Aspergers Victoria Inc. 27th Annual General Meeting Minutes
The Nerve Centre, 54 Railway Road, Blackburn VIC 3130
21st November 2018

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Meeting commenced: 7.06pm

Chair: Tamsin Jowett (AV President)

Minutes: Amanda Niven (Secretary)

1. **Welcome**

Tamsin Jowett welcomed members to the 2017-18 Aspergers Victoria Inc.'s 27th Annual General Meeting.

2. **Attendance and Apologies:**

Present (Members):

Board: Tamsin Jowett (President), Kevin Kennedy (Vice President), Amanda Niven (Secretary), David Cox (Treasurer), Sandra Bennett (Assistant Treasurer), Gayle Vermont (Programs), Mark Solonsch (Communications).

Staff: Emma Howden (Admin), James Garland (General Manager).

Financial members:
Penny Robinson, Callan Turnham, Maria Piera, Max Williams, Ann Nield, Nik Nikoliev, Fabiola Aguilar, Jane Benetto, Julian Jarman, James Boekel, Vanessa Bonica, Lyndel Kennedy, Jonathan Li, Mariam Montano, Lucas.| Eldridge, Bruce Errol, Veronica Greene, Brian Gregurke, Marcus Heath.

Apologies: Members who did not attend the AGM were marked as apologies. See Attached (*100*).

3. **Confirmation of 2016-17 AGM Minutes**

*See **'2016-17 Minutes of Meeting'** - attached.*

The minutes of the 2017 AGM (sent to members prior to the 2018 AGM and on 21/11/2018) were confirmed and approved by majority vote of members.

Motion 1: *Moved by Tamsin Jowett to formally accept the minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting.* ***Motion carried by majority vote****.*

4. **Annual Report 2017–18**

*See '**Annual Report**' of the Aspergers Victoria AGM presentation - Attached.*

Tamsin Jowett went through the Annual Report which included an update on the achievements and highlights that Aspergers Victoria had achieved over the last 12 months.

Motion 2: *Moved by Tamsin Jowett and Seconded by Amanda Niven that the 2017-18 Annual Report of Aspergers Victoria be accepted.* ***Motion carried by majority vote.***

5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements 2017-18

*See **'Financial Statements'** of Aspergers Victoria - Attached.*

David Cox (Treasurer) went through the audited Financial Statements (as at 30 June 2018).

The organisation is in good financial position with $213k in the bank. $167k in revenue (made up of $132k from grants received). Expenses were $10k less than the previous year. Overall profit was $132k for the year.

A couple of members asked the following questions or made the following comments:-

- One member asked why the Events held were $10k less than the previous year. This was due to a change-over in the Events Committee team at the end of last year which resulted in less events being held in the beginning of this calendar year.
- Another member congratulated the board on the AV's financial results.
- Another question was regarding the role of the General Manager. Tamsin advised that both the GM and the Admin roles are now paid roles and the purpose of the GM role is to manage the day-to-day operations of AV and to help deliver the strategy. Tamsin stressed that being a peer-led organisation was very important and would remain so.

Motion 3: *Moved by David Cox and Seconded by Sandra Bennett that the Treasurer's Report and the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30th June 2018 be confirmed and accepted.* ***Motion carried by majority vote.***

6. Confirm the 2018-19 Board members

*See '**Board 2018-19**'slide of the Aspergers Victoria AGM presentation - Attached.*

Tamsin went through the new board members for 2018-19 (below), gave an update on new roles and the new structure with three (3) new sub-committees in the process of being setup (Programs, Business Development and Finance, Risk & Audit). Tamsin pointed out that members didn't need to be board members to volunteer and help wherever possible.

- **President** – Tamsin Jowett
- **Treasurer -** David Cox
- **Secretary** – Amanda Niven
- **Programs -** Gayle Vermont.

Vice President – Kevin Kennedy
Assistant Treasurer - Sandra Bennett
Communications/Bus Dev – Mark Solonsch

7. Thank you to the AV community

Tamsin thanked the AV community for their dedication and support throughout the year, including:

- Members and their supporters
- Volunteers past and present
- Patron Richard Eisenmajer
- AVs Ambassadors
- Board members past and present
- Donors
- Grant contributors.

