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Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland
and the North Shore Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT 2014



Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland and the North Shore Inc. President's Report to the Annual General Meeting for 2014



It is my pleasure to present the 49th report to Members of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Auckland and North Shore Inc. for the year ended 31 December 2014.

The old saying, "Time flies when you are having fun" was strangely appropriate for the activities of the MS Society in the last year. It remained a year of considerable challenge but at the same time we were able to see some real progress both at a local and on a national front.

International: In April Erin and I had the privilege of spending an intense six hours in the New York office of the US Multiple Sclerosis Society. It was intense as the visit consisted of twelve meetings including two teleconferences with various people within the US organisation based around the United States. One of the key messages I took from those meetings was the strong sense that significant progress was being made in finding the causes and developing new treatments for MS. In their view MS was no longer a disease with no known cause and with no known cure. Instead it was a challenging but exciting environment in which there was a lot of real progress being made in solving both issues.

National: During the year I was appointed Vice President of Multiple Sclerosis New Zealand Inc. Over the last two years a lot of effort has gone into ensuring that the National organisation is financially stable and clearly defining its role particularly in respect of the regional MS organisations such as ours. It is pleasing to report that significant progress has been made on both fronts. I want to acknowledge here the activities of Amanda Keefe as National manager and the relationship she has built with Therese Russel in areas of mutual interest.

The key roles for MSNZ have been defined as Awareness, Information provision, Advocacy and Research.

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

Disease-Modifying Drugs

In my 2013 report to members I indicated our concern at the poor access to a new disease modifying drug called Tysabri. This drug had been available free in Australia for 6 years. However in New Zealand it was only available if PwMS paid for it themselves or they were lucky enough to have a DHB who would fund it. Pharmac, the Government's drug buying agency had been considering funding it and the first Oral MS medication Gilenya for over two years and the process had become bogged down.

The MSNZ campaign to engage member support for a resolution of the Pharmac process coincided with wide media publicity that the All Black Tim Bateman was moving to play rugby in Japan because his wife had been diagnosed with MS and could not access the drugs she wanted in New Zealand. There then followed an intense period of negotiation and lobbying of Pharmac and political parties which resulted in Pharmac issuing a consultation document of the basis on which it was prepared to approve funding these two new drugs.

MSNZ and MS Auckland made detailed submissions on the proposals and it is pleasing to note that Pharmac changed its proposals based in part on our submissions. While all of this was done under great time and resource constraints I want to acknowledge those members who both supported our campaign and those who attended our two consultation workshops which provided invaluable 'from the coalface' input. I am certain these efforts impacted positively on the result.

These two drugs have been fully funded for qualifying patients since November 2014. This is a great result which has created new challenges. It is clear that DHBs have not been provided with the additional resources that are necessary to ensure timely access to the drugs by PwMS who want them. This is the next stage of the issue that we are currently starting to address with Pharmac and the DHBs.

MS Research

Whenever we survey our Members or hold Research Days there is always a positive response. Over the years, both MSNZ and MS Auckland have funded various research activities. There have been moves to set these on a proper footing for some time. At its AGM in October the national committee was authorised by the regions to set up The New Zealand Multiple Sclerosis Research Trust. This is now in its final stages of completing the formalities of establishment such as registration with the Charities Service and approval of tax deductible status by the IRD.

MSNZ has supported the Trust with an initial gift of \$600,000. Likewise our own MS Auckland Region Trust has donated \$300,000 which was the proceeds of a legacy given for the specific purpose of supporting MS Research.

The intention is that the Trust will work to build the Trust Fund to \$3.0m to \$5.0m over the next three to five years and that it will become a lead funder in conjunction with other funders of MS Research in New Zealand.

MS Auckland

The activities of your Society during the year are well covered in the report written by Therese Russel our CEO and I will not repeat them. However I must endorse her comments on the dedication and commitment of our staff to the activities of the Society and its Members. Our Field Workers often deal with complex and challenging situations with great skill and compassion. Equally, our Office Staff have worked under extremely cramped and trying conditions. All are under resourced and compromises between what we would like to do, compared with what we can do, are all too often made. They all work beyond the call of duty and I am extremely grateful to each and every one of them. This is especially true of Therese whose boundless energy and commitment means that the Society has been ably led with purpose and humour to the benefit of all.

