

# Annual Report

2019/20



**alzheimer'swa**  
the dementia experts

## Our Vision

A world where people with dementia and their families are supported and valued on their dementia journey.

## Our Philosophy

Dementia is a lived human experience rather than just a biological condition. We therefore embrace and support a holistic, person-centred approach that respects the individuality and the experience of those living with dementia.

## Our Purpose

To improve the lived experience of those on the dementia journey through our advocacy, leadership, innovation, education, partnerships and holistic, person-centred care and support, and to support the pursuit of risk reduction, treatment and cure for dementia.





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## Chair Report

Writing this report is always a welcome opportunity for me to reflect on the past year. 2019/20 was a year unlike any other in Alzheimer's WA history. Despite its challenges, the year also brought with it an opportunity to consolidate and revitalise.

Alzheimer's WA welcomed the introduction of the new Aged Care Quality Standards on 1 July 2019. This single set of Quality Standards are an important part of the new framework under which all aged care services in Australia are expected to operate. As a person-centred organisation many of our services and processes aligned to the new standards even before their introduction. I am pleased to report we successfully passed our first audit under the new Standards, which came not long after their introduction.

The Royal Commission into Aged Care released its hard hitting interim report in October 2019, shining a light on a failing aged care system that is putting some of our most vulnerable citizens at risk. People living with dementia make up a large percentage of people requiring aged care support and the Commission paid particular attention to the way the aged care sector responds to the often complex health and social needs of this group. Alzheimer's WA applauded the interim findings of the Commission and looks forward to reading the final recommendations when they are released in the coming financial year.

Dementia is the single greatest cause of disability in older Australians (aged 65 years or older) and the third leading cause

of disability burden overall. For people diagnosed under the age of 65, the term younger onset dementia is used. Younger onset dementia can be diagnosed in people in their 50s, 40s and even their 30s. The establishment of the Disability Royal Commission came as no surprise given the damning evidence emerging from the Royal Commission into Aged Care. Alzheimer's WA will use this opportunity to highlight the discrimination and other difficulties faced by our clients living with dementia, especially those who are under the age of 65.

The organisation took a proactive and cautious approach to COVID-19 (coronavirus) as many of our clients and carers are in the high risk category for the virus. Our immediate and continued priority was the safety of our staff, clients and families. We enacted a series of protocols to minimise the risk to clients and staff including temporary closure of our Houses and group support services, and relocating office staff to work from home. We adapted some of our workshops and training to an online format. We continued to provide in home care while adhering to strict hygiene protocols. We committed to offering alternate support for any services we were unable to continue running. Although the effect of COVID-19 will be felt for some time, I

was grateful for the flexibility provision provided under the CHSP funding agreement. I was also grateful for the way our skilled, compassionate and dedicated team responded to the crisis with agility and grace. The organisation came out of the crisis well positioned to take on the challenges of a new financial year.

When providing support to a person living with dementia, continuity of care and a sound understanding of dementia are vital to maintaining the person's wellbeing. Last financial year Alzheimer's WA launched a home care package service tailored to people living with dementia, enabling the organisation to continue caring for our clients as they transitioned from CHSP funded services. I am pleased to report our home care package offering continued to grow throughout the financial year, despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, as more and more clients sought the dementia-specific support of Alzheimer's WA.

The Board welcomed two new directors in 2019/20, Melissa Teede and Ella Dachs. Melissa has extensive experience working in the Western Australian public sector, and has been involved in several not-for-profit Boards. Ella has had an extensive consulting career specialising in strategic change and business transformation and is a Director on several not-for-profit Boards.

This will be my last report as Chair of the Alzheimer's WA Board. I have decided to step down from the role after 22 years on the Board and 19 years as Chair. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Board members as well as management, staff, volunteers, donors and supporters of Alzheimer's WA. The organisation has grown considerably since its inception in 1982, while remaining true to its mission to support people living with dementia in Western Australia. I am proud and humbled to have been part of

the Alzheimer's WA journey during this time. Warren Harding, the current Deputy Chair, who brings significant international consulting experience and strong networks with government and the aged care sector, has been elected Chair from 1 July 2020.

Looking to the future, I am confident Alzheimer's WA will continue to provide the outstanding support and care that Western Australians have come to rely on over the last 38 years.



**Craig Masarei**  
Chairman

### Lifetime Membership

Serving people living with dementia is the core of our wonderful organisation. It is when that service is provided selflessly over 22 years with some 19 years as Chairman by Craig Masarei and 16 years as Deputy Chair by Jenny Rogers, that the current Board has exercised Clause 15 of our Constitution to bestow Honorary Lifetime Membership on Craig and Jenny for their extraordinary contribution. I know all members and staff will join me in thanking them and wishing them well in their retirement. Both Directors join a very small and distinguished group of Lifetime Members who have contributed so much in the past, yet continue to support our future.

To all our Lifetime Members, we respect and appreciate your enduring legacy.



**Warren Harding,**  
Adjunct Professor  
Deputy Chair 2019,  
Chairman Elect 2020





Rommie and Craig Masarei, The Honourable Kim Beazley AC Governor of Western Australia, and Warren Harding, Chair.

## The Board and Executive



### Patron

**The Honourable  
Kim Beazley AC**

Governor of  
Western Australia

## Board



**Craig Masarei**  
Chair



**Warren Harding**  
Company Secretary  
(July - November 2019)  
and Deputy Chair  
(November 2019 -  
June 2020)



**Jenny Rogers**  
Deputy Chair  
(July - November 2019)  
and Company Secretary  
(November 2019 -  
June 2020)



**Dr Sean Maher**  
Medical Director



**Matthew Budge**  
Finance Director



**Arnold Stroobach**  
Director



**Ella Dachs**  
Director



**Melissa Teede**  
Director



**Rhonda Parker**  
Chief Executive Officer  
(July - September 2019)



**Maria Davison**  
Chief Executive Officer  
(January 2020 -  
July 2020)



## Medical Report

Honorary Medical Director  
Sean Maher

The enormous impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have had significant effects on people with dementia. Our aged care system has struggled to cope with infection control issues and managing essential dementia care. Loneliness, boredom and depression both in residential care and home isolation have been major challenges for older people cut off from family and friends. Finding novel methods to keep people connected and interested have been key to managing these issues. Care facilities have responded in varying ways dependent on their circumstances, sometimes able to preserve diversional therapies but often technological solutions using Skype or FaceTime have been more practical. Unfortunately, mortality has been high in older people affected by COVID-19 infection, and even higher in those with dementia.

Pandemic restrictions have also interfered with research, with many studies delayed or sometimes ended early. Nevertheless, an impressive amount of work continues and conferences have occurred in a virtual way. A major research highlight is a blood test to diagnose AD, which identifies a

fragment of tau protein which has been phosphorylated at a specific position, p-tau217. P-tau217 has previously been reported as very sensitive and specific for AD using cerebrospinal fluid samples, but having a blood test would make future diagnosis far simpler, and if its promise is fully realised, would likely avoid the need for nuclear medicine brain scans for most people. Two papers and presentations at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference (AAIC) in July have demonstrated its validity in several different populations and using different test methods (immunoassay and mass spectroscopy), to diagnose AD and to distinguish it from other causes of dementia.

"Area under the curve" is a way of measuring the accuracy of a test comparing sensitivity and specificity, where 1.0 is a perfect test score. P-tau217 was measured in a group of people who had donated their brains, because neuropathology is still considered the gold standard for making a definitive dementia diagnosis; comparing those with established AD pathology of plaques and tangles with controls gave an AUC of 0.98.

Another study (Swedish Biofinder) following older people for cognitive change showed p-tau217 identified people with a clinical diagnosis of AD from controls with an AUC of 0.98. It also differentiated those people with AD from other people in the study with neurodegenerative disease including vascular dementia, frontotemporal dementias and Parkinson's Disease with an AUC of 0.96. Other studies have revealed similar findings including where the diagnosis of AD was made using brain PET scans with a high correlation between p-tau217 and tau present on the scan.

Another study looking at people in Colombia with an inherited Presenilin mutation which inevitably leads to early onset AD, showed that p-tau217 levels were very low in people without the mutation, higher in those with the mutation but who were not cognitively impaired and higher again in those with the mutation and cognitive impairment. The elevated p-tau217 levels can be detected about 20 years before symptoms begin.

The findings support the current notion that in AD, p-tau217 is formed in the presence of amyloid. There is still work to be done to further validate the test in different populations and settings, and agree on laboratory protocols and cut-offs which may take another year or so.

Although therapies aimed at removing amyloid have been disappointing, aducanumab, a monoclonal antibody which has been demonstrated to reduce amyloid deposits in the brain detected by PET scan, is being considered for approval by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for treatment of AD. This is on the basis of two phase 3 randomised control trials in people with mild cognitive impairment and mild AD, EMERGE and ENGAGE which were initially abandoned but then resurrected after further analysis of patients given high doses showed a slower rate of decline in

cognition and activities of daily living. The actual differences were relatively small but encouraging to see something which does slow progression. Balancing the cost of an expensive treatment against quality of life with slower progression rather than cure will be a task for our Therapeutic Goods Administration. It is still possible that anti amyloid therapies will have a role to play in people with inherited amyloid processing mutations. Results from a current trial in Colombia are due to be reported in 2021.

There are other trials still underway with antibodies against amyloid, including the Clarity study, using BAN2401, a Phase 3 trial in people with early AD which is running in Australia. AHEAD 3-45 will also run here, using BAN2401 in people with no symptoms but who have amyloid present on brain PET scans to see if it will prevent further accumulation and cognitive decline.

Many other areas of AD pathology are being targeted however, especially with regard to tau pathology and inflammation. A Swiss company, AC Immune, is trialling (Phase 1b/2a) a synthetic version of phosphorylated tau as a vaccine, in an attempt to stimulate antibodies to limit the spread of tau throughout the brain. The same company is conducting Phase 2 trials of semorinemab, a monoclonal antibody against p-tau. Other groups have anti-tau antibodies in development. AC Immune is also developing an antibody to TDP-43, a protein where mutations are associated with a very slowly progressive form of AD, as well as frontotemporal dementia and motor neurone disease.

