



# ANNUAL REPORT 2022



**The Autistic Self Advocacy  
Network AUNZ**

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We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land, sky and waters on which we live, meet and serve our community.




# CHAIR'S REPORT



It has been an extraordinary couple of years with disruptions to personal lives, schedules, and routines due to the pandemic that is Covid 19.

This year has been a year of change for the board. Leeann Friday - a long term board member of 5 years who was also our Treasurer resigned in January 2022. We keenly felt the loss of her knowledge and presence as she moved onto new projects. Dr Lisa Smith resigned in May of this year due to commitment challenges and in August Rebecca Poulsen resigned realising she was overcommitted. Jarad McLoughlin has indicated he will not be standing for re-election on the board at the end of his term which is at the AGM 2022.

We, as a board, would like to publicly thank Leeann, Lisa, Bec, and Jarad for their service to ASAN AUNZ. We appreciate the work they have done to support ASAN AUNZ and we wish them well.





To enable the board to be effective we are happy to announce that we co-opted two new board members in July: Genevieve Brookman and Jaz Bidgood. By motion, Jaz and Gen will be elected to the board leaving two vacancies for member elected positions. We are excited to have both Genevieve and Jaz “on board”. Their fresh perspectives, enthusiasm, and skills have helped us to begin revitalising the board.

The board gathered in Adelaide from the 23rd to 26th of September 2022. This time was dedicated to strategic planning for the future of ASAN AUNZ and improving the way we, as a board, function. In recent years, the board has been unable to connect in person due to Covid 19. This makes our gathering even more important. The time working together toward fulfilling ASAN AUNZ’s mission revitalised our board will help us to propel ASAN AUNZ forward. We thank Katharine Annear for her work in organising workshops and presentations to guide us in our thinking.

Thank you to our Project Officer, Tammy McGowan for her practical efforts in organising this event.

In these challenging times our staff, Katharine, Tammy, and Justine have responded incredibly well to finding opportunities for ASAN AUNZ and engaging with our wider User Led Design teams.





We have developed resources for our Autistic community and look forward to their continued development and the launch in times to come.

Our ongoing acknowledgment goes to the Department of Social Services in the Australian Government for the Information Linkages and Capacity Building grant.

Membership continues to grow - both in Australia and New Zealand. It is free so we hope you will continue to encourage other Autistics you know to join us and contribute to Autistic adult voices.

During the past couple of years, we developed a new website and work will continue in this space alongside other resource development work including an application that can be utilised in times of crisis or distress that we hope to test during our meet up.

We intend to continue our participation in the Autism Alliance, and consulting on research and other work impacting on Autistics. We contributed to the Senate inquiry into Autism and wait to see the implementation of a national Autism strategy that could benefit our community.

**Joanne Dacombe**  
Chairperson  
ASAN AUNZ



# 2022 OVERVIEW

## Our Current Activities

NDIA Information Linkages and Capacity Building Project: ASAN AUNZ Self Advocacy Online Toolkit, Information Hub and capacity building workshops.



Disability Royal Commission Small Grant Recipient via DANA to consult and disseminate information regarding the DRC



The NDIA Co-Design working Group and Participant Safety Co Design Steering Committee.

The Autism Advisory Group to the National Disability Insurance Agency.



An ongoing partnership with The Social Deck to conduct focus groups for consultation such as the Transport Standards Reform, Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards, The National Disability Advocacy Framework.



**Affiliate Member of Autism CRC  
with partnerships for Self-Advocacy  
@Work and the Future Leaders  
Program and co-design.**



**Member of the Australian Autism  
Alliance**



## App Development

In 2022 the User Led Design Group and Board agreed to scope the possibility of developing an App that will assist autistic people to seek support when experiencing a crisis in public. The Operations Manager and Project Officer attended meetings with the App Developers 2Excel outlining the design specifications provided by the User Led Design Group. Between these meetings, the Project Officer shared information with the User Led Design Group to inform early changes prior to the development of the prototype. Fortnightly Sprint meetings have been held with the App Developers, operations Manager and Project Officer in attendance. The app prototype is set to be tested in September 2022 with the User Led Design Group and the ASAN AU-NZ Board

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## Board Members 2022

Joanne Dacombe - Chair  
Dr Lisa Smith - Secretary  
Leeanne Friday - Treasurer - resigned May 2022  
Jarad McLoughlin - Acting Treasurer  
Rebecca Poulson  
Jessica Harrison  
Elise Muller  
Jaz Bidgood - from July  
Genevieve Brookman - from July

## Staff 2022

Katharine Annear - Operations Manager  
Tammy McGowan - Project Officer  
Justine Yelland - Accounts  
Mandar Nelson - Graphic Design





## User Led Design Group

The ASAN AUNZ User-Led Design Group is an intersectionally representative group convened to have input into resources and tools that benefit the Autistic community.

