

The logo for Multiple Sclerosis Auckland, featuring the lowercase letters 'ms.' in a bold, orange, sans-serif font. A thin horizontal line is positioned directly beneath the 's.'. The entire logo is contained within a white circle.

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Multiple Sclerosis
AUCKLAND

Multiple Sclerosis Auckland
annual report
2015



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in the office

CEO

Thérèse Russel
(to 23 December 2015)

General Manager

Ingrid Minett
(from 1 December 2015)

Business Manager

Mark Blackie

Field Workers

Dianne Bartlett (South)
Carol Andrews (Central)
Georga Forgac (West)
Diane Hampton (North)

Projects Manager

Gabrielle McNaughten
(to July 2015)

Office Administrator

Kirsty Whitehouse
(to August 2015)

Events Coordinator

Kirsty Whitehouse
(from September 2015)

Office Assistant

Carolyn Perkins
(from August 2015)

the committee

President

Neil Woodhams

Treasurer

Peter Wood

Secretary

Fran Watts

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Graham Wear
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Michael Duggan
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Patrons

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Dr. Jennifer Pereira

Ambassadors

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Auditors

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Banks

ASB St Lukes
BNZ Takapuna

about multiple sclerosis auckland.

Entity type and Legal name:	Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland and the North Shore Inc.
Legal basis:	Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland and the North Shore Inc. is a registered Incorporated Society under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908
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our vision.

A world free of MS!

our mission.

Supporting people affected by MS to lead independent, active and fulfilling lives.

who we are.

MS Auckland is a charitable organisation managed by a small office team who handle the running of the Society. A team of professional Field Workers cover the Auckland region providing home visits, phone support, and information to people affected by MS and their families. A volunteer committee oversees the work and the direction of MS Auckland.

ms. auckland structure.

Multiple Sclerosis Auckland is an Incorporated Society governed by a Committee. The Trust deed specifies that the Committee is to be comprised of the officers of the Society comprising the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer together with up to eight further Committee members and the General Manager of the Society (ex officio) of which it is desirable that 50% be people with Multiple Sclerosis or their carers.

The Treasurer is responsible for supervising the financial transactions of the Society and the preparation of monthly financial reports. Four Field Workers employed by the Society are responsible for providing information and support services to people with MS. Four administration staff (including the GM) looks after remaining duties being done primarily by volunteers. The MS Auckland Region Trust supports the work of the Society through investing to support MS Research and services. Three of the Trustees of the Trust are also members of the Committee of the Society.

main sources of cash and resources.

In 2015 Multiple Sclerosis Auckland raised funds to cover 92% of its operating expenses through donations, grants from charitable organisations and philanthropic trusts and fundraising endeavours – such as an annual Street Appeal, a charity lunch and MS Bike the Bridge. The remaining 8% of funds received came from a Disability Advisory and Information contract with the Ministry of Health.

main methods used to raise funds.

Multiple Sclerosis Auckland is active in applying for grants and has volunteers collecting donations at the entrance of major supermarkets and other stores for their annual Street Appeal. They also run Life Buoy for MS, an annual charity luncheon with auction items and Bike the Bridge, where event riders donate to ride over the Auckland Harbour Bridge. Multiple Sclerosis Auckland also conducts three direct mail campaigns a year.

reliance on volunteers and donated goods or services.

Volunteers are an integral part of Multiple Sclerosis Auckland's operations. They assist in governance of the organisation through the Committee, as pool assistants in weekly neurological hydrotherapy classes held at six venues around Auckland, as Community Friends who visit homebound people with MS, providing assistance in the office or with events, as drivers or dog walkers and as collectors in their annual Street Appeal.



president's report.

for the year ending 31 december 2015

2015 was a landmark year for MS Auckland. We celebrated 50 years since the Society was founded, the Society had a number of very successful well publicised activities and it also continued to serve people with MS and their families in the Auckland region through a wide range of effective services.

