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President's Report to the Annual General Meeting

It is my pleasure to report to Members of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland and North Shore Inc. for the year ended 31 December 2012.

The last year has been one of change and challenge for the Society. The most significant change was the resignation in August of our General Manager Gary McMahon after nine years in the position. Gary has returned to his family in the UK where he has taken up a role as Chief Executive of Overcoming Multiple Sclerosis UK.

During his time as General Manager Gary oversaw major changes at MS Auckland, the most notable being the merger of the Auckland and North Shore Societies. The staff and Committee were able to farewell Gary at a function before he left and to wish him well for the future.

We were very fortunate to have had recently brought on board as our Fundraising and Marketing Manager Thérèse Russel and to be able to offer her the role of General Manager. This meant that there was an opportunity for a good handover from Gary before he left. It did mean however that for a period of four months Thérèse covered the two roles until her replacement Funding Coordinator started early in 2013.

Through her professionalism, enthusiasm and hard work Thérèse has injected a new sense of urgency and drive to all aspects of the Society. She has thrown herself into the role with gusto which has led to her attending virtually every group the Society organises as well as representing the Society at events as diverse as a charity boxing match to film premieres. The evidence of this drive and enthusiasm was no better shown in the results from our Street Appeal where the total amount raised double to \$70,000 from the previous year.

After sometime in the office Thérèse took to the Committee a proposal to reorganise how the staffing of the Society was organised. This resulted in the restructure of the office and administration areas which was completed at the end of January 2013. The new staff are settling well into their positions and the results will hopefully be clear in the months to come.

The changes in staff meant that for most of the year we did not have a full-time Funding Coordinator and funding in particular from grants suffered. The Committee remains determined to reduce our dependence on grants from Trusts associated with gambling machines etc. That whole industry is under considerable pressure politically and the amounts available to organisations like ours have reduced considerably. This situation is only likely to get worse. While we understand the political realities of this we have seen from no political party any acknowledgement of the importance of these organisations to charities like ours or any proposals as to how the funding currently being provided might be replaced.

The Committee recognises that increasingly we must be in control of our funding sources. The increased concentration on the Street Appeal is evidence of that. I hope by the time of the AGM I will be able to announce a major funding initiative for later in the year which we have had under planning for 18 months.

Thérèse and MS Auckland have taken the lead role with a national organisation for a funding campaign in May this year which is a first for MS. We are hopeful that this will be the start of an on-going relationship with a rapidly growing national organisation.

A key change last year was the move to adopt the national rebranding of MS in New Zealand. There was some reluctance and sadness at dropping the longstanding red logo. The Committee was disappointed at the way MSNZ imposed the change and steps now exist to prevent a reoccurrence. However with the majority of Regional Societies using the new colours and logo it was essential that as the largest Society we supported the move. This did involve some additional expense in the 2012 year and there remains some costs for banners etc. to be incurred this year. In the main the change has been well received and the orange colour certainly stands out in a crowd.

One area that I have always been conscious of, is the role of the Society as an advocate for People with MS and their carers and families. As a Society we belong to a number of umbrella organisations which work for all people with disabilities and do a tremendous job. However I am conscious there are some specific issues for People with MS which I believe we need to be more active in addressing.

An example of this is when last year I became aware of People with MS waiting up to two years for an MRI scan ordered by their neurologist. The Society made an Official Information request to the three Auckland DHBs. As a result of this request both the Counties Manukau and Waitemata DHBs have agreed to use their own MRI facilities to scan people living within their areas rather than those people having to wait and be scanned at Auckland City Hospital.

The Committee also undertook a survey of accessible toilets. The draft report shows there are many deficiencies in the current building rules and regulations and the survey has come up with a number of excellent suggestions which we will be putting to the powers that be and will be advocating for change.

The other complex area for advocacy is the question of access to funded disease modifying drugs for MS. We know that this is of great interest to many of our Members and one that we are frequently asked about. It is a very complex and time consuming area and one which has to be done in consultation with the neurologists. I am hopeful that we can improve our performance and success rate in this area over the next period.

