

# MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY QUEENSLAND ANNUAL REPORT

2015/2016



## OUR VISION

Our vision is that all Queenslanders living with muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular conditions are empowered to make the most of opportunities, maximise their potential and live fulfilling lives.



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# Office Bearers

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## Board of Management

Lorna Peters - President  
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# A message from our Patron

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The year 2016 has been a fulfilling one for all of us who work in the domain of neuromuscular healthcare. Dedicated professional colleagues, family members and wonderful volunteers have continued to give of their all, that the lives of those who bear neuromuscular disabilities might be enriched. Many of us have been inspired by the skill, professionalism, dedication and courage of the athletes from many nations who competed in the Paralympic Games. Over the past year, we have all seen the same qualities in local wheelie sporting events where our colleagues have competed with the same vigour and enjoyment--- and even with the same injuries after a hard-fought game!

Every year we hear of new developments in research; and we have all come to accept that advances take a long time to produce practical benefit. However, this last year has been one of the most encouraging in recent times. In the domain of Duchenne dystrophy, the long-term use of steroids continues to extend the period of ambulation, as those who were started on what seemed a radical therapy (one or two decades ago) now have extended periods of partly-preserved muscle function.

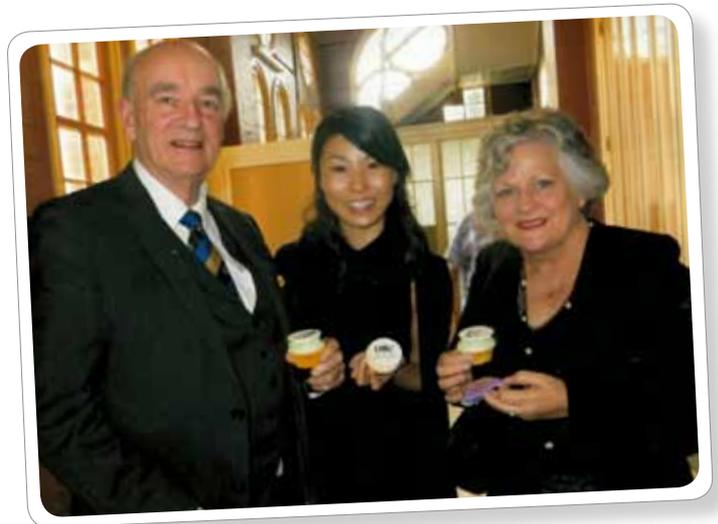
The most significant advances have occurred in the spinal muscular atrophies. We were greatly heartened in 1996 when the gene for SMA type 1 was identified; and subsequently when the Survivor Motor Neurone Protein (SMN 1) was identified as a requirement for normal functioning of the motor neurones in the spinal cord. But for almost 20 years, the next step seemed too elude scientists. Then a new substance, Nusinersen, was developed as a novel way to block the action of the harmful genes. This year the first paper was published on the first-in-human trial, in which 200 children with various forms of SMA took part.

No serious side-effects have been yet identified; and the life expectancy of the early fatal form of SMA (SMA Type 1) has been doubled. This is the first time that there has been any true scientific breakthrough in this group of conditions. What the future holds is of course uncertain; but this is a new approach and new developments will assuredly follow. Everyone is aware that whatever advances help our children and colleagues with SMA may also give a way forward in the pathologically-related condition, motor neurone disease.

May the year ahead continue to be filled with optimism, and each day be filled with the laughter which is the hallmark of our MDQ.

*Prof John Pearn*

Patron, Muscular Dystrophy Queensland



*Prof. Pearn and Helene Frayne (MDQ CEO) enjoy morning tea with Chiormaster, Dr. Tanya Trinh during The Queensland Medical Orchestra and Choir's Virtuosis 2016 in July. Proceeds from this concert raised over \$5,000 for Muscular Dystrophy Queensland through the Ashintosh Foundation.*

# Muscular Dystrophy Queensland

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## Our vision and mission

Our vision is that all Queenslanders living with muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular conditions are empowered to make the most of opportunities, maximise their potential and live fulfilling lives.

Our purpose as Queensland's only state wide organisation dedicated to this vision is to deliver all services, advocacy and research support needed to make this happen.

