43,399 | 43,367 |
| Fundraising | | 54,594 | 9,358 |
| Staffing | | 321,027 | 413,856 |
| Vehicles | | 26,407 | 43,911 |
| Total Expenses | | 518,388 | 602,255 |
| Operating Surplus / (Deficit) | | (41,764) | (164,011) |
| NON-CASH EXPENSES | | | |
| Depreciation | 3 | 20,272 | 32,325 |
| Depreciation recovered | | (2,707) | — |
| Gain on sale of Fixed Asset | | (136,748) | — |
| Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets | | 538 | 2,637 |
| Total Non-cash Expenses | | (118,644) | 34,962 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) | | 76,881 | (198,973) |

These Financial Statements must be read in conjunction with the accompanying Notes and Auditor's Report.



MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS

For the Year Ended 31 December 2011


| | Note | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|---|------|----------------|----------------|
| Accumulated Funds at the beginning for the year | | 465,761 | 664,734 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) for the year | | 76,881 | (198,973) |
| Accumulated Funds at the end of the year | | <u>542,642</u> | <u>465,761</u> |

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2011

| | Note | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|----------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| Accumulated Funds | | <u>542,642</u> | <u>465,761</u> |
| REPRESENTED BY: | | | |
| Current Assets | | | |
| Bank | | 197,983 | 39,193 |
| Short term Deposits with Bank | | 38,142 | 109,831 |
| FBT Refunds | | – | 28,682 |
| Accounts Receivable | | 402,117 | 563 |
| Prepayments | | 6,425 | – |
| Books on Hand | | 4,029 | – |
| Petty Cash | | 200 | 200 |
| Interest Accrued Bank – Deposits | | 359 | 454 |
| Interest Accrued – FBT | | – | 4,335 |
| | | <u>649,254</u> | <u>183,258</u> |
| Non Current Assets | | | |
| Property, Plant & Equipment | 3 | 60,817 | 321,430 |
| Investments | 4 | 63,250 | 63,250 |
| | | <u>124,067</u> | <u>384,680</u> |
| Total Assets | | <u>773,321</u> | <u>567,938</u> |
| Current Liabilities | | | |
| Trade Creditors | | 31,376 | 16,669 |
| Accruals | | 26,819 | 20,094 |
| GST Due for Payment | | 4,583 | 3,274 |
| PAYE | | 7,024 | 10,601 |
| Income in Advance | | 160,877 | 51,538 |
| | | <u>230,680</u> | <u>102,177</u> |
| Net Assets | | <u>542,642</u> | <u>465,761</u> |

 (President)

 (Treasurer)

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MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As at 31 December 2011

Reporting Entity

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland and The North Shore Incorporated is an Incorporated Society registered under the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act 2005. The Society is a member of Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand which is an Incorporated Society. The financial statements of the Society have been prepared according to generally accepted accounting practice.

Measurement Base

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of financial performance and financial position on an historical cost basis are followed by the Society with the exception that investments are stated at the lower of cost or market value.

Specific Accounting Policies

The following specific accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of the financial performance and financial position, have been applied:

Property, Plant & Equipment

All owned items of property, plant and equipment are initially recorded at cost and depreciated as outlined below. Initial cost includes the purchase consideration, and those costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition.

Subsequent expenditure relating an item of property, plant or equipment is added to its gross carrying amount when such expenditure either increases the future economic benefits beyond its existing service potential, or is necessarily incurred to enable future economic benefits to be obtained.

Items of property, plant and equipment are written down immediately if an impairment in the value of the asset causes its recoverable amount to fall below its carrying amount. The impairment is recognised in the statement of financial performance.

Where an item of property, plant and equipment is disposed of, the gain or loss recognised in the statement of financial performance is calculated as the difference between the net sale price and the carrying amount of the asset.