Researchers at the AAIC reported new techniques to help understand what occurs at the synapses in AD, including "mass synaptometry", where antibodies to synaptic proteins are labelled with heavy metals which enable them to be distinguished in a mass spectrometer. Studies on cohorts of people who had

died with dementia with typical plaques and tangles, cognitively normal people with little pathology and cognitively normal people with typical AD pathology but no symptoms (classed as “resilient”) have revealed significantly higher levels of p-tau, inflammatory cytokines and markers of microglial activation in those with AD, even though the distribution of plaques and tangles was similar in those with AD to those who were resilient. What determines resilience is still unknown, but provides some caution in only looking at the distribution of amyloid and tau on PET scans.

The American Alzheimer's Association has provided \$24M in their “Part the Cloud” program to a variety of Phase 1 and 2 trials, many of which are assessing new compounds to address neuroinflammation but also other novel approaches including anti-viral and anti-diabetic medications, deep brain stimulation, and 40Hz light and sound stimulation (“gamma entrainment”). The American Alzheimer's Foundation is funding Harvard and MIT researchers to explore the immune responses of microglial cells which are key in removing beta amyloid and responding to other stimuli which provoke inflammation. The role of a bacterium, *porphyromonas gingivalis*, associated with periodontal disease and strongly associated with AD is now the subject of a Phase 2/3 trial using a monoclonal antibody against the toxic protease enzymes or gingipains produced by the bacteria, with results hopefully available in two years.

Sumifilam, a small molecule which restores functioning to a mis-folded form of filamin A that would otherwise contribute to accumulation of toxic proteins in neurons, has been used in a Phase 2b trial. It has shown significant reduction in biomarkers of AD, as well as markers of neuroinflammation, but also shown

improvements in cognition and memory after only 28 days. It looks to be another novel and promising candidate which may help treat the underlying disease process in AD.

A Phase 1b trial to reduce neuroinflammation using a compound (XPro 1595) which blocks the effect of soluble tumour necrosis factor (s-TNF) has been shown to reduce inflammation in white matter in the brain on MRI scans. This trial is ongoing and recruiting people in Australia, but not Perth. Anavex 2-73 (blarcamesine) binds to sigma-1 receptors and is thought to reduce cellular stress and improve intracellular movement of toxic proteins. Phase 2 studies have shown possible slowing of cognitive decline, including in Australia. The study is being extended and expanded to a Phase 3 trial recruiting others; the Australian Alzheimer's Research Foundation (AARF) in Perth is participating as a study site.

The Australian Dementia Network (ADNet) has been funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council to integrate dementia researchers, clinicians, patients and other stakeholders to achieve a sustainable entity to translate best evidence into practice. This includes having a Clinical Quality Registry to benchmark care provided to people with dementia; a national network of Memory Clinics able to provide standardised best care and simultaneously keeping data for research; and having a large cohort of people registered who may wish to participate in clinical trials. People can then be matched according to their clinical picture and preferences to available trials. For many, this may provide access to testing that is otherwise not easily available, such as brain PET scans for amyloid and tau and the p-tau217 test mentioned earlier. People will be able to self-refer via the ADNet and the Step up for Dementia websites. The network

is nearly ready to go and the AARF will act as a trial screening site in Perth.

Managing difficult symptoms in advanced AD can be challenging. While behavioural means are preferred, medications are often tried with either no effect or causing harm. The FDA is looking at approval of a selective serotonin inverse agonist called primavanserine for the treatment of dementia related delusions and hallucinations; it has already been approved for psychosis in Parkinson's Disease. It seems to be well tolerated with little of the side effects seen with usual antipsychotic medication. A combination of dextromethorphan and bupropion called AXS-05 has been shown in Phase 2 and 3 trials to significantly reduce agitation in people with advanced dementia and will likely progress rapidly for FDA consideration for approval.

The AAIC also saw an update from the authors of The Lancet report into Dementia Prevention, intervention and care from 2017. The report describes 12 modifiable risk factors contributing to about 40% of dementia including poorer education, hearing loss, hypertension, obesity, smoking, depression, social isolation, physical inactivity, and diabetes. Air pollution, alcohol and traumatic brain injury were added to the list. Alcohol consumption more than 21 standard drinks per week was associated with greater risk. The report contained a list of recommendations for individuals as well as policy makers - using hearing aids rated highly.

The Australian-multidomain Approach to Reduce dementia Risk by prOtecting brain health With lifestyle intervention (AU-ARROW) study is a current study conducted by Edith Cowan and Macquarie Universities aimed at preventing cognitive decline in older people. This is modelled on the landmark FINGER study where people at risk

of cognitive decline showed improvement in executive functioning, speed of processing and memory by undertaking lifestyle measures involving exercise, cognitive training, social activities, nutritional advice and management of vascular and metabolic risk factors, especially blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol. The FINGER study is being reproduced in multiple countries, each adapted to local conditions. Just published, The Body Brain Life for Cognitive Decline study from Canberra has shown improvement in memory with similar lifestyle measures after only a two-month program in people with mild cognitive impairment and subjective memory complaint. This is very encouraging, showing lifestyle measures have real efficacy in improving cognition, even over a short time frame. The AU-ARROW study will also monitor biomarkers in subjects with brain PET scans, blood tests and retinal imaging.

Although 2020 is a year most will want to forget as quickly as possible, there are some silver linings: Aged care and dementia care are firmly in the public spotlight; a new blood test may help simplify AD diagnosis; a raft of new possible therapies for AD continues to evolve and expand; lifestyle measures continue to be valuable and efficacious in helping to prevent cognitive decline; and people in Western Australia will have greater opportunity to be involved in clinical trials.

**Dr Sean Maher**

# Our Year at a Glance

## July 2019

- » Bev Simpson, team member at Mary Chester House, received a High Commendation for Employee of the Year in the Aged & Community Services Australia Awards.
- » Our Dementia Change Champions program was a finalist for Innovative Program in the Aged & Community Services Australia Awards.

## August 2019

- » International dementia expert Michael Verde visited for the Australian premiere of his documentary *Love is Listening: Dementia without Loneliness*.

## September 2019

- » Dementia Awareness Month: Raised awareness through events, advertising, media articles, as well as resources and displays in libraries, community centres, hospitals and residential care homes across Western Australia.
- » World Alzheimer's Day Cocktail Party hosted by Board Director Matt Budge and PwC. Advocate Tom Harmon shared his story with over 160 guests and we raised over \$11,000.
- » Team member Sharyn Trent was a finalist in the Trainer of the Year Awards.
- » Launched *Game On!* encouraging supporters to host a games night at their home or office to raise money for Western Australians living with dementia.

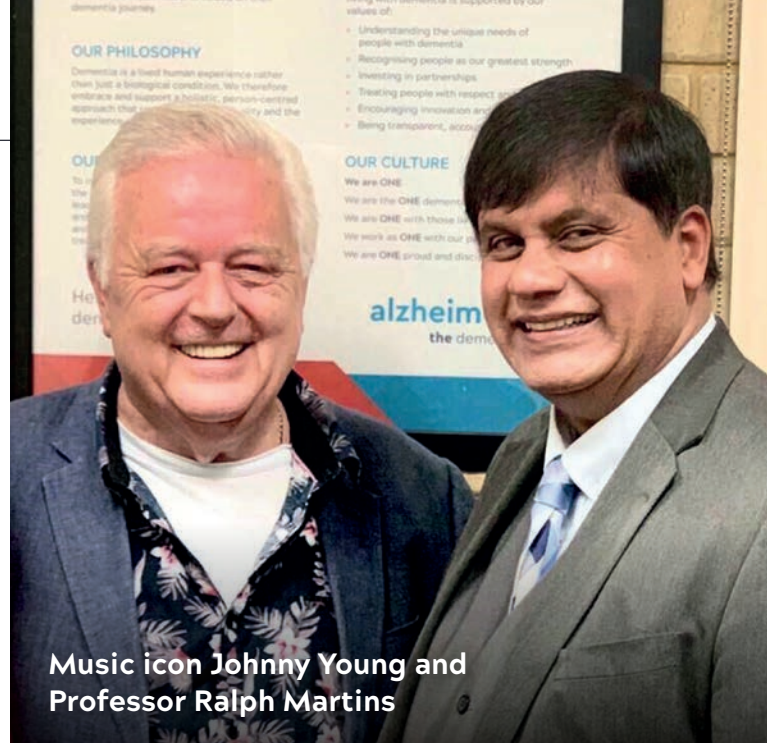
- » Launched annual supporter survey. Our supporters shared their stories and experiences allowing us to continue learning from the lived experience of dementia and advocate on their behalf.
- » Jason Burton, Head of Dementia Practice and Innovation, presented *Person-centred care - a brief journey from the past into the future* for Dementia Training Australia.

## October 2019

- » Dementia Partnership Project Symposium: A full day of interesting and engaging speakers talking about dementia, care and social connection.
- » Caitlin Burnett from Silver Chain was named Dementia Change Champion of the Year.
- » International validation method expert Vicki de Klerk-Rubin hosted a workshop for carers to help them explore expressions of need with their loved ones and connect with each other on a deeper level.
- » The Mandurah and Albany communities joined us at the Walk to Remember events to remember loved ones and raise money to support Western Australians living with dementia.
- » Mary Chester House celebrated Carers Week with a lunch for carers at Coco's Restaurant in South Perth. Thanks to Carers WA for their support.
- » Videos featuring our Dementia Advocates were broadcast on the digital tower at Yagan Square to 42,000 people. Thanks to the Department of Communities who supported this initiative.