During 2015 it will be time to review our strategic Plan and we will be coming out to Members to consult them on their views. While politicians and others are quick to acknowledge the role that Societies like ours play, there is very little evidence that they are prepared to back that acknowledgement with funding and resources. At the same time traditional sources of funding are subject to ever increasing demands. Other changes such as access to the Internet, access to new drugs will change rapidly the services Members will want from the Society and we need to be on the front foot to address these.

There are also major legislative changes in the wings. Changes to accounting and reporting standards will mean changes in the way we report in the future. Foreshadowed changes to the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 will require a review of our constitution and changes to Health and Safety legislation are likely to place greatly increased obligations on organisations like ours. These are challenges probably like many others the Society has faced over the last 49 years and no doubt we will find solutions to ensure our continued existence.

2015 will mark 50 years of service to PwMS, their carers and families. This is truly an amazing milestone. The efforts of those involved in the early days of the Society are largely forgotten in the mists of time however I am very mindful of the legacy they have created and the responsibility of handing the Society on to the next generation in good heart and as relevant to the needs of Members in the next 50 years as it has been in the last. There are now over 27,000 registered charities in New Zealand. Many are lucky to survive four or five years so let us celebrate the dedication and commitment of so many people over such a sustained period.

In this regard I am conscious that the ongoing renewal of the Committee membership is an ever present task. We are always looking for people who want to contribute to the running the Society in a governance role. This is a good training ground for younger Members who aspire to a career in governance and I would encourage any Member who is interested in going on the Committee to contact me to discuss.

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. In that regard I particularly mention the contribution David Compton has made. David is not standing again as he and his wife, are moving back to the South Island. The MS Society of South Canterbury will be the winners in this move. I thank David sincerely for his contribution to the Committee and Society over his time with us. It will be sorely missed.

To the rest of 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



CEO's Report 2014



I am delighted to report to our Members on the Society's activities, performances and growth during 2014.

I am still thoroughly enjoying, (which is always a good sign) my role as CEO and working with a dedicated group of Staff who are all as passionate as I am, to be there for our Members and to continue to increase benefits available to you all.

The year started off in an exciting way with our Fundraising and Marketing Manager, Pam Smith participating in the BDO Wellington to Auckland Cycle Challenge. Pam and many other individuals and teams rode more than 800+kms in 7 days. This event is not for the faint hearted but indeed for the dedicated cyclist, which Pam was. During the 7 days cycling, money was being continually raised for MS Auckland and MS New Zealand. It was an event that created a lot of hype in the cities and towns the cyclists finished and started from. The awareness created for Multiple Sclerosis was invaluable. We were very grateful to BDO who presented MS NZ a cheque for over \$20k at the end of the challenge.

We are trying to build some awareness around May MS World Awareness month and this year we introduced a programme called 'Good Sorts'. This took off very well and many Members hosted morning or afternoon tea parties for their friends. The idea was to invite a group of friends over who donated money to be there and MS Auckland would provide recipes, coffee, tea and a raffle prize. The host would provide the venue and food. The parties were so much fun and we raised \$4k from several Good Sorts. Remember May 2015 and we will do it again.

A new initiative we introduced this year was a charity luncheon "Life Buoy for MS' partnered by Fidelity Life, Harcourts Cooper & Co and Heartland Bank and it was held at the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (RNZYS). We oversold the event and it was a huge success. Our MC was Peter Montgomery who was simply superb. He interviewed America's Cup Sailors, Rick Dodson and David Barnes (both PwMS), who were both very entertaining and informative. Our guest speaker was the very positive Graeme Sinclair (Gone Fishin' and a PwMS) who proved a real winner with the crowd. Martin Cooper from Harcourts Cooper & Co did an awesome job as auctioneer and extracted a heap of money from the punter's pockets. It was thrilling to raise \$84k for this first time event and we intend doing the event again in 2015 for our 50th anniversary celebrations.