8. Other Business

Final question from a member about the development of Wild Apricot (AVs member database). Tamsin advised that the AFDO ILC ready grant was being used to update and maintain the website. Kevin Kennedy advised the history on why a new membership software was chosen (less admin and gives members own ability to manage their membership (renewals, updating details etc)).

No other items were raised for discussion.

9. Close

The 27th Aspergers Victoria Inc. AGM formally closed at 7:32pm.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **AGM 2017-18 APOLOGIES (*100*)**
2. **PREVIOUS MINUTES OF MEETING (2016-17)**
3. **ANNUAL REPORT (2017-18)**
4. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (As at 30 June 2018)**
5. **BOARD (2018-19).**

1. AGM 2017-18 APOLOGIES (*100*)

Event title	Start date	First name	Last name	Registration type/Invitee reply	Member
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Kim	ADAMS	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Pheona	Anderson	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Helen	Andrews	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Gwenda	ANTCLIFFE	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Leigh	ASTBURY	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Caroline	Avila-Stanes	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Hellen	Barrett	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Carol	BERGER	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Lachlan	BIRRELL	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Lorraine	Blythe	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Lucy	Bombaci	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Dr Emily	BOOTH	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Kristina	Bouyer	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	David	BOWLES	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Marg	Cameron	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Mardi	CARBONE	Not attending	No
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Lisa	CARR	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Ivano	Cascone	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Sue	Chapman	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Li & Tee	CHENG	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Charlotte	Chidell	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Matthew	Childs	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Susan	Chivilo	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Lynsay	Cooperwaite	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Zanda	Corley	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Sarah	Cox	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	John	CRAVEN	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Jessica	Denton	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Meg	Dicker	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Felicity	Dillon	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Michael	Dixon	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Angelina	Dower	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Sasha	Dux	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Katrina	EASTON	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Joanne	EDWARDS	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Wendy	Elford	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Enza	FARFALLA	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Gail	FINLAY	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Sharon	Fisher	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Elizabeth	FREEMAN	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Robyn	Gild	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Penny	Glindemann	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Marged	Goode	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Jacob	Gridley	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Sandra	Harjacek	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Meredith	Hart	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Lachlan	Haydon	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Jenny	HEARN	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Meg	HENDERSON	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Anthony	HETRIH	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	David	Hutchinson	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Deborah	Ingles	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Kim	Jeffers	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Mark	Johnson	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Andelys	Jolley	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Kewie	Kenny	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Kylie	LANNAN	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Andrea	Lenard	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Sue	LENTON	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Julia	Marshall	Not attending	Yes

Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Joy	MARSHALL	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	MAREE	Maxfield	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Daniel	McDonald	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Dylan	McKeon	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Christiane	McNeill	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Ryan	Mezzalira	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Frossa	Mrakas	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Andrew	Munns	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Amelia	Murdock	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Sally	Noone	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Kylie	O'Connor	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Anita	O'Flynn	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Helen	Papadimitriou	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Laurel	Petch	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Bridget	PETTY	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Tim	Pitcher	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	William	Pitcher	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Giuseppe (Joe)	Pizzaia	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Diane	PRICE	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Tom	Quine	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Cath	REES	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Miranda	Rodriquez	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Maria	Rublee	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Anna	SAAKSJARVI	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Michael	Sesuraj	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Sommer	Shelley	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Jan	SIMMONDS	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Catherine	SMITH	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	James	Steele	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Siena	Stretton	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Steven	Swenser	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Mary	Tan	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Pierluigi	Trombetta	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Olivia	Ward	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Michelle	WARD	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Nicole	Webster	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Jo	White	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Leanne	Winter	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Fiona	Woollard	Not attending	Yes
Annual General Meeting	21 Nov 2018 7:00 PM	Jane	Zymaris	Not attending	Yes

2. 2016-17 MINUTES OF MEETING

Aspergers Victoria Inc. 26th Annual General Meeting Minutes
The Arena at National Australia Bank, 700 Bourke Street Melbourne
15th November 2017

Meeting commenced: 7.05pm

1. **Welcome**

   Tamsin Jowett welcomed members to the 2017 Aspergers Victoria's 26th Annual General Meeting.