It remained a year of considerable challenge from a financial point of view but at the same time we were able to see some real progress both at a local and on the national front.

national – ms. new zealand

I have reported previously on the efforts to make MSNZ financially stable and relevant even though it works with minimal paid resources and like all MS charities faces ongoing issues of viability. I am pleased to report ongoing progress on these fronts. This is in no small way due to the considerable efforts of our National Manager Amanda Keefe and National President Malcolm Rickerby. It was great to have them in Auckland for several of our events including our 50th birthday lunch, the Oceans of Hope yacht visit and our MS Research day. In addition the National Field Workers Conference was held in Auckland last year and we were delighted to host Field Workers from regional Societies from all over New Zealand at our annual Research day.

The MSNZ Executive committee has worked through a facilitated strategic planning exercise which has re-affirmed its role as taking the lead on behalf of Regional Societies in Awareness of MS, Information provision, Service standards and Advocacy at a national level.

During the year the New Zealand MS Research Trust, which was established with funding provided by both MSNZ and the MS Auckland Region Trust, was launched. Memoranda of understandings have been signed between the three organisations establishing respective roles and responsibilities with the Research Trust accepting the primary funding role for funding MS Research in New Zealand and MSNZ and the MS Auckland Region Trust supporting the Research Trust where appropriate.

During the year a number of initiatives in each of these areas have been initiated and I will comment on two here.

MSNZ has continued to liaise with Pharmac over the take up and access to the new disease modifying drugs which were approved for funding in 2014. It is fair to say that there was a disconnect between the approval for funding of the drugs and the readiness of the DHBs to be able to respond to PwMS wanting to access them. This has placed severe strains on neurologists especially those specialising in MS, MS nurses and radiology department providing MRIs.

This has meant quite significant delays in PwMS wanting to access these services for other reasons. In addition we are aware of people who would benefit from these drugs still either paying for them privately or going to Australia to access them. Discussions are ongoing with Pharmac to try and address these concerns.

During the year two further Disease Modifying Drugs were approved for funding including a further oral drug. So progress has been made. In the space of 18 months four drugs new to New Zealand have been funded in part through our efforts.

As we get to understand the Pharmac approval process an important issue has arisen. Under its legislation Pharmac is required to assess amongst other things, the cost of the drug against its value to the Health System.

president's report continued...

This is achieved through a complex financial and economic model which it is very hard for lay people like me to understand. However one thing that is clear, Pharmac cannot take into account costs to other parts of the economy including other Government Departments, or people with MS.

MSNZ is arguing that this discriminates unfairly for people with a chronic disease over those with an acute one. For example whether a drug will keep people in

employment and therefore continuing to pay income tax or prevent a person going on a sickness benefit and incur costs for Social Welfare is excluded from the Pharmac analysis.

This is not an issue which Pharmac can address but which would require a change to their legislation. MSNZ intends to make its views on this issue to all political parties during 2016.

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The activities of your Society during the year are well covered elsewhere in this report and I will not repeat them. However you will note the Society in its 50th year was a hive of activity. While the glitz of fundraising events, visits by international yachts, and birthday celebrations may have taken the headlines I can assure you the core work of the Society which is trying to meet the many and varied needs of our members was front of mind for the staff and committee.

As President I have been privileged to see the Society and its staff at work in many ways. The contact with individual members and their MS story is always an inspiring and at the same time a humbling experience. Yet those experiences and stories are the driver of our efforts to deliver better services for people with MS in Auckland.

I noted above that the introduction of new MS drugs had been poorly planned by the DHBs and had resulted in long delays for access to Neurologists and other services such MRIs. I want to acknowledge here the huge effort made by the neurologists and the MS nurses at ADHB to tackle the issues as they arose and with no additional resources. I know many of them went beyond the call of duty to try and reduce the delays for our members.

One positive that has arisen from this crisis, has been the forging of closer working relationships between the MS nurses and our Field Workers. This relationship is now closer than it has been in all of the years I have been involved with the Society. We are continuing to work on ways to strengthen these ties.