In my role, I continue to meet many people who want to do something wonderful in honour of a family member or friend that has or had Multiple Sclerosis. At an event last year hosted by Ernst and Young, I was invited to attend a function that was being held to raise funds for MS and the two guest speakers were Justice Helen Winkelmann and her sister Adrienne Winkelmann (NZ's fashion couturier). The audience heard how the girls' father was diagnosed with MS at 34, in a wheelchair by 35 and through complications passed away at the young age of 50. Their young family life was extremely interesting and all siblings have become very successful in their own right. After my thank you speech, Dame Rosie Horton introduced herself to me and said that she had already spoken to Adrienne Winkelmann and that the two of them would host a fundraising event for MS in 2015. Well you couldn't imagine my excitement, not only to meet the 'Queen of Charity' but that she was also going to support MS – a double win. Look out for that event in 2015.

One of the reasons that I was first interested in working for MS was because of family friends that I had gone to school with and played tennis with all through my teenage life. I learned some years later that one of the sibling's spouses had been diagnosed with MS and ended up in a wheelchair. She was not one to let that stop her and continued on her amazing journey full of creating, cooking and fundraising for MS. She attended the 'Life Buoy for MS' event last year and was delighted to get a table of friends to join her. Sadly that was the last time I saw her as she died from cancer a short time later. She was a great supporter of the Society and is missed. RIP Dianne Molloy and thank you.

Last year we invited Dr. Jennifer Pereira to join Dr. Ernie Willoughby as Patron of MS Auckland. We believe we have the two best Neurologists supporting and informing our Society and are very grateful they believe in what our Society stands for. We also work very closely with the MS Nurses who are very supportive of our Field Workers and the Society.

A huge thank you to our Ambassadors, John and Lorraine Street, who were influential in the initiative of our fundraising charity luncheon at the RNZYS and sold a third of the tables. They were absolutely fantastic in helping to sell tickets, obtain live and silent auction items and were able to get us a discounted rate at the RYNZS venue and food. We are so delighted to be working along side such special people and both have such big hearts.

Client Services

MS Auckland is very privileged to have such a high calibre of Field Workers who offer the most up to date information and assistance to our Members. Our four Field Workers, Carol, Diane, Dianne and Georga make several phone calls, emails and visits to Members on a daily basis offering support and referrals as required. This service is invaluable and is free to our Members and it must be a comfort to all People with MS that your Field Worker is just a phone call away.

One of the benefits that we are delighted to be able to offer our Members are Hydrotherapy classes in six venues around Auckland. This year we started a Saturday class at Diocesan School and this has proven to be very popular. Research has shown over and over again that benefits from this form of exercise increases fitness and stamina, improves balance, strength and co-ordination, reduces fatigue, focuses on the whole body not just certain parts and when done in a class environment adds the social component. The Society's commitment to increase numbers in classes is very strong as we know once you start, you won't want to stop. This tricky bit is getting you started – remember the first two sessions (in a pool near you) are free and then a 10 session concession card is purchased by you at a discounted rate from us because you are a Member of MS Auckland. To give you an idea of our assurance to Hydrotherapy we work with the very best neuro physios in Auckland – Rope Neurological Physiotherapists at a cost to the Society of \$55k p.a. I encourage you to enquire where the nearest pool to you is and get along to give it a go!

Last year we held a very well attended Research Day, which included top speakers from Australia, Wellington and Auckland. Feedback was so pleasingly positive and the quality of our speakers were first class; Dr. Sally Shaw (Melbourne based Psychologist) spoke about 'reducing stress in a life with MS'. Emily Hadgkiss (Melbourne based and has a Masters in Public Health) spoke about 'the role of dietary intervention in MS'. Dr. Anne La Flamme (Associate Professor at the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research) spoke about 'altering monocyte (type of white blood cell) responses during MS. Lastly, Dr. Jennifer Pereira (Neurologist at Auckland Hospital) spoke about 'disease modifying treatments for MS'. All topics were of great interest to our Members, who took a lot of information away to process and think about. We hold a Research Day every year. Members would like two Research Days, however our budget and lack of resources don't allow this, so be advised not to miss out on attending the next one.

After such positive feedback on workshops and the obvious benefits to Members, we created a series of Wellness Workshops last year over a six month period (one per month). These were extremely professional workshops and all presenters were top speakers in their field offering current information on the chosen subject, thoughts to move forward or improve, and motivational ideas or exercises to execute immediately. The topics of the workshops were; Nutrition and Diet, Mind Power, Making Change Stick, Exercise and Meditation, Pain Management and Continence Management. From these Wellness Workshops one definite plea from Members was heard and that was to start Yoga classes. We can let you know we are trying to get some funding to do just that. These Wellness Workshops were so popular we will be running a series again in 2015.