The group is comprised of the following people:

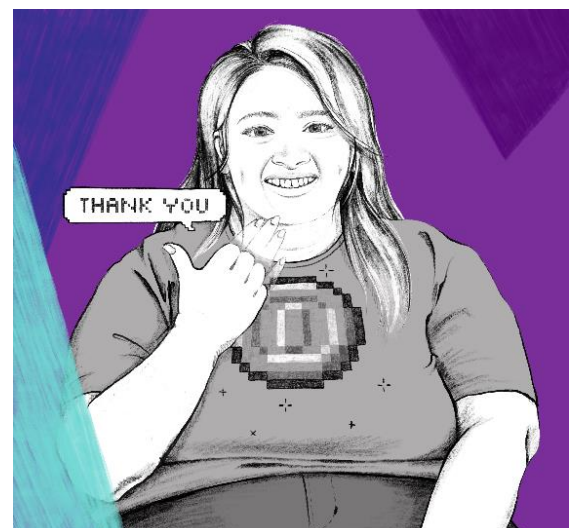
Fionn Mackay  
 Marion Rabuka  
 Mackay Ash  
 Michael Chan  
 Haley Russell  
 Jaimie McCaffrey-Reed  
 Mandar Nelson  
 Dr Yolande McNiccoll  
 Jen Harland  
 Andrew Radford  
 Alex Creece  
 Charlie Park  
 Kirk Cetnic  
 Roxy Jones



## Acknowledgements

We would like to thank the following people and organisations for their support:

Autism CRC  
 Geraldine Robertson  
 Judy Brewer  
 Your Story Disability Legal Support  
 The Autistic Realm Australia  
 2Excel



# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Our principal source of income is grants. The Department of Social Services provides grant income for the Information Linkages and Capacity Building Project. We are a Disability Royal Commission small grant recipient through Disability Advocacy Network Australia. Other income sources include fee for service consultancy and donations.



# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Statement of Financial Position

- Assets \$332,398.82
- Liabilities \$248,582.67
- Equity \$83,816.15

## Statement of Comprehensive Income (Profits and Losses)

- Income \$156,115.25
- Expenses \$141,701.99
- Profit \$14,413.26

# Balance sheet

The Autistic Self-Advocacy Network  
of Australia and New Zealand  
2 Walters Crescent  
Aberfoyle Park  
SA 5159

## Balance sheet report

30 Jun 2022

	Total
<b>1-0000 Assets</b>	
1-1000 ANZ Cheque Account	332,050.08
1-1500 PayPal Account	348.74
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>332,398.82</b>
<b>2-0000 Liabilities</b>	
2-1000 Trade Creditors	3,874.60
2-4000 GST Paid	(391.93)
2-7000 Auspiced Funds	100.00
2-8000 Funding Received in Advance	245,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>248,582.67</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>83,816.15</b>
<b>3-0000 Equity</b>	
3-8000 Retained Earnings	64,620.71
3-9000 Current Year Earnings	14,413.26
3-9999 Historical Balancing	4,782.18
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>83,816.15</b>

# Profit and Loss

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## Profit and loss report

Accrual mode  
01 Jul 2021 - 30 Jun 2022

	Total
<b>4-0000 Income</b>	
4-1000 NDIA Grant Funding	147,500.00
4-2000 DANA	5,500.00
4-8000 Donations	610.51
4-9000 Sundry Income	2,504.74
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>156,115.25</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>156,115.25</b>
<b>6-0000 Expenses</b>	
6-1300 Project Officer	62,500.00
6-1400 Operations Manager	27,500.00
<b>6-2000 Activity/Project Expenses</b>	
6-2100 General Office	582.81
6-2300 Insurance	1,239.07
6-2400 Memberships	3,000.00
6-2500 Honorariums	1,801.86
<b>Total Activity/Project Expenses</b>	<b>6,623.74</b>
<b>6-3000 External Party Expenses</b>	
6-3200 Web & Graphic Design	36,455.83
6-3300 Subscriptions	6,106.38
6-3400 Accounting & Audit	2,251.18
<b>Total External Party Expenses</b>	<b>44,813.39</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>141,437.13</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>14,678.12</b>
<b>9-0000 Other Expenses</b>	
9-1100 Sundry Expenses	259.82
9-2000 PayPal Fees	5.04
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>264.86</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>14,413.26</b>

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Accounts

Liabilities include funding received in advance of \$245,000.00 from the Department of Social Services to be expended in the 22/23 Financial Year.

Retained earnings will be expended in 22/23 on events delayed due to the global Covid - 19 pandemic.



Picture of Bill Shorten MP, Katharine Annear, ASAN AUNZ, James Ong and Chris Varney, ICAN Network, Nicole Rees, AMAZE, Chloe Polglaze, AMAZE and CYDA

**UNITED NATIONS**  
**WORLD AUTISM DAY**  
*Inclusive Education For All*

Sustainable Development Goal #4  
 & UNCRPD Article 24

call for the right to inclusive, quality education  
 on an equal basis with others.




**WHAT DOES WORK MEAN TO YOU?**



**BE FEATURED ON OUR VIRTUAL BOOTH  
 FOR THE AUTISM@WORK SUMMIT**

Send us a selfie video talking about the  
 importance of work to you!

email your video to [projects@asan-aunz.org](mailto:projects@asan-aunz.org) by August 15