## Our core values

- **Client Focused:** to recognise that we exist for the benefit of our clients and families and in all our endeavours, deliver our services in a caring, professional manner.
- **Ethical:** to act with integrity and honesty and to be transparent in all our operations.
- **Collaborative:** to work together with each other and our clients, as well as like minded individuals, organisations and communities for the benefit of people living with muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular conditions.
- **Progressive:** to continually search for new ways to improve and deliver our services.
- **Communicative:** to actively listen and value the ideas and opinions of others and to keep people informed by seeking and sharing information.
- **Inclusive:** to encourage all people living with muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular conditions, to have greater access and participation in their communities.

# President's Message

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It has been another exciting, challenging, yet rewarding year for Muscular Dystrophy Queensland. Positive outcomes for our community will always be our utmost priority. This year, the dedicated team at Muscular Dystrophy Queensland have continued to make positive differences in the lives of our clients.

No organisation can succeed unless there are quality staff committed to its cause. The clients of Muscular Dystrophy Queensland are most fortunate to have a Chief Executive Officer, Helene Frayne, and two senior managers, Kerry Atkins and Penny Deavin who go above and beyond each and every day to ensure the organisation delivers to its clients. They are very ably supported by the client services, administration, and fundraising staff. Everyone works tirelessly for our cause and I thank them for their dedication and loyalty.

This year too, we were proud to appoint Professor John Pearn as our Patron and we now also have several dedicated ambassadors who are proactive in their work for Muscular Dystrophy Queensland. They are Karnie Liddell, Victor Attwood and Deb and Doug Robins.

We have a growing band of volunteers who provide administration support and professional and clinical advice. We thank them for sharing their expertise to advance the work of our organisation.

I also wish to thank the many supporters of Muscular Dystrophy Queensland – our donors and Art Union supporters and also those who raise funds on behalf of our clients. The generosity of our donors, volunteers and community supporters enables us to address and meet client needs.

Finally, I wish to express my utmost thanks to the Board of Muscular Dystrophy Queensland. Each Board member gives willingly of their time and their professional expertise.

I especially pay tribute to two Board members, Mr Peter Kearney and Mr Tom Dickson, both of whom have decided to retire following many years of loyal service. Mr Peter Kearney, our Treasurer, has navigated Muscular Dystrophy Queensland's finances through some rewarding and also some difficult times.

Mr Tom Dickson, our Secretary, has brought a wealth of personal knowledge, skill and insight to the Board, always explicitly driving our vision for people living with muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular conditions. I wish both gentlemen well and thank them for their most significant contribution to Muscular Dystrophy Queensland and, in turn, to our clients.

*Lorna Peters*

President

Muscular Dystrophy Queensland



# CEO's Message

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At the end of my first, full, fabulous and certainly challenging year, I look back with some pride in the achievements of the Muscular Dystrophy Queensland (MDQ) team; our board, the executive management team and our committed staff, in influencing better lives for our community of people who live with muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular conditions.

Last year, I committed to being efficient and innovative to ensure that the contributions of our wonderful donors and supporters were directed towards our community of people. In reaching towards achieving that goal, the year's highlights have included:

- the introduction of a broader range of services, including a helpline
- increased and more regular travel to our outreach locations
- Creating an executive management team to lead the organisation
- Professor John Pearn agreeing to be the Patron for Muscular Dystrophy Queensland
- Engaging community supporters in our philanthropy program.

Challenges along the way have been:

- Funding services for the increasing number of people who come to us with needs arising from their significant and progressive conditions
- the capacity challenges where the problems we must solve are vast while our resources are not.
- Preparing for the transformational change which is the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Muscular Dystrophy Queensland is most appreciative of the ongoing financial support from our community fundraisers, donors, sponsors, lottery and event participants, philanthropic grant makers and members. Muscular Dystrophy Queensland is the conduit to carry out the good intentions of this group of generous people, families, businesses. Thank you!!

I sincerely thank all of our loyal and hardworking staff and volunteers for living Muscular Dystrophy Queensland's vision and mission every day. Volunteers include our patron, ambassadors, board, and those who work in administration, fundraising, and events.

