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Learning and Attentional Disorder Society of WA (Inc.)
ABN: 45 591 912 210
We work with children, teenagers and adults living with ADHD, their families and partners.

We also support those who treat, teach and work with people living with ADHD.

LADS is a support, information and advocacy agency, founded in 1993 for people with ADHD and associated conditions.

Operating since 1993, LADS has been providing counseling, advocacy and information services to children, adults, their families and professionals throughout metropolitan, rural and regional Western Australia. LADS, employs an evidence based approach to the help it provides and is supported by a Professional Advisory Body (PAB) comprised of ADHD medical, allied health, educational and coaching professionals.

LADS have identified the strong benefit to those dealing with ADHD of early intervention, support, self-help and education.

Through our work we have helped thousands of children, adults and their families to develop skills to better manage the impact ADHD has on the wellbeing of them and their family, and responds to hundreds of calls each year.

Our work has provided support and counseling for thousands of families and children who have faced a diagnosis of ADHD. Our activities encourage individuals to be empowered through access to information about ADHD, its treatment and self-management. LADS supports empowerment, by providing access to an extensive resource library comprising of text books, videos and research papers. These resources are constantly updated to meet the needs of those who seek our help.

LADS is widely recognised throughout Western Australia for its information evenings and workshops which cover many complex issues associated with ADHD and related conditions. We also offer a helpline to anyone seeking support or advice. LADS is an important first contact for many people only just aware of their condition or who are seeking a better understanding of those with ADHD.

Our organisation has long standing professional networks, linkages and referral pathways across a broad range of services and providers associated with the support and treatment of ADHD and associated mental health issues.

The staff, professionals and volunteers in the LADS offices, greatly enjoyed meeting many of our members and service users in 2016. It is rewarding to see our work make a difference, and seeing improvements in our service positively impact on individuals.

We also appreciate the strong support and behind the scenes work of the Management Board and Professional Advisory Body.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and meet you through our support line, support groups, seminars and workshops, professional services and library drop ins. Together we can make a difference!

The LADS Team
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PRESIDENT’S FOREWORD

Dear Members,

When looking back on what has been a very challenging year for LADS, it’s clear the LADS team have been able to achieve some remarkable things.

As has been the case for much of LADS time we have been able to do a lot with very little. Our direct services to members have been rejuvenated with increased access to counselling and coaching. This has been made possible by the brilliant work of Roger Patterson, Michelle Toner and Martin Excell. Together they have provided the impetus and structure for these important initiatives.

LADS has returned to holding seminars and information forums of direct benefit to our members and people who work with those diagnosed with ADHD. We have been entrusted with important grants to develop further programmes and material for the broader community.

Of greatest delight has been the work and input of three new board members who have come to us from outside the LADS community. Marcia De Almeida took on the role of Treasurer and has provided extraordinary diligence and a focus on clear financial decision making. She has been able to fill the giant shoes of Graeme Boden, who I will again take the opportunity to acknowledge as one of LADS greatest contributors.

Another joining LADS to take on a role filled by another of LADS wonderful people (Susan Nelson) has been Kim Dixon our Secretary. It baffles me why the Secretaries role is often unsung because it is the heartbeat of the boards activities and Kim’s vigour and attention to detail ensure the pulse is always high.

Jordan Koraveshi, our third new member brings a keen mind, calm professional demeanour and an understanding of technology and finance which benefits LADS greatly. It has been an asset for us to have access to his counsel. I am very pleased these three new additions, along with stalwarts such as Zyron Krupenia and Sarah Ozanne, will be continuing to guide LADS through its next phase.

Your new Board members will enjoy working with this high-quality group of people. As the LADS Board continues to renew I do wish to acknowledge the contribution of Sylvia Byers and Lesley O’Brien who will not be continuing.

The LADS team would be little without our amazing office staff, Sinead and Akvile. During a time of considerable change, they have always been there to help. Going above and beyond they have been a vital part of our new activities. Sinead in particular, has grown impressively as she has taken on greater responsibilities.

Finally, I wish to say thank you to the LADS membership who have proven to be a remarkable and resilient community. I am proud to be a part of it, but pride doesn’t pay the bills so I will make a final call to you as members to support the Board in its initiatives, assist with fundraising and make use of what they work to make available.

If we continue to work together LADS will grow stronger as a critical voice and support for those journeying through life with ADHD. We are members of an organisation which has a lot of important work to do. By supporting Michele Toner and her team, I’m sure this work will be done.

Andres Timmermanis
President.
2016/17 has been a very productive year for the LADS Professional Advisory Body (PAB). PAB members have been actively engaged in talking at LADS seminars which are now a regular quarterly event. They also attend the Adult Support Group monthly meetings as an educative resource for attendees. Steve Houghton has been very involved in the monthly parent support groups.

The PAB has been strongly supportive of the setting up of 2 psychologists (Grace Da Camara and Trina Michailidis) and the parent ADHD coach (Susan Hughes) operating out of the LADS office – excellent clinical services being provided at a modest fee.

In addition, the PAB continues to advise the LADS office about various ADHD queries which require a professional opinion, and offer help to craft media responses to ADHD matters. There has been continuing review of the LADS website information, updating of fact sheets, and supportive of webinars.

The PAB looks forward to ongoing involvement on a regular basis with future LADS activities.