Depreciation

The committee has reassessed rates of depreciation based on the useful life of assets and has charged depreciation accordingly as under:

| | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Buildings | 4.0% DV | Motor vehicles | 26.0% DV |
| Office furniture & equipment | 10.0% to 100.0% DV | Aid equipment | 9.5% to 39.6% DV |

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at expected realisable values.

Goods & Services Taxation

These financial statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis with the exception of accounts receivable and payable which are shown in the Statement of Financial Position on a GST inclusive basis.

Inventory

Books on hand are stated at cost value.

Income Tax

The Society has charitable status under the Charities Act 2005 and is exempt from income tax pursuant to Sections CW 41 and CW 42 of the Income Tax Act 2007.

Revenue Recognition

- **Donations, Subscriptions, Ministry of Health, Sponsorship, fundraising events, Bequests** – Donations, Subscriptions, Ministry of Health, Sponsorship, Fundraising events, Bequests recognised when payment is received.
- **Interest income** – Interest income is recognised on accrual basis.
- **Grants** – Grants received are recognised in operating revenue, unless specific conditions attach to a grant and repayment of the grant is required where these conditions are not met. In these cases, the grant is treated as a liability until the conditions are met.
- **Book Sales** – Book Sales are recognised on accrual basis.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those used in previous years.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31 December 2011

1 In November 2007, Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland (Inc) changed their name to Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland and The North Shore Incorporated, due to the merger of the two societies.

2 The principal activity of the Society is the support of multiple sclerosis patients and their families. Control over donations, fundraising and bequests is limited prior to such income being recorded.

| 3 | Property, Plant & Equipment | Original Cost | Depreciation For the Year | Accumulated Depreciation | Book Value |
|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| | Buildings | | | | |
| | Leasehold Improvements | 9,438 | | | 9,438 |
| | Motor vehicles | 50,763 | 4,031 | 39,291 | 11,473 |
| | Office furniture & equipment | 122,362 | 12,391 | 91,747 | 30,615 |
| | Aid equipment | 32,716 | 3,851 | 23,424 | 9,292 |
| | Total as at 31 December 2011 | 215,278 | 20,272 | 154,462 | 60,817 |
| | Land | 88,692 | | | 88,692 |
| | Buildings | 254,774 | 6,648 | 95,214 | 159,560 |
| | Motor vehicles | 56,510 | 6,543 | 38,679 | 17,831 |
| | Office furniture & equipment | 138,676 | 15,042 | 96,472 | 42,204 |
| | Aid equipment | 32,716 | 4,092 | 19,573 | 13,143 |
| | Total as at 31 December 2010 | 571,367 | 32,325 | 249,938 | 321,430 |

4 Investments are stated at cost or market values whichever is lower

| | Security | Market Value | 2010 | 2009 |
|-------------------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| GPG Finance PLC | Bonds | 22,400 | 28,000 | 28,000 |
| Mighty River Power Ltd | Bonds | 13,931 | 13,000 | 13,000 |
| ING Medical Properties Trust | Units | 27,813 | 22,250 | 22,250 |
| Total as at 31 December 2010 | | 64,143 | 63,250 | 63,250 |

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CONTINUED

For the Year Ended 31 December 2011

5 Related Party Relationships and Transactions

Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland (Inc) has a related party relationship with MS Auckland Region Trust, the following members of the board of committee are also trustees of MS Auckland Region Trust:

Neil Woodhams
Peter Wood
Graham Wear

During the year, Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland (Inc) undertook the following related party transactions:

- Received a grant of \$30,000 from MS Auckland Region Trust.
(2010 \$0)
- Received reimbursement of expenses spent on behalf MS Auckland Region Trust of \$35,304.
(2010 : \$0)
- At the balance date of 31 December 2011, the MS Auckland Region Trust owed the Society a total of \$45,351
(2010 : \$0). This amount is included as part of accounts receivable.

6 Operating Lease:

The Society has signed a non-specified termed occupancy agreement with North Shore City Council for the lease of the Office space at Mayfield Centre in Glenfield. The annual operating lease commitment is \$1,620.00 including GST.