## Our Operating Environment

*The unique nature of muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular conditions*

Muscular Dystrophy Queensland provides information, services and support for people with more than 100 different and rare neuromuscular conditions, of which muscular dystrophy is a subset. We understand or can source information about any of these conditions. Information is key to our community accepting the challenges of their lives, and being prepared to live well with their condition.

Most neuromuscular conditions are characterised by progressive weakness in any or all of the muscles of the body. Our community lives with increasing physical disability and loss of function. Physical disability may lead to loss of employment, access challenges at home and in the community, and ultimately, social isolation and emotional upheaval. Muscular Dystrophy Queensland works to provide information, practical support and social connections for our clients who live throughout Queensland.

### *Queensland is big, big big!*

Not only is Queensland big, it is the most regionalised state in Australia so the cost and logistical challenges of service provision test us every day. Of our 25 new intakes this year, only six live in Brisbane with the remainder of our new clients living outside the south east corner, in places such as Cairns, Emerald, north Burnett, Roma and so on.

Muscular Dystrophy Queensland uses a mixed model of contact which includes face-to-face meetings and use of technology to connect with clients remotely. We are determined to continue to support all Queenslanders with neuromuscular conditions, no matter their location.

### *Sector reform and the regulatory environment*

Significant government reform continues across the disability, health, and aged care sectors. Muscular Dystrophy Queensland supports people who receive services from each of these sectors, so we need to understand and operate in multiple environments.

Preparing Muscular Dystrophy Queensland for the introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a priority. In order to support our clients with NDIS Plans, we have had to transform our programs and business practices and we have been successful so far.

The NDIS will inject so much more funding for the support of people with disabilities whose individual funding packages will allow them to have choice and control over their supports, however there will be a shortfall in the packages and there will be people who will not be eligible to receive an NDIS Plan. Muscular Dystrophy Queensland has committed to continuing to provide charitable services where gaps exist.

It is refreshing to lead an organisation where the board and staff embrace change which impacts positively on the quality of the lives of our people. As I report on this year past, I am already looking forward to the future journey with our small organisation with a big heart!

*Heleue Frayue*

CEO

Muscular Dystrophy Queensland



# Our Services and Programs

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In August, 2015, for reasons of financial expediency, Muscular Dystrophy Queensland relinquished the position of Client Services Manager and assigned those duties to the CEO. This direct line between leadership and operations has also been beneficial for Muscular Dystrophy Queensland's clients as we constantly adapt our programs to enable our clients to achieve positive changes in their lives.

It is really tough and challenging, having to live a life with muscular dystrophy or indeed any neuromuscular condition, and members of our community need to be treated with respect and care. One of our clients gave the following feedback about how she feels when she calls Muscular Dystrophy Queensland:

*"I feel so at ease to be able to pick up the phone and call the MDQ office, especially that my voice is often recognised, I feel welcome and I draw great comfort that I am supported and the staff of MDQ care."*

In the 2015/16 year, Muscular Dystrophy Queensland reviewed and changed programs and even introduced some new programs, all with the aim of creating positive change for our clients.

## Helpline

The Muscular Dystrophy Queensland Helpline is a new, phone and email program designed to provide information to any person who has a question or concern about any aspect of a neuromuscular condition. MDQ operates the Helpline through the donations from our generous supporters. It has been successful despite lacking marketing and advertising funds.

The Helpline is often the first contact with a service provider for someone who has just been diagnosed or has a child, newly diagnosed with a neuromuscular condition. The Case Management officer is often the first person who is able to listen unconditionally to the caller, provide advice and research their questions. Our Case Management Officers have had calls from health professionals, educators, and people with a neuromuscular condition.

## Case Management

Case Management is the core business of Muscular Dystrophy Queensland. We respond to crises in the lives of our families, often caused by a transition in our client's condition. 2015/16 was a particularly busy year for crisis management with up to eight people needing intensive support at a time.

Then there is our proactive case management where we are able to support our clients to make changes in their lives. Our role can be a combination of the following:

- Assistance with navigating the systems, sourcing services for people, and making referrals
- Support for families who are newly diagnosed
- Advocacy for individuals whose reasonable needs are not being met, for example in funding or access to programs.

