## **Performance Report**

Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2022

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# Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2022

**Entity Information** 

'Who are we?', 'Why do we exist?'

#### **Legal Name of Entity**

Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated

#### **Entity Type and Legal Basis**

Incorporated Society and Registered Charity

#### **Registration Number**

CC10861

#### **Entity's Purpose or Mission**

To advocate for people with MS in New Zealand to have access to first world treatment, resources and services to improve their well-being and quality of life.

To reduce the burden of MS on those diagnosed, their carers and families.

The Society's mission statement is:

Working with member organisations to meet the needs of people with Multiple Sclerosis, their families and carers through national leadership, advocacy, communication, and national and international collaboration.

#### **Entity Structure**

The Society was established in 1967. There are 18 regional member societies who are all independent incorporated societies or trusts. The membership makes up the National Council, each sending a nominated delegate to vote on their behalf at the AGM. The Regional Societies are divided into 4 cluster groups, each appointing a representative onto the National Executive Committee. There are 3 independent members on the committee, who are nominated by the Regions and voted for by the National Council at the AGM for a two-year period. The Committee is responsible for governance, strategic direction, financial control and to ensure co-ordination across the regional membership.

As at 30 June 2022, the current members of the National Executive Committee are:

#### Designation

President

Upper North Island Cluster Representative Lower North Island Cluster Representative Upper South Island Cluster Representative

MS Otago, Lower South Island and Cluster Representative Independent Member Independent Member Co-opted Member

#### Name

Neil Woodhams
Jan Hollway – MS Auckland
Graham Walker – MS Taranaki
Malcolm Rickerby – MS and Parkinson's
Canterbury

Allan Teviotdale – MS Otago Kathryn Marshall Jeff Silvester Jan Campbell



The National Executive Committee is supported by the MSNZ National Office based in Christchurch. National Office:

<u>Designation</u> <u>Name</u>

National Manager (acting – maternity leave Nicholas Cowie

cover)

National Advocacy Manager
Fundraising Coordinator
Administration Coordinator
Communications Coordinator
Amanda Rose
Emily Smith
Sam Barber
Louise Mckinlay

#### Main Sources of Entity's Cash and Resources

Bequests, Donations, Fundraising Events, Grants and Contract for Service with the Ministry of Health and the New Zealand Multiple Sclerosis Research Trust

#### Main Methods Used by Entity to Raise Funds

Grant applications, Donation Appeals, Public Fundraising, Events, Awareness Campaigns

#### **Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services**

The Entity has a high reliance on both Volunteers and Donated Funds. All National Committee Members are volunteers, whilst MSNZ does hold a Ministry of Health Contract for Service, actual delivery service goes beyond the contracted level. Fundraising and donations are required to fund parts of MSNZs service offering and support for both Regional Societies, people living with or impacted by MS, and other Stakeholders.

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## **Approval of Performance Report**

Neil Woodham

## Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2022

The Committee is pleased to present the performance report of Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated for year ended 30 June 2022.

**APPROVED** 

Neil Woodhams

President

Date: 10 October 2022

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Jeff Silvester

Date: 10 October 2022



### Statement of Service Performance

## Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2022

'What did we do?', 'When did we do it?'

#### **Description of Entity's Outcomes**

Multiple Sclerosis New Zealand (MSNZ) continues to provide information, awareness and advocacy for people impacted by multiple sclerosis (MS). We work with our 18 independent regional member organisations to meet the needs of people impacted by MS including those diagnosed, their whanau, carers and wider support networks through national leadership, advocacy, communication, and national and international collaboration.

MSNZ continues to provide support, information, operational and educational resources, and training opportunities to our member organisations to provide community-led services for people living with MS locally.

Due to the ongoing effects of COVID-19 in 2021 MSNZ held its AGM online via Zoom and did not hold its annual conference. The infection control measures relating to COVID management and associated illness has impacted on MSNZ operations throughout New Zealand, requiring staff to work from home, the National Committee to meeting online, and some members of both to take time away to support themselves and families to recover.

MSNZ contracted to the Ministry of Health to provide information and communications to people with MS about COVID-19 and support services available including the availability of vaccines. The annual Community Support Worker Meeting held across 2 days in June 2022, provided opportunities for education and networking. Education was provided on a range of topics to encourage resiliency, self-management, and principles of living well with a chronic condition. The meeting annually aims to improving the standard of service and information provided to people impacted by MS nationally through regional supports. The event was fully funded through sponsorship achieved by MSNZ.

