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muscular dystrophy
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annual report 2008 - 2009



You tie. We win.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland supports people and families living in Queensland with Muscular Dystrophy and other neuromuscular disorders by providing:

- information and referral
- equipment loans and gap funding
- flexible respite solutions
- emergency and crisis assistance
- support groups
- funding for Queensland based research

We are a member based, incorporated association and rely on the generosity of Queenslanders for over 95% of our funding. We provide support to anyone free of charge and people are not excluded from receiving services on the basis of their financial status.

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What is Muscular Dystrophy?

Muscular Dystrophy refers to a group of over 60 different genetic muscular and neuromuscular disorders. People with MD have incorrect or missing information in their genes, which prevents them from making the proteins they need for healthy muscles, causing muscles to become progressively weaker over time.

The muscle groups that are affected differ with each type of MD; the more severe and most common forms often affect mobility, heart and lung function and can reduce life expectancy, while milder disorders may only weaken particular muscle groups and may allow a normal lifespan. Some forms of

MD affect infants and children, while others do not appear until adulthood.

Many people with milder forms of MD are able to manage the disorder by making minor adjustments to their normal routine and lifestyle.

How is MD treated?

Currently there is no cure for MD. Treatments concentrate on slowing muscle degeneration, improving people's quality of life and extending their lifespan. Often physical therapy is used to retain muscle strength and flexibility and to prevent muscles from stiffening or contracting. Some people with MD require orthopaedic devices to provide the support their muscles can no longer provide. Ventilators

can assist with poor respiratory muscle function and pacemakers can be fitted for those with poor cardiac function. Depending on the type of MD, medication may be used to increase muscle strength or reduce the incidence of spasms.

Doctors and scientists are working on finding a cure for MD and improving treatments for its symp-

oms. Many developments have already occurred in treating some forms of Muscular Dystrophy and researchers are looking forward to further breakthroughs in their endeavours to develop further treatments for the Muscular Dystrophies.

MDAQ – A brief history

In 1978 a group of families concerned about the lack of assistance for their children formed the Muscular Dystrophy Support Group. Without clinical or public recognition of the disorders the group began the challenging process of community education

and fundraising while continuing to provide support to each other.

Today MDAQ is building on the hard work of these early volunteers. We work with other service providers, Queensland Health, Disability Services and other

government agencies to ensure that people with Muscular Dystrophy and their carers are aware of, and have access to, preventative health education, services, and community support.

Our Mission

To assist people of Queensland affected by Muscular Dystrophy to meet their needs and enhance their quality of life by:

- providing products and services, and
- supporting research into the cause, treatment and cure of Muscular Dystrophy and other neuromuscular disorders.

Our Objectives

1. Provide family and health support services to individuals, their carers and families, for example:
 - counselling
 - community access
 - respite
 - equipment
 - emergency support
 - advocacy
 - advice and referral
 - information
 - community network meetings
2. Support research into the cause, treatment and cure of Muscular Dystrophy and neuromuscular disorders.
3. Safeguard the rights of people with Muscular Dystrophy and neuromuscular disorders.
4. Increase public awareness and community education of Muscular Dystrophy and neuromuscular disorders.
5. Co-operate with or be affiliated with other kindred organisations.
6. Provide equipment to assist clients, their carers and families caring for the disabled.
7. Provide advice and assistance on accommodation.
8. Assist people and families affected by Muscular Dystrophy and neuromuscular disorders to determine the direction of their lives.

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President's Message

So ends a year of change for MDAQ. A new Board, financial challenges and major staffing changes, all driving the need for re-assessment of the Association's goals, have culminated in greater opportunities and have allowed us to become better at what we do, and continue to challenge and support the disability paradigms we represent.

First I must thank the past President Murray McNeill for the great work he maintained over some fourteen years at the helm of the Association. The achievements and successes Murray oversaw are appreciated by all and we cannot thank him enough for his leadership and direction.

Taking the reins from Murray has been a huge challenge for a relatively new Board of Directors. This challenge was compounded with negative events of the global downturn in the economic sector and the rescheduling of our major annual fundraiser the *Ray White Surfers Paradise Muscular Dystrophy Ball*. Fortunately the Board has been able to provide some exceptionally innovative solutions to ensure the continuing viability of the Association, thanks to their diverse backgrounds and risk management skills.