## November 2019

- » Our community supported us at the Walk to Remember event in Perth and raised money for Western Australians living with dementia.
- » Alzheimer's WA was awarded a Gold Volunteer Employer Recognition Award for supporting team member Scott Campbell who volunteers with the SES Canine Unit.
- » The intergenerational playgroup at Mary Chester House celebrated a milestone 15 years of operation. It is the longest continually run intergenerational playgroup in the country. Over 50 people attended the celebratory morning tea including Hon Mick Murray MLA, Minister for Seniors and Ageing, who made a speech and cut the cake to the delight of the onlooking toddlers.
- » Alzheimer's WA provided a response to the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety interim report.
- » Music icon Johnny Young spoke at the AGM on his experience and upcoming book on being a carer.
- » Ella Dachs and Melissa Teede were elected to the Alzheimer's WA Board.
- » Warren Harding appointed Deputy Chair and Jenny Rogers Company Secretary.
- » Our innovative Dementia Change Champions program was presented at the annual Australian Association of Gerontology conference in Sydney.
- » Alzheimer's WA gave a presentation on the Dementia Friendly Communities project at the Australian Aged Friendly Forum.



Music icon Johnny Young and Professor Ralph Martins



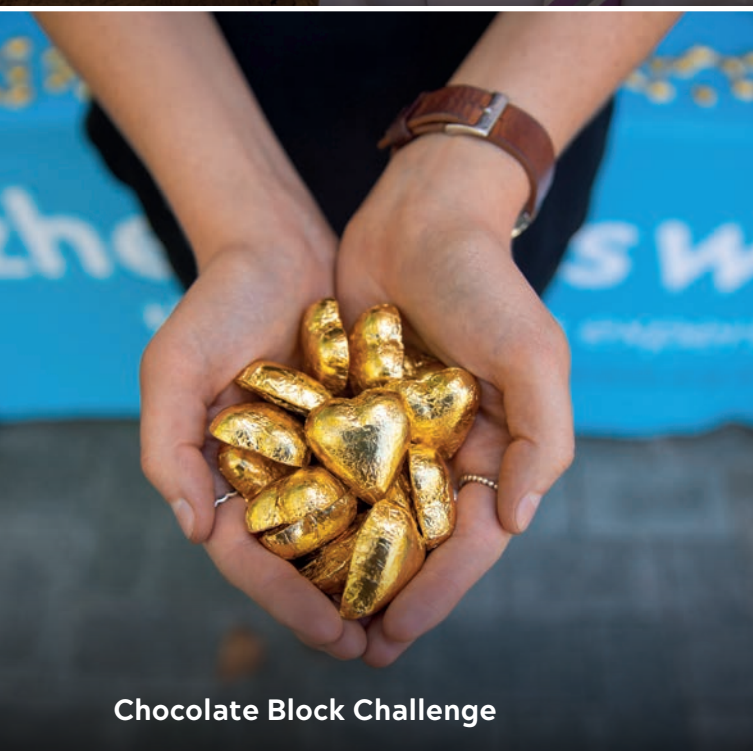
Vicki de Klerk-Rubin



World Alzheimer's Day Cocktail Party



**Ella's House**  
Parliamentary Secretary,  
Reece Whitby MLA



**Chocolate Block Challenge**



**Scott Campbell, SES Canine Unit**

## December 2019

- » Jason Burton, Head of Dementia Practice and Innovation was guest speaker on the Finding Joy podcast. Jason spoke to Louise Forster of Chorus Voices about the dementia journey - what dementia is, what we know about it and how it develops.
- » Parliamentary Secretary, Reece Whitby MLA, represented the Minister for Seniors to accept a cheque for \$7,000 from the Ladies with Heart volunteers group on behalf of Ella's House, Mandurah.

## January 2020

- » Maria Davison commenced as Chief Executive Officer and operated from 13 January - 24 July 2020.
- » We hosted a visit from Japanese guest Sakurada-San to share information and innovation.

## February 2020

- » Clients and staff shared joy, laughter and companionship at the annual Valentine's Dinner Dance at Mary Chester House.
- » Launched a new online dementia design resource for hospitals.

## March 2020

- » Chocolate Blockers gave up their favourite sweet for the annual Chocolate Block Challenge. Their sacrifice raised money for Alzheimer's WA to continue to meet our purpose.
- » Alzheimer's WA passed our Registered Training Organisation audit with full compliance.
- » In response to COVID-19 and the restrictions set by the Commonwealth and State Governments we transferred group services to individual services to keep supporting clients as much as we could during the restrictions.
- » We developed a series of help sheets and a website portal with the latest information on COVID-19 and how families and carers could continue to support their loved ones during the pandemic.
- » Briefing given to the Hon Martin Aldridge on dementia in Western Australia, and key issues faced by people living with dementia and their families in regional Western Australia.

## April 2020

- » Transitioned accredited education and training to a virtual platform to enable our students across Western Australia to continue with their studies throughout the COVID-19 lock down period.
- » Adjusting to Change program and Carer Support Groups conducted virtually enabling us to reach more people across Western Australia.

## May 2020

- » Refurbished our three Houses in preparation for welcoming back clients.
- » Warren Harding, Deputy Chair, authored an article in our quarterly Milestone publication on "Assistive technology - a bright future for digital health in dementia care".

## June 2020

- » Rebranded our education services and Registered Training Organisation as Alzheimer's WA Training College.
- » Welcomed our clients back to our Houses and group services.
- » Published a new website **dementiafriendlywa.org.au**, with information and resources to assist communities to become dementia friendly.
- » Commenced our first Priority Industry Training funded Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing, Home and Community) - CHC33015 through the Alzheimer's WA Training College.

# Meeting Our Purpose

Our reach and impact



**42,900**

Western  
Australians  
living with  
dementia

**70%**

people living with  
dementia living in  
the community



**1,186**

clients

**40,619**

hours of  
Individual Support



**38,113**

hours of  
Day Centre

**13,512**

hours of  
Social Support

**33,277**

hours of 24 hour/  
overnight  
support, either in  
our Houses or in  
their own home

**1,992**

hours of support  
through a monthly  
Carer Support  
Group

**250,000**

Western Australian  
carers and family  
members  
supporting people  
living with  
dementia

**2,500**

people living with  
younger onset  
dementia served  
under NDIS  
and Home Care  
Packages

**70**

Dementia  
Advocates



**105**

Dementia  
Change  
Champions



**1,618**

students in  
accredited and  
non-accredited  
training

**866**

attendees at  
community  
sessions



**3,421**

members

**108**

volunteers



## Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic

During the COVID-19 pandemic Alzheimer's WA was committed to continuing to meet our purpose to support Western Australians living with dementia. While our group services and Houses had to temporarily close we introduced key initiatives to support clients and the community including:

- » Wellness calls to our clients to check in and make sure they were doing okay.
- » Offered clients individual services to replace the group services.
- » Introduced new services including grocery shopping and prescription pick up to help clients avoid busy shopping centres.
- » Distributed activity packs to create connections, joy and spontaneity while supporting clients in their homes.
- » Adapted our education courses to online webinars.
- » Developed resources to help families supporting their loved ones living with dementia.
- » Created an information hub on our website.
- » Launched the #StayConnected initiative encouraging the community to stay socially and emotionally connected and engaged at a time we were being asked to physically distance. This included:
  - » #DontForgetToCall social media campaign to remind people to check in on family and friends. This included downloadable instructions for how to call with FaceTime and Skype.
  - » Be a Good Neighbour cards. These downloadable and printed cards were designed to be placed in

neighbours' letterboxes to offer help with groceries, mail or just a phone call to chat.

- » Become a pen pal. Encouraging children to write letters to people in their community or local residential care.

## Building a Better Dementia Response in Indigenous Communities

Alzheimer's WA was funded by the Federal Government to deliver a program to Indigenous communities across the Kimberley, Goldfields, Midwest and Pilbara. The program aims to create greater awareness of dementia and the impact it can have on individuals and their families. The program builds on the innovative work previously undertaken by Alzheimer's WA in the Bidyadanga Community, which focused on building capacity within Indigenous communities to support people living with dementia. This is an exciting opportunity for Alzheimer's WA to continue to support Indigenous communities by providing training for staff within the community, and for those who support people when they leave the community.



## Improving Aged Care

During this year the Aged Care Quality Standards, by which care providers are measured to ensure they are providing quality care, were significantly changed. The eight new standards put a greater emphasis on client choice, autonomy, dignity of risk, enabling environments and quality care practices. As an organisation that delivers its services and supports using a person-centred approach we welcome the new standards and their increased emphasis on services delivering on clients' expectations. Alzheimer's WA was audited to these new standards in October and achieved all eight standards. This has only been achieved by 30 per cent of organisations audited.

## Dementia Awareness Month

Dementia Awareness Month is held each September. It is an opportunity to engage with the community, raise awareness of dementia and the challenges it presents. Alzheimer's WA asked all Western Australians to reach out to people with dementia in their community and let them know they are not alone.

As part of Dementia Awareness Month our amazing Dementia Advocates Angi and Michael, Tom, and Murray and Robin agreed to share their inspiring stories

on our website, on social media and in newspaper articles.

We developed a new range of information sheets, booklets and posters which were posted out to interested community groups. Health services and libraries across the State created displays promoting Dementia Awareness Month with these resources.

Prominent accountancy firm PwC hosted a cocktail party for Alzheimer's WA in honour of World Alzheimer's Day. Thank you to our supporters who donated auction and raffle prizes including a ruby and diamond ring from DJCA, a signed Wildcats jersey and a night at Crown Towers.

The very recognisable Alzheimer's WA Memory Van was parked in Murray Street Mall the day before World Alzheimer's Day to raise awareness of dementia. Staff were on hand to gift bright orange gerberas, hand out brochures and provide information to people as they passed by. The day we chose to have our awareness stand coincided with the climate rally in the city and we can confidently estimate over 10,000 people walked past our stand.

Alzheimer's WA also undertook a comprehensive advertising campaign during September, including radio and newspaper advertising. In addition, we contributed several articles in The West Australian and Have a Go News.



World Alzheimer's Day awareness stand





Michael Verde  
in Albany

## International Dementia Experts

Alzheimer's WA hosted international dementia expert, Michael Verde (USA), from Memory Bridge in August 2019. During his visit to Western Australia Michael spoke to more than 1,400 people in Perth, Margaret River and Albany. Michael hosted the Australian premiere screening of his documentary *Love is Listening: Dementia without Loneliness*.