We continue to organise Member's Lunches in areas around Auckland and I would have to say that our Member's Christmas party was one of the best yet. It was a really good venue, superb food, first class entertainment and a great atmosphere. The feedback from this lunch is always well received and it is an opportunity to meet and mix with other Members. If you can only make it to one event a year, don't miss the Christmas get together.

DREAMS continue to be very successful and we have been able to fulfill many Members DREAMS during the year. We tend to stay away from big promises as we don't want to disappoint, however please do speak to your Field Worker if you have an achievable 'wish' and we will look into it for you.

Finances

We were delighted to be able to show a surplus in the 2014 Accounts and our goal is to do it again next year. Without some wonderful Corporate Partnerships we might have struggled to get the same result. We are very grateful to Fidelity Life, BDO, Harcourts Cooper & Co, Heartland Bank, Rod Milner Motors, Lynch Phibbs, MS Auckland Trust and the many foundations we receive grants from, who willingly support our organisation every year – we are immensely grateful for this valued support.

Thanks to one of our Members, we developed a very exciting relationship with HELL Pizza and together we are raising awareness for Multiple Sclerosis. During our Street Appeal, HELL promoted a fundraiser by offering a \$1 for every regular pizza they sold during our Awareness Week and 50 cents for every snack pizza sold during that week. We were delighted to receive a cheque from HELL for \$13,200. Our advertising agency HUNCH presented a very creative campaign during our awareness week, by delivering HELL pizzas to corporates that never placed an order.

Confusion was rife and the MS message was that the brain can send messages that don't arrive correctly to parts of the body and cause confusion. We were over the moon that this campaign which HUNCH didn't charge any fees for, won Gold in the NZ Post Direct Marketing Awards. Top result!

The Future

Within any organisation the success of the future rises and falls on the commitment and dedication of staff and I believe that we have such a team right now. It is so wonderful to work with such an awesome team, who continue to strive to provide the best for our Members in all areas we work in.

This year we said goodbye to Pam Smith and welcomed Gabrielle McNaughten on a contract basis and Gabrielle is proving to be a very valuable member of staff.

We continue to be resource-stretched and particularly in the area of manpower, so to have such a group of wonderful volunteers that give of their time freely is the Society's biggest asset. Thank you all so very much for your kindness, willingness and time. We seriously couldn't function as well as we do.

Finally I would like to express my sincere thanks to MS Auckland's Committee, led by Neil Woodhams. These men and women are a very important group of volunteers, who use their knowledge and skills to help with the future planning and development of our organisation to ensure we are on a very solid foundation moving forward.



THÉRÈSE RUSSEL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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 2014 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 2014, 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
10th April 2015

**THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND
THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED**

**Statement of Financial Performance
For the Year Ended 31 December 2014**

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Revenue			
Fundraising		634,926	429,788
Less Cost of Fundraising		232,282	169,894
Net Fundraising		<u>402,644</u>	<u>259,894</u>
Subscriptions		12,930	13,517
Ministry of Health		55,053	54,597
Sales		14,617	12,298
Rent Received		-	-
Bequests		4,914	157,949
Interest		2,623	1,564
Sundry Income		-	-
Total Revenue		<u>492,782</u>	<u>499,819</u>
Expenses			
Client Services		341,990	324,221
Administration and Premises		78,415	90,460
Total Expenses		<u>420,404</u>	<u>414,681</u>
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		<u>72,378</u>	<u>85,138</u>
Add/(Deduct) Other Income/(Expenses)			
Depreciation		(25,516)	(14,387)
Gain on Sale of Fixed Asset		-	-
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets		(5,564)	(6,242)
Total Other Income/(Expenses)		<u>(31,080)</u>	<u>(20,629)</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit)		<u>41,298</u>	<u>64,509</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 2014**

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Accumulated Funds at the beginning for the year		54,411	98,402
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the year		41,298	64,509
Distribution to MS Auckland Region Trust		-	(108,500)
Accumulated Funds at the end of the year		<u>95,709</u>	<u>54,411</u>



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**THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND
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**Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 December 2014**