In my report last year I referred to the decision by the Committee to revive the Multiple Sclerosis Auckland Trust as a way to support the long term financial stability of the Society. Good progress has been made and at the time of writing, the Trust now has total assets in excess of \$900,000. The two largest contributors to that are the \$385,000 which arose from the sale of the Taylors Road premises and a bequest for \$252,000 which has been designated for research. The Trustees have arranged for the funds to be professionally invested and managed. We believe that the work of the Trust will be increasingly beneficial to the Society in the years to come. As an example of how the Trust will work with the Society, the funding of the Research Day which follows this AGM has come from the Trust's research funds.

The Trust and the Society have benefited from two bequests in the last twelve months, one of \$110,000 from the Dawn Carrington Estate, the other of \$38,500 from the Frederick Ekland Estate. The impact of these bequests for People with MS and their families is profound. We intend launching an increased drive for bequests this year and I urge any of you who have thought about making a bequest to the Society, and who have not yet done so, to talk to Thérèse or one of the Committee.

In a year of change, there have been significant changes at MSNZ. In September the National Executive made the decision to close the National office in Wellington and open a much smaller and limited coordinating function associated with the offices of MS Canterbury. The reasons for this were principally financial with the National organisation having run at significant deficits for the previous three years. The National Executive had surveyed the Regional Societies and there was clearly no ability for the regions to support MSNZ financially. The other result coming from the survey was the fact that there was duplication in services provided as well as a number of services not being highly rated by the Regions. The move involved the redundancy of the two National office staff. This move has started to stabilise the financial position however this will not be completed until the office premises in Wellington are re-let.

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 four such people and are recommending that this meeting approve the awarding of Honorary Life Memberships to:

Rob & Judith Linton

Brian Stevens

Bruce Cameron.

I will be saying more about each of these people later in the meeting.

Clearly 2012 has been a challenging but also a 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 Field Workers, Diane, Dianne, Georga and Glen for their sterling efforts. The new staff in the office; Pam, Mark and Rachel are finding their feet fast and making a good contribution.

I particularly want to acknowledge the excellent start Thérèse has made to her role as General Manager. Her support for me and the Committee has been first class and I look forward to working with her in the future.

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. During the year Bruce Howat resigned and his contribution has been sorely missed. I want especially to acknowledge the efforts of Graham Wear as Vice President and Peter Wood as Treasurer. I have been a fortunate recipient of their sound advice to the benefit of the Society. To all of the others on the Committee my sincere thanks also.



Neil Woodhams
President

General Manager's Report 2012

I'm pleased to be able to report to our Members on the Society's activities, performance and progress over the last year.

This year saw staff changes. I was employed in June as Marketing and Fundraising Manager although a short time later applied for the GM role. The role of Marketing and Fundraising Manager had been vacant for several months and the Society had employed the services of a Grant's Contractor to apply for funding for us and keep the Society in funds. In August, Gary McMahon the General Manager of the Society for nearly 10 years, decided to return home to the UK. He was appointed CEO of Overcoming MS and is really enjoying his new position. At the end of the year, Shelley Oliver, Office Manager for the last two years resigned to further her career.



I stepped into the role of General Manager in August and hit the ground running, as it left the position of Fundraising and Marketing Manager vacant, once again. I continued fulfilling these two roles until the end of the year. It was certainly a fun time with many challenges and lots of balls in the air.

Other changes this year was our logo. National office decided it would be more consistent for all Regions to adopt the same new look logo and after much discussion, the Committee approved it in June. We only made changes as we needed to, to cut costs and we are very grateful to Broderick Printing for their very reasonable printing charges.

With staff changes, positions unfilled for lengthy periods, and the added costs of rebranding our overall fundraising for the year was well down, but could have been much worse.

Client Services

The Field Workers remain unchanged (Glen Monin, Diane Hampton, Georga Forgac and Dianne Bartlett) and continue to work hard for our Members and improve and extend the services Multiple Sclerosis Auckland offers. All our valuable Field Workers go beyond the call of duty and work much longer hours than they are paid for. They are all extremely committed and passionate about what this Society does and how our Members should benefit. Multiple Sclerosis Auckland and our Members are extremely lucky to have such professional Field Workers and we are very grateful for their loyalty and dedication. Glen Monin has been with the Society for nearly twenty years.