The Queensland Government recognises the importance of Case Management and provides partial funding for Muscular Dystrophy Queensland to deliver this program. However, it only funds services for people who meet stringent government eligibility criteria. Many of our clients are ineligible due to their age or residency status. Many more are ineligible because their condition has not progressed to a point of being considered a 'disability'. Rather than limit this fundamentally important service to the lucky few, we fundraise to meet the additional costs of extending case management at no cost to our entire client cohort.

The mother of one of our clients told us that...

*"She was grateful for the information that our Case Management Officer had given when she was in the office the other day. It was great information that she had not thought about and it really helped."*

In each month of 2015/16, MDQ assisted an average of 95 clients as well as their families throughout Queensland.

## Outreach

Our small organisation is proud to say that in the 2015/16 year, we visited Townsville, Cairns (twice), Gympie, Hervey Bay, the Sunshine Coast, Rockhampton, and Toowoomba. We are determined to meet the needs of our clients where they live throughout Queensland. In each location (and indeed in Brisbane), we offer;

- Individual meetings with the Client's case Management Officer
- A Muscular Dystrophy Queensland NDIS Readiness workshop where all participants reported that the workshops were understandable; relevant and useful; and that they were inspired to learn more
- Opportunities for families in the region to meet each other and form friendships.

MDQ encourages feedback from our NDIS Readiness workshops. Clients provide feedback and they also offer suggestions, especially about the quality of the food for the workshops. From one participant:

*"Great workshop. Very informative, easy to understand. Much better at relaying the information than the people from the National Disability Insurance Agency."*

## Networking and Social Connections

The evidence is that people who have informal supports from others travelling a similar journey are more resilient. Our families also ask us to link them in with others in a similar position. At MDQ, we do this in the following ways:

- As part of the case management process, linking families who want to be linked
- Through informal gatherings, especially on outreach trips

- Our Peer Support groups. Our north Brisbane group is particularly successful. It was initiated and is led by one of our clients. Frequently, guest speakers are invited and members enjoy the companionship of the other group members.

## Equipment Funding and Provision

The need for mobility equipment and access to medical aids is constant, needing replacement as a child grows or as a person's condition progresses to a point where the equipment can no longer help. It is also often expensive. We find ways of funding equipment through government programs and external funding solutions. Where necessary and when we can, we fund equipment directly.

MDQ has worked closely with a number of clients through the year to access equipment. In one example, we sourced funds to purchase a backup generator for a family whose two adult sons live with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy:

*"We would like to thank you for generously helping us get our very own power generator. It is always inconvenient when the power goes out, but for my boys it is a nightmare. Their air filled mattresses rely on constant power to the pump to regulate pressure while they sleep. My other son requires a V-Pap machine for his breathing while asleep, when it doesn't function he has a lot of difficulty sleeping as he is not getting enough air. This generator will greatly help us in the event of an extended power outage."*

There been high demand for MDQ's free hi-lo electric adjustable bed program, which places this important equipment on long term loan in a client's home. Throughout Queensland, 250 people in total slept on a hi-lo bed provided by MDQ's generous supporters. As the program grew, so did the maintenance costs with MDQ spending several thousands of dollars on maintenance, to keep the beds safe and in working order.

In February this year, one of our clients emailed to say that she had been in hospital for three weeks after having a stroke and she would not have been able to come home if she did not have a hi-lo bed. She mentioned how grateful she is for her bed provided by MDQ. Another client who received a bed from MDQ told her Case Management Officer that;

*She wants everyone to know how blessed she feels and how grateful she is. She said that she doesn't feel like she deserves it but our MDQ staff member let her know that she most certainly does. She said that people would not understand the difference this (the bed) has made to her and to thank everyone so much. Her previous mattress was 20 years old and she doesn't usually like to ask for things or for help.*

MDQ also raises funds to provide free loan of cough assist machines to our clients throughout Queensland who are experiencing a respiratory infection.

## No Interest Loan Scheme Provision

With the support of Good Shepherd Microfinance and the National Australia Bank, MDQ was able to offer our clients and their families small loans to help meet an important need. Clients are able to borrow up to \$2,000 with a repayment plan made over a 24 month period. No interest is charged on these loans at any time.

## Health Services

MDQ is known for its support for the disability needs of our clients, however in our support for our clients, we also understand their health, aged care and education needs. Our Case Management officers regularly attend the Lady Cilento Children's Neuromuscular Clinic, to provide general information and support parents as they attend regular medical appointments.