2. **Attendance and Apologies:**

   Present (Members & guests):
   Tamsin Jowett (chair), Sunny Aquilar Rafiq Ali, Luci Bombaci, Rebekah Brown, Lynne Codner, Cathy Edwards, Michelle Fincke, Gail Finlay, Robyn Gild, Brian Gregurke, Marcus Heath, Ian Burns, Deborah Ingles, Kate Ingles, Paul Kelly, Lyndel Kennedy, Deborah Kondratowicz, Paritsi Kuna, Lee Lehmann, Mellanie Lloyd, Joy Marshall, Kristen Martin, Narelle McCaffrey, Simon Meyer, Nic Michael, Mariam Montano,, Joshua Montano, Jenni Montgomery, Suzanne Murray, Nik Nikoliev, Jean Price, Sandra Reddick, Penny Robinson, Karen Rule, Heidi Ryan, Mark Sneddon, Callan Turnham, Richard Whitrod and Emma Howden (minutes).

   Apologies:
   Chris Turner, Susan Smith, Bar Galon, John Craven, Li Cheng.

3. **Confirmation of 2016 AGM minutes**

   The minutes of the 2016 AGM were made available to Aspergers Victoria members via the Members Only section of the Aspergers Victoria website prior to the meeting and a copy was tabled at the meeting.

   Motion 1: Moved by Robyn Gild and Seconded by Deborah Ingles that the minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting held at The Nerve Centre on 12th October 2016 be confirmed as correct. **Motion carried.**

4. **Annual Report 2016–17**

   See Attachment A

   Tamsin Jowett quoted some highlights from the Annual Report, which included the work done by the Board to arrive at the new Aspergers Victoria strategy and program structure and the four key pillars of the program:
   1. Peer Groups; 2. Information; 3. Events with career expo; 4. Employment. The board also made a submission and presentation to the Inquiry into Autism Services.

   Tamsin also commented on the various communication methods and reach of each method used during the year, two of which extended Aspergers Victoria's reach into the community – through an active social media presence.
   - 90 peer groups with more than 2,000 attendees
   - Information Events for members
   - Three newsletters packed with information
   - More than 60,000 unique visits to our website
   - 30,000+ reached through social media
   - Over 500 email queries responded to.

   Motion 2: Moved by Tamsin Jowett and Seconded by Robyn Gild that the Board's Annual Report on behalf of the Board of Aspergers Victoria Inc. be accepted. **Motion carried.**

5. **Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements 2016–17 – Tamsin Jowett**

   See Attachment C

In Chris Turner's absence, Tamsin advised the meeting that the Financial Statements had been made available on the Aspergers Victoria website under the "Members Only" section, "Aspergers Victoria Documents" prior to the AGM with the Notice of Meeting correspondence.

Nik Nikoliev asked two questions about the financial statements, referencing the 2016 AGM Minutes – 1) What happened to the planned expenditure on the Information Kits mentioned in part 5. Treasurer's Report? The response given by Tamsin (on Chris Turner's behalf) was that we still had plenty of stocks of the information kit and since the Board plan to review the Kit and its' format in 2018, no further printing was required during the year.
2) Why don't the dates in the financial statements match the reporting period for the year 1/7/16 – 30/6/17? Tamsin and others reviewed and it was determined that the incorrect draft version of the financial statements had been uploaded initially, but that the correct, audited and final version of the accounts from 1/7/16– 30/6/17 had been subsequently uploaded to the Members section of the website titled "Financial Statements 2016–17" to replace the draft ones, prior to the 2017 AGM night.

Motion 3: Moved by Deb Ingles and Seconded by Robyn Gild that the Treasurer's Report and the Audited Final Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30th June 2017 be accepted. **Motion carried.**

6. **Election of office bearers and Board* members**

Tamsin declared a complete spill of the Board positions. Nominations for the Board were received.