Dr Roger Paterson.

Chairman

Professional Advisory Body.
This last year has seen a resurgence of energy, passion and vitality in the advocacy for children, adults and families with ADHD at LADS.

The insightful and compassionate article by Sarah Gill was the icing on the cake for many who over the years have suffered biased reporting and makes for encouraging reading. It is worth a read by those who have not seen it.

A national body “ADHD Australia” has been formed and has been underway for a year.

An increasing recognition that, as Prof Steven Houghton has said for a long time that ADHD is one of the commonest co existing disorders with other mental health conditions e.g. Autistic Spectrum Disorder or Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Global Developmental Delay, allows those individuals to make the most of their abilities with appropriate treatment.

The enthusiasm and advocacy of the board at LADS ably chaired by Andre Timmermanis as well as that of the professional advisory body, and office staff and volunteers remains unbridled.

I would like to pay tribute to and acknowledge those who have given their time and effort to LADS over many years and in particular thank Graham Boden who has managed the accounts without charge from the beginning.

Dr Roger Paterson and Michele Toner and members of the professional advisory body have contributed greatly and tirelessly to maintaining evidence based information to and for LADS members as well as the public about ADHD. I would also like to welcome Dr Wai Chen psychiatrist with the Complex Attention Hyperactivity Disorders Service to LADS and the professional advisory body.

LADS can be proud of its reputation as a leading support group in Australia, the organisation’s advocacy for those with ADHD is undoubted.

Dr Ken Whiting
LADS Patron

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRON

The Patron of the Learning and Attentional Disorders Society, Dr Kenneth Whiting – Paediatrician received his undergraduate degree from the University of the Witwatersrand and undertook postgraduate training at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, The University of British Columbia, Red Cross War Memorial Children’s Hospital (Cape Town), Princess Margaret Hospital and the State Child Development Centre of WA.

He has a long standing interest in childhood development and learning difficulties, particularly Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Formerly a Paediatric Consultant at Fremantle Hospital, he ran the Overseas Adoption Clinic for a number of years.

Dr Whiting was a member of the WA Stimulants Committee, and is a member of the Professional Advisory Body of the Learning and Attentional Disorders Society of WA. He was the Australian member on the Global Consensus Group which prepared an international algorithm for the diagnosis and treatment of ADHD, as well as being a keynote speaker at the 2nd and 3rd Asian ADHD Conferences.

Dr Whiting was involved in research into Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder with the Graduate School of Education at the University of Western Australia and has co-authored many published papers on ADHD. He is now semi – retired practising mainly in rural and remote Australia and advocating for children and adolescents with ADHD.

Dr Whiting is currently a member of LADS Professional Advisory Body.
SERVICE DELIVERY

SUPPORT AND INFORMATION LINE

The support line is open between 9.00am and 12.30pm Monday to Friday and our dedicated team of volunteers assist with a range of calls. This team has a depth of knowledge and experience which comes from both professional and lived experience with ADHD. LADS has welcomed several new volunteers this year as well as seeing the retirement of others.

Of the 427 emails or calls to the LADS Support and Information Line, we can see that more than 56% were regarding adults with ADHD, confirming that LADS plays a vital role in continuing to support this group in the ADHD community. The remaining calls were 31% child and 9% teen related.

Around two thirds of callers were looking for support after diagnosis, with a sizable 136 people looking for support and information prior to diagnosis.

Our support and information line volunteers dealt with a range of questions from callers including providing information on professionals who treat ADHD, advice on how to get help for problems with school, behavior management problems and interventions, and how to go about getting assessed for ADHD. Other callers are looking for information on medication, how to access support, information and LADS services, how to get help with study or work, issues caused by other learning difficulties and relationship support.

Many thanks to all our support line volunteers in 2016 and to Dr. Roger Paterson’s professional advice and support when needed.
COUNSELING

Our counselling services for LADS members grew in 2016 through the placement of two provisionally registered and supervised psychologists who volunteered their time and skills at LADS.

These sessions had a particular focus on issues relating to ADHD and included the following areas:

- Individual counseling
- Family counseling
- ADHD pre screening
- Parenting support in the form of incentive plans, behavior modification, interventions and boundary setting
- Adult program

Our psychologists saw over 70 clients and gave 212 counselling sessions at LADS.

This has led to our being able to offer professional services at LADS in 2017, which are provided by fully registered psychologists and offer a Medicare rebate.

THE BETH DUNCAN (LADS) LIBRARY

The Beth Duncan (LADS) Library has close to 1,000 items; books, CDs and videos that members are able to borrow for a period of two weeks. This valuable service would not be possible if it weren’t for our dedicated volunteer Kaye Dransfield. LADS would also like to acknowledge the valuable support from Lotterywest, over the years.
PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Through support, counseling and education LADS assists families struggling with the effects of ADHD and associated issues. ADHD is a very complex, life-long condition. It affects people of all socio-economic circumstances and all levels of intelligence. ADHD also brings with it many positive qualities and it is important to recognize and nurture these attributes to the benefit of the individual and society in general.

The most often repeated comment that is made by new-comers at the parent support group, is “how good it is to be with people who understand”.

That is one of the more valuable aspects of providing the opportunity for parents to actually meet with others in the same situation – putting people in touch with others who really do know what it all means. By sharing tips, finding out that your situation is not unique – that others have “been there and done that”, but also sharing the joys and successes, which all children bring. It can be a very comforting experience to be with others who can provide non-judgemental support and often suggest strategies to find a way around the difficulties.