## Getting ready for the NDIS

Up to 20% of our clients will not be eligible to receive an NDIS Individual Funding Plan and using our supporters' investments, MDQ will continue to support these clients.

For people that are eligible under the NDIS, MDQ has been providing:

- NDIS readiness workshops
- Assistance to our clients and families to prepare for their NDIS planning session
- Your Life Your Choice (YLYC) program which enabled eligible clients to choose supports and to practise for the NDIS.

To prepare our organisation for the NDIS, MDQ has been:

- Consulting our families about their needs in an NDIS environment through our MDQ NDIS Advisory committee
- Transitioning our case management and other services into an NDIS model

# Fundraising & Community Events

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Muscular Dystrophy Queensland is fortunate to have very generous support of the Queensland community. More than 80% of our total revenue is raised through fundraising; donation appeals, our Art Unions, fundraising events and activities carried out by generous members of our community. We are forever grateful to have such committed, generous supporters who, through their support, truly make a difference for all those in Queensland who come to MDQ for support.

Some of the highlights of our fundraising program include the following community events:

## Red Bow Day 2016

All Hallows School Year 11 students descended on Brisbane's CBD on Friday 4th March 2016 for the annual Red Bow Day street collection. The girls raised a massive \$16,943 in just two hours before they were due in class. Support from All Hallows' School has raised over \$245,000 to help families throughout the state who live with muscular dystrophy and other forms of neuromuscular disease. Continuing a tradition that began in 1994, the girls vie to increase the amount raised by students of the previous year.

The All Hallows girls so enthusiastically encourage so many city workers to give generously. The proceeds have ensured children and adults throughout our State have access to services that significantly improve the quality of their lives. The event is critical for raising awareness of these rare conditions, with the Brisbane Story Bridge also being lit red during Red Bow Week, Muscular Dystrophy Queensland is key to starting conversations on muscular dystrophy and building support for Queensland families.

Supporters from all over Queensland hosted 'morning teas for muscular dystrophy' in their homes as an opportunity to celebrate Red Bow Day with friends and family. Each host strived to raise greater awareness of this rare condition, as well as funds essential to support services for today and bring hope for tomorrow in the search for a cure.

## Ray White Ball 2015 – 5th September Sheraton Mirage

The 22nd Annual Ray White Surfers Paradise Muscular Dystrophy Ball was held on 5th September 2015 and raised nearly \$80,000. Profits from the event go towards helping MDQ clients today and research into a cure for muscular dystrophy. 500 guests enjoyed the night at Sheraton Mirage



Gold Coast with an incredible performance from Australian Idol, Reigan Derry who performed her new single Feels Like Heaven.

The event is the creation of MDQ life members, Andrew Bell OAM and Gregory Bell who have been supporting MDQ for over 20 years. The event is a highlight on the MDQ calendar as well as the Gold Coast social scene. Their ongoing dedication to providing hope for our clients today and support for research is exceptional.

### HOG Ride 2016

On Sunday 16th May 2016, 96 pillions and 110 Harley Davidson riders joined forces for the 24th Annual HOG Charity Ride. Always a highlight of the MDQ calendar, everyone enjoyed the exhilarating ride through winding roads and picturesque mountains to Tweed Heads for a fantastic lunch at Seagulls RSL Club. Again our trusted friends at Kiwanis provided a divine breakfast along with coffee provided by St George Bank. The ride departed from Morgan & Wacker and raised over \$13,800 all in support of Queensland families living with muscular dystrophy.

### Christmas in July 2015 – 25 July 2015

The Muscular Dystrophy Queensland Christmas in July was held on 25 July at the Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens. 30 of MDQ's closest corporate contacts and devoted donors joined MDQ for an evening of delicious food and wine, exciting live entertainment and a charity auction. The hightlight of the night was a presentation by guest speaker and MDQ ambassador, Karni Liddell, who shared her experience of being 'the unhealthy baby' and her vision and hope for a shift in community perception of valued lives.