The 2016–17 Aspergers Victoria Board elected:

President:	Tamsin Jowett
Vice President:	Chris Turner
Secretary:	To be confirmed (interview with Amanda Niven planned for week ending 19/11/17)
Treasurer:	Simon Meyer
Ordinary Member:	Gayle Vermont
Ordinary Member:	Kevin Kennedy (Technology Co–Ordinator)
Ordinary Member:	Alex Dawson (Volunteers/funding)

7. **Review of membership fees and structure**

Prior to the AGM, Treasurer Chris Turner recommended to the Board to raise the memberships fees in 2017–18. The fee increase proposed:

$50 New member
$50 Membership renewal
$150 Professional memberships

The Board proposed that an amnesty be offered to members and new members to take advantage of the current rate. The amnesty date to be determined by the new Board.

It was noted that section 12.9 of the Aspergers Victoria Rules allow for the motion to be applied. The present members carried this motion.

8. **Thank you to outgoing members**

Tamsin thanked the following outgoing members of the Board for their contributions to Aspergers Victoria:
- Deborah Ingles
- Robyn Gild
- Bar Gal–On
- Susan Smith
- Lisa McDermott

9. **Other Business**

No items were raised for other business.

Meeting ended at 7:20pm

3. ANNUAL REPORT (2017–18)

Annual report - Board

- New strategy rolled out (initial stages):

  Mission: To inspire, empower and educate our Aspergers people and the communities in which we live.

- Board members 2017-18:

Tamsin Jowett	President	**Chris Turner**	Vice President
Simon Meyer	Treasurer	**Amanda Niven**	Secretary
Sandra Bennett	Assistant Treasurer	**Alex Dawson**	Capabilities
Gayle Vermont	Groups	**Kevin Kennedy**	Technology

- 11 board meetings
- Events Committee
- Employment Committee
- Appointed Emma Howden to Board Administrator role

Annual report – Group Meetings

Over 1700 people	Number of meetings
Teens Group (11-18 yo)	10
Young Adults Group (18-30+)	10
Adults Group	12
Partners Group	9
Parents & Carers - Eastern	9
Parents & Carers - Southern	9
NEW GROUPS	
30-40s Social Network	
Teens Social Butterflies	3
Women adults	2
Spectrum Intersections Group - auspice	2
Training & Induction of Group Leaders	

Annual report – Group Outcomes & Feedback

GROUPS OUTCOMES include:

- Friendships started
- Felt accepted and welcome
- Skills improved
- Expanded knowledge of options
- Improved mood
- Improved social confidence
- Feel less isolated
- Peer support helps feel understood and supported
- Parents, partners can share peer experience and tips in safe space
- **Feeling part of our AV community**

Thank you to Gayle and all our Group Leaders and assistants

She just feels she can be herself and doesn't have to try so hard to fit in

"That was the best night of my life" teen after first event.

I was made to feel very welcome which I much appreciated. Thank you. (young adult)

*This group really opened my son's eyes as to how he can **positively** fit into the world as an autistic person*

My Teen transforms when he attends this group. He enjoys such acceptance and encouragement from the leaders and other attendees. I believe this sustains his ability to cope at school where he has few friends.

I had to hold back tears of joy. For the first time she wasn't socially isolated. She was one of the popular kids - they all were." Parent "My teen would go to one of these nights every week! She LOVES them.

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Annual report – Advocacy

- **Autism Advisory Group**:
  - Attended all AAG workshops and monthly meetings
  - Supported Amaze with 101 recommendations campaign
  - Part of Amaze advisory team for advertising campaign development
- **Submissions**:
  - Job Active Inquiry
  - Letters to the Editor
- **Training** to build capability and competency: build supportive environments
  - School after care centres
  - Schools
  - Next - employers are seeking this support
- **Government Meetings**:
  - Gabrielle Williams, Bernie Finn, Greg Hunt, Michael Sukkar, Kelly O'Dwyer, DHHS, DET, Jobs Victoria...