Alzheimer's WA also hosted International Validation Method Master Vicki de Klerk-Rubin (Netherlands) in October 2019. Vicki was the keynote speaker at the Dementia Partnership Project Symposium and also held Validation Method workshops for Alzheimer's WA support workers, Dementia Change Champions and carers.

**The Validation Method is a way of connecting with a person with dementia that can assist exploration of expressions of need, particularly in the later stages of dementia. It involves reading a person's body language and micro expressions to help step into the reality of the person and connect with them. By doing this, a person's need for connection and identity is validated, which in turn can help to reduce any stress, anxiety and even pain they may be feeling.**

## Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety

Alzheimer's WA welcomed the hard hitting interim report of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety and in particular the spotlight it puts on a failing aged care system that is putting Australia's most vulnerable citizens at risk.

In meeting our purpose Alzheimer's WA continued to advocate for people living with dementia through submissions to the Commission as well as lobbying Government and partnering with key advocacy groups.

## Memory Cafés

Memory Cafés provide opportunities for both a person living with dementia and their carer to meet socially with others on a similar journey. Alzheimer's WA continued to support Memory Cafés, which are community initiatives, through dementia friendly training, information and advice for Memory Café guests. It is very pleasing to see that this year the number of Memory Cafés continued to grow across the State.



Baldvis Memory Café

## Client Story

David and Sue completed our Adjusting to Change program, attending three in-person sessions before the onset of COVID-19 meant the final two sessions were completed via Zoom. David shared why they decided to join the program, and how the online format worked for them.

“When we realised that some memory lapses can have consequences and might need to be anticipated and planned for I contacted Alzheimer's WA and asked for some advice. I'd expected to be directed to print material or a YouTube video and was quite surprised to get invited to a meeting with Dyann.

“She not only provided some wise counsel and information but recommended I talk

with Sue about attending the Adjusting to Change program - which was just what we were looking for. It is full of information about matters relevant now and probably in the future and opened our eyes to many strategies and aids to maintain a good quality of life.

“Having just set up Zoom to play chess with my grandson Oliver during lockdown, we were all set to enjoy this new technology (to us) and I think some of the others. While it is not quite as personal as a face to face meeting, the online version achieved a lot and was well worthwhile attending. Alzheimer's WA has introduced us to lots of new ideas and resources and connected both of us to others sharing this journey. Many thanks.”



David and Sue



## Our Services

At Alzheimer's WA we understand that everyone is different. Every person's experience with dementia is different. That's why our services are tailored to help clients through their dementia journey.

We understand dementia. We can help you and others around you to understand it too. We support our clients to live their life the way they choose. At home, and in the community.

We see the person before the diagnosis. Our services embrace individuality and help to minimise the impacts of dementia. Our staff genuinely care about our clients.

We consult with people living with dementia and world leaders in dementia care to understand better ways to support people living with dementia. We also work with other organisations to help them improve their dementia services.

We are **the** dementia experts.

## Story

Music has an extraordinary ability to connect people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. Listening to music with emotional significance brings back strong memories for most people. It can enhance wellbeing and quality of life, and can be especially useful for people living with dementia. Studies have shown that singing has many positive benefits for people with dementia including increased focus and an uplift in mood. These positive benefits can last for days afterwards.

Friends in Harmony is a dementia friendly choir run by Alzheimer's WA. The choir is more than just singing and music - it is an opportunity for people living with dementia, their spouses, carers and family members to have a fun, normal afternoon where everyone is friendly, welcoming and non-judgemental. Long standing choir members act as guardians to newcomers and show them the ropes. The choir is the only dementia-specific choir in Perth.

The choir started around ten years ago when a research professor from University of Western Australia wanted to study the positive effects of music on people living with dementia. Research showed there was a real lowering of anxiety, increasing of focus and a whole lot of fun and good connections.

The choir group now includes clients, their friends and carers.

They sing songs that they choose and love. They are connected by music and song. It's a wonderful experience

The Friends in Harmony choir meets once a week. Choir leader Julie Dickenson said she keeps two things in mind: the idea that music is healing, and that it can also be fun.

"We all like fun, we all like sharing a laugh and I think that's an important thing," she said.

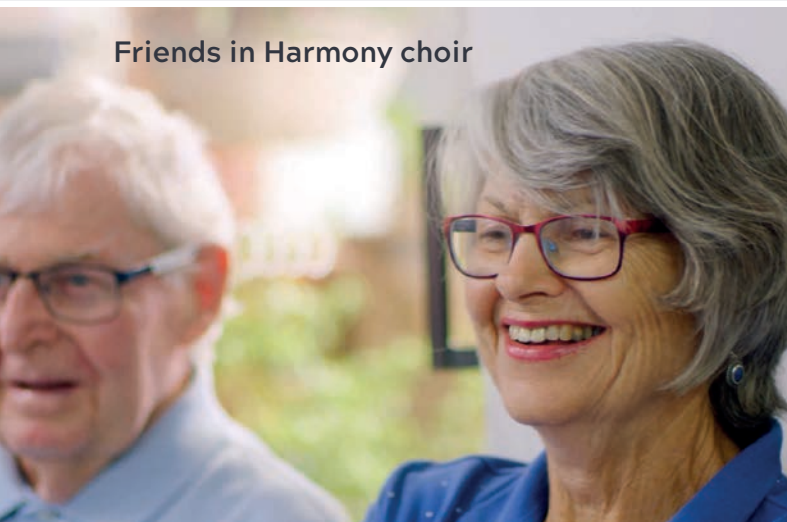
"They come because it's familiar, because they're welcome and because they have a good time. Whatever our health is, we all need friendship," she said.

Julie said it is very common for people who are interested to be worried that they can't sing.

"We invite them along and say 'see what you think, see if you enjoy it'. And generally they come again," she said.

"It's not so much the singing, it's showing people that they can do it and they can have fun."

Friends in Harmony choir



## Commonwealth Home Support Program

The Commonwealth Home Support Program is for people aged 65 years and over (50 years and over for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people) who need some assistance with daily tasks to continue living at home, or to access their community.

Through the Commonwealth Home Support Program we provided 956 clients with individual support, social support, overnight respite, carer support groups, early intervention, family education and services through our Enabling Households™.

## Service Highlight

Receiving a diagnosis of dementia can be difficult for the person as well as their family and friends. Alzheimer's WA provides support in these early stages through some key programs to help prepare clients for the journey ahead.

Our Adjusting to Change program is designed for people living with early stage dementia. The program supports the person living with dementia and their carer by providing information about dementia and how to prepare for the journey. The program also connects clients with others who have also been recently diagnosed so they know they are not alone. We supported 96 clients and their carers through this program.

Our Family and Friends Course provides family members and friends of a person living with dementia a full day program of what dementia is and how to communicate and support a person living with dementia to continue to live a life with meaning, purpose and joy. We delivered 30 courses.

Our carer support groups bring together and support carers of people living with dementia in the community. The groups provide carers with an opportunity to discuss the impact of dementia on their lives and the lives of their loved ones, and to give and receive information and support.



## Home Care Packages

Home care packages are a Government subsidy designed to support clients over 65 years of age in their own home. There are four levels of home care package available. Levels three and four are often referred to as high level packages and are the most common for people living with dementia.

After successfully becoming a home care package service provider in early 2019, Alzheimer's WA continued to grow our service offering and supported 66 clients on home care packages.

## Service Highlight

Our Houses in Shenton Park, Mandurah and Albany provide the only Eden Alternative™ registered day centre environments in Western Australia. Utilising our Enabling Household™ model, our Houses through their design, people, and culture enable people living with dementia to live their best life. It is enabling, not disabling. It is helping, not doing.

When places become unfamiliar, the best care and support should feel like coming home. At our Houses, new friendships are made and we support clients to continue doing the things most important to them. They choose what they want to do each day. Whether that is to relax in the armchair and listen to their favourite music. Start a good old-fashioned sing-along. Bake a cake. Tend to the garden. Or make a dollhouse in our shed for their granddaughter. The choice is theirs every day.



## National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

NDIS is a government subsidy designed to provide people under 65 years of age, and with a permanent and significant disability, with the reasonable and necessary supports they need to live an ordinary life.

Receiving a diagnosis of dementia can be challenging at any age, however things can be considerably more complex for a younger person - particularly if they are still working, paying a mortgage or looking after a young family. Alzheimer's WA supported 94 clients living with younger onset dementia through NDIS.

## Service Highlights

Our occupational therapy services are delivered by qualified health professionals who specialise in enabling people with dementia to continue participating in everyday life, and to retain their existing abilities for as long as possible.

Self-care tasks (or 'occupations') involve a surprisingly high number of steps. For a person with dementia, it may only be one step that is causing an issue and preventing them from completing a task. An occupational therapist observes the person complete each step of the task, identify which areas are causing difficulty and provide simple and practical strategies for how to overcome each issue.

Our occupational therapists complete in home assessments of a client's cognition, function and home environment to determine their strengths and impairments in completing everyday tasks.

Often, a small and inexpensive change will help clients to remain in their own home, independently and safely, for as long as possible.

Alzheimer's WA delivered 615 hours of occupational therapy to 62 clients.



## Alzheimer's WA Training College

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**LOWER FEES  
LOCAL SKILLS**



Alzheimer's WA is a nationally accredited Registered Training Organisation. In 2020 our education and training rebranded as Alzheimer's WA Training College.

The Training College offers accredited and non-accredited courses and is a leader in providing dementia specific education in Western Australia.

The Training College was successful in gaining Priority Industry Training funding to offer subsidised enrolment for people to complete a Certificate III Individual Support (Ageing, Home and Community) - CHC33015.

Through the State Government's Enterprise Training Program, the Training College delivered dementia-specific qualifications to leading aged care providers throughout Western Australia.

The Training College contributed to our mission to be **the** dementia experts by providing specialist education to over 50 Alzheimer's WA staff members including Dementia Support Service Delivery Skill Set (Release 1) - CHCSS00095 and our signature qualification Certificate IV Leadership and Innovation in Dementia Services - 10719NAT.