ADHD is a journey. At the beginning the way may not be at all clear as families struggle to come to terms firstly, with what ADHD means and then try to discover how best to manage the situation. There can be a lot of trial and error, not to mention frustration as the way ahead does not seem to be straightforward. However the parent support group provides advice and information and it is most encouraging to see the development of confidence as attendees re-discover their strengths and are then able to reach out to others.

It is heartening to observe the progress that many people make after several meetings from a point of anxiety and worry to a position of confidence and an ability to extend a hand of friendship and support to others. Friendships are made and the contacts extend beyond the monthly meetings and can provide support through phone calls and catching up in between meetings.

Parent Support Group/Coffee Mornings: are held on the first Wednesday of the month during school terms, from 10am -12 noon at The Niche.

These gatherings are a great opportunity for parents of children with ADHD to meet and support each other, and to learn strategies to make (ADHD) life a little easier. Then, after coffee, visit our library and borrow one of our excellent books or audio-visual materials.

Thanks go to Elena Trethowen for facilitating these groups, and Prof Stephen Houghton PAB support.

Attendance: 15 parents per month
ADULT SUPPORT GROUP

LADS has long recognised that ADHD often does not end in childhood; rather it can be a lifelong journey. This can impact individuals in the workplace, in education and learning, socially, in relationships, as well as financially. The impulsivity, poor decision making and sometimes substance abuse, as well as co-occurring conditions such as depression and anxiety that can coexist with ADHD, often result in disproportionate contact with the judicial and health systems. We see the empowerment of adults to manage ADHD as key to providing equal access to a meaningful, constructive life – the adult support group is a key component within our service delivery.

The Adult Support Group provides a unique opportunity to help deal with the everyday issues faced by adults with ADHD. Although, currently focused on people aged 21+, the group regularly have attendees from 16-20 years of age. Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm, attendees learn from other’s real experiences. Partners and relatives are also welcome, often finding these meetings a useful resource to strengthen and build better relationships. The group sometimes invites expert presenters to cover topics of specific interest to adults with ADHD that help improve their work, health and personal lives.

Our thanks go to Joel Green, Lesley O’Brien for facilitating this group, supported by members of the Professional Advisory Body.

Attendance: 25+ adults per month.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

MEMBERSHIP

LADS Membership grew strongly in 2016 by nearly 30% and is continuing to grow in 2017. This growth was helped by the increasing provision of cost effective seminars and conferences, where professionals could share their expertise and advice in dealing with ADHD.

As LADS become better known in the community as a source of support and advice for those affected by ADHD, our membership continues to grow and 2017 will see added benefits to membership including access to free webinars. Membership support helps to keep LADS as an important resource in the community.

Our membership website, which became effective in 2016, has streamlined membership payments, reminders and renewals.

FUNDRAISING AND DONORS

LADS would like to acknowledge and thank all who make donations throughout the year. Your support is invaluable to the work that we do. To our generous anonymous donors, your faith in LADS and support for the people to whom we offer services enables us to offer our members what are often life changing services. While we currently do not receive any government funding, your ongoing support is invaluable. Without every contribution we receive, we would be unable to assist all the individuals and families who reach out to us for assistance. On behalf of all individuals and families living with ADHD, we would like to thank you for your generosity.

Grants Received in 2016

- Carers WA – Parent Support Group Picnic
- Connect Groups PIF 2016 – Webinar equipment and software

Picture 6. Neurodiversity
EVENTS

2016 was full not only of LADS organised events, but as well as the events the LADS Team took part in. The functions, which took place within 2016 and were organised by LADS Team, can be provided in four areas:

1. Being the part of LADS Team;
2. Skill building and self-care;
3. Parents and Carers;
4. Seminars.

Being the part of LADS Team

Considering that LADS services are operated mainly by volunteers, LADS is always looking for people with great communication skills, a compassionate approach and the ability to work within a person centred and strengths based approach. That is why the LADS Team started the year by organising Support line training in March – we had 5 attendees. In addition, Information Sessions: Joining the LADS Team were offered in April, to help potential volunteers understand what LADS vision and mission, and what we are doing to raise ADHD awareness.

Skill building and self-care

LADS invested a lot of energy into organising workshops, aimed at creating skills essential for people living with ADHD and their loved ones. The workshops held during 2016, were:

- **ADHD/LD Advocacy Advanced (Self and Others)** – the course was designed for parents and supporters of children with ADHD and associated conditions, including learning disabilities. Learning objectives were to find out more about their rights and responsibilities and how to advocate effectively. This training was presented in partnership with the WA Association for Mental Health (WAAMH)
- **Study Skills and Procrastination Busting for Adults** Using the latest research on factors that lead to study success, Jane Genovese, author of "Smart Study: How to Study Less and Get More" and "Procrastination Buster: Getting Things Done", shared a range of creative strategies to help study and work more effectively, and take practical steps to achieving goals.
- **Creative Art Therapy Groups for Parent and Partners and for Adults with ADHD** – attendees were able to explore their creativity while developing their self-awareness and developing skills to improve their self-care. Using a range of creative mediums, LADS members were invited to acknowledge emotions and thought processes, then express them creatively within the workshop, resulting in creating being shared in a confidential, safe and supportive group. Due to the popularity of the therapy group, the original five week session were extended for an additional five.
Parents and Carers

Since providing support for families, parents and carers of people with ADHD is one of LADS primary goals, during 2016 the LADS Team, in addition to monthly Parent Coffee Mornings, organized two events to promote self-care:

- **Family Fun** offered everyone the opportunity to meet up - kids and parents alike, people were able to chat with a member of the LADS Team or with like-minded ‘friends’. Hyde Park Perth Playground was chosen for its family-friendly environment.