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Accumulated Funds		<u>95,709</u>	<u>54,411</u>
Represented by:			
Current Assets			
Bank		169,896	99,632
Short term Deposits with Bank			40,746
Accounts Receivable		7,456	14,905
Books on Hand		338	1,076
Petty Cash		300	300
GST Due for Refund		(33)	952
Interest Accrued Bank - Deposits		-	-
		<u>177,957</u>	<u>157,610</u>
Non Current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	2	67,422	60,639
Investments		-	-
		<u>67,422</u>	<u>60,639</u>
Total Assets		245,379	218,249
Current Liabilities			
Trade Creditors		17,170	10,478
Accruals		32,970	30,057
Income in Advance		99,530	123,304
		<u>149,670</u>	<u>163,839</u>
Net Assets		<u><u>95,709</u></u>	<u><u>54,411</u></u>

 (President)

 (Treasurer)

1/04/2015 (Date)

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THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED

Statement of Accounting Policies As at 31 December 2014

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



THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED

Statement of Accounting Policies As at 31 December 2014

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.



THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND THE NORTH SHORE INCORPORATED

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2014

- 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	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
Leasehold Improvements	9,438			9,438
Motor vehicles	56,377	9,122	34,247	22,130
Office furniture & equipment	62,621	3,805	37,044	25,577
Aid equipment	22,442	1,460	18,948	3,494
Total as at 31 December 2013	150,878	14,387	90,239	60,639

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 \$36,742 from MS Auckland Region Trust. (2013 \$40,000)
- Received reimbursement of expenses spent on behalf MS Auckland Region Trust of \$2,938 (2013 : \$2,405)
- The Society has made a distribution of \$Nil to the MS Region Trust (2013: \$108,500)
- At the balance date of 31 December 2014, the MS Auckland Region Trust owed the Society a total of \$7,056 (2013 : \$14,905). This amount is included as part of accounts receivable.

4 Operating Lease

The Society has signed a non-specified termed occupancy agreement with Auckland Council for the lease of the Office space at Mayfield Centre in Glenfield. The annual operating lease commitment is \$1,656.00 including GST.

5 Subsequent events

There are no subsequent events at balance date.

- 6 The cost of the 2014 audit undertaken by Lynch Phibbs & Associates was \$5,592.30 (2013 \$4,703). As part of their desire to assist in the community, Lynch Phibbs & Associates are again pleased to donate their 2014 audit services free of charge to the Society.

7 Contingent liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities at balance date (2013: \$Nil).

8 Capital Commitments

There are no capital commitments at balance date (2013: \$Nil).

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

These Corporate Partnerships and organisations make a huge difference to our Society and in particular the benefits we can provide to our Members.

Corporate Partnerships

FidelityLife

HEARTLAND
BANK

ROD MILNER MOTORS

Lynch Phibbs
Limited

HELL

Harcourts
COOPER & CO REAL ESTATE LTD MBREXZ

cooper&co

BDO

TOYOTA | Believe

hunch

Grants, Trusts and Foundations

THE TRUSTS
Community
FOUNDATION

Pub
Charity

Lottery Grants Board
FUNDS FOR YOUR
COMMUNITY

Heritage
Lottery Fund
LOTTERY FUNDED

Guardian Trust
THE NEW ZEALAND GUARDIAN TRUST COMPANY LIMITED

Four Winds
FOUNDATION

COGS
Community Organisation
Grants Scheme

Auckland Council
Te Kaitiaki o Tāmaki Makaurau

THE WELLINGTON VOLUNTEER TRUST

perpetual guardian

Endeavour
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

John
Ilott
Charitable Trust

Auckland Airport

TRILLIAN
Trust Inc.

NZCT
NZ COMMUNITY TRUST

the Southern trust

BlueWaters
COMMUNITY TRUST

ASB Community Trust
Te Kaitiaki Pūtea o Tāmaki a Te Aroaro
supported by ASB

Infinity
foundation Limited

PELORUS TRUST

LION

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Betty Sinclair
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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 be 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. In 2014 we launched a Regular Donor Programme and although we were thrilled with the response we are a long way off our goal. If you would like to donate \$10.00 each month to MS Auckland, please contact the office.

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 Partnerships

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 are delighted with our Corporate Partners and are extremely grateful for the difference they make. As a Not for Profit it is so important that we build up these associations so the Corporate Partner and MS Auckland both benefit from the working relationship.

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 CEO 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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