## Story

The Alzheimer's WA Training College courses are designed to teach support workers and others who work in aged care how to support a person with dementia. Why is this important?

In Australia, one in ten people over the age of 65 will be diagnosed with dementia. Around two thirds of people living with dementia live at home, and many will need in-home support to continue living at home as they age. Of those people who live in residential care homes, approximately half live with dementia.

The prevalence of dementia in our communities is expected to increase dramatically in the next few decades. It just makes sense to ensure our aged care workforce has the knowledge and skills to support people living with the disease.

Our Certificate III in Individual Support - CHC33015 is unique in that our person-centred philosophy is woven into every unit. Our Certificate IV Leadership and Innovation in Dementia Services is the only dementia-specific Certificate IV available in Australia.

One of our recent graduates, Jenny, shared with us how she felt upon completing her course.

"This course has enriched my life. It managed to give me exactly what I hoped for and more.

By challenging myself, I have developed skills such as time management and recently used Excel and PowerPoint for the very first time.

I met some wonderful trainers who always offered their support, and I thank them all very much.

Most of all, I know without a doubt that I have acquired a more holistic knowledge of dementia and people living with dementia.

I know that when I am scheduled to a client living with dementia I am much better placed to support them and their families."

We understand dementia, and our courses help others understand dementia too.

## Consultancy

Alzheimer's WA consultancy service works in partnership with community, aged care, health and disability providers to introduce a capacity building model and dementia expertise to support the development of partner services and environments.

Our consultancy and education specialists are leaders in dementia training and translation of evidence to practice. With many years' experience, Alzheimer's WA can support an organisation's goals to be a provider of choice to the growing number of people living with dementia.

## Dementia Partnership Project

The Dementia Partnership Project is a joint initiative between the Western Australian Department of Health and Alzheimer's WA. This project aims to enhance the experience and improve the quality of life of people living with dementia in the community.

This year we partnered with Community Home Care and Riverview in Collie, MercyCare, Villa Dalmacia Social Centre and People Who Care.

We also provided environmental consultancy services to Harvey Hospital, Nazareth Care Geraldton, Vicinity Shopping Centres in Rockingham and Halls Head, Fremantle Arts Centre and Nulsen Disability Services.

### Dementia Partnership Project Symposium

## Dementia Partnership Project Symposium

The sixth Dementia Partnership Project Symposium held in October 2019 brought together 173 guests to learn from leading speakers Vicki de Klerk-Rubin (Netherlands), Fiona Kerr, Daniella Greenwood, Alan Harvey, Althea Gordon and Tara Graham Cochrane. Our Dementia Advocates Laurie and Derene McGregor also shared their dementia journey.

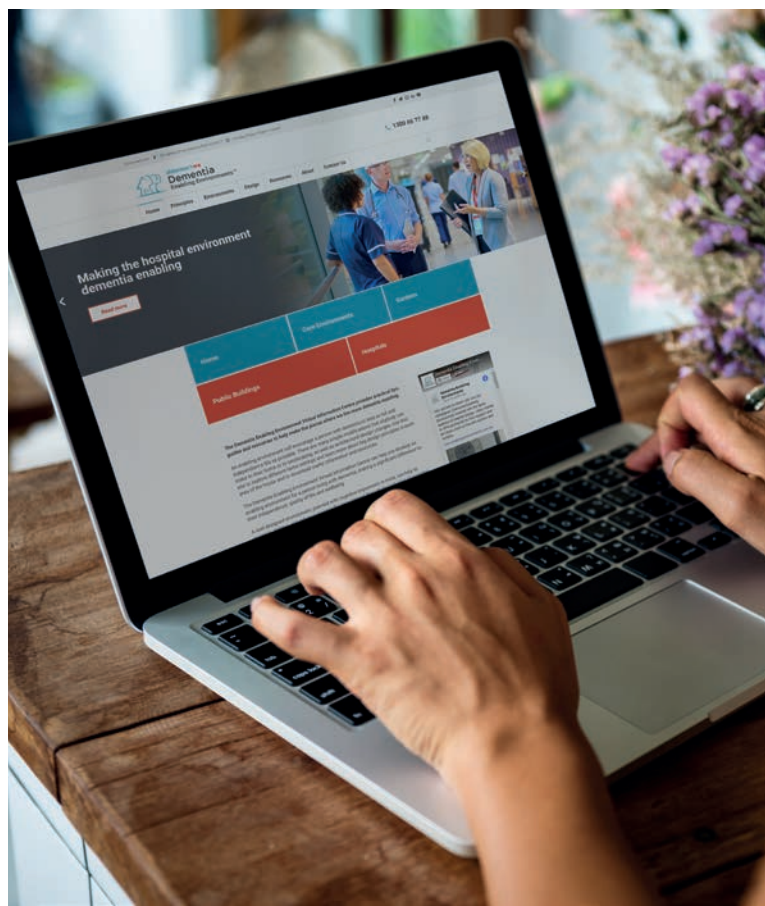


## Dementia Change Champions

The Dementia Change Champion capacity building program offers staff in various organisations the opportunity to gain knowledge, skills, information and materials to support the development of a person-centred approach to dementia support and care.

Alzheimer's WA offered two intakes this year with Champions from Avivo, Bethanie, Indigo's Regional Assessment Services, Silver Chain, Brightwater, MercyCare, Umbrella, Comfort Keepers, Multicultural Society, Neurological Council of WA, City of Stirling, and Access Care Network Australia's Regional Assessment Services.

Dementia Change Champions enhanced their knowledge and understanding of dementia through completing our Certificate IV Leadership and Innovation in Dementia Services - 10719NAT. They also attended sessions with leading presenters including Dr Andrew Stafford (Curtin University), Michael Verde (Memory Bridge) and Vicki de Klerk-Rubin (The Validation Institute).



## Dementia Enabling Environments

Alzheimer's WA has a Dementia Enabling Environment Virtual Information Centre that provides practical tips, guides and resources to help make the places where we live more dementia enabling.

This year we redesigned and relaunched the internationally recognised dementia design website **enablingenvironments.com.au**. The website has resources to help home and care environments, gardens, and public buildings be transformed into dementia enabling environments. We also developed a new section for hospitals with thanks to our supporter SPH Architecture.



## Our Houses

Based around our Enabling Household™, our dementia specialist households in Perth, Albany and Mandurah provide an evidence based environment that seeks to maximise wellbeing in the person living with dementia. Providing a wide range of meaningful activities based on the person's strengths, identity and interests, the houses provide meaningful engagement, stimulation and friendship in specially designed dementia enabling environments. For further information about any of our houses please phone **1300 66 77 88**.



### Shenton Park

9 Bedbrook Place

**Julie Szczurowski**

Team Leader  
Mary Chester House



### Mandurah

11 Candelo Loop

**Shenae Gaudet**

Team Leader  
Ella's House



### Albany

40 Henry Street

**Lorraine Benson**

Team Leader  
Hawthorn House

# Research

## Research Strategy

Alzheimer's WA continued to support the University of Sydney in the development of the Step Up for Dementia research platform, [stepupfordementiaresearch.org.au](http://stepupfordementiaresearch.org.au). This important platform connects research volunteers with dementia researchers to ensure maximum effectiveness of dementia research studies and trials.

Alzheimer's WA partnered with researchers from around the country to learn about the impact of COVID-19 on people living with dementia and their carers. The research surveyed families about their lock down and social distancing experiences. It is hoped the results of this study will inform improved future pandemic responses.

Recognising there are great variations in receiving a diagnosis of dementia and subsequent information on support pathways, Alzheimer's WA partnered with WA Country Health Service to seek the experiences of people diagnosed with dementia in the Great Southern region.

The results of this study will be used to improve diagnostic services available in this region, and ensure people are connected with support provided by Alzheimer's WA from the time of diagnosis.

Alzheimer's WA partnered with a number of other organisations on a wide range of research projects including:

- » National Ageing Research Institute: A best practice model of continence care in residential aged care.
- » University of NSW - Cognisance: Working together to improve the experience of dementia diagnosis and support.
- » University of Western Australia: Team approach to polypharmacy evaluation and reduction for General Practice patients with dementia: the Australian TAPERdem study.
- » Perron Institute: Patient perspectives of palliative care service models.



## Latest Research

While dementia research continues around the world unfortunately there have been no major breakthroughs in treatment or cure this year. Despite this, our understanding of the different types of dementia, how to detect them earlier in the course of the disease and possible underlying causes continues to grow.

Further studies of potential risk factors for dementia have led to a call for three new modifiable risk factors to be added to the current nine. These are alcohol consumption, head injury and air pollution. The report suggests that modifying the 12 risk factors may prevent or delay up to 40 per cent of worldwide cases of dementia. It calls for more ambitious strategies around public health to reduce dementia prevalence.

This year there has been emerging evidence around a new type of dementia that has potentially been misdiagnosed in some people as Alzheimer's disease. While having similar symptoms to Alzheimer's disease, 'Limbic-predominant Age-related TDP-43 Encephalopathy' (LATE) affects people in much later life (aged 80 years plus) and has distinctly different pathology to Alzheimer's disease.

Research indicates it is common for a person with symptoms of dementia to have both Alzheimer's disease and LATE. This new knowledge will help our understanding of the different types of dementia and the need for unique treatment interventions for each.

An important piece of research on living with dementia emerged from the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Standards. The report looked at the characteristics of residential care homes that achieved the highest standards of quality care. It found the smaller the home the more likely to achieve high quality care standards, for instance

- » 41 per cent of homes with less than 16 residents.
- » 5 per cent of homes with 61-120 residents.
- » 2 per cent for homes with more than 120 residents.

The new evidence supports previous research from Flinders University that found people living with dementia have a higher quality of life in home-like small care environments of up to 15 people than in larger care homes.



Mandurah Walk to Remember

## Philanthropy

Alzheimer's WA is proud to have a community of passionate supporters who donate, fundraise and participate in our events. The generosity of our supporters allows Alzheimer's WA to deliver programs above and beyond what Government funding can provide such as Dementia Advocates, Dementia Friendly Communities and the choir.