Auckland DHB sponsored a project to redesign work flows around access to these new drugs which has had a positive impact. They intend to undertake a project

on improved access for patients with progressive MS for whom access is virtually unobtainable. This was supposed to start towards the end of 2015 and to date we have not been advised when or if it will proceed. I remain seriously concerned about the lack of additional MS nurse resources which have not increased since 2001. This is despite the number of people with MS having increased significantly. The new treatments which have been available since that date significantly increase the MS nurse's workload.

At a national level the growing shortage of neurologists is even more alarming. An article in the NZ Medical Journal of August 2015 records there were 36 FTE neurologists in NZ or 1 for every 126,000 of our population. This compares with the international recommendation of 1 to 70,000. As worrying is the fact that 50% of the current workforce turns 65 within the next 9 years and NZ has added only 5 additional neurologists in the last 5 years. We will be working with MSNZ and other neurological organisations to make sure health planners are aware and doing something about this issue.

A major achievement closer to home was the move late in the year to new premises in Takapuna. The move to Glenfield in 2007 had always been intended a temporary one and the office staff in particular have worked in cramped and unsatisfactory offices for too long. The new premises while far from luxurious provide better working space for staff and volunteers and our own dedicated meeting space as well.

The other key change was the resignation of Thérèse Russel as our CEO in December 2015. Thérèse had ably led the organisation for three years and has taken us down the road of higher public profile and awareness.

Like all staff Thérèse worked long hours for the benefit of members and the society. I had the opportunity at our Christmas Lunch to thank Thérèse publicly and present her with a token of our appreciation.

One of the key roles of the President was to select Thérèse's replacement. We followed a robust process and I was delighted with the calibre of the applicants. The committee was delighted to appoint Ingrid Minett to the role. Ingrid has made management of health organisations her career and in the short time she has been with us her skills and experience have become evident.

I also acknowledge here the continuing great work by our Field Workers who are often the face of the Society for many members. They deal with complex and sometimes distressing situations balancing many competing demands. They do it with a smile and a 'can do' attitude with skill and professionalism.

The team in the office has also coped with a huge workload. One thing that makes the work of the committee easy is the professionalism of the financial and other reporting and their willingness to answer queries and requests promptly. Well done Kirsty and Mark and your various paid and unpaid helpers.

I have been lucky to be able to call on the wisdom and advice of a diverse range of skills and opinions of those that make up the committee. To the committee my sincere thanks for another year of hard work and commitment. Your efforts are greatly appreciated by me and our members who we serve.



Neil Woodhams
PRESIDENT



general manager's report.

2015 was our 50th year, and what a great year it was. Led by CEO Thérèse Russel, the year had many highlights, the main ones which are outlined in this report. The year also ended on a note of change, with Thérèse leaving MS Auckland on the 23rd of December 2015, and with me coming in on the 1st of December. It was lovely to have three weeks of hand-over time with Thérèse.

During December I met some of our members, volunteers and supporters and got a feel for the terrific work being done in fulfilling our mission of supporting people affected by MS to lead independent, active and fulfilling lives.

It is quite impressive for an organisation to be around for 50 years. From small beginnings we have unfortunately seen the demand on our services grow with an increase in the numbers of people being diagnosed each year with MS. Last year we had four Field Workers, representing three full time equivalents, work the whole of the Auckland area. The two MS Nurses at Auckland hospital (each doing part time hours) describe the work of the Field Workers as "the jewel in the MS Auckland crown" – for without their support and follow up in the community, they would struggle even more than they already do to meet the demand on their services and many people with MS would experience unnecessary hardship.

In October MS Auckland moved from their very small premises in Glenfield, to the much more spacious surroundings in Takapuna. The space is provided to us for a peppercorn rental by the Auckland City Council. We are extremely grateful for the new space which has improved working conditions considerably!

The office staff last year worked long and hard on a variety of tasks from financial to administration to raising awareness and much needed funding to continue to provide our valued services. They are a passionate, hard-working and dedicated crew. I am truly blessed to be joining the team at MS Auckland as we work to make 2016 a better year for people living with MS.