Due to MS being a neurological condition with several treatments impacting the immune system, there is a significant level of interest in the MS community for COVID information. MSNZ continued to provide regularly updated information on COVID-19 and the impacts on those diagnosed, particularly the vaccines. We collaborate with internationally renowned Neurologists and relevant New Zealand agencies to develop and circulate relevant information based on the best available evidence.

We continue to provide national leadership to advocate for recommended evidence-based advances and change, enhancing the quality of life for people with MS. After 8 years of consistent advocacy by MSNZ Pharmac has agreed to adopt the 2017 Macdonald criteria for diagnosing MS and relaxed the criteria for accessing Disease Modifying drugs. Our Advocacy Programme continued to address issues impacting people with MS nationally. Input was received from a wide range of networks including people with MS, our members, allied organisations, and health professionals. As the needs are wide ranging, while we can advocate for priorities at a national level, we continue to support community-led programmes to increase knowledge and provide tools and resources to enable self-advocacy to improve the long-term health outcomes and wellbeing of individuals impacted.

As the national body we have liaised with networks and alliances both nationally and internationally. Through our alliance networks we are working to address issues of common interests such as the national shortage of neurology services and lack of meaningful support and acknowledgement for the work of family carers.

MSNZ provides evidence-based information that supports and encourages people to take control of their diagnosis and condition. Encouraging positive attitudes and life-style modifications which can



#### **Description and Quantification of the Entity's Outputs**

MSNZ contracted the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research to report on the economic impacts of MS on the New Zealand economy. It was identified in the report that delaying the disease through effective medical support and funding, people to be more independent, lessen the need for care and improve the probability of staying in work, thus positively benefiting the New Zealand economy overall.

have a profound effect on symptom management and maximising opportunities for long-term health and brain health outcomes. An extensive review is underway of all our inhouse resources, including booklets and our website. Feedback from the MS Community has been sought through surveys and workshops and one on one feedback

calls will be taking place. The review will ensure our information and the formats meet the varying needs of the MS Community.

Our Face of MS Awareness Week campaign ran in September 2021. Showcasing the faces and stories of 18 people with MS nationally, the campaign vision was to increase public awareness and empathy of MS, to increase knowledge and understanding, while also encouraging public donations and support for MS organisations.

#### World MS Day (30 May 2022)

MSNZ joined World MS Day, a global day of MS solidarity, sharing campaign resources, MS stories and raising awareness.

#### **Awareness and Fundraising Campaigns**

MSNZ joined World MS Day 30 May 2022, a global day of MS solidarity, sharing campaign resources, MS stories and raising awareness.

MS Awareness Week (13 – 19 September 2021) Shared the stories of 18 people diagnosed with MS nationwide. Eighteen regionally branded digital toolkits were designed and supplied to our membership, each including over 20 different resources for local use. Our digitally integrated campaign, delivered excellent results with over 2 million exposures to our content and 10,866 clicks through to the campaign website.

The Cost of MS Study: MSNZ contracted the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research to conduct the Economic Burden report, which provided clear evidence on the demographics of the MS Community and the clear need for early intervention.

MSNZ Information Review: Extensive feedback from the MS Community has been evaluated to assist with this extensive review of all our inhouse resources.

Member Training, Events and Support

- One Community Support Worker Annual Meeting was organised and funded, attended by Community Support Workers from across New Zealand
- One annual MS Conference was organised and subsidised, attended by regional member representatives.

#### Information Requests

MSNZ received 130 information requests via www.msnz.org.nz. 696 calls for information and support were received via 0800 MS LINE

#### **Website Traffic**

The website saw 60,215 visits from 60,182 unique visitors. 133,588 pages were viewed within the website.

#### Website and Intranet

MSNZ provides an internal intranet system for Regional staff and volunteer committees to access key information. 260 posts were shared to our membership to keep them informed. 83 latest news posts were made on our publicly available website for viewing.



### **Collaborative Events**

MSNZ organises research webinars each year on behalf of the New Zealand MS Research Trust.

### Alliances, networks, and external groups:

MSNZ is a member of the following national and international alliances and networks:

- Neurological Alliance (NZ)
- Carers Alliance (NZ)
- NGO Council (NZ)
- New Zealand Disability Support Network (NZ)
- Fundraising Institute of NZ (NZ)
- MS International Federation (International)
- MS Brain Health (International)
- Roche Global Council (International)
- MOH Covid Vaccine Disability Engagement Group (NZ)



## Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2022

'How was it funded?' and 'What did it cost?'