Thus I wish to thank both the Board and the staff of the Association for all their hard work to achieve the successful financial outcome as shown in the Financial Statements.

Our new State Manager, Rick Carr, has addressed the challenge of leading a rejuvenated organisational structure, and shown considerable expertise to lead his team through the tight economic climate of the latter half of the year. We have also achieved some positive outcomes in Client Services, with a new and very professional team now in place. Our art union and donations fundraising income has thankfully been maintained similarly to previous levels, thanks to the hard work of our Contact Centre Team, and shows signs of reaching record levels in the year ahead.

This year has also seen a successful unification of four states through the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation. New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania, and Queensland are all represented on the Board of the new body.

Although it is a difficult path to attract a suitable corporate donor, the coming year brings great promise. We are hopeful the results of the large scale events planned will bring much anticipated funding distribution to the States, with resultant alignments with the remaining non-member states.

In all the Association has survived one of the most trying economic cycles since the 1930's. To all our donors and supporters, I thank you for your continuing faith and support.

To all our clients and their families, the Board pledges their ongoing commitment to the cause and a positive outcome to the next year.

Graeme Newton

President



State Manager's Message

This year the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland was faced with unparalleled challenges and changes, and yet, thanks to our dedicated Board and staff, we can say that we have been able to overcome each of the obstacles that we faced.

The year began with such promise. Our Donations appeals and Art Union Raffles were improving with each quarter, but the first and greatest challenge, the global financial crisis, brought a wave of destruction to markets around the world. The fallout of this crisis to our association was a significant reduction in donations for the last two quarters of the year.

The terrible destruction wrought by the Victorian Bushfires and the Queensland floods showed

the generosity of the Australian people, and their willingness to give even though they themselves were faced with hardship. This worthy and very public appeal further impacted the availability of donations in early 2009.

The next challenge was the decision to move the *Ray White Surfers Paradise Muscular Dystrophy Ball* from May to September, this change, although minor, meant that we would be facing a full financial year without the income for research and family support that the ball generates.

Challenges such as the ones we faced this year show the character of our Association and the determination and resilience of the Board, employees, and volunteers to ensure that the vital work of MDAQ would continue.

Challenges always bring change, and in January 2009 the Board moved to flatten the management structure of MDAQ in order to reduce the operating expenses of the Association. This cost saving measure helped make the weathering of the economic downturn and the other challenges that we faced possible.

Looking ahead, the economic signs are good, and though the financial recovery may indeed be slow as predicted, we have weathered the storm, and in doing so so we have endeavoured to maintain our focus on the reason for the existence of MD Queensland, that is to assist

individuals and families living with MD. With this goal in mind, we have our eyes firmly fixed on the future:

- We are exploring new and exciting ways of reaching out to clients and carers in rural and remote areas of Queensland through teleconferencing and video links.
- We are seeking client and carer feedback to assist us in improving our current service provision, and to assist us in charting our way to the future through our Strategic Plan.
- We are striving to work together with other organisations to provide outcomes that will benefit our clients and improve their quality of life.
- We are always searching for ways that we can assist our clients to find a greater level of independence and community involvement.

This year saw the first results of the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation Australia, with a joint national awareness campaign with donation boxes placed in businesses across Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania, and the Northern Territory in November 2008. MDF also ran a national merchandise campaign through Best & Less retail outlets in May 2009. These joint efforts are raising awareness and much needed funds that will help the state associations to assist individ-



uals and families living with MD.

MD Queensland is proud to have the support of an army of volunteers who help raise awareness and valuable funds to make the work of the Association possible. Groups such as All Hallows school, with over 250 year 11 girls volunteering to collect money in Brisbane on Red Bow Day; and the Harley Owners Group of Brisbane, co-ordinating over 100 Harley owners to donate their time for a day long charity ride for MD.