Ingrid Minett
General Manager

memberships.

MS Auckland is a membership based society. For a small fee people are able to join the organisation and benefit from Field Worker support and free or subsidised programmes, workshops and events.

Membership fees for 2015

Individual	\$40/year
Family	\$55/year
Beneficiary	\$20/year
Life membership	\$400.00

At the end of December 2015 we had 490 paid memberships to MS Auckland.

All newly diagnosed people receive a visit from a Field Worker. They also receive two books, -'Overcoming Multiple Sclerosis' by George Jelenik and 'Multiple Sclerosis – The First Year' by Margaret Blackstone. They also receive booklets put out by MSNZ and information on our services and their consumer rights.

People are encouraged to join MS to take advantage of our services and to also help us in advocating for better services for people with MS. The more people we have on our books the stronger our voice.

With an estimated 1,000 people in Auckland living with MS our goal is to increase the membership this year.

life members at the end of 2015

Barbara Broome
Bruce Cameron
David Ashton
Judy Wear
Jo Smith
Ken Hall
Nancy Caughie
Roger and Judith Linton
Tina French
Graeme Sinclair
Milton Jennings
Ken Wadham

field worker services.

The Field Workers were kept very busy through 2015 with a growing case work file. Their work for the year included:

- Visiting with each newly diagnosed person
- Providing on-going follow up for people via home visits or phone calls
- Providing information on a wide variety of issues (from support aids to care facilities)
- Providing referrals to health and counselling services
- On-going assessments
- Assisting with accessing services and other needs
- Organising peer support groups, social networks, workshops
- Liaising with Health professionals
- Being a listening ear

The feedback we receive on our Field Workers is overwhelmingly positive. In some cases they have been referred to as 'life savers'.

For some of our long term members the Field Workers have been able to provide a continuity of care through the years and have supported not just the individual but the partner, children and the extended family as well.

They also work with employers and give talks to other organisations to enable them to understand Multiple Sclerosis, and the unique needs for people living with the condition.

The Field Workers worked closely with the MS Nurses at the Auckland Hospital throughout the year, to help alleviate some of the pressures off the hospital nurses. With the introduction of new treatment therapies, 2015 was a very busy year for the two part time MS Nurses. They relied heavily on the Field Workers to support the community care of people with MS and field many of the questions that were coming through to them.

In 2015 there were 14 active support groups operating around the Auckland region. The groups generally meet monthly in a chosen café and provide an opportunity for people with MS to connect with others with the condition and make new friends. Many people find making these connections and getting together each month invaluable.

Every year the Field Workers around the country get together. In 2015 they gathered in May in Auckland for two days of on-going professional development and networking. This is a valuable time for them. Generally Field Workers work on their own, and time together with colleagues from around the country provides opportunity for companionship and sharing of ideas.



*Diane Hampton,
North Shore*



Carol Andrews, Central



Dianne Bartlett, South



Georga Forgac, West

50th birthday event.



MS Auckland turned 50 in 2015!

To celebrate we commissioned oral historian Ruth Greenaway to capture and document the last 50 years. The results of her work will be available on our website. It has also been given to the Sir George Grey Special Collections of the Auckland City Library.

We were fortunate also to have the Sailing Sclerosis Project – Oceans of Hope – sail into Auckland Harbour as part of our birthday celebrations. The Oceans of Hope project aims to broaden the horizons of those who perceive themselves as trapped by their condition, either physically or mentally, and inspire them to realise that they still have potential to achieve great things.

A number of MS Auckland members took advantage of their visit to crew the yacht around the Auckland harbour.



ms. magazine.

MS Auckland produced 5 magazines – Multiple News – in 2015. These are posted out free to our members and also available on the MS Auckland website.



world ms. day.