Account	Notes	2022	2021
Revenue			
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	1	336,739	331,802
Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members	1	2,307	9,228
Revenue from providing goods or services	1	338,943	285,246
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue	1	(36,187)	48,094
Total Revenue		641,802	674,370
Expenses			
Expenses related to public fundraising	2	27,184	55,940
Volunteer and employee related costs	2	244,978	243,992
Costs related to providing goods or service	2	334,776	288,210
Grants and donations made	2	0	6,381
Other expenses	2	13,924	22,048
Total Expenses		620,862	616,571
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		20,940	57,799

This statement should be read in conjunction with the Statement of Accounting Policies, Notes, and the Auditor's Report.



### **Statement of Financial Position**

## Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated As at 30 June 2022

'What the entity owns?' and 'What the entity owes?'

Account	Notes	30-Jun- 22	30-Jun- 21
Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank accounts and cash	3	104,718	111,170
Debtors and prepayments	3	7,573	15,408
Total Current Assets		112,291	126,578
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	3/5	3,499	2,566
Investments	3	423,345	405,689
Total Non-Current Assets		426,844	408,255
Total Assets		539,135	534,833
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accrued expenses	4	8,852	19,765
Employee costs payable	4	24,679	23,663
Unused donations and grants with conditions	4	17,534	24,261
Total Current Liabilities		51,065	67,689
Total Liabilities		51,065	67,689
Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)		488,070	467,144
Accumulated Funds			
Reserves	6	64,502	64,502
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	6	423,568	402,642
Total Accumulated Funds		488,070	467,144

This statement should be read in conjunction with the Statement of Accounting Policies, Notes and the Auditor's Report.



### **Statement of Cash Flows**

## Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2022 "How the entity has received and used cash"

	2022	2021
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts	330,012	312,585
Fees, subscriptions, and other receipts from members	2,307	9,228
Receipts from providing goods or services	348,404	295,095
Interest, dividends, and other investment receipts	10,178	8,663
GST	(1,626)	171
Payments to suppliers and employees	(629,066)	(603,583)
Donations or grants paid	-	(6,381)
Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities	60,209	15,778
Cash flows from Investing and Financing Activities		
Receipts from the sale of investments	24,625	51,081
Payments to acquire property, plant, equipment	(2,640)	-
Payment to purchase investments	(88,645)	(62,090)
Total Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities	(66,661)	(11,009)
Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash	(6,452)	4,769
Cash Balances Cash and cash equivalents at beginning at beginning of period	111,170	106,401
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period  Net change in cash for period	104,718 (6, <b>452</b> )	111,170 <b>4,769</b>

This statement should be read in conjunction with the Statement of Accounting Policies, Notes, and the Auditor's Report.



#### **Statement of Accounting Policies**

## Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2022

#### 'How did we do our accounting?'

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The entity has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not-For-Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses equal to or less than \$2,000,000. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

#### Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The entity is registered for GST. All amounts are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) except for accounts payable and accounts receivable which are stated inclusive of GST.

#### Income Tax

Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated is wholly exempt from New Zealand income tax having fully complied with all statutory conditions for these exemptions.

#### **Bank Accounts and Cash**

Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

#### **Operating Leases**

Operating leases are those which all the risks and benefits are substantially retained by the lessor. Operating lease payments are expenses in the periods the amounts are payable.

#### **Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Fixed assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation has been charged at rates designed to spread the cost of the assets over their respectful lives.

	Rate %	Method
Computers	0 - 60	DV
Furniture & Fittings	10	DV

#### **Accounting Policies on Revenue**

Fundraising, donations and bequests are recorded as revenue when the cash is received, if no "use of return" conditions are attached to them. If conditions exist, the funds are recorded as a liability until the conditions are met.

Grants that are service contracts are recorded as a liability on receipt. As the conditions are met (services being performed), the liability is reduced, and revenue is recognised. Grants for operational or capital purpose are recognised as revenue on receipt, except where a "use or return" conditions exists. Where such a condition exists, the grant recorded as a liability on receipt, and as the conditions are met, the amounts are recognised as revenue.

#### Receivables

Receivables are stated at their estimated realisable value. Bad debts are written off in the year in which they are identified.

#### **Payables**

Payables are stated at cost.



### **Statement of Accounting Policies**

#### **Audit**

The Performance Report has been subject to an audit, please refer to the Auditors Report.

#### Rounding

Amounts in the Performance Report are rounded to the nearest dollar.

#### **Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards Applied**

Investments are stated at market value in accordance in accordance with PBE IPSAS 29 Financial Instruments: Recognition are Measurement. Unrealised gains and losses are recognised in the Statements of Financial Performances.