There are others as well, individuals too numerous to mention, who through their commitment help us to accomplish great things. I would

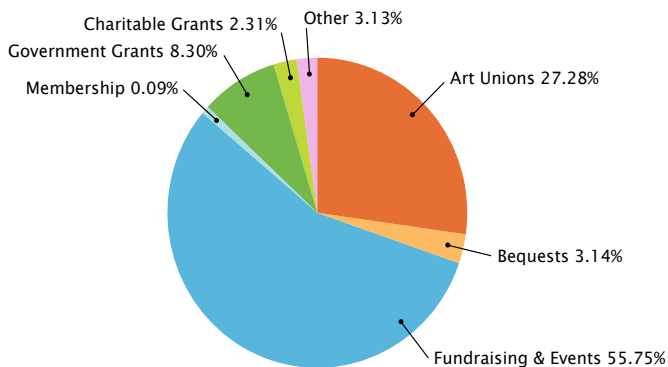
like to express my thanks to the MDAQ Board who volunteer their time and expertise to provide direction and support to the Association throughout the year. To our staff in Client Services, the Contact Centre, Fundraising and Events, Administration, Corporate Services and to our army of volunteers; you have proven your value to MD Queensland again and again, and I am proud to be a part of such a talented and dedicated team!

Rick Carr

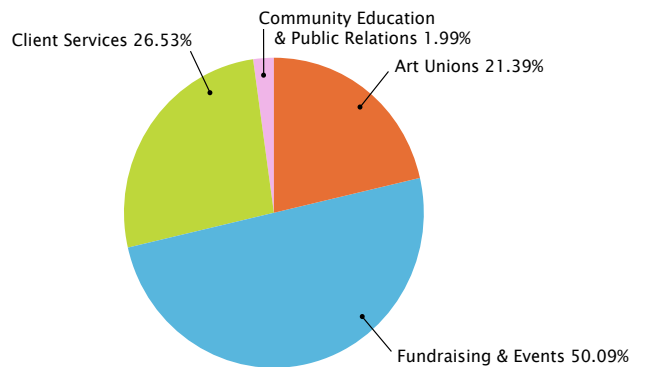
State Manager

The year at a glance

Income



Expenditure



Client Services Update

The organisational re-structure experienced throughout the Association this year has created significant change for Client Services. Within the team, the role of Client Services Manager and Senior Case Manager has been transformed into the new role of Team Leader, and the roles of Intake Officer and Case Workers are now combined. This restructure has streamlined our internal processes enabling an increased capacity to respond to the needs of clients and has provided depth and clarity to the role of Case Worker.

The focus of 2009 has been to develop systems and structures that will support the Case Workers in their roles and provide the opportunity to improve the operation of the team. Although reviewing and improving our systems is an ongoing task, we aim to complete our initial review within the beginning of the coming

year and once complete, we aim to expand the team further by employing an additional Case Worker.

As part of our DSQ funding requirements, each year the Association must undergo an audit of our quality systems. This year we passed with 100% compliance. We have also begun conversations with Disability Services that will determine the impacts of their departmental restructure and introduction of output based reporting requirements for funding. The transition MDAQ has experienced in this year has provided the opportunity to look at what Client Services has offered in the past and consider where we need to head in the future. This has fallen at a time when the Association is preparing to develop a strategic plan that will guide our direction over the next five years. The observations we have

made, together with the input we have invited from our clients will provide a foundation that will guide MDAQ Client Services' journey into the future.

Penny Hamilton

Client Services Manager



About Our Services

Equipment

MDAQ accepts requests for assistance with equipment required by people with Muscular Dystrophy and Neuromuscular Disorders.

We may be able to respond in one or more of the following ways:

- Equipment loans
- Assistance purchasing equipment
- Assistance with expenses related to equipment, modifications, mobility and access

- Assistance with MASS Co-Gap Payments

All requests need to be supported by a recommendation from a health professional such as Occupational Therapist or Physiotherapist. All requests for assistance with equipment are considered on a case by case basis and depend on the availability of funding. During this year, 54 people were

assisted with equipment. This included 14 beds, 5 MASS Co Gap payments, 4 manual wheelchairs and 31 other equipment items. The Client Services Team also reviewed the processes around requests for assistance with equipment and developed criteria to ensure equipment is provided with priority given to those with greatest need.