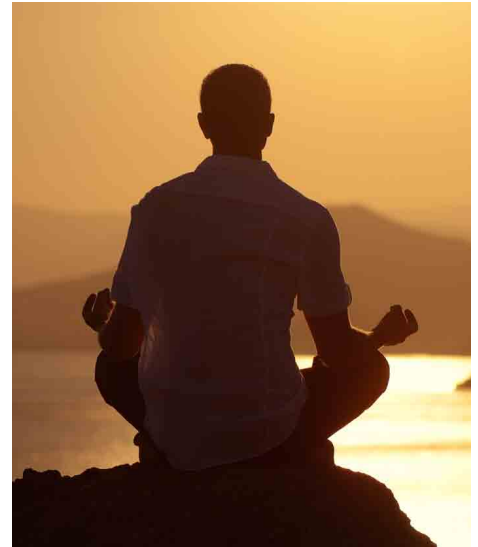
World MS Day is the 27th of May each year. In 2015 we were fortunate to have Sky City agree to light up the Sky Tower in orange and help us to raise awareness of Multiple Sclerosis.



wellness workshops.

In 2015 there were two key workshops that were very well attended. The first of these was in June with Dr. Nick Penny facilitating a workshop on mindfulness. The documentary 'The Connection' was shown which revealed the ground breaking research by world leading experts demonstrating that there is a direct connection between your mind and body when it comes to your health. Participants were given a short practical mindfulness exercise to take away with them.

The second very popular workshop was held in August and facilitated by our patron and neurologist specialising in Multiple Sclerosis, Dr. Jennifer Pereira. The workshop offered an insight into important questions that people should ask their neurologist, as well as other important factors about MS.



research day.

The 16th of May saw 120 people come together in the Rutherford Room of the Alexander Park Racecourse in Auckland for Research Day. Special guest speakers included: Professor Simon Broadley, Dean and Head of the School of Medicine at Griffith University, and Senior Staff Specialist in Neurology at the Gold Coast Hospital; Doctor Wallace Brownlee, Neurologist and Clinical Research Fellow in London; Doctor Ernest Willoughby, patron of MS Auckland and Neurologist at the Auckland District Health Board; and Robert Irving, Senior Mechanical Engineer and co-founder of Rex Bionics.

newly diagnosed day.

Once a year the MS Nurses organise a 'newly diagnosed day'. This was also held at the Alexander Park Racecourse. MS Auckland worked closely with the nurses this year in organising the day, by assisting with seeking funding for the event and organising the venue and catering.

other services.

Library – MS Auckland has an excellent lending library with a wide range of books as well as CDs available to loan.

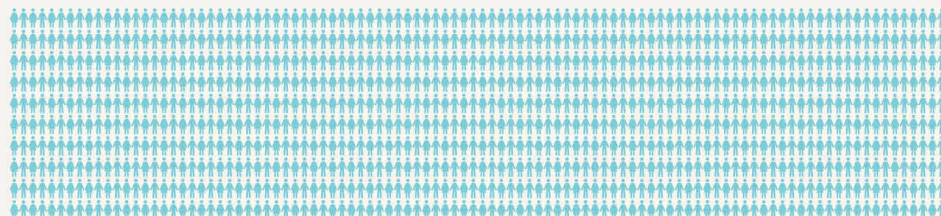
Taxis – When transport is a barrier to people attending support groups, workshops or other events, MS Auckland assists by paying for the provision of a taxi.



Field Workers
3 FTE



Support Staff
3.4 FTE



1000
People with MS
in Auckland



8336

Communications
with Clients



1489

Home Visits by
Field Workers



2166

Phone Calls
Made



273

Hospital Visits
by Field Workers



150

People attended Wellness Workshops providing information
on ways to self-manage their Multiple Sclerosis



109

People attended our annual Research Day in 2015

1526
People attended Hydrotherapy sessions
across six Auckland venues



297

Taxis were provided to enable participation
in MS Auckland events



780

People attended Support and Networking groups
held throughout the year

4750

Multiple News bi-monthly magazines were sent out



7000

Volunteer hours spent assisting in the office,
at Hydrotherapy, at Support Groups and at events

3

Major Fundraising events per year

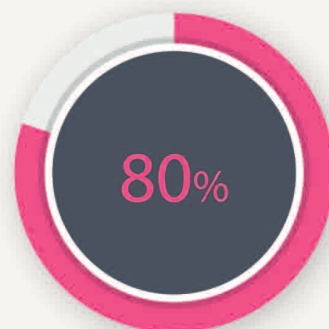


4000+

The reach of our service throughout
Auckland, including people with
MS, their carers, families, friends,
employers and other agencies



of operating expenses
received from Ministry
of Health funding



of funds raised goes back
into supporting people
with Multiple Sclerosis in
the Auckland region



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major fund-raising events.