- **Carers Wellness Picnic** took place in October and was sponsored by Lotterywest and Carers WA. It was a joint celebration for Carers Week and ADHD Awareness Month and was organised to recognise and thank all parents and carers for their support of children with ADHD. Parents and carers shared their stories, learned some tips on self-care and enjoyed a picnic in LADS lovely grounds.

Seminars

The last third of the year saw the commencement of highly successful seminars on ADHD, which were completely sold-out. Members of the Professional Advisory Body donated their time and expertise as speakers for these valuable events:

![Picture 8. Dr Michele Toner delivering a presentation at the LADS seminar ‘A Day in the Life of ADHD’ September, 2016](image)

![Picture 7. Carers Wellness Picnic took place in October, 2016](image)
• In September we held a conference entitled A Day in the Life of ADHD. With a great line-up of six highly qualified presenters – educator Shelley Blakers, dietitian and nutritionist Elizabeth Spencer-Fawell, Prof Stephen Houghton, clinical psychologist Zyron Krupenia, psychiatrist Dr Roger Paterson and ADHD coach Dr Michele Toner – the attendees learned how to manage the symptoms of ADHD at home, work and school, and to hear reports of scientifically proven research in all aspects of ADHD treatment.

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Picture 9 Dr Roger Paterson delivering a presentation at LADS seminar ‘Focus on Adult ADHD’ December, 2016

• The Focus on Adult ADHD seminar was held in early December. Adults with ADHD are often overlooked and their ADHD often goes undiagnosed. LADS December seminar aimed to address this. Three speakers, had focused on three important areas for adults with ADHD:
  o Diagnosis and treatment of ADHD and co-existing conditions in adults.Dr Roger Paterson, Psychiatrist;
  o Rejection Dysphoria: Strong emotions in adults with ADHD.Martin Exell, Clinical Psychologist;
  o Dr Michele Toner, ADHD Coach addressed the issue of Time Management: what makes it so hard and what can be done about it?

Events LADS Team took part in

The LADS Team attended a number of events, so the communities around Perth would hear our stories, and be more ADHD aware. The year started with engaging students and future leaders. In February of 2016, the LADS Team has attended the John Curtin Leadership Academy Project Fair with the Speedgeeking project idea. We also busted ADHD myths and misconceptions at UWA and Curtin University Open days.

In March the office team participated in the WA Mental Health Conference and Youth Breakfast, where information regarding ADHD was presented. We received positive feedback from the society and engaged with other mental health organisations.
In April, LADS raise ADHD awareness with an interview on the RTR radio and by staffing a stall at the Kickstart festival. We also participated in the Health Consumer Council Patient Experience Week and Health Consumer Council Excellence Awards.

Picture 10. LADS Team at Curtin University Open days February, 2016
VOLUNTEERS

LADS is the organisation it is today because of the dedicated service of many volunteers. In 2016, 37 people volunteered their time for LADS, donating over 3,500 hours of time to the organization. Volunteers roles included facilitating support groups, running the library, answering the support line, representing LADS at open days and talks, providing counselling sessions, managing the accounts, organizing events, delivering seminars and programs, advising LADS and fundraising. Our volunteers include people of all ages and backgrounds, many with professional or lived experience of ADHD. 2016 saw the retirement of several volunteers, including Susan Nelson, the continued work of others, the return of many past volunteers and the arrival of new volunteers.

In 2016 LADS volunteers contributed over $*289,115 to Western Australians living with ADHD

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Robyn Nettleton joined the LADS team as a volunteer on the Support and Information Line in 2008. Since joining LADS not only have we benefited as an organization, but the clients we work with on a daily basis have been given the aid of Robyn’s first-hand experience of family members with ADHD.

The LADS Support and Information Line, is an open service for members of the community. Robyn’s voice has been a point of call for people seeking more knowledge about ADHD. Whether they are parents, adults or health professionals, supporting them on their ADHD journey and providing ongoing support and validation of their issues, as well as providing advice on other places to go for help. Robyn gives callers time and support, and often follows up calls with further information and assistance. A recent caller described her, ‘Like a breath of fresh air’.

Robyn keeps her knowledge up to date through watching webinars, presentations and conferences. She provides mentoring for new Support Line Volunteers and supports LADS staff in their work. Robyn redesigned the LADS counselling room, creating the calm and welcoming space it is now. She also sewed our beautiful tablecloths and bunting that provide a colourful backdrop to LADS events and seminars. Robyn has also represented LADS at fundraising and awareness raising events, and assisted in seminar preparations.

During her involvement with LADS, Robyn has also been a member of the Management Team. Her constant support and enthusiasm for LADS has been of great benefit to the organisation. Robyn has touched many lives in a positive way through her work on the support line.