Respite

The focus of our Respite Program is to maintain the existing support networks of people and families living with MD. We fund Service Providers and can offer flexible respite solutions, whether they be in-home, out of the home or to provide access the community. The Client Services Team work with clients, carers and service providers to ensure support provided is designed to best meet expressed needs. Due to funding requirements the service is restricted

to the Greater Brisbane region, with a small portion of funding available outside that area. With limited resources, access to the program is based on the highest level of identified need. In the event that we are unable to respond to the needs of a family we work collaboratively with them to identify alternative options available and provide the support necessary to assist them through process of accessing other support. This year we have continued to

provide respite to people who are unable to access it through other programs. Respite occurred for 20 people through brokerage agreements with service providers of the client's choosing. The Team have also developed networks with external organisations for the purpose of linking clients with their local community service providers to create sustainable respite options.

Member Networks

MDAQ supports people to connect with the MD Community through Community Network gatherings. These gatherings have been held in Brisbane, alternating between venues in northern and southern suburbs on a monthly basis. They have provided the opportunity for people to meet other clients, carers and friends in the MD community and share information and experiences. Guest speakers have also provided informa-

tion related to the service system and MDAQ. Some guest speakers include Disability Services, Queensland Aged and Disability Advocacy (QADA) and Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres (CRCC) who brought the Care Bus information service.

There are a number of ways MDAQ plan to expand access to the MD Community across Queensland in 2010. These include:

- Provision of support to establish new Community Network groups
- Launching a program of guest speakers available via teleconference. These sessions will also be available via alternative options e.g. recorded versions.
- Opportunities for people across the MD Community to connect via teleconference and the internet.

Advocacy, Information and Referral

MDAQ aims to work beside people with Muscular Dystrophy and Neuromuscular Disorders for the protection of their rights. The Client Services Team has worked beside people to achieve outcomes and referred to specialised organisations where we were unable to assist. This has resulted in people working to improve their lives in areas identified. Some

examples include people negotiating improved services, transport, living arrangements and presentation of alternatives where people are offered limited choice.

The team have also been working together to build a base of networks and collective knowledge that will enable us to provide information and referrals for

clients, service providers and the general community. For example referral to support groups for specific MD types, to organisations for allied health services, to DSQ and HACC service providers, suppliers and businesses to meet specific needs. The team continue to build this knowledge base to ensure accurate and up to date information is available.

Darling Downs Support Group

With a new direction this year from the Brisbane Office, our support group is plugging along and have continued to provide the local MD community with support and funding for respite and equipment. With the assistance of Red Rooster, IGA Stores and the Red Bow Appeal our Branch achieved our fundraising goal for the year, whilst also raising awareness of MD on the Darling Downs.

Red Rooster Boxes are again proving to be beneficial. The close association between our Branch and the Red Rooster Management in Toowoomba continues to function extremely well and funds raised by these collection boxes reduces the fundraising workload on our volunteer member base.

Funds raised this year have enabled us to purchase a

collapsible shower chair and a fold up hoist that was made available for short term loan to families living or holidaying on the Darling Downs. We were also able to provide much needed respite and support for families.

In addition to financial support, the Group have also continued to provide emotional support to one another. Many of our members have been associated with our Support Group for more than 10 years and we have shared many personal trials along the way. Our service offers support in addition to that offered by the team at MDAQ and we welcome and offer support to new families referred to us each year.

This year, we are also proud to have been able to fund two local boys and their carers to participate in the National Electric

Wheelchair Sports in Sydney last April. The team came third overall, which was a great result for a team full of young players. Most importantly the boys had a terrific time and the families had the opportunity to take a break from their normal routine.

Our Support Group is small and consists mainly of parents who care for children with Muscular Dystrophy, so there is not a lot of extra time to devote to fundraising. We rely on the generosity of the Red Rooster & IGA Stores together with other donations to keep funds generating on the Darling Downs to assist our local families.

Greg Morrish

President
Darling Downs Support Group



National Electric Wheelchair Sports 2009

The Queensland Gladiators Electric Wheelchair Sports team travelled to the 2009 National Electric Wheelchair Sports (NEWS) competition on 20th April, eager to usher in a new era of success for the team. The 2009 Gladiators were relatively inexperienced, following the retirements of Tom Dickson and Brendan Henderson, and realistically hoped to make the 3-4 playoffs in each sport (soccer, hockey, and rugby league). Nonetheless, they were still determined to surprise some teams along the way. The team consisted of co-captains Kirk Patrinos and myself, Tristram Peters, Thomas Latcham, Joshua Merkas, and rookies Jeffrey Morrish and Tolga Balta, and was coached by Tim Merkas.