### Walk to Remember

The Walk to Remember is our biggest series of community events with over 800 participants and 100 volunteers. In 2019 our Walks were held in Mandurah on 20 October, Albany on 27 October and Perth on 3 November.

We were especially touched by the personal messages and photos left on our Memory Wall at all three events. We are so grateful to Advocates Keith Bleach, Barry Rodwell and Davena Toth who shared their journey with dementia on the day. Also to the Rodwell, Alaraibi and Wallace families for agreeing to be interviewed for local papers.

Special mention to major sponsor HHG Legal Group, Aussie Natural Spring Water for providing bottled water for all our walkers, and DJCA who donated a stunning yellow gold diamond and sapphire necklace for the raffle at the Perth Walk. We are grateful also to the City of Mandurah, City of Albany and Town of Cambridge.

The Walk to Remember raised more than \$54,000 allowing Alzheimer's WA to continue providing dementia-specific care and support to people living with dementia in Western Australia. Thank you to all our members, volunteers, participants, fundraisers and sponsors for all your support.

### Game On!

In 2019 we launched a new fundraising campaign, Game On!, which encouraged individuals and businesses to host a games night or games day in their own homes or offices, and fundraise for Alzheimer's WA. Alzheimer's WA staff were very supportive and some held their own Game On! events. The nature of Game On! meant we were able to raise awareness of dementia in areas of the community we would not normally reach.

## Chocolate Block Challenge

The 2020 Chocolate Block Challenge was impacted significantly by COVID-19. Special mention to top fundraisers Matthew Budge, Alzheimer's WA Board Director, and Rebecca Hogan, Operations Manager for The Virtual Dementia Tour in Queensland. Between them they raised over \$7,000.

## Community Fundraisers

Sincere thanks to our dedicated community fundraisers. The effort, creativity and passion these supporters put into fundraising on our behalf is truly inspiring. Special acknowledgment must go to the following fundraisers for their support.

- » Mandurah Seniors and Community Centre: Organised more than 50 people to participate in a Zumba Gold class, raising over \$3,300.
- » "10k's for 100 Days": Sunday, 15 September marked 100 days since Wayne's dad passed away from Alzheimer's disease. In honour of his dad Wayne walked ten kilometres between the two churches in the parish where he is a minister and raised over \$8,000.
- » CWA Cockburn: Undertook a winter project creating items for people with dementia. 20 ladies spent three months knitting, crocheting and sewing 42 items which were donated to Alzheimer's WA for use in our Houses. They created 21 muffs, cuffs and sleeves; five mats; four cushions and two blankets.
- » Will, Henry, Charles and Nick from Rottnest Express: Raised over \$4,200 in the 2020 Rottnest Channel Swim.
- » Liz creates an amazing Christmas lights display every December and raises funds for Alzheimer's WA in honour of her brother who has Lewy body dementia. In 2019 Liz's display raised almost \$1,500.
- » Julie raised almost \$2,000 by riding over 1,000km from Perth to Albany. The solo ride took 20 days.

## Gifts in Wills

We are thankful to all who have been inspired to leave a legacy in their Will. These gestures are very much appreciated and we acknowledge with gratitude those who bequeathed part of their Estate to Alzheimer's WA.



Rottnest Express team



Julie - Perth to Albany cycle

# Our People

Alzheimer's WA is a diverse and professional organisation employing 174 staff in locations throughout metropolitan and regional areas of Western Australia.

Alzheimer's WA has a number of long serving staff members. We would especially like to acknowledge the following service milestones achieved this year:

## 10 years of service

- » Christine Stephenson
- » Debra Wych
- » Robyn Petersen
- » Julie Szczurowski

## 20 years of service

- » Jason Burton

Jason has made a significant contribution to Alzheimer's WA in his 20 years as well as to the broader community and industry. He has been a passionate trailblazer implementing and sharing his expertise in person-centred care and the Eden Alternative™.

**"It's been my privilege to work for Alzheimer's WA for a large part of my career. Our mandate to support people living with dementia, and those who care for them, has been my passion. To work for an organisation and with colleagues who share that passion is very special."**



## Story

Merilee Ashdown and Mary Rice, two of our longest serving support workers, retired from Alzheimer's WA this year.

Mary retired after 23 years with the organisation, on the eve of her 84th birthday. Merilee retired after 30 years, having just celebrated her 80th birthday, and had this to share:

"One of the rich blessings of working with Alzheimer's WA, and I always thought I was working with them - not for them - was meeting so many beautiful people. People who think like I do. It made me feel good, I got so much satisfaction from doing something to make people happy.

I remember one couple, she was a concert pianist and had travelled through Europe in the 80s. I went in as a friend of her daughter - even though I was almost as old as she was! One day her husband came home from shopping, and he looked at me with tears in his eyes. I asked what was wrong and he said 'You are an amazing woman Merilee. I haven't heard my wife laugh like that in six years'. Those are the things that you hang on to, that make the job worthwhile."

We would also like to acknowledge our staff members who were recognised for their achievements:

- » Bev Simpson received a High Commendation in the Employee of the Year category at the 2019 Aged & Community Services Australia (ACSA) Awards. Bev is a team member at Mary Chester House. She has worked with Alzheimer's WA for 18 years in many roles, including providing individual support, centre-based day care support and overnight respite. Bev has a natural approach to supporting a person with dementia, and ensures each client is offered choice, meaningful conversation, engagement and spontaneity.
- » Sharyn Trent was a finalist in 2019 Trainer of the Year Awards. Sharyn has always enjoyed the company of elders and has worked in the aged care sector for over 20 years. Time spent as an aged care Facility Manager led Sharyn to realise her passion for training. She has spent the last seven years working for Alzheimer's WA, teaching the Certificate III, Certificate IV and the Dementia Skill Set. Sharyn was integral in the development of the Certificate IV Leadership and Innovation in Dementia Services, our unique qualification only available through Alzheimer's WA.

Alzheimer's WA was also recognised in these awards:

- » Our Dementia Change Champions program was a finalist in the Innovation category at the 2019 Aged & Community Services Australia (ACSA) Awards.
- » Alzheimer's WA accepted a Gold Volunteer Employer Recognition Award for supporting team member Scott Campbell who volunteers with the SES Canine Unit. Scott and his kelpie Jackson go out on searches at all times of the day and night and in all weather conditions.



## Story: A day in the life of a support worker

One of our dedicated staff, Steve, shares what it is like to be a support worker.

"I have been a support worker since 2015. My career in the construction industry ended in 2012, having worked in the UK, South Africa and Mauritius before arriving in Australia in 1986 where I spent 26 years in the glass and glazing industry.

Working at Alzheimer's WA as a support worker has been terrific for me. Meeting new people in this dynamic organisation really opened my eyes to the needs of people who are truly thankful for all that you manage to do for them.

My surprise was that very few men work in the care industry yet there are just as many men as women who need our services. Working with men as a support worker and helping them is very rewarding. Every day is different and always challenging which I enjoy.

When I first started working with clients I had the notion that all clients would have the same problems coping with their diagnosis but as I soon found out everyone has totally different needs and aspirations which I think is what makes the role so interesting.

The management and staff I work with have always been top notch and have enabled me to discover a whole new career at a time when I thought there would not be any future work opportunities.

The challenges of the future bring even more questions about how we all go forward but the people who work tirelessly at Alzheimer's WA are well equipped to meet these challenging times with confidence and trust in our unique ability to help and care for all our clients."

## Volunteers

Alzheimer's WA values the contribution of every single one of our 108 volunteers. This year we continued our commitment to supporting our volunteers by offering complimentary dementia training.

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| » Beverley Alexander     | » Kayley Harris       | » Jenny Redman             |
| » Julie Andrews          | » Jan Healey          | » Mary Rice                |
| » Danielle Ariti         | » Jane Heath          | » Matthew Robertson        |
| » Tearyn Badger          | » Linda Horner        | » Ray Rutland              |
| » Anne Bail              | » Mimma Ialacci       | » Annette Sanders          |
| » Crislyn Baron          | » Amy Jackson         | » Marilyn Sedgwick         |
| » Mitchell Beeck         | » Anita Jay           | » Dina Shah                |
| » Trish Bell             | » Jake Johns          | » Patricia Simpson         |
| » John Blaney-Murphy     | » Vicki Kay           | » Sangavi Sivagnanasundram |
| » Margaret Blaney-Murphy | » Irene Kearns        | » Phil Smith               |
| » Lesley Brecevic        | » Bhavni Khimasia     | » Molly Smith              |
| » Allan Briscoe          | » Michael King        | » Taylor Sofield           |
| » George Burdon          | » Scott Larking       | » Wendy Spinks             |
| » Terry Byrne            | » Graham Leembruggen  | » Terri Strong             |
| » Tiana Caccetta         | » Jenny Lloyd         | » Pamela Tapper            |
| » Yanchun Chen           | » Desmond Madden      | » Sonia Tarverdi           |
| » Grace Chow             | » Pauline Marwick     | » Colin Taylor             |
| » Matthew Clements       | » Denise Maslin       | » Mike Taylor              |
| » Jimmy Concepcion       | » Shannon McCabe      | » Val Thomas               |
| » Jim Coutts             | » Paula McClellan     | » Denver Thompson          |
| » Wilma Depiazzi-Nieland | » Heather Mernick     | » Liz West                 |
| » Julie Dickinson        | » Robyn Miller        | » Ray Whittington          |
| » Neve Dickinson         | » John Miller         | » Pippa Williams           |
| » Sacha Downing          | » Dawn Milliken       | » Donald Wilson            |
| » Neil Edmunds           | » Kevin Mooney        | » Graham Wilson            |
| » Peter Elphick          | » Kelly Murray        | » Leslie Wilson            |
| » Sharon Ford            | » Heather Nelson      | » Brian Wisewould          |
| » Susan Frost            | » Tania Nelson        | » Melanie Witte            |
| » Laura Gabriel          | » Mary Noak Skinner   | » Charmaine Wong           |
| » Lisa Galatis           | » Erin O'Rafferty     | » Steven Wright            |
| » Stephen Gannaway       | » Rudi Otte           | » Debra Wych               |
| » Val George             | » Sharmayne Patterson | » Kadek Yasmini            |
| » Noel George            | » Jan Perry           | » Sophia Zilli             |
| » Lara Glanz             | » Ann Pirrie          | » Ann Zubrick              |
| » Fiona Green            | » Scott Plunkett      |                            |
| » Liesl Haasbroek        | » Helen Polette       |                            |
| » Gregory Harris         | » Heather Power       |                            |

Special mention must be made of Trish, a volunteer for 10 years at Hawthorn House, and of Marg and John, who recently retired after volunteering for nearly 20 years.