This year we undertook a Field Worker survey in all four regions. We randomly selected clients from North, Central, West and South and asked you to complete a questionnaire relating to your specific Field Worker's services. We were delighted with the response we had from this, the survey return rate was extremely high, and in 98% cases the feedback was exceptionally positive. It just reiterated to us the high performance levels being achieved by our Field Workers is dependable and consistent.

Early on in the year we held a Retreat for PwMS, at Mana Retreat Centre on the Coromandel. Although we used the word 'retreat', the weeklong event would be more properly titled "An Introduction to a Lifestyle Programme" designed by Prof. George Jelinek MD Dip DM FACEM, which he outlines in his book, "Overcoming Multiple Sclerosis". The idea of the programme was to provide evidence-based recommendations to people diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis that encourages them to take back control of their symptom management, alongside the care that they get from their Neurologists, GP's, Field Workers and their other health professionals.

The Retreat was attended by 22 people and the feedback was all very positive and encouraging. In fact we planned to do another one in 2013 but Prof. Jelinek is unable to come to New Zealand for the next two years, as he has launched the same Retreat in the UK. It is such a shame because we get asked "when is our next Retreat", all the time.

Our volunteer base has plateaued and it is something we are going to concentrate on in 2013. However we have been exceptionally lucky to have very supportive Water Walking volunteers who attend weekly sessions to assist some of our Members.

There are many valuable volunteers and I don't want to name them all, but I would like to talk about one person, in particular. Jane came into our office three times a week for most of this year to help out with administration work. It was not a paid role and Jane did learn a lot from Shelley, but she never let us down and her support meant that we did not have to employ another staff member, which saved Multiple Sclerosis money at a time, that we really needed to tighten our belt.

To all our volunteers, many of the services and benefits we offer could not be executed without your help and time. Volunteers are special people and don't come along every day, but when they do, they are people with big hearts and generous spirits – thank you all so very much.

We continue to have a strong relationship with the MS Nurses, although most of this year has just been Lynette Newby, as Fiona d'Young was on maternity leave and due back in April 2013. Our Field Workers take turns meeting with Lynette monthly to keep a pulse on any updates and developments.

Hopefully you have all noticed the major changes to the newsletter. It is now regularly produced bi-monthly and in a new format, which judging from your feedback, you are very happy with. We have asked you all if you would like to receive the newsletter via email or a hard copy in the post, by now we have most of your options, however if you would like to change your mind, please phone the office. We were delighted that by changing the, printer, graphic designer, paper, format and going full colour, we decreased the costs considerably.

Last year we organised a Website Designer, Gopher Limited to help us update our Website. Unfortunately as we are getting it all completed at no cost, we have to come after paying clients, so it is still ongoing and changes are being made when Gopher Limited has time. I wish to express my sincere thanks to Committee Member, David Compton for taking on this long and laborious task and giving up his valuable time to see it through, we are just about there.

We have had great success this year in building the numbers that attend Water Walking classes at the various pools around Auckland. We have a wonderful anonymous donor that generously gives each year to fund our Central pool at Epsom Girls Grammar, where numbers attending continue to rise. During the year we asked people to give us feedback on their experience and the benefits they receive from Water Walking, the response was amazing and it is certainly a service we will continue to get funding for. We are very grateful to be working alongside the Rope Neuro Physio-therapists, who are fully qualified to teach People with Multiple Sclerosis and individualise programmes relative to their needs.

The numbers attending Member's Lunches have grown considerably. We still haven't found the perfect venue or food, but that is a work in progress and we will get there. We don't make any money from these lunches (we cover costs), but it is a time for networking amongst the Members and many friendships have been developed along the way. We see many regular Members each time and we are very appreciative of your support. I encourage everyone to attend the Member's Lunch in your area as we only have four a year and if you can only make one then you will find it very beneficial.

We have been very fortunate to have had complimentary counselling services from Roy Bartlett (PwMS) this year. Many of our Members have benefitted greatly from their weekly sessions with Roy and have a whole new positive look on their prognosis and their futures are looking much brighter. Counselling can be very therapeutic and mind changing which leads to living a more fulfilling life.