7 Subsequent events:

During the year, the property at Taylor Road was sold in March 2011. The sale is unconditional and final settlement date is in April 2012.

From the final settlement, the Society has proposed a distribution from the proceeds to MS Auckland Region Trust. The amount of the distribution is still to be determined.

8 The cost of the 2011 audit undertaken by Lynch Phibbs & Associates was \$6,041 (2010 \$6,240). As part of their desire to assist in the community, Lynch Phibbs & Associates are again pleased to donate their 2011 audit services free of charge to the Society.

9 Contingent liabilities:

The Society has a contingent liability of unspent funding of \$7,287 at balance date, to the Disability Resource Centre awaiting for approval of a proposal for deviation of expenditure for authorised purposes (2010 : \$0).

10 Capital Commitments:

At as balance date 31 December 2012, the society has a capital commitment for expenditure on two motor vehicles estimated of \$20,000.00 to be funded by Grant Income received in the 2011 year (2010: \$0).

The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland and the North Shore warmly acknowledges the kind generosity of the following organisations and individuals who have supported our work in the past year.



SOURCES OF FUNDING

Thank you to the following individuals, organisations, businesses, Trusts and Foundations who helped support the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland and the North Shore Inc. from 1 January 2011 – 31 December 2011:

Grants, Trusts and Foundations

Auckland City Council
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Leys Charitable Trust
Lions Club – New Lyn
Lions Club - Orewa
Lions Club – Tamaki
Lions Club – West Auckland
Lions Club – Waiuku
Rotary Club of Milford
Rotary Club of Glenfield

Bequests

The following people left bequests to the Society:
Marjorie Constance MacDonald
Colin Armishaw

In Memoriam

Donations were received in memory of the following people:
Jo Main
Sharon Jackson
Raewyn Hadwin
Nicola Coosache

HOW YOU CAN HELP

There are many ways in which you can help the Society continue to support people with Multiple Sclerosis in the greater Auckland area.

The Society in Auckland is independent and receives only a small amount of government funding annually. It is reliant on contributions from corporate sponsors, trusts, bequests, individuals and fundraising initiatives.

The Society believes that it is a reasonable and attainable goal to provide people with Multiple Sclerosis with the best support possible. It provides the most up to date information and follows up with opportunities for people to manage their own symptoms alongside the support of clinicians.

The Society is a registered charity and any support is gratefully received. You can support our vision by investing in the Society in whatever way you can.

The following are some options of how you can become involved:

Donations

Donations from individuals form a large part of our funding. The income is used to support the service and programmes we provide and are acknowledged by a personal letter and receipt. All donations over \$5 are tax-deductible.

Grants

Many Charitable Trusts support the work of the Society and without their support many of our programmes and initiatives would simply not exist.

Corporate Sponsorship

The Society currently has very few Corporate Sponsors, but we are developing plans to increase our support in the coming years. Clearly partnerships of this nature offer an opportunity to the corporate sector to enjoy the promotional benefits of being associated with the Auckland MS Society.

We have several options for sponsorship including regional events and the support of specific programmes and classes that we run for the MS Community. We will recognise your support in a way that is appropriate to your organisation.

Bequests

The Society often benefits from gifts received from the Estates of those who support our work. Income from Bequests cannot usually be relied upon, but we are able to put income of this nature to very good use and usually to support initiatives that often would not be able to.

The following is a suggested format for the wording of a bequest:

"I bequeath to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland and the North Shore Inc.

- A percentage (%) of my estate, or*
- The following property and assets, or*
- The residue of my estate, or*
- The amount of \$... (in words)*

for its general purposes (or for the purpose of...) and I declare that the receipt of the General Manager or other proper officer shall be full and sufficient discharge to my trustees."

The information above is a guide only and is not intended as specific legal advice. Please consult your own legal advisor.

We would be delighted to discuss options for acknowledgement to suit your wishes. Should you require any additional information about the above options or have any queries, please contact:

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