Despite wheelchair issues and health concerns, the Gladiators

were able to achieve their aim of making the 3-4 playoffs in each sport, and went on to come third in the hockey and rugby league, and fourth in the soccer. It was a terrific achievement, and the team is incredibly proud of their efforts.

Sadly, 2009 saw the retirement of another veteran, Kirk Patrinos, who has had a brilliant career with Queensland. Kirk has been a large part of Queensland's numerous victories over the years and will be sorely missed. At the same time, it is important to note that this year's rookies stood tall during the competition, improving with each game, and are ready to continue Queensland's success in future years.

The Queensland Gladiator's achievements in 2009 were

made possible by the generous support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland.

Without their financial and moral support, the Gladiators would not have been able to do what they did. On behalf on the Queensland Gladiators, I wish to extend my thanks to the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland. I'm aware that the players, parents, supporters, and coach are very grateful for your continued support. We hope we've done you proud, and will continue to try to do so next year, at the 2010 NEWS competition.

Tristram Peters

Co-captain
Queensland Gladiators



Contact Centre Update

The Contact Centre and income generated therein continues to be vital to the work of MDAQ. During the financial year 2008-09, the Contact Centre raised almost \$1.5 million through donations and sales of Art Union tickets.

We continue to benefit from the experienced, dedicated group of people calling our supporters for donations. And, we have a stable and experienced group of Art Union ticket sellers for the first time in a long while. Our Teledonation Team accounted for over \$800 thousand of the total funds raised, slightly down from the previous financial year. In the April - June Tax Appeal, we did not receive the usual level of support, and fewer than normal large donations came in. Our Art Union ticket sales and donations team raised almost \$700 thousand with ticket sales making up the majority of this income. This reflected an increase of over \$30 thousand over the 07-08 financial year.

External influences had an adverse impact on our overall results, particularly donations, commencing with the worldwide financial downturn late in 2008 and continuing into 2009, as well as Queensland floods, and Victorian Bush fires. In March 2009, to maintain a level of profitability and to ensure staff levels were consistent with lists, we were forced to make some difficult decisions and reduced our Teledonation and Art Union

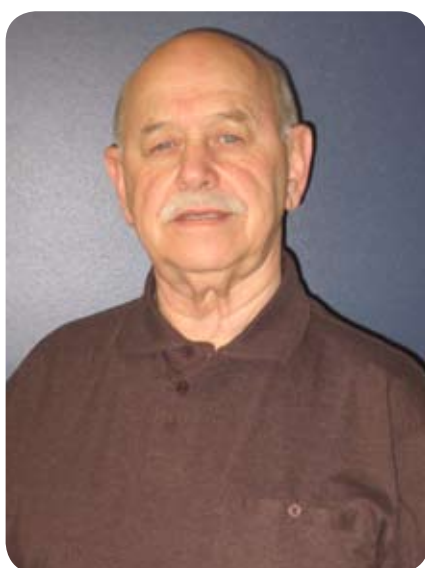
team by two members each. This decision reduced overheads and maintained the productivity of our existing calling lists.

In the 08-09 financial year, we acquired 6,419 new supporters worth a total of over \$100 thousand. Of the new acquisitions, 39.5% have repeated their donation or purchase of tickets. Staff reductions in March have since seen our acquisition efforts reduced from previous levels due to the increased workload from existing lists. In an effort to expand our Art Union acquisitions, we commenced selling printed Art Union tickets. A number of options were tested including selling at market stalls, shopping centres and door-to-door. Two members of the Art Union Team, who received a small commission for their efforts, have shown consistent success throughout the year. Their efforts produced sales of 3,255 tickets during the year. We will continue to sell printed tickets and seek ways to expand our efforts.

We are continually focused on improvement, and look forward to increasing our value and contribution to MDAQ so that families in Queensland living with Muscular Dystrophy may be provided more equipment, respite and support.

Richard Olsen

Contact Centre Manager



Fundraising and Events

The past year has been a very exciting one for MDAQ. We have worked collaboratively on a range of very exciting projects with other state based MD associations under the new national entity - the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation Australia. The prospect of being a member of a unified national body is long overdue and such a positive step in the right direction. Already the doors are opening for stronger relationships with major supporters like Red Rooster and Best & Less, as well as creating the unique opportunity to work with a true legend of comedy and MD's greatest supporter Jerry Lewis.