I love what you are doing for us and don't think just because there won't be a huge pack of us ASPI's there that we don't appreciate it all. We sure do. In fact, if you guys were not doing this for us we couldn't do it. It's beyond most of us without significant effort.

So I guess what I am saying is thank you for doing what we simply cannot do.

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Annual report – Events

- A small dedicated events team
- 3 major events this calendar year:
  - **Pathways to Educational Engagement**
    Dr Jessica Gill & Dr Carmel Hobbs
    (72 attendees)
  - **Unlock your Aspie Superpowers**
    Dr Gavi Ansara
    (65 attendees)
  - **Aspergers and Sleep**
    Dr Amanda Richdale
    (82 attendees)
  - **AGM** tonight
- Still to come (Mon 3rd Dec):
  - **Success at Work** – Panel with Q&A
    Jeanette Purkis, Jacqui Brady, Mark Solonsch

- ~75% of attendees are members
- Most felt they had learnt something new from the event

Speaker has vast experience. I realise my approach and languoge towards my son does not help because I have to deal with his situation from his point of view.

The night was highly beneficial. The speakers were engaging and knowledgeable. I learned a lot

My partner and I are starting to look at secondary schools ... and the event was great stimulus in what we need to be looking for to find a supportive school that will help her thrive. Thank you.

Thank you to our wonderful Events Committee: Maria, Lyndel, Phil and Emma

Annual report – Information / Help Team

- Transition to new integrated website database system with **60,704** page views since May and ~**13,500** page views per month
- Social Media: Facebook over **427,000** post reach, over **6500** followers. Instagram and Twitter followers
- Information & help emails: Approx. **285** (17 - 34 per month)
- Newsletters: More regular
- Testimonials:

"Thank you so much for your very informative reply. We very much appreciate the time you've put in to send us useful reading material and details of support groups.
Thank you also to the staff & volunteers at Aspergers Vic for providing such a valuable service of help."
Information service client

Hello Aspies Vic,
First of all I just want to say thank you for your effort from everyone on the team, to try and raise awareness of those who have Asperger's and on the autism spectrum. I find your posts intriguing and thought provoking. Thanks.

Thank you to our Information/Help team including Emma, Jane, Rosalie and Kevin

Annual report – Employment

- Coaching **8 RISE candidates** at DHHS - supporting Specialisterne
  Jan 2018 until June 2019
- **Work Experience program** designed and pilot started
- **PEM Emotional Management** workshops successfully completed
- Job candidates **database** underway
- **Action Meeting** evening for over 100 people to gather feedback & support
- iCAANZ employers lunchtime **presentation**
- Building **network of employers** we work with: DHHS, Jobs Victoria and more

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4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (As at 30 June 2018)

ASPERGERS VICTORIA INCORPORATED

ABN: 47 066 180 983

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2018

ASPERGERS VICTORIA INCORPORATED

ABN: 47 066 180 983

Financial Report For the Year Ended 30 June 2018

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INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH JUNE 2018

INCOME	**Notes**	**2018**	**2017**
Memberships	2(d)	18,615	19,515
Seminars and guest events	2(e), 6(a)	1,600	19,802
Grants	2(e), 6(b)	132,000	15,000
Donations and bequests	2(d), 6(c)	9,761	2,250
Support Fees	2(e)	3,200	-
Other Income		2,450	1,268
TOTAL INCOME		167,625	57,835
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EXPENSES			
Contractor services	6(d)	6,272	1,235
Consulting fees	6(e)	8,763	5,115
Seminars / guest events	6(a)	1,225	15,956
Rent		4,325	3,123
Insurance		2,568	2,568
Marketing and promotional		2,337	3,191
Conference attendance	6(f)	194	2,389
Group costs		1,542	1,852
Software and IT costs	6(g)	3,136	1,744
Office expenses	6(h)	1,859	4,160
Volunteer expenses	6(i)	2,428	1,154
All other expenses	6(j)	897	2,082
TOTAL EXPENSES		35,545	44,570
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		132,080.61	13,264.44