Many thanks Robyn!
**BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

The names of the Board members who have held office during the financial year are set out below. Members have held office for the full year and up to the date of this report.

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<td>Andres Timmeranis</td>
<td>Andres has been involved in the management of both businesses and community-based organisations for 20 years. As a graduate from UWA with a degree in chemistry and biochemistry Andres has a strong commitment to evidence-based treatment of health conditions. He joined LADS in 2009 and the Management Committee in 2010.</td>
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<td><strong>VICE PRESIDENT</strong></td>
<td>Dr Michele Toner</td>
<td>Trained as a high school teacher, Michele was awarded a Master of Special Education Degree with Honours in 2001 and won the University of WA prize for Best Research in Special Education. Entitled “Adults with ADHD; living in chaos and striving for control”. In 2009 she completed her PhD, entitled “University Students Diagnosed with ADHD and their first year at university: a theory of developing empowerment”. This was awarded the Cameron Prize for best research in the education faculty for that year. Michele now works in private practice.</td>
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<td><strong>TREASURER</strong></td>
<td>Marcia de Almeida</td>
<td>Marcia is a senior management consultant with a proven track record of successfully establishing and leading large scale projects, transformations and supply chain improvement programs around the world. In 2016 Marcia completed a long term assignment for the WA Department of Corrective Services. Her responsibilities included reviewing departmental strategy, visiting multiple facilities and developing future state organisational structures and functions.</td>
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<td><strong>SECRETARY</strong></td>
<td>Kim Dixon</td>
<td>Kim joined LADS as Secretary in September 2016. She has a background in management consulting and law and has made a career over the last 15 years in IT Project Management. She is focused on the delivery of organisational strategy using the discipline, transparency, stakeholder empowerment and inter-team collaboration that can be achieved by applying project principles. She has a BA LLB and is currently studying a Graduate Diploma in Psychology through Monash University. She is professionally accredited through the Project Management Institute and the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Kim feels privileged to be involved in LADS as an organisation that enables the achievement of individuals and provides meaningful support within a community.</td>
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<td>Sylvia Byers</td>
<td>Sylvia is a casual teacher of distance learners, volunteer teacher with REVISE with Isolated Children's and Parents' Association. Sylvia is a past president and current member of the national association Learning Difficulties Australia, past state president and current member Australian Literacy Educators’ Association, foundation member LADS. Sylvia as well is past District Governor and current member of the Rotary Club of Mosman Park, technical advisor basic health and education with The Rotary Foundation, member of Rotary Aboriginal Reference Group.</td>
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<td>Martin Exell</td>
<td>Martin is a clinical Psychologist who has worked in the area of child development for the past 30 years. He has been involved with children and adults with ADHD for the past 20 years both in public service, while Clinical Psychologist at the State Child Development Centre, and also while in private practice for the past 18 years working with children with ADHD and their parents. He is previous President of the Suzuki Talent Education Association of WA.</td>
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<td>Jordan Koroveshi</td>
<td>Jordan is a professional town planner who has developed his skills in finance, law, and business improvement. He constantly seeks great outcomes for the community and always strives to improve his skills. Jordan brings to the board a rigorous eye for detail and new ways to solve problems.</td>
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<td>Zyron Krupenia</td>
<td>Zyron Krupenia is trained as a Clinical Psychologist, he has been working in a Community Health Centre dealing primarily with child-related behaviour and developmental problems and problems related to marriage and family life. Zyron has been in private practice since 1984 and is the principal clinical psychologist at Premia Consulting Psychology in Scarborough, Perth. Zyron is a member of the following professional organisations: The Australian Psychological Society (APS), The APS College of Clinical Psychology, The Institute for Private Clinical Psychologists of Australia (IPCPA), and The Association of Clinical Psychologists of Australia (ACPA). He has been on the Professional Advisory Board of LADS since its inception and is now also on the LADS Management Board.</td>
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<td>Lesley O’Brien</td>
<td>Lesley has a BA and a PhD in History and works at UWA in a number of roles: an occasional lecturer and tutor; an editor and publisher of an academic journal; and she manages a professional association of scholars. Lesley has been a member of LADS who regularly attends the adult support group; she also volunteers on a number of committees at UWA and has served as a treasurer for several years with a community association.</td>
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<td>Sarah is a commercial lawyer specialising in commercial drafting, tax and wills and estates.</td>
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<td>Advisory Board since its inception in 1994, and was instrumental in starting AUSPAN (Australian</td>
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<td>Professional ADHD Network) in 2011.</td>
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<th>MEMBER</th>
<th>David Prince</th>
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<td></td>
<td>David attended Curtin University studying for a degree in Mathematical Sciences, graduating</td>
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<td>with BSc (Mathematics) (Honours) in 2009. He was diagnosed with ADHD at the age of 10, and</td>
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<td>throughout high school and university was presented with opportunities to learn to live with and</td>
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<td>take advantage of his ADHD. Attendance at the LADS Adult Support Group meetings for several</td>
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<td>years was a valuable precursor to David joining the LADS Committee of Management in 2009.</td>
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PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY BODY

The Professional Advisory Body (PAB) is an integral part of LADS past, present and future. We thank the current and previous members for their ongoing dedication and passion to improve the lives of people living with learning and attentional disorders.