Jerry is the chairman of MDA USA and has raised over \$2.4 billion dollars - no, that's not a misprint - for MD over the past 50 years through his annual MDA Telethon.

The MD Foundation Australia are in contact with Jerry and his team and are working on plans to bring his telethon to our sunny shores to raise much needed funds, and also increase awareness and raise the profile of MD in Australia. The potential exposure brought about by an event of this magnitude is immense and should provide the Australian MD community with a great publicity boost. Stay tuned in 2009/2010 to hear more about Jerry and his involvement with MD Australia.

Of course we also had our usual list of annual events with Bow Tie Day taking on the new, more

inclusive name of Red Bow Day and the Brisbane Harley Owner's Group HOG Ride, which were both hugely successful events in their own right. Our biggest fundraiser of the year the Ray White Surfers Paradise Muscular Dystrophy Ball was moved this year from its usual May timeslot to what will become its new home on the social calendar in September. We are currently in preparation for this impressive event and have high expectations of another fantastic result from the team at Ray White Surfers Paradise.

MDAQ are also fortunate to be supported by a large number of very generous corporate and individual donors and sponsors. An enormous thank you must go out to all MDAQ's individual and corporate supporters whose charitable generosity continues to overwhelm our community. To those reading this report who are amongst this special group of people, please accept our warmest gratitude on behalf of the Association and those who have benefited from your kind-heartedness.

At the close of last year, our vision for the Association was overwhelmingly positive. Although external financial pressures dealt the blow to MDAQ this year, these changes have made us more focused on preparing financially viable fundraising events. We have invested a great deal of energy into developing a national MD identity and have

assisted in the development of national fundraising and awareness campaigns and at the close of this year we feel assured that the future for the association remains bright.

Bren Arkininstall

Business Development Manager



The Brisbane Harley Owners Group 2009 Charity Ride

This year's ride was another fine example of a very well organised Brisbane Harley Owners Group event. Although attendance was slightly down compared with 2008, the ride included over 100 Harleys and many first time pillions.

On the perfect autumn day, the group headed to Peak Crossing for a mouth-watering morning tea stop, put together for another year by Kath and the Ladies of HOG and Graham and Pam Jenner.

From there the ride headed through beautiful countryside, towards the Aratula Hotel where a roast lunch and some well deserved beverages awaited. During the break a dazzling array of donated prizes were raffled off, while the HOG boys banter kept the crowd entertained.

Despite a few wet tails on the way home, the ride was once again a fantastic day out, with every pillion arriving back to Morgan &

Wacker showrooms sporting a big smile.

The ride raised over \$17,000 for MD, continuing the tradition of this event. Thanks to all the folks who purchased tickets, we sincerely hope you enjoyed yourselves enough to come back and support us in 2010! Thanks to Perry and the guys at Brisbane HOG for all their hard work and for making the HOG Ride such an enjoyable day for everyone involved.



Red Bow Week 2009

This year's Red Bow Appeal proved to be another success for Muscular Dystrophy in Queensland. Despite facing the challenges of bushfire, flood, cyclone and the global economic crisis, supporters of our organisation came from far and wide to champion our cause.

Red Bow Week was due to kick off with the inaugural 'March for MD', raising awareness for MD through the streets of Brisbane. However Cyclone Hamish had other ideas. The event was rescheduled for the end of March and turned out to be a fantastic conclusion to Red Bow celebrations, with members of the Queensland MD community marching in solidarity. Red Bow Week also saw our devoted group of volunteers from all over Queensland including Brisbane area, Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast, Toowoomba and North Queensland

take to the streets and shopping centres to raise money for MD. In keeping with tradition, our valiant volunteers not only raised vital funds for our organisation, they also acted as magnificent ambassadors for MDAQ. Our sincerest thanks to all for their hard work and generosity!