### Ride for Muscular Dystrophy 2015

The Ride for Muscular Dystrophy was moved officially to Cairns on 30th August 2015. An exciting new venture, the event raised \$11,457 thanks to many local community fundraisers. The event sold out and MDQ staff sadly had to refuse ticket sales as we reached capacity. The riders departed from the beautiful and tropical Cairns Esplanade at for the gruelling 100km challenge returning to Cairns in the afternoon. The event is well supported by the local community and we look forward to seeing massive growth in future years.



# Project Funding

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Many of the organisation's projects are funded by grants made through trusts and foundations. The following list represents some of the funders who have made contributions in this way, through the financial year:

- Brisbane Airport Community Giving Fund
- Cory Charitable Foundation
- Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation
- ANZ Staff Foundation
- Brisbane Broncos
- Courier Mail Childrens' Fund
- Flack Trust
- Honda Foundation
- Kedron Wavell Services Club
- Premier of Queensland
- Queensland Community Foundation



# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## 2015/2016



# **Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc.**

ABN 14 908 553 738

**Financial Statements**

For the Year Ended 30 June 2016



# Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc.

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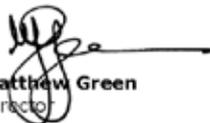
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## **Auditors Independence Declaration to the directors of Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc.**

In accordance with the requirements of section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, as lead auditor for the audit of Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2016, I declared that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (i) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (Cth) (ACNC Act) in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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**Matthew Green**  
Director

**Brisbane, 19 September 2016**

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## Statement of Profit or Loss

For the Year Ended 30 June 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	644,581	619,221
Bequests	49,940	108,049
Art Union	256,650	291,270
Events	218,285	280,762
Service income	32,400	18,312
Product Sales & Commercial Activities	3,667	16,139
Government Grants	219,853	253,367
Charitable Grants	59,658	142,806
Membership Fees	1,000	729
Other income	34,477	28,673
	<b>1,520,511</b>	<b>1,759,328</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Cost of sales	2,035	7,179
Fundraising and events expense	175,982	162,730
Depreciation and amortisation expense	88,262	21,415
Employee benefits expense	983,260	989,567
Rental expense	65,941	99,347
Client Service Expenses	86,733	348,596
Other operating expenses	182,640	218,619
	<b>1,584,853</b>	<b>1,847,453</b>
Income tax expense	-	-
Profit after income tax	<b>(64,342)</b>	<b>(88,125)</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc.

ABN 14 908 553 738

## Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2016

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	924,743	971,478
Trade and other receivables	3	20,756	15,127
Inventories	4	10,739	7,497
Investments		9,026	8,806
Other assets		-	236
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>965,264</b>	<b>1,003,144</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Plant and equipment	5	116,418	163,979
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>116,418</b>	<b>163,979</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>1,081,682</b>	<b>1,167,123</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	6	75,097	39,355
Employee benefits	7	64,712	82,774
Client funding		14,016	18,815
Client appeal funds		80,974	103,939
Unspent grant funds		35,884	75,848
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>270,683</b>	<b>320,731</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Long-term provisions	7	28,949	-
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>28,949</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>299,632</b>	<b>320,731</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>782,050</b>	<b>846,392</b>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
Retained profits		782,050	846,392
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUND</b>		<b>782,050</b>	<b>846,392</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**Statement of Changes in Equity**

**For the Year Ended 30 June 2016**

2016

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2015	846,392	846,392
Profit/(loss) for the year	(64,342)	(64,342)
Balance at 30 June 2016	<u>782,050</u>	<u>782,050</u>

2015

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2014	934,518	934,518
Increase in reserves during the year	(88,126)	(88,126)
Balance at 30 June 2015	<u>846,392</u>	<u>846,392</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**Statement of Cash Flows**

**For the Year Ended 30 June 2016**

	2016	2015
Note	\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Receipts from customers	1,637,050	1,911,647
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,667,891)	(1,665,388)
Interest received	19,795	22,574
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	10 <u>(11,046)</u>	<u>268,833</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment	7,046	11,000
Payment for acquisition of plant and equipment	(42,515)	(48,697)
Payment for acquisition of financial instruments	(220)	(214)
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(35,689)</u>	<u>(37,911)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held	(46,735)	230,922
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	971,478	740,556
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	2 <u>924,743</u>	<u>971,478</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc.

ABN 14 908 553 738

## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2016

### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Preparation

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs.