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 2018

ASSETS	Note	2018	2017
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3, 6(k)	213,171	69,730
Trade debtors	6(l)	13,250	478
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		226,421	70,208
TOTAL ASSETS		226,421	70,208
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables		100	355
Unearned income	4, 6(m)	24,388	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		24,488	355
TOTAL LIABILITIES		24,488	355
NET ASSETS		201,933	69,852
EQUITY			
Retained surplus		69,852	56,588
Surplus/ (deficit) for the year		132,081	13,264
NET WORTH		201,933	69,852
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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 30 June 2018

1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Statement of compliance

The Board has determined that the association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements.
The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act (Vic)* and *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012.*

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 101	Presentation of Financial Statements
AASB 108	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
AASB 1031	Materiality
AASB 1048	Interpretation Standards
AASB 1054	Australian Additional Disclosures

(b) Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historic cost and do not take into account changing money values, except where specifically stated.

2 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

(c) Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks and PayPal balances.

(d) Memberships, donations and bequests
Income from memberships, donations and bequests are recognised as income when received.

(e) Grant income, seminars and guests events and support fees
Income from grants, seminars, guest events and support fees is recognised as the funds are spent/ expensed.

(f) GST

The Association is not registered for GST for the period ended 30 June 2018.
An assessment will be undertaken in the period ended 30 June 2019 to determine whether this is still appropriate.

	2018	2017
	$	$
3. Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash on hand	-	100
Cash at bank	213,171	69,630
	213,171	69,730
	-	-
4. Unearned income		
Non-government grants received in advance	10,000	-
Grants held under Auspicious agreements	14,388	
	24,388	-
	-	-

5. Related parties

There were no related party transactions conducted during the year.

6. Commentary on the financial performance of Aspergers Victoria Incorporated

(a) Seminars and guest events

There were fewer seminars/ events in the year and Tony Attwood event in 2017 did not repeat in 2018.

(b) Grant revenue

There were three grants received in the year - Sisters of Charity, DHSS and the Lord Mayor's Foundation.

(c) Donations and bequests

Increase in this income is attributable to a bequest in the year.

(d) Contractor expenses

Increase in contractor expenses is attributable to cost of administration support.

(e) Consulting fees

Increase in consulting fees is attributable to engaging consultant advice for grant applications.

(f) Conference attendance

Reduction in conference attendance is attributable to not attending annual conference in the year.

(g) Software and IT costs

Increase in IT costs is attributable to new website platform - Wild Apricot.

(h) Office expenses
Reduction in office expenses has resulted from cancelling the mobile phone and reduction in postage costs from no longer sending an information pack to new members.

(i) Volunteer expenses
Increase is due to end of year function to thank volunteers for their invaluable contribution.

(j) All other expenses
Decrease in other expenses is attributable to non-renewal of resources.

(k) Cash and cash equivalents
Increase in cash and cash equivalents is attributable to grant monies received not yet spent.

(l) Trade debtors
Incease in trade debtors is attributable to support fees and unearned income invoiced but not yet received.

(m) Unearned income
Unearned income is attributable to the strategy of Aspergers Victoria to seek out grants from Government and non-Government sources to fund activities.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REVIEW REPORT

ASPERGERS VICTORIA INCORPORATED
54 Railway Ave
Blackburn VIC 3130

Report on the Financial Report

I have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Aspergers Victoria Incorporated which comprises:
- the income statement for the period ended 30 June 2018,
- the balance sheet as at 30 June 2018,
- notes to the financial statements, and
- the responsible entities' declaration.

Responsible Entities' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The responsible entities of the registered entity are 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 *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act)* and the needs of the members. The responsible entities' responsibility also includes such internal control that the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial report based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2415 Review of a Financial Report: Company Limited by Guarantee or an Entity Reporting under the ACNC Act or Other Applicable Legislation or Regulation, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, anything has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report does not satisfy the requirements of Division 60 of the ACNC Act including: giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and its financial performance for the year ended 30th June 2018; and complying with the Australian Accounting Standards and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013 (ACNC Regulation)*. ASRE 2415 requires that I comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the financial report. A review of a financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable me to obtain assurance that I would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on my review, which is not an audit, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial report of Aspergers Victoria Incorporated does not satisfy the requirements of *Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* including:

(a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its financial performance for the period ended 30 June 2018 on that date; and

b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and *Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013* .