Red Bow Day wouldn't be the same without the year 11 girls from All Hallows School, who once again proved to be future fundraisers. Over 220 students painted the city streets red and in a whirlwind two hour period, before their first class of the day, the girls raised a whopping \$15,000. A special thank you to Kathleen Platz from AHS, for her tireless efforts in coordinating this wonderful event and organising the girls so well. Thanks also to all the girls who took part and for

conducting yourselves with such politeness, kindness and genuine enthusiasm.

Finally, a HUGE thank you to all those Queenslanders who gave generously to the Red Bow Appeal by purchasing merchandise or donating, and making this year an enormous triumph in the face of adversity and terrible weather!



National Awareness Campaigns

This year saw the beginning of a series of awareness and fundraising campaigns aimed at developing a nationally recognisable identity for Muscular Dystrophy.

Working closely with MD Foundation Australia and MD New South Wales, we played an integral role in coordinating a campaign celebrating National Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month in November 2008 and in May 2009, we facilitated the development and distribution of merchandise boxes to Best & Less stores across Australia.

The November National Awareness Month campaign was conducted as a donation box appeal. Businesses in Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, the Northern Territory and Tasmania offered terrific support, each placing a brightly coloured donation box on their counter during the month. These organisations were sourced for the first time this year through our Contact Centre and will provide the basis of calling lists for future national appeals. Though this was a start-up appeal, the profits earned from this endeavour were enough to provide funding for the next appeal in May.

The May Best & Less Merchandise Appeal was secured this year through the efforts of David Jack, CEO of the MD Foundation. With the foundation in it's infancy, David called on the coordinated resources of our organisation and MD New South Wales to develop and distribute merchandise boxes featuring pens and badges to over 170 Best & Less stores throughout Australia. The campaign also featured in Best & Less catalogues delivered to homes Australia wide.

Best & Less' commitment to *making life better for all Australians* is a good fit for MD. They are a longstanding and valued supporter of Muscular Dystrophy and have committed to merchandise campaigns each May in the coming years.

It is hoped that this is the start of an annual national awareness appeal that encompasses other national retailers in the future.



With thanks to our supporters



All Hallows School
Best & Less
Brisbane Harley Owners Group
CV Services Group
Disability Services Queensland
Liberty Healthcare Pty Ltd
OSD Pipelines
Queensland Health
Ray White Surfers Paradise
Red Rooster

Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2009

Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc.

Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 June 2009

	Note	2009 \$	2008 \$
Members Funds		1,074,738	1,179,210
<i>Represented by:</i>			
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and on deposit		961,871	1,166,577
Receivables and Prepayments		63,311	42,328
GST Receivable		6,194	2,108
Inventory	3	14,529	41,994
Investments		10,344	15,714
Total Current Assets		1,056,249	1,268,721
Non Current Assets			
Plant & Equipment	4	193,244	255,098
Total Non Current Assets		193,244	255,098
Total Assets		1,249,494	1,523,819
Current Liabilities			
Creditors & accruals		129,711	282,524
Provision for annual leave		14,359	29,349
Provision for long service leave		30,686	32,736
Total Current Liabilities		174,756	344,609
Non-current Liabilities			
Equipment loan		0	0
Lease liability	5	0	0
Total Non-current Liabilities		0	0
Total Liabilities		174,756	344,609
Net Assets		1,074,738	1,179,210

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these accounts.

Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc.

**Income Statement
for the year ended 30 June 2009**

	Note	2009 \$	2008 \$
Members Funds			
Income			
Donations		1,107,993	1,197,149
Bequests		67,403	717,307
Art Union		585,160	573,410
Events		25,007	247,018
Bow Tie Day Annual Appeal		61,334	79,866
Product Sales & Commercial Activities		1,334	2,653
Government Grants	6	178,055	166,356
Charitable Grants		49,550	68,460
Membership Fees		1,915	4,608
Other Income		67,010	65,746
Total Income		2,144,760	3,122,572
Expenditure			
Costs of Sales		204,602	336,247
Wages & Salaries		1,402,955	1,543,546
Motor Vehicles Expenses		23,059	30,628
General Expenses		540,644	674,189
Other Client Services Expenses		44,838	85,196
Other Expenses		9,093	40
Total Expenditure		2,225,190	2,669,847
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		-80,430	452,725

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these accounts.