Fundraising and Income

You may remember the amount raised during our Street Appeal in September 2011 - \$29,000 (and it was noted in last year's Annual Report that it was our biggest ever!). Well we blew that figure out of the water last year, when we raised just over \$71,000 – now that's our biggest ever! We had many more profitable venues and many many more collectors. It was a huge effort and so many Members contributed, which made it so successful and so worthwhile. Look out 2013 because we are going to raise the stakes again!

Membership subscriptions for the year were up, and I believe that reflects the high level of service our Field Workers are providing. We have come to the stage now that our Field Workers can only give time to paid Members as we just don't have enough resources to commit to everyone with Multiple Sclerosis. Being a Member of Multiple Sclerosis Auckland is not a huge financial commitment, but the benefits are huge. I encourage you all to pay your subscriptions and participate in this Society.

We are very fortunate to have the support of many Charitable Trusts during the year and income from this source totaled \$258,195. Although this figure looks healthy, we were way down on Grants received, due to lack of a Staff Member committed to applying for funding. A good portion of this total is actually Income in Advance from the previous year.

The Future

We have an exciting future ahead of us and I am thrilled to be a part of it. I welcome my new Staff Members, Mark Blackie, Pam Smith and Rachel McCallum and already there is a renewed buzz and enthusiasm in the office. I send special thanks to our amazing Field Workers, Glen, Diane, Georga and Dianna, who have to continually remain, upbeat, positive and informative every hour of their working days.

We have some top events coming up, firstly a very special Lunch with renowned Chef, Geoff Scott (owner of Vinnies Restaurant in Herne Bay) planned in June, the September Street Appeal that is going to be bigger and better and the awesome return of 'MS Bike the Bridge' in November. Not forgetting our Member's Lunches, the next one out West and we are encouraging Members to partake in these Lunches by showcasing your creations. Do you have a particular talent because we would like to see it and share it with you?

Big plans are already underway for March 2014 when Multiple Sclerosis Auckland will celebrate its 50th Anniversary, if you have any ideas, we would love to hear from you.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the wonderful Committee that supports me. They are a strong, committed and significant group of people that help lead the future of Multiple Sclerosis and I can assure you, we are in good hands.

I would also express my gratitude to our Patron, Dr. Ernie Willoughby, whose commitment to our cause remains strong.

Finally, my personal thanks to our President Neil Woodhams, who has guided me through my new role with patience, advice and support at all times. Neil has added strengths to my weaknesses and helped enhance my role as General Manager.



Thérèse Russel
General Manager

**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 4 – 10 which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2012 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 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

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 4 to 10 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 2012, 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
Chartered Accountants & Auditors
Parnell, Auckland
27th March 2013

THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED

Statement of Financial Performance For the Year Ended 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Revenue			
Donations		82,650	69,910
Subscriptions		13,452	11,777
Grants		258,195	159,692
Ministry of Health		58,221	57,754
Sponsorship		-	500
Book Sales		4,624	4,533
Interest		2,893	13,845
Rent Received		8,288	25,210
Fundraising Events		83,243	89,047
Bequests		-	42,500
Sundry Income		3,556	1,856
Total Revenue		<u>515,123</u>	<u>476,624</u>
Expenses			
Administration & Premises		74,743	72,961
Client Services		58,623	43,399
Fundraising		47,069	54,594
Staffing		340,924	321,027
Vehicles		26,094	26,407
Total Expenses		<u>547,452</u>	<u>518,388</u>
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		(32,330)	(41,764)
Add / (Deduct) Other Income / Expenses			
Depreciation	3	(18,548)	(20,272)
Depreciation Recovered		-	2,707
Gain on sale of Fixed Asset		1,446	136,748
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets		(10,702)	(538)
Total Other Income / Expenses		<u>(27,804)</u>	<u>118,644</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)		<u>(60,134)</u>	<u>76,881</u>

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

**THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND
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**Statement of Movements in Accumulated Funds
For the Year Ended 31 December 2012**

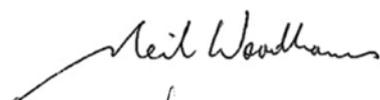
	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Accumulated Funds at the beginning for the year		542,642	465,761
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the year		(60,134)	76,881
Distribution to Multiple Sclerosis Auckland Region Trust		(384,106)	-
Accumulated Funds at the end of the year		<hr/> <hr/> 98,402	<hr/> <hr/> 542,642