CHAIR
Dr Roger Paterson
Psychiatrist

Roger is a Consultant Psychiatrist in full time private practice. Worked in combined public and private practice from 1989 to 1996, and from 1997 onwards has been exclusively in private practice. Principal author in 1999 of a published study showing that dexamphetamine was useful in the treatment of adult ADHD – a world first. Has been a member of the WA Stimulants Committee, and continues to advocate for the multimodal treatment of ADHD within the public and private sectors, for all age groups. Member of the LADS Professional Advisory Board since its inception in 1994, and was instrumental in starting AUSPAN (Australian Professional ADHD Network) in 2011.

Shelley Blakers
Educator

Shelley has more than 40 years experience in the Education sector, and currently works for the Department of Education. She is working in the specialist area of speech and language difficulties and disorder in the North Metropolitan and Mid-West Education Regions. Shelley’s specialisation areas include learning difficulties, disabilities and language disorders. She has post-graduate qualifications in the area of special education, as well as educational computing.

Sylvia Byers AM
Educator

Sylvia is a casual teacher of distance learners, volunteer teacher with REVISE with Isolated Children’s and Parents’ Association. Sylvia is a past president and current member of the national association Learning Difficulties Australia, past state president and current member Australian Literacy Educators’ Association, foundation member LADS. Sylvia as well is past District Governor and current member of the Rotary Club of Mosman Park, technical advisor basic health and education with The Rotary Foundation, member of Rotary Aboriginal Reference Group.

Prof Wai Chen

Professor Wai Chen (BM, DCH, MPhil(Camb), PhD, MRCP, MRCPsych, FRANZCP) is Professor of Child Psychiatry, UWA; and the Head of Service, Complex Attention and Hyperactivity Disorders Service (CAHDS), DOH, WA. Since his appointment in December 2014, CAHDS was nominated as one of the finalists for WA Health Excellence Award in 2016. He read medicine at Southampton University, then a master's degree at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University, before completing a PhD at the Institute of Psychiatry. Prof Chen received his psychiatry and child psychiatry training as a lecturer at the Maudsley Hospital and Institute of Psychiatry, as well as gained clinical experience in adult ADHD at the National Adult ADHD Clinic (Maudsley Hospital) during his research fellowship. He was jointly awarded with other co-authors a BMA Medical
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<th>Name</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>Derek Cohen</td>
<td>Clinical Psychologist</td>
<td>Derek has been working with children and families for over 30 years. He has worked as a senior clinical psychologist with the Health Department Child Development Clinics for 10 years, a couple of years with the Autistic Association of WA, has returned to full-time private practice in 1998. Derek has been a member of the Professional Advisory Board at LADS for over 20 years. He was also a founding member of the WA Registry for Autism Spectrum Disorders in the mid-90s, which set up the diagnostic protocol that is currently in use in Western Australia, and has been the model for the rest of Australia. In the area of ADHD, Derek has worked intensively with ADHD children and their families for 25 years.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Martin Exell</td>
<td>Clinical Psychologist</td>
<td>Martin is a clinical Psychologist who has worked in the area of child development for the past 30 years. He has been involved with children and adults with ADHD for the past 20 years both in public service, while Clinical Psychologist at the State Child Development Centre, and also while in private practice for the past 18 years working with children with ADHD and their parents. He is previous President of the Suzuki Talent Education Association of WA.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Elizabeth Spencer-Fawell</td>
<td>Dietitian (APD)</td>
<td>Elizabeth has worked at the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children and the Community Welfare Department of WA. She has been the Clinical, Community &amp; Regional Dietitian for the Hamilton Base Hospital, Victoria, employed as a teacher of health, nutrition and life skills to “at risk” indigenous and other under-educated students, plus mature aged students at the Kalgoorlie College of Curtin University. Since 1989, Liz has been in private practice and has been a member of the Dietarians Association of Australia since 1980. In 1995, she became an Accredited Practising Clinical Dietitian (APD) and later Accredited Clinical Nutritionist (AN).</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dr Helen Frearson</td>
<td>Paediatrician</td>
<td>Helen has worked as a Developmental Paediatrician for 20 years. She maintains a small private practice focused on care for children with ADHD, Learning Disorders, Autism and Behavioural Problems, engages in student teaching and works at the State Child Development Centre. Helen has completed degree at The University of Western Australia and undertook further training at Princess Margaret Hospital, The Mayo Clinic (USA), Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, Royal Children’s Hospital (Melbourne) and The Telethon Institute for Child Health Research.</td>
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</table>

Book Award in 2010 for ‘Living with ADHD’. Between 2012-2014, he also served as a Peer Reviewer for the DSM5 Clinical and Public Health Committee (CPHC) during DSM5 revision. Prof Chen’s research is in the areas of ADHD, neurodevelopmental disorders, emotional dysregulation, their treatments, resilience, subjective well-being and social recovery in CAMHS.
Stephen is Professor and Director of the Centre for Child & Adolescent Related Disorders at The University of Western Australia and a Visiting Professor at the University of Strathclyde, School of Psychological and Health Sciences, Glasgow, Scotland. He is a registered psychologist with an international reputation in the leadership of multi-site large-scale research projects in child and adolescent developmental psychopathology. He has been Chief Investigator on over 20 externally competitive funded research projects and has 170+ high quality journal publications, two books, and a major test (PsychProfiler) to his credit. Professor Houghton has successfully supervised 130+ Higher Degree thesis students to completion and has conducted numerous invited international conference presentations. His is widely reported in the international media. He is a recipient of a National Australian Learning and Teaching Council (ALTC) Excellence in University Teaching Award (Social Sciences Category), and an ALTC Citation for Outstanding Contribution to University Student Learning. He was recently a recipient of the Vice Chancellor’s Senior Research Award for distinguished achievement in research, scholarship, and sustained career excellence.