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**Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 June 2009**

	Note	2009 \$	2008 \$
Total Equity at the beginning of the financial year		1,179,210	756,297
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	2	-80,430	452,724
Movement in asset revaluation reserve		-5,337	-29,811
Correction of prior period error		-18,705	0
Total Equity at the end of the year		1,074,738	1,179,210

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these accounts.

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**Notes to and Forming Part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2009**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets. The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis except for membership and fundraising income which are brought to account on a cash receipts basis.

(b) Application of Accounting Standards

The Management Committee is of the view that the Association is not a reporting entity. These financial statements have therefore been prepared as special purpose financial reports prepared solely to meet the Associations Incorporations Act 1981 requirements to prepare financial statements as Management believe there are no general purpose users of the financial statements. Therefore, the statements do not comply with all accounting standards applicable to general purpose financial statements, particularly AAS22: "Related Party Disclosures", AAS28 "Statement of Cash Flows", and AAS33 "Presentation and Disclosure of Financial Instruments".

Where required, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(c) Depreciation of Fixed Assets

All assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives using the straight line method. Classes of assets and their estimated useful lives are as follows:

Furniture & Fittings	5 – 6 years
Computer Equipment	3 years
Medical Equipment	4 – 5 years
Motor Vehicles	5 – 6 years

Estimated useful lives are reviewed on an annual basis.

Profits and losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment are taken into account in determining the profit for the year.

(d) Inventory

Inventory is carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(e) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Section 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. Accordingly no provision for income tax has been made in these financial statements.

(f) Investments

Shares held have been re-valued to market value at year end. The resulting increases are reflected in the Asset Revaluation Reserve.

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	2009	2008
	\$	\$
2. Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		
Included in the Surplus /(Deficit) for the year are the following expense items:		
Audit Fees	5,354	6,069
Depreciation Expense	102,517	117,290
Operating Lease Rentals	121,999	116,011
3. Inventory		
Trading Stock	0	22,924
Red Bow Day Appeal Stock	14,529	19,070
	14,529	41,994
4. Plant & Equipment		
Furniture & Fittings at cost	15,508	14,782
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-13,962	-12,999
	1,546	1,783
Computer Equipment at cost	113,374	111,574
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-92,641	-72,011
	20,733	39,563
Motor Vehicles at cost	74,308	94,226
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-15,865	-21,686
	58,443	72,540
Medical Equipment at cost	422,240	383,643
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-309,718	-244,853
	112,522	138,790
Call Centre Equipment at cost	105,891	105,891
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-105,891	-103,469
	0	2,422
Total Plant and Equipment	193,244	255,098

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	2009	2008
	\$	\$
5. Operating Lease Commitments		
Obligations under Operating Leases are as follows:		
- Not later than one year	106,932	101,725
- Later than one year but not later than two years	110,675	105,285
- Later than two years but not later than five years	233,778	358,054
- Later than five years	0	0
	451,385	565,064
 6. Government Grants		
Grants were received from the following Government entities:		
Disability Services Queensland	117,318	117,363
Premier of Queensland	35,000	30,000
Queensland Health	25,737	18,993
Local Government	0	0
	178,055	166,356

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Statement by the Management Committee

In the opinion of the members of the Management Committee of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc.:

- (a) The accompanying Income Statement is properly drawn up to give a true and fair view of the results of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2009;
- (b) The accompanying Balance Sheet is properly drawn up to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2009;
- (c) As at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Management Committee of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc. and is signed on behalf of the committee by:



Mr. Graeme Newton
President



Mr. Peter Kearney
Treasurer

Date: 30-09-2009

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC.

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the attached financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc comprising the income statement, balance sheet, accompanying notes and statement by the management committee for the year ended 30 June 2009.

Management Committee Responsibility

The association's management committee responsible for the financial report and they have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial report are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The association's management committee responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position and performance as represented by the results of its operations. (These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia).

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this audit report or on the financial report prepared as a special purpose financial report to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.


Qualification

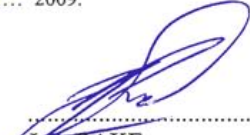
As is common for organisations of this type it is not practicable for the association to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, subscriptions and other fund raising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to such income was limited to agreeing the amounts recorded in the financial statements to the supporting records.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the affects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial statements present fairly in accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporations Act 1981 and accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc as at 30 June 2009 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Signed this 2nd day of October 2009.


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