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THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED

Statement of Financial Position As at 31 December 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Accumulated Funds		98,402	542,642
Represented by:			
Current Assets			
Bank		25,089	197,983
Short term Deposits with Bank		79,392	38,142
Accounts Receivable		7,436	402,117
Prepayments		-	6,425
Books on Hand		1,412	4,029
Petty Cash		200	200
Interest Accrued Bank - Deposits		365	359
		<u>113,894</u>	<u>649,254</u>
Non Current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	3	62,707	60,817
Investments		-	63,250
		<u>62,707</u>	<u>124,067</u>
Total Assets		176,601	773,321
Current Liabilities			
Trade Creditors		15,630	31,376
Accruals		25,896	26,819
GST Due for Payment		(1,595)	4,583
PAYE		-	7,024
Income in Advance		38,268	160,877
		<u>78,199</u>	<u>230,680</u>
Net Assets		<u>98,402</u>	<u>542,642</u>

 (Chair)

 (Treasurer)

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

THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED

Statement of Accounting Policies As at 31 December 2012

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 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
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 2012

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 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 2012

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
Leasehold Improvements	9,438	-	-	9,438
Motor vehicles	62,124	10,030	29,596	32,528
Office furniture & equipment	64,768	6,357	49,212	15,556
Aid equipment	25,321	2,161	20,134	5,186
Total as at 31 December 2012	<u>161,650</u>	<u>18,548</u>	<u>98,942</u>	<u>62,707</u>
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	<u>215,278</u>	<u>20,272</u>	<u>154,462</u>	<u>60,817</u>

4 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:

- a) Received a grant of \$7,500 from MS Auckland Region Trust. (2011 \$30,000)
- b) Received reimbursement of expenses spent on behalf MS Auckland Region Trust of \$4,314.18. (2011 : \$35,304)
- c) The Society has made a distribution of \$384,106 to the MS Region Trust (2011 : Nil)
- d) At the balance date of 31 December 2012, the MS Auckland Region Trust owed the Society a total of \$7,316 (2011 : \$45,351). This amount is included as part of accounts receivable.

5 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.

6 Subsequent events

There are no subsequent events at balance date.

7 The cost of the 2012 audit undertaken by Lynch Phibbs & Associates was \$6,139.13 (2011 \$6,041). As part of their desire to assist in the community, Lynch Phibbs & Associates are again pleased to donate their 2012 audit services free of charge to the Society.

8 Contingent liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities at balance date (2011: \$7,287).

9 Capital Commitments

There are no capital commitments at balance date (2011: \$20,000).

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 have helped Multiple Sclerosis Auckland from 1 January 2012 – 31 December 2012.

Grants, Trusts and Foundations

Lion Foundation
Pub Charity
Guardian Trust
Southern Trust
North and South Trust
Movement Disorder Trust
Fidelity Life
MS Auckland Trust
Cue Sports Foundation
Four Winds Foundation
Perpetual Trust
The Trust Community Foundation
Constellation Communities Trust
Heartland Building Society
Rehabilitation Welfare Trust
Trillian Trust
Blue Waters Community Trust
Pelorus Trust
John Illot Charitable Trust
Nautilus Foundation
Lipanovich & Covich Trust
COGS

Corporate Supporters

Rod Milner Motors
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Dow Design
Pit Stop
Lions Club Glenfield
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The Warehouse Lincoln Road
ACE Air Conditioning

Bequests

The following people left bequests to the Society:
Clement Lawford
Dawn Carrington

In Memoriam

Donations were received in memory of the following people:
Donna Brunell
Yolanda Kerkum
Colleen Mair

Regular Giving Programme

How can you 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 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:

Regular Giving Programme

We are so grateful to the few people that give monthly to our Society. It is funds we know we can rely on. We are launching a new Regular Donor Programme in 2013 and we want you to be a part of it.

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 Multiple Sclerosis Auckland.

We have several options for sponsorship including regional events and the support of specific programmes and classes that we run for the Multiple Sclerosis 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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