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporation Act (QLD) 1981* (as amended by the *Associations Incorporation and Other Legislation Amendment Act (QLD) 2007*).

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

#### a. 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.

#### b. Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment of losses.

#### Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use. Estimated useful lives are reviewed on an annual basis.

Classes of assets and their estimated useful lives are as follows:

Furniture & Fittings	5-6 years
Computer Equipment	3-7 years
Medical Equipment	4-5 years
Motor Vehicles	5-6 years

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

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2016

### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### c. Financial Instruments

##### *Financial Assets*

Investments in financial assets are recognised at cost, which includes transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value, which is equivalent to their market bid price at the end of the reporting period. Movement in fair value are recognised through the income and expenditure statement.

#### d. Employee benefits

Employee benefits comprise wages and salaries, annual, non-accumulating sick and long service leave, and contributions to superannuation plans.

Liabilities for wages and salaries expected to be settled within 12 months of balance date are recognised in other payables in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date. Liabilities for annual leave in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date which are expected to settle within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related services are recognised in the provision for annual leave. Both liabilities are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Liabilities for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when the leave is taken and are measured at the rates paid or payable.

The liability for long service leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method.

The Association pays contributions to certain defined contribution superannuation plans. Contributions are recognised in the income statement when they are due. The Association has no obligation to pay further contributions to these plans if the plans do not hold sufficient assets to pay employee benefits relating to employee service in current and prior periods.

#### e. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Bank overdrafts also form part of cash equivalents for the purpose of the statement of cash flows and are presented within current liabilities on the statement of assets and liabilities.

#### f. Revenue and other income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Association and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

Revenues is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2016

### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### f. Revenue and other income (continued)

##### Legacies

Legacies are recognised when the legacy is received.

Revenue from legacies comprising bequestes of shares or other property are recognised at fair value, being the market value of the shares or property at the date the company becomes legally entitled to the shares or property.

##### Grant revenue

Government grants are recognised at fair value where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all grant conditions will be met. Grants relating to expense items are recognised as income over the periods necessary to match the grant to the costs they are compensating. Grants relating to assets are credited to deferred income at fair value and are credited to income over the expected useful life of the asset on a straight-line basis.

##### Donations

Donations collected, including cash and goods for resale, are recognised as revenue with the Association gains control, economic benefits are probable and the amount of the donation can be measured reliably.

##### Investment income

Investment income comprises interest and dividends. Interest income is recognised as it accrues, using the effective interest method.

Dividends from listed entities are recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

#### g. Accounts receivables and Other debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts received from donors. Receivables expected to be collected 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

#### h. Accounts payables and Other payables

Account payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

#### i. Leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2016

### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### j. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of assets and liabilities are shown inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from or payable to the Australian Taxation Office is included as part of receivables or payables

#### k. Inventory

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

## Statement of Retained Earnings For the Year Ended 30 June 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
<b>2 Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Cash at bank in hand	403,101	573,208
Short-term bank deposits	521,642	398,270
	<u>924,743</u>	<u>971,478</u>
<b>3 Trade and other receivables</b>		
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	8,984	3,536
Rental bond paid	11,374	11,374
Accrued interest	193	217
Sundry debtors	205	-
<b>Total current trade and other receivables</b>	<u>20,756</u>	<u>15,127</u>
<p>The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.</p>		
<p>The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable in the financial statements.</p>		
<b>4 Inventories</b>		
CURRENT		
At cost:		
Stock	10,712	4,647
Stock - Commercial activities	27	2,850
	<u>10,739</u>	<u>7,497</u>

## Statement of Retained Earnings For the Year Ended 30 June 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
<b>5 Property, plant and equipment</b>		
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment		
At cost	480,126	510,094
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(383,257)</u>	<u>(377,644)</u>
Total plant and equipment	<u>96,869</u>	132,450
Furniture, fixtures and fittings		
At fair value	8,743	8,743
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(8,743)</u>	<u>(8,743)</u>
Total furniture, fixtures and fittings	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Motor vehicles		
At cost	18,734	47,772
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(16,861)</u>	<u>(40,910)</u>
Total motor vehicles	<u>1,873</u>	6,862
Computer equipment		
At cost	62,580	61,380
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(44,904)</u>	<u>(36,713)</u>
Total computer equipment	<u>17,676</u>	24,667
Computer software		
At cost	15,536	15,536
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(15,536)</u>	<u>(15,536)</u>
Total computer software	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<u><u>116,418</u></u>	<u><u>163,979</u></u>
<b>6 Trade and Other Payables</b>		
CURRENT		
Trade payables	46,697	14,862
GST payable	4,848	3,493
Credit card	2,552	-
Art Union Prize	<u>21,000</u>	<u>21,000</u>
	<u><u>75,097</u></u>	<u><u>39,355</u></u>