## Story

Long time volunteers Marg and John recently made the decision to retire from their roles at Hawthorn House.

“Marg and John have been the heart and soul of Hawthorn House for nearly 20 years. Their commitment has been above and beyond at all times.

When we first started operating, the gardens and grounds at Old Hawthorn House were nurtured and loved by John and Marg. Poor John always trying to do the handyman thing in a very old house, but always doing the absolute best. Moving onto our new home and John is always busy changing light bulbs, putting up paintings, and putting up and pulling down gazebos.

Marg has been a volunteer and staff member for our clients in the clubs, formed wonderful rapport with clients, is very caring, and shows dignity and respect at all times. How we are going to miss that beautiful passionfruit slice and all the lovely birthday cakes!

John and Marg have formed many wonderful friendships with staff, volunteers and clients at Hawthorn House and will be sadly missed by us all. We wish John and Marg the very best for the future and thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”



## Advocates

Alzheimer's WA Dementia Advocates shine a light on what it is really like to be living with dementia. They share their stories through a range of mediums.

Their voice of lived experience has a profound impact on improving community understanding of dementia. Thank you to our 70 Advocates who contributed throughout the year to social research, education and training, service development, policy review, fundraising, events and media.

We are especially grateful to our Dementia Advocates who allowed us to share their stories to raise awareness of dementia. In particular, we thank Dorothy, Neil and Susan for opening their hearts and sharing their personal journeys as part of our Christmas and Tax appeals.

With your ongoing support we are able to plan ahead to continue our work.

Tom lives with Parkinson's disease and Lewy body dementia. This year, as part of Dementia Awareness Month, Tom gave a presentation at our World Alzheimer's Day Cocktail Party. He also shared his experiences of keeping active while living with both diseases.

"I was informed that exercise is beneficial to a person who has Parkinson's Disease. I joined two programs, Parkinson's Yoga and PD Warriors, on a weekly basis. I also started doing Qigong, an ancient Chinese exercise technique involving meditation, controlled breathing and movement.

After being diagnosed with Lewy body dementia I found out these programs were beneficial for dementia, so that was great. I also commenced doing things that would help me cognitively such as quizzes, crosswords and Sudoku. A friend challenges me to read books, then we analyse them. We also email each other in French, which is a new language for me.

Socialisation and a sense of connection is very important for those living with dementia. I am now a participant in



**Advocate Tom with daughter Nakita**

the Live Life Active program. I do cross-training and boxing as part of the program. The instructors and other participants have been very inclusive and welcoming. I have also started playing table tennis, a new sport for me.

I feel that participation in regular exercise has improved my overall health. As a person living with dementia, it has also enabled me to mix socially and given me a sense of connectedness. It is now an important part of my daily life."

## Our Supporters



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- » Sayer Sisters
- » SES Canine Unit
- » SPH Architecture
- » Spud Shed
- » The Lockwood Foundation
- » Town of Cambridge
- » Volunteering WA



# Directors' Report

## For the year ended 30 June 2020

Your directors present this report to the members of Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2020.

Directors	Date Appointed	Board		Executive	
		A	B	A	B
Mr Craig Masarei	Nov 2002	10	11	5	6
Mrs Jenny Rogers	Nov 2004	10	11	5	6
Dr Sean Maher	Sept 2010	9	11	3	6
Ms Rhonda Parker	Sept 2012	0	1	0	0
Mr Arnold Stroobach	Nov 2012	10	11	2	2
Mr Matt Budge	Nov 2018	11	11	4	6
Mr Warren Harding	Dec 2018	11	11	6	6
Mrs Ella Dachs	Nov 2019	6	7	1	1
Ms Mellisa Teede	Nov 2019	2	4	0	0
Ms Maria Davison	Jan 2020	6	6	2	4

**A** Number of meetings attended

**B** Number of meetings held during the time the Director held office during the year [including AGM]

Details of directors' qualifications, experience and special responsibilities are contained in the table below.

Directors	Qualifications	Experience	Special Responsibilities
Mr Craig Masarei	Bachelor of Jurisprudence Bachelor of Laws (Hons)	Legal and economic, corporate governance, government stakeholder management of GTEs.	Director Finance and Audit Committee Strategy and Governance Committee
Mrs Jenny Rogers	Wealth Management Director	Financial Advisor/ Equities, Superannuation, Managed Funds. NFP Industry.	Director Finance and Audit Committee Strategy and Governance Committee
Dr Sean Maher	Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians	Head of Dept of Rehabilitation and Aged Care at Sir Charles Gairdner.	Medical Director Nominations Committee Research Committee

Directors	Qualifications	Experience	Special Responsibilities
Ms Rhonda Parker	Diploma of Teaching	Aged care standards and accreditation. Strategic planning and policy development.	Chief Executive Officer Finance and Audit Committee Property, Redevelopment Committee
Mr Arnold Stroobach	Masters in Business Administration Masters in Medical Informatics	Management experience in technology, innovation and commercialisation.	Director Property, Redevelopment Committee
Mr Matt Budge	Bachelor of Commerce Masters of Taxation Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and New Zealand	Broad range of business, tax and finance experience in diverse industries in Perth, Melbourne and Sydney.	Finance Director Chair of Finance and Risk Management Committee Strategy and Governance Committee
Adjunct Professor Warren Harding	Bachelor of Science (1st Hons) Grad Dip. Media Brit Council Scholar (London School of Economics)	Management Consulting across range of industries, health, life-sciences, public and private. Ex Managing Partner, Accenture, PWC.	Chairman Nominations Committee Strategy and Governance Committee Marketing, Branding, Fundraising Committee
Mrs Ella Dachs	Bachelor of Business (Org Psychology/ Human Resource Management) P.Grad Dip. Marketing	International experience in organisation and human capital strategy consulting specialising in change and business transformation across multiple industries and sectors.	Director Nominations Committee Chair Marketing and Branding Committee
Ms Mellisa Teede	Diploma Teaching Post Grad Leadership units	Extensive experience in WA public sector, high level strategy and policy skills in education and training sectors and in the regional economic and social development sector.	Director Property, Redevelopment Committee

Directors	Qualifications	Experience	Special Responsibilities
Mr Leo Tsaknis	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Laws Master of Laws	Experience in government, academia and private practice. Policy advice and Legal adviser in the Federal Attorney-General's Department, Member of governmental committees, Counsel High Court of Australia, Supreme Court, Federal Court of Australia, administrative tribunals, disciplinary and investigative bodies. Member of Fisheries Objections Tribunal.	Director
Mrs Majo Merriam	Bachelor of Arts Masters of Social Work	Extensive knowledge in aged care, dementia and community services. Accredited assessor and delegate to the Aged Care Assessment Team at Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital.	Director

### New Appointments

Mr Warren Harding was appointed as Chairman of the Board with effect from June 2020, replacing Mr Craig Masarei in this capacity.

Mrs Ella Dachs was appointed to the Board in November 2019.

Ms Mellisa Teede was appointed to the Board in November 2019.

Ms Maria Davison was appointed to the Board in January 2020 in her capacity as CEO.

Mr Leo Tsaknis was appointed to the Board in June 2020.

Mrs Majo Merriam was appointed to the Board in June 2020.

**Resignation**

Mrs Rhonda Parker resigned as CEO in September 2019.

Ms Maria Davison resigned as CEO in June 2020.

Mrs Jenny Rogers resigned from the Board in September 2020.

**Principal activities**

The company's principal activities during the year were;

- » To provide representation and support while advancing the interest of individuals living with dementia and their carers at a personal, community and political level.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the company's activities during the year.

A detailed review of operations can be found in the annual report, which accompanies this financial report.

**Operating result and review of operations**

The operating result for the year was a profit of **\$501,403 (2019: Profit \$941,635)**. The company is exempt from income tax.

**Dividends**

The company's constitution precludes the payment of dividends.

**Change in state of affairs**

COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions impacted in the last quarter of the financial year 2019-20. During this period Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd suspended all of its services except for individual one on one services.

**After balance date events**

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of the report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature that in the opinion of the directors is likely to substantially affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

**Future developments**

The company will continue to carry on the principal activities noted above. There are no likely developments in the activities in future years, which will affect the results and therefore require disclosure.

### Auditor's independence

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration as required under s.60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* is included in page 4 of this financial report and forms part of the Directors' Report for the year ended 30 June 2020.

### Indemnification and insurance of officers and auditors

Since the end of the previous financial year, the company has paid insurance premiums in respect of directors' and officers' liability and legal expenses insurance contracts for current and former directors and officers, including senior executives of the company. The insurance premiums relate to:

- » Costs and expenses incurred by the relevant officers in defending proceedings whether civil or criminal and whatever the outcome.
- » Other liabilities that may arise from their position, with the exception of conduct involving wilful breach of duty or improper use of information or position to gain a personal advantage.

The company has not otherwise indemnified or agreed to indemnify an officer or auditor of the company against a liability incurred as such an officer or auditor.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.



DIRECTOR



DIRECTOR

PERTH

DATED 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020

# Auditor's Independence Declaration

## Under ACNC Act Section 60-40

## To the Directors of Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd

In accordance with Subdivision 60-C of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the directors of Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd. As the lead audit partner for the audit of the financial report of Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2020, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



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A MACRI  
PARTNER

# Discussion and Analysis of the Financial Statements

## Information on the company's concise financial report for the year ended 30th June 2020

The financial statements and disclosures in the Concise Financial Report have been derived from the 2020 Financial Report of Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd and is an extract from the full financial report. A copy of the full financial report and auditor's report will be sent to any member, free of charge, upon request.