With only 8% of our operating expenses received from the Ministry of Health, fund-raising has become an important revenue stream for MS Auckland. Three main fund-raising events were held in 2015: Life Buoy, Street Appeal, and Bike the Bridge.

life buoy

This was the second time for the event – a charity luncheon and auction – and it was once again held at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron. Fidelity Life and Harcourts Cooper & Co sponsored the event. 300 attendees enjoyed a delicious three course luncheon and fine wines. They were entertained by MC Annabelle White and guest speaker Tony Johnson and encouraged to dig deep into their pockets for an amazing array of donated items auctioned by Martin Cooper of Harcourts Cooper and Co.



street appeal

This nationwide event is well supported in Auckland with many volunteers giving up their time to stand outside venues and rattle the bucket for street donations. It combines awareness raising with two days of street fund-raising.



bike the bridge

3,800 people participated in the Bike the Bridge event for which Multiple Sclerosis Auckland was the named charity.

It was a lovely family event giving people an opportunity to cycle over the Auckland Harbour Bridge and back again! We anticipate that this event will grow in popularity over the years and look forward to participating again next year.



bequests.

Gifts received from estates form a valuable source of income enabling continuity of services. There have been no bequests to MS Auckland since 2013 (other than funding from the Estate of Lipanovich & Covich Trust, administered by Perpetual Guardian with income distributed annually to us and five other chosen charities).

To increase awareness of MS Auckland to people considering leaving gifts in their estate, a subcommittee was formed comprising members of the Committee and the CEO.

corporate partnerships.



grants, trusts and foundations.



Thank you to our partners and funders for their generosity and support!

bequests for the past five years.

The Estate of Lipanovich and Covich Trust
Dawn Carrington | Frederick Eklund
Clement Lawford | Marjorie Constance MacDonald
Colin Armishaw | Gertrude Mary Terry
Hope Isabel Stemson

in memoriam.

Bronwyn Green | Lesta Pullen
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland and the North Shore Incorporated

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the financial statements of Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland and North Shore Incorporated on pages 3 – 8 which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2015 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.

Auditor's 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 Society'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.

Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion Paragraph, the financial statements on pages 3 – 8;

- Comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand;
- Give a true and fair view of the financial position of Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland and North Shore Incorporated as at 31 December 2015, and its financial performance for the year ended on that date.

We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required.

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
Chartered Accountants & Auditors
Parnell, Auckland
30th March 2016

THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED

Statement of Financial Performance For the Year Ended 31 December 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Revenue			
Fundraising		595,301	634,926
Less Cost of Fundraising		253,449	232,282
Net Fundraising		<u>341,852</u>	<u>402,644</u>
Subscriptions		12,152	12,930
Ministry of Health		55,510	55,053
Sales		14,704	14,617
Rent Received		-	-
Bequests		6,000	4,914
Interest		2,414	2,623
Sundry Income		-	-
Total Revenue		<u>432,632</u>	<u>492,782</u>
Expenses			
Client Services		376,746	341,990
Administration and Premises		68,767	78,415
Total Expenses		<u>445,513</u>	<u>420,404</u>
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		<u>(12,880)</u>	<u>72,378</u>
Add/(Deduct) Other Income/(Expenses)			
Depreciation		(22,893)	(25,516)
Gain on Sale of Fixed Asset		-	-
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets		(12,960)	(5,564)
Total Other Income/(Expenses)		<u>(35,854)</u>	<u>(31,080)</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)		<u><u>(48,734)</u></u>	<u><u>41,298</u></u>



THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED

Statement of Movements in Accumulated Funds For the Year Ended 31 December 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Accumulated Funds at the beginning for the year		95,709	54,411
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the year		(48,734)	41,298
Distribution to MS Auckland Region Trust		-	-
Accumulated Funds at the end of the year		46,974	95,709

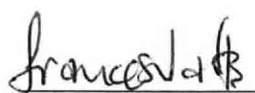


THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED

Statement of Financial Position As at 31 December 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Accumulated Funds		<u>46,974</u>	<u>95,709</u>
Represented by:			
Current Assets			
Bank		172,384	169,896
Short term Deposits with Bank		25,000	
Accounts Receivable		-	7,456
Books on Hand		379	338
Petty Cash		300	300
GST Due for Refund		5,102	(33)
Interest Accrued Bank - Deposits		37	-
		<u>203,202</u>	<u>177,957</u>
Non Current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	2	42,739	67,422
Investments		-	-
		<u>42,739</u>	<u>67,422</u>
Total Assets		245,941	245,379
Current Liabilities			
Trade Creditors		16,963	17,170
Accruals		39,859	32,970
Income in Advance		142,145	99,530
		<u>198,967</u>	<u>149,670</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>46,974</u></u>	<u><u>95,709</u></u>

 (President)

 (Secretary)

30/03/2016 (Date)



THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED

Statement of Accounting Policies As at 31 December 2015

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 an appropriate for the measurement and reporting of financial performance and financial position on an historical cost basis are followed by the Society.

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
Office furniture & equipment	10.0% to 100.0% DV
Motor vehicles	26.0% DV
Aid equipment	9.5% to 39.6% DV



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Statement of Accounting Policies As at 31 December 2015

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 and Bequests**

Donations, Subscriptions, Ministry of Health, Sponsorship, Fundraising Events and Bequests are 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 an accrual basis.

Changes in Accounting Policies.

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



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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2015

- 1 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.

2 Property, Plant & Equipment	Original Cost	Depreciation For the Year	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value
Leasehold Improvements	7,552	629	629	6,923
Motor vehicles	46,221	7,535	28,639	17,582
Office furniture & equipment	62,114	12,943	46,482	15,632
Aid equipment	15,801	1,786	13,199	2,603
Total as at 31 December 2015	131,688	22,893	88,949	42,739
Leasehold Improvements	9,438	-	-	9,438
Motor vehicles	46,221	6,285	21,104	25,117
Office furniture & equipment	75,635	18,110	45,115	30,521
Aid equipment	13,760	1,121	11,413	2,347
Total as at 31 December 2014	145,054	25,516	77,632	67,422

3 Related Party Relationships and Transactions

The Society has a related party relationship with MS Auckland Region Trust. The following members of the committee are also trustees of MS Auckland Region Trust:

Neil Woodhams
Peter Wood
Graham Wear

During the year, the Society undertook the following related party transactions:

- Received grants of \$20,884 from MS Auckland Region Trust. (2014 \$36,742)
- Received reimbursement of expenses spent on behalf MS Auckland Region Trust of \$250 (2014 : \$2,938)
- The Society has made a distribution of \$Nil to the MS Region Trust

4 Operating Lease

The Society signed a one year lease on 1 August 2015 with a one (1) year right of renewal for one (1) year the lease of the Office space at the Takapuna Community Services Centre. The annual operating lease commitment is \$2,100.00 including GST.

5 Subsequent events

There are no subsequent events at balance date.

- 6 The cost of the 2015 audit undertaken by Lynch Phibbs & Associates was \$5,520.00 (2014 \$5,592.30). As part of their desire to assist in the community, Lynch Phibbs & Associates are again pleased to donate their 2015 audit services free of charge to the Society.

7 Contingent liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities at balance date (2014: \$Nil).

8 Capital Commitments

There are no capital commitments at balance date (2014: \$Nil).



multiple sclerosis auckland outcomes map.