## Statement of Retained Earnings For the Year Ended 30 June 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
<b>7 Employee Benefits</b>		
Current liabilities		
Provision for employee benefits	44,267	35,837
Long service leave	20,445	46,937
	<u>64,712</u>	<u>82,774</u>
Non-current liabilities		
Long service leave	28,949	-
	<u>28,949</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>8 Lease Commitments</b>		
<b>Operating Leases</b>		
Obligations under Operating Leases are as follows:		
- not later than one year	67,305	65,898
- between one year and two years	69,363	68,204
- later than two years but not later than five years	146,094	219,272
- later than five years	176,568	-
	<u>459,330</u>	<u>353,374</u>
<b>9 Contingencies</b>		

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association is not aware of any contingencies at 30 June 2016 (30 June 2015: None).

## Statement of Retained Earnings

For the Year Ended 30 June 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
<b>10 Cash Flow Information</b>		
<b>Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities</b>		
Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Profit for the year	(64,342)	(88,126)
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in profit:		
- depreciation	88,261	143,729
- (profit)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(5,231)	324
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries:		
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(8,518)	663
- (increase)/decrease in prepayments	2,356	5,331
- (increase)/decrease in inventories	(3,242)	3,219
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(31,217)	186,988
- increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	10,887	16,705
Cashflow from operations	<u>(11,046)</u>	<u>268,833</u>

### 11 Events Occurring After the Reporting Date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

### 12 Association Details

The registered office of the association is:  
Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc.  
1149 Sandgate Rd  
Nundah QLD 4012

# Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc.

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## Responsible Entities' Declaration

In the opinion of the Responsible Entities of Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc:

- a The financial statements and notes of Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:
  - i Giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 30 June 2016 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
  - ii Complying with *Associations Incorporation Act (QLD) 1981* (as amended by the *Associations Incorporation and Other Legislation Amendment Act (QLD) 2007*) and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*; and
- b There are reasonable grounds to believe that Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc. will be able to pay its debts and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Responsible entities:

President .....  
  
.....  
Mrs. Lorna Peters  
Mrs. Lorna Peters

Treasurer .....  
  
.....  
Mr Peter Kearney  
Mr Peter Kearney

Brisbane, \_\_ September 2016

## Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc.

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### Independent Audit Report to the members of Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc.

#### Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report being a special purpose financial report, of Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc., which comprises the statement of assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2016, the statement of profit or loss, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the responsible entities' declaration.

#### *Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The management committee of Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc. are responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1, is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act (QLD) 1981 (as amended by the Associations Incorporation and Other Legislation Amendment Act (QLD) 2007)* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act)* and for such internal control as the officers determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, 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 the financial report 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 made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

#### *Basis for Qualified Opinion*

Significant sources of revenue for Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc., such as donations, bequests, grants and fundraising are received as a result of the goodwill of third parties. The Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc., has determined that it is impractical to establish control over the collection of such funds prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding fundraising revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to fundraising revenue had to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion whether contributions recorded are complete.

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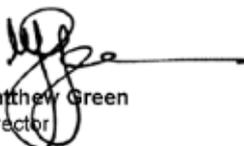
#### *Qualified Opinion*

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc. as at 30 June 2016, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with *Associations Incorporation Act (QLD) 1981 (as amended by the Associations Incorporation and Other Legislation Amendment Act (QLD) 2007)* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

#### *Basis of Accounting*

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc. to comply with the financial reporting provisions of *Associations Incorporation Act (QLD) 1981 (as amended by the Associations Incorporation and Other Legislation Amendment Act (QLD) 2007)* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

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Matthew Green  
Director

Brisbane, 19 September 2016



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