The information about the concise financial report is provided to assist members in understanding this report and is based on the company's consolidated financial statements and has been derived from the full 2020 Financial Report of Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd.

### Statement of Comprehensive Income

The net surplus for the year was \$501,403 which has reduced by \$440,232 from the prior year (2019: \$941,635).

Total income for the year was \$12,676,286 and is largely consistent with the prior year (2019: \$12,825,363).

The lower net surplus for the year is primarily due to an increase in other expenses partially offset by a reduction in employee benefits expense.

Other comprehensive income for the year comprises a loss from the change in fair value of net assets \$103,287 (2019 \$133,112 gain) and a loss from the downward re-valuation of the Company's buildings and land of \$1,174,047 (2019 Nil).

### Statement of Financial Position

The total assets of the Company increased by \$2,027,424 to \$26,874,299 (2019: \$24,846,875). This increase is primarily attributable to an increase in the cash and cash equivalents partially offset by a reduction in property, plant and equipment.

Total liabilities of the Company increased by \$2,803,355 to \$11,350,683 (2019: \$8,547,328) as result of an increase in unexpended grant income and trade creditors.

### **Statement of Cash Flows**

Cash generated from operating activities of \$3,366,888 is a significant increase from the prior year (2019: \$1,618,167). This increase has been driven by higher cash inflows from government grants and fees and charges.

Cashflows from investing activities were a net outflow of \$364,969 (2019: \$131,710) and cashflows from financing activities were a net outflow of \$241,372 (2019: Nil).

In total there has been an increase in cash and cash equivalents for the year of \$2,760,547.

### **Statement of Changes in Equity**

The total equity of the Company has decreased by \$775,931 to \$15,523,616 from the prior year (2019: 16,299,547) which is driven by the downward re-valuation of the Company's buildings and land, offset by the net surplus for the year.

# Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Income	2 (a),(b)	12,676,286	12,825,363
Employee benefits expense		(9,328,102)	(9,977,458)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	2 (c)	(395,674)	(163,484)
Finance costs	2 (c)	(20,303)	(22,805)
Other expenses	2 (c)	(2,430,804)	(1,719,981)
		<u>(12,174,883)</u>	<u>(11,883,728)</u>
<b>Net surplus (deficit) for the year</b>		<b>501,403</b>	<b>941,635</b>
<b>Other Comprehensive Income:</b>			
<b>Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss when specific conditions are met:</b>			
Net change in fair value of financial assets		(103,287)	133,112
Revaluation (loss)/gain		(1,174,047)	-
Total other comprehensive (loss)/income for the year		<u>(1,277,334)</u>	<u>133,112</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>(775,931)</b>	<b>1,074,747</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the company</b>		<b>(775,931)</b>	<b>1,074,747</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these concise financial statements.

# Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	11,936,410	9,175,863
Trade and other receivables	495,124	323,765
Inventories	3,194	8,316
Prepayments	49,111	52,039
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>12,483,839</b>	<b>9,559,983</b>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>		
Financial Assets	1,795,487	1,727,319
Property, Plant and Equipment	12,393,252	13,537,531
Intangible Assets	14,106	22,042
Right of use Asset	187,615	-
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>14,390,460</b>	<b>15,286,892</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>26,874,299</b>	<b>24,846,875</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	8,174,601	5,420,186
Borrowings	500,000	400,000
Lease liability	152,074	-
Provisions	639,477	715,500
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>9,466,152</b>	<b>6,535,686</b>
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>		
Borrowings	1,500,000	1,600,000
Lease liability	38,961	-
Provisions	345,570	411,642
<b>Total Non Current Liabilities</b>	<b>1,884,531</b>	<b>2,011,642</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>11,350,683</b>	<b>8,547,328</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>15,523,616</b>	<b>16,299,547</b>
<b>Members' Funds</b>		
Revaluation Surplus	8,111,563	9,285,610
Financial Assets Reserve	300,280	471,373
Retained Earnings	7,111,773	6,542,564
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>15,523,616</b>	<b>16,299,547</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these concise financial statements.

# Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	Retained Earnings \$	Revaluation Surplus \$	Financial Assets Reserve \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2018	5,699,629	9,285,610	338,261	15,323,500
Net Surplus attributable to operating activities of the company	941,635	-	-	941,635
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-	34,412	34,412
Transfer of realised loss - AASB 9	(98,700)	-	98,700	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2019</b>	<b>6,542,564</b>	<b>9,285,610</b>	<b>471,373</b>	<b>16,299,547</b>
Balance at 1 July 2019	6,542,564	9,285,610	471,373	16,299,547
Net Surplus attributable to operating activities of the company	501,403	-	-	501,403
Other Comprehensive Income	-	(1,174,047)	(103,287)	(1,277,334)
Transfer of realised loss - AASB 9	67,806	-	(67,806)	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2020</b>	<b>7,111,773</b>	<b>8,111,563</b>	<b>300,280</b>	<b>15,523,616</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these concise financial statements.

# Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Receipts from:		
- Donations and gifts	565,159	535,016
- Government grants	10,642,972	9,957,994
- Interest received	37,571	55,567
- Dividends received	84,252	207,840
- Fees & Charges	3,425,932	2,740,296
- Other Receipts	491	512,128
GST Paid	(810,450)	(895,719)
Payments to suppliers and employees	(10,558,736)	(11,472,150)
Borrowing Costs	(20,303)	(22,805)
<b>NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>3,366,888</b>	<b>1,618,167</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(178,378)	(11,977)
Proceeds from sale of financial assets	261,007	69,552
Purchase of financial assets	(447,598)	(189,285)
<b>NET CASH FLOWS USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(364,969)</b>	<b>(131,710)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Lease payments	(241,372)	-
<b>NET CASH FLOWS USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(241,372)</b>	<b>-</b>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,760,547	1,486,457
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	9,175,863	7,689,406
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>11,936,410</b>	<b>9,175,863</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these concise financial statements.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

**For the year ended 30 June 2020**

## **Note 1: Basis of Preparation of the Concise Financial Report**

The concise financial report is an extract of the full financial report for the year ended 30 June 2020. The concise financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 1039: Concise Financial Reports and the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012*.

The financial statements, specific disclosures and other information included in the concise financial report are derived from, and are consistent with, the full financial report of Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd. The concise financial report cannot be expected to provide as detailed an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd as the full financial report. A copy of the full financial report and auditor's report will be sent to any member, free of charge upon request.

A Statement of Compliance with the International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRS') as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ('IASB') cannot be made due to the company applying Not-for-Profit specific requirements contained in the Australian Accounting Standards. The presentation currency used in this concise financial report is in Australian dollars.

	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>Note 2: Revenue, Other Income and Expenses</b>		
<b>(a) Revenue</b>		
Sale of goods	491	2,753
Rendering of services	3,545,614	2,479,725
Government grants	8,443,199	8,753,869
Donations and gifts	565,159	535,016
<b>(b) Other income</b>		
Investment income		
- Interest	37,571	62,600
- Dividends	84,252	230,182
<b>(c) Expenses</b>		
Finance costs	20,303	22,805
Depreciation	395,674	163,626
Consultancy fee	507,084	161,157
Loss on disposal of investment	15,136	-

	2020 \$	2019 \$
<b>Note 2: Revenue, Other Income and Expenses (continued)</b>		
<b>(d) Auditors' remuneration</b>		
External Audit	20,000	20,000
Audit of Grant Acquittals	-	14,000
	<u>20,000</u>	<u>34,000</u>

Services provided during the year on a volunteer basis have not been recognised as expense or revenue in the financial statements.

### Note 3: Segment Reporting

The company operates predominately in one business and geographical segment being provision of community services in Western Australia.

### Note 4: Events after the Reporting Period

There are no matters or circumstances that have arisen since the end of the financial year that have significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company except for the information disclosed in the Directors' report.

## Directors' Declaration

The Directors of the Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd declare that the accompanying concise financial report of Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2020:

- a. complied with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: *Concise Financial Reports*; and
- b. is an extract from the full financial report for the year ended 30 June 2020 and has been derived from and is consistent with the full financial report of Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



DIRECTOR



DIRECTOR

PERTH

DATED 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020

# Independent Auditor's Report

## To the Members of Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd

### Report on the Financial Report

The accompanying concise financial report of Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2020, the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended and related notes, derived from the audited financial report of Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2020, as well as the discussion and analysis. The concise financial report does not contain all the disclosures required by Australian Accounting Standards.

### Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the concise financial report in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: *Concise Financial Reports* (including Australian Accounting Interpretations), statutory and other requirements. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation of the concise financial report; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the concise financial report based on our audit procedures. We have conducted an independent audit, in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, of the full financial report of Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2020. Our auditor's report on the financial report for the year was signed on 6th November 2020 and was unmodified. Australian Auditing Standards require that we comply with the relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report for the year is free from material misstatement.

Our procedures in respect of the concise financial report included testing that the information in the concise financial report is derived from, and is consistent with the financial report for the year, and examination on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts, discussion, and analysis, and other disclosures which were not directly derived from the financial report for the year. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the concise financial report complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: *Concise Financial Reports* and whether the discussion and analysis complies with the requirements laid down in AASB 1039.

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

## Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* and the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board.

## Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the concise financial report, including the discussion and analysis of Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2020 complies with Accounting Standard AASB 1039: *Concise Financial Reports*.

## Emphasis of Matter in the Auditor's Report on the Financial Report for the Year

The following paragraph is copied from our report on the financial report for the year. The emphasis of matter in that report does not apply to our opinion on the Concise Financial Report for the reason stated above in our Auditor's Opinion.

We draw attention to the fact that cash donations and gifts are a source of revenue for Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd. Alzheimer's Australia WA Ltd has determined that it is impracticable to establish control over cash donations and gifts prior to entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to cash donations and gifts have to be restricted to the amounts recorded in the financial records. Our opinion is unmodified in respect of this matter.



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