Zyron Krupenia is trained as a Clinical Psychologist, he has been working in a Community Health Centre dealing primarily with child-related behaviour and developmental problems and problems related to marriage and family life. Zyron has been in private practice since 1984 and is the principal clinical psychologist at Premia Consulting Psychology in Scarborough, Perth. Zyron is a member of the following professional organisations: The Australian Psychological Society (APS), The APS College of Clinical Psychology, The Institute for Private Clinical Psychologists of Australia (IPCPA), and The Association of Clinical Psychologists of Australia (ACPA). He has been on the Professional Advisory Board of LADS since its inception and is now also on the LADS Management Board.

Andrew Savery is a consultant General Paediatrician, who has been in full time private practice in the Southern Suburbs of Perth since 2003. He graduated and trained in Paediatrics in WA, with extensive training in developmental paediatrics, both in urban and regional settings. He has a strong interest in the management of neurodevelopmental and behavioural disorders of children and has extensive experience in ADHD, autism, developmental disorders and learning problems.

Desiree is professor of paediatrics at the University of Western Australia and Joondalup Health Campus. Desiree qualified as a doctor in the UK and completed her paediatric specialist training in Western Australia. She has a strong interest in neurodevelopmental disorders with over 20 years experience in managing children diagnosed with ADHD, autism, anxiety and developmental disorders.
Trained as a high school teacher, Michele was awarded a Master of Special Education Degree with Honours in 2001 and won the University of WA prize for Best Research in Special Education. Entitled “Adults with ADHD; living in chaos and striving for control”. In 2009 she completed her PhD, entitled “University Students Diagnosed with ADHD and their first year at university: a theory of developing empowerment”. This was awarded the Cameron Prize for best research in the education faculty for that year. Michele now works in private practice.
LADS STAFF 2016

Sinead Wilson (Operations/Administration Assistant)

Sinead Wilson has provided Administration and Operations Support for LADS since Sept 2015. In 2016 she stepped up her activities to support LADS through a time of transition. Sinead has a worked in administration and management roles for over 15 years mainly in the Heritage sector. She has particular experience in database, event and financial management. She has a personal interest in ADHD and helping members of the community.

5 days PT

Akvile Gvildyte (Marketing/Business Development Assistant)

Akvile Gvildyte has her Master of Marketing from Vilnius University and Bachelor of Information and Communication. Akvile joined LADS in January 2016, through the international student exchange program AIESEC. She has been working with marketing, sales and project management. Akvile is interested in raising awareness of ADHD and LADS, so people, touched by ADHD, would know that they are not alone.

3 days PT

Sarah Holt-Foreman BA/BEd Hon (Operations Manager/Executive Officer)

Sarah was LADS executive officer until July, 2016. After completing her role as EO, Sarah has finished her work at LADS

5 days PT
# FINANCIAL REPORT

## YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2016

## STATEMENT OF INCOME

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Note</th>
<th>2016</th>
<th>2015</th>
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<td>$</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Operating receipts</strong></td>
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<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Donations received</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>81,857</td>
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<td>Grants received</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>(3,548)</td>
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<td>Membership subscriptions</td>
<td></td>
<td>8,805</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest received</td>
<td></td>
<td>727</td>
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<td>Other receipts</td>
<td></td>
<td>15,139</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>102,980</td>
<td>95,724</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Operating payments</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Cost of Sales</td>
<td></td>
<td>(1,928)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Employment expenses</td>
<td></td>
<td>(85,995)</td>
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<td>Consulting fees</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>(4,000)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rent</td>
<td></td>
<td>(12,690)</td>
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<td>Insurances</td>
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<td>(3,354)</td>
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<td>Memberships and subscriptions</td>
<td></td>
<td>(124)</td>
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<td>Website and other public relations</td>
<td></td>
<td>(1,588)</td>
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<td>Stationery, photocopying and printing</td>
<td></td>
<td>(2,340)</td>
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<td>Telecommunications</td>
<td></td>
<td>(3,393)</td>
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<td>Postage</td>
<td></td>
<td>(506)</td>
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<td>Bank charges</td>
<td></td>
<td>(1,119)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous expenses</td>
<td></td>
<td>(1,243)</td>
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<td>Expenses of functions and fundraising</td>
<td></td>
<td>(3,570)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>(121,850)</td>
<td>(165,280)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Cash operating surplus</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>(18,870)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Depreciation</strong></td>
<td>4</td>
<td>(1,949)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total surplus / (deficit) for the year</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>(20,819)</td>
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The statement of income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes of these financial statements.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016

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**CURRENT ASSETS**
Cash and cash equivalents 5 71,857 119,639
GST receivable 319 990
Total Current Assets 72,176 120,629

**OTHER CURRENT ASSETS**
Trade and other receivables 97 127
Total Other Current Assets 97 127

**NON-CURRENT ASSETS**
Office furniture & equipment 4 - -
Other non-current assets 4 - -
Total Non-Current Assets - -

**TOTAL ASSETS**
72,273 120,756

**CURRENT LIABILITIES**
Trade and other payables 6 1,000 22,785
Employee related payables 7 2,044 7,923
Total Current Liabilities 3,044 30,708

**TOTAL LIABILITIES**
3,044 30,708

**NET ASSETS**
69,229 90,048

**ASSOCIATION FUNDS**
Retained surplus from previous years 90,048 160,440
Surplus / (Deficit) from current year (20,819) (70,392)
Total Funds 69,229 90,048

The statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes of these financial statements.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of accounting

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use by the Management Committee of the organisation. The Management Committee has determined that the organisation is not a reporting entity.

No Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report is prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report:

b) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of financial position, cash includes cash on hand and in banks, and money market investments readily convertible to cash within 2 working days.

c) Non-current assets

Office furniture and equipment and other non-current assets are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation.

All assets are depreciated over their useful lives to the organisation.

d) Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised on the issue of an invoice or on the receipt of funds.

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<th>NOTE 2: DONATIONS</th>
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<td>Individual donations greater than $20,000</td>
<td>80,000</td>
<td>35,000</td>
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<td>Individual donations greater than $10,000</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>12,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>All other donations</td>
<td>1,857</td>
<td>1,870</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>81,857</strong></td>
<td><strong>48,870</strong></td>
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<th>NOTE 3: GRANTS RECEIVED</th>
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<tr>
<td>General</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>2,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lottery west</td>
<td>(4,048)</td>
<td>26,800</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>(3,548)</strong></td>
<td><strong>29,300</strong></td>
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A refund was paid to Lottery west as all funds received in previous year was not utilised.
NOTE 4: NON-CURRENT ASSETS

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<td>Office furniture &amp; equipment</td>
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<tr>
<td>Furniture at cost</td>
<td>2,321</td>
<td>1,929</td>
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<tr>
<td>Furniture accumulated depreciation</td>
<td>(2,321)</td>
<td>(1,929)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Equipment at cost</td>
<td>2,337</td>
<td>32,370</td>
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<td>Equipment accumulated depreciation</td>
<td>(2,337)</td>
<td>(32,370)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other non-current assets</td>
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<tr>
<td>Assessment materials at cost</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>5,583</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accumulated depreciation assessment materials</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(5,583)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Library books &amp; video</td>
<td>17,335</td>
<td>17,335</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accumulated depreciation library books</td>
<td>(17,335)</td>
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NOTE 5: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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<td>Cheque account</td>
<td>2,280</td>
<td>1,146</td>
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<td>Telenet Saver account</td>
<td>69,577</td>
<td>18,754</td>
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<td>Term deposit 7 months</td>
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<td>41,861</td>
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<tr>
<td>Term deposit 12 months</td>
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<td>57,433</td>
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<td>Petty cash</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>445</td>
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<td></td>
<td>71,857</td>
<td>119,639</td>
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NOTE 6: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

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<td>Accrued audit fees</td>
<td>1,000</td>
<td>1,000</td>
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<td>Trade Creditors</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>1,000</td>
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NOTE 7: EMPLOYEE RELATED PAYABLES

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<td>Pay As You Go deductions</td>
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<td>Superannuation contributions</td>
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<td>2,044</td>
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NOTE 8: CONSULTING FEES

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<td>Marketing &amp; Governance Implementation</td>
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<td>40,885</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>4,000</td>
<td>41,935</td>
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NOTE 9: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the period which significantly affect, or may significantly affect, the state of affairs or operations of the organisation for the period ended 31 December 2016.
DECLARATION BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

In our opinion the Statement of Financial Position and the Statement of Income, together with their accompanying notes, represent a true and fair view of the financial position of the Society at 31 December 2016 and the results of operations for the Society for the year then ended.

These statements have been prepared in accordance with the basis of accounting set out in Note 1(a).

This declaration is signed on behalf of the Management Committee by:

Michele Toner
Acting President

Marcia de Almeida
Treasurer

Dated at Nedlands this 4th day of April 2017
Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Learning & Attentional Disorder Society WA

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Learning & Attentional Disorder Society WA, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2016 and the statement of income for the year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and management committee’s declaration.

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Learning & Attentional Disorder Society WA as at 31 December 2016 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

Basis of Accounting

Without further modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Board to meet the requirements of the Association’s constitution, Associations Incorporation Act 2015 and the needs of the members. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Basis for Opinion

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board’s APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.
Independent Auditor’s Report
To the Members of Learning & Attentional Disorder Society WA

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Association’s annual report for the year ended 31 December 2016, but does not include the financial report and our auditor’s report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and those charged with governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Association’s Constitution, Associations Incorporation Act 2015 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. Management’s responsibility also includes such internal control as Management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, Management is responsible for assessing the ability of the Association to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.
Independent Auditor’s Report
To the Members of Learning & Attentional Disorder Society WA

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

► Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

► Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Association’s internal control.

► Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used based on the accounting policies disclosed in Note 1 and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Management.

► Conclude on the appropriateness of Management’s use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association’s ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor’s report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor’s report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.

► Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Bentleys
Chartered Accountants

DOUG BELL CA
Director

Dated at Perth this 4th day of April 2017