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying my conclusion, I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the responsible entities' financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

21st November 2018
Lisa Geier
CPA Member 1876308
124 Peel Street
Kew VIC 3101

ASPERGERS VICTORIA INCORPORATED
ABN: 47 066 180 983
CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

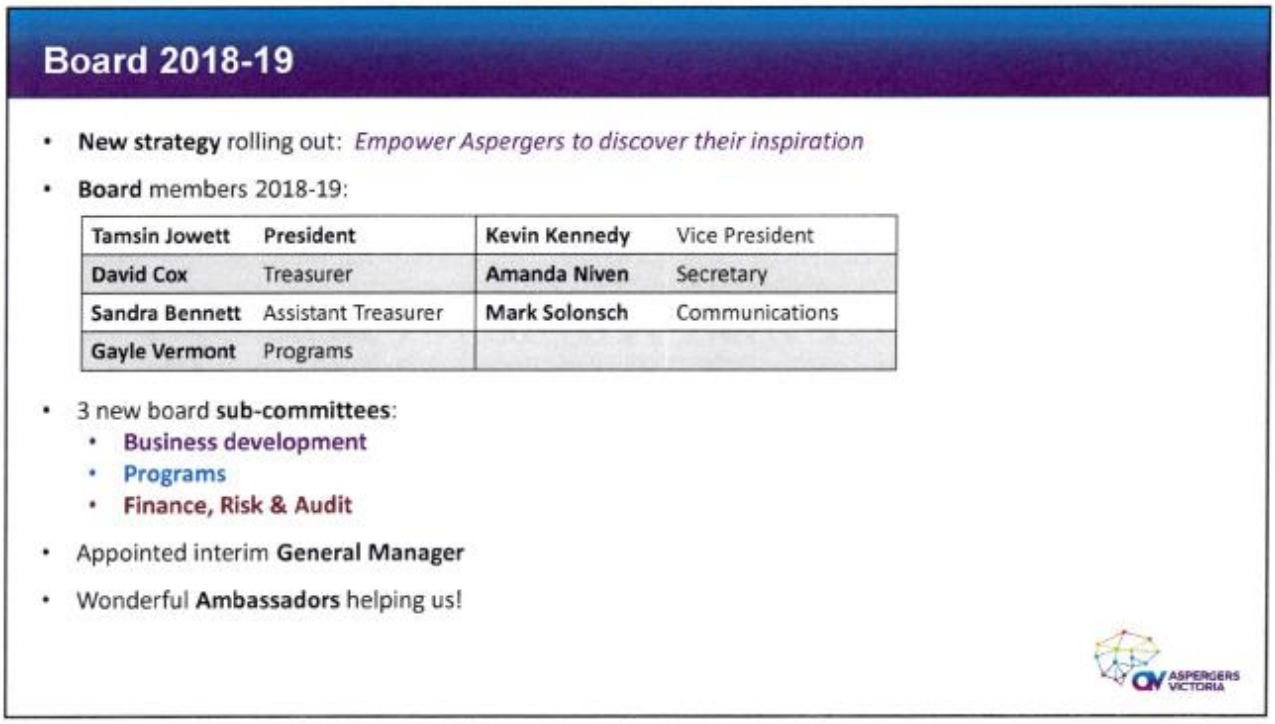
I, ~~Tasmin~~ Jowett care of 54 Railway Ave, Blackburn, and, I David Cox care of 54 Railway Ave, Blackburn certify that:

(a) I attended the annual general meeting of the association on the 21st November 2018

(b) The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2018 were submitted to the members of the association at its Annual General Meeting.

Dated this 21st day of November 2018

Board Member - President & Chairman

Board Member - Treasurer

5. Board 2018-19