#### **Changes in Accounting Policies**

There have been no changes in accounting policies. Policies have been applied on a consistent basis with those of the previous reporting period.



# Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2022

Analysis of Revenue	Account	2022	2021
Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue			
	<b>Fundraising and Donation Revenue</b>		
	Fundraising and Donation Revenue	336,739	331,802
Total Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue	·	336,739	331,802
Fees, subscriptions, and other revenue from members			
	Subscriptions & Membership Fees	2,307	9,228
Total Fees, subscriptions, and other revenue from members Revenue from providing goods or services		2,307	9,228
	Contract Fees - MS Research Trust	10,135	20,004
	Min of Health Contract	328,808	265,242
Total Revenue from providing goods or services, Interest, dividends, and other investment revenue		338,943	285,246
	Investments Income	10,121	8,746
	Interest Received	57	40
	Realised Loss/(Gain) on Investment	(1,375)	(57)
	Unrealised Loss/(Gain) on Investment	(44,990)	39,365
Total Interest, dividends, and other investment revenue		(36,187)	48,094



# Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2022

Analysis of Expenses	Account	2022	2021
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Expenses related to public fundraising	Other company valeted to mobile	27.104	EE 040
	Other expenses related to public	27,184	55,940
	fundraising		
Total Expenses related to public		27,184	55,940
fundraising Volunteer and employee			55,515
related costs			
related costs	Wages & Salaries	224,299	201,662
	Other volunteer and employee related	20,679	42,330
	costs	20,079	42,330
Tabel Walanda and an allow a salated	COSIS	244.070	242.00
Total Volunteer and employee related		244,978	243,992
costs. Costs related to providing goods or			
services			
	Min of Health Payments	282,006	235,216
	Other cost related to providing goods or	52,770	52,994
	services		
Total Costs related to providing goods or		334,776	288,210
services, Grants and donations made		•	•
•			
	Other grants and donations made	0	6,381
Total Grants and donations made		0	6,38
Total Grants and donations made			0,50
Other expenses			
	Other administration costs	13,924	22,048
Total Other expenses	Caron darininodiadion coolo	13,924	22,048



# Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2022

. Analysis of Assets			
-	Account	2022	2021
Bank accounts and cash			
	Bank of New Zealand	95,185	95,247
	Craigs Investment Partners	9,533	15,923
Total Bank accounts and cash Debtors and prepayments		104,718	111,170
<u> </u>	Accounts Receivable	7,573	15,408
Total Debtors and prepayments Investments		7,573	15,408
	Craigs Investment Partners	423,345	405,689
Total Investments Other non-current assets	<u> </u>	423,345	405,689
	Plant and Equipment	1,985	1,695
	Furniture and Equipment	1,514	871
Total Other non-current assets		3,499	2,566

	Account	2022	2021
Creditors and accrued expenses			
	Trade and other payables	8,852	19,140
	BNZ Credit Card - MSNZ	0	625
Total Creditors and accrued expenses Employee costs payable		8,852	19,765
	Holiday Pay Owing	16,141	17,104
	Wages Accrual	8,538	6,559
Total Employee costs payable		24,679	23,663
Unused donations and grants with conditions			
	Funds Received in Advance	17,534	24,261
Total Unused donations and grants with conditions		17,534	24,261



## Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2022

5: Property, Plant and Equ	ipment				
2022					
Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals	Current Year Depreciation	Closing Carrying Amount
Furniture & Fittings	1,695			180	1,514
Computers (incl. Software)	871	2,799	-160	1,525	1,985
Total	2,566	2,799	-160	1,705	3,499
2021					
Asset Class	Opening Carrying Amount	Purchases	Sales/ Disposals	Current Year Depreciation	Closing Carrying Amount
Furniture & Fittings	1,899			204	1,695
Computers (incl. Software)	2,016			1,145	871
Total	3,915			1,350	2,566

6. Accumulated Funds	S		
2022			
Description	Capital Contributed by Owners or Members	Accumulated Surpluses or Deficits	Total
Opening Balance		46,7144	467,144
Surplus/(Deficit)		20,940	20,940
Closing Balance		488,084	488,084
2021			
Description	Capital Contributed by Owners or Members	Accumulated Surpluses or Deficits	Total
Opening Balance		409,345	409,345
Surplus/(Deficit)		57,799	57,799
Closing Balance		467,144	467,144

#### **Breakdown of Reserves**

The Dorothy L Newman Trust Contributes \$3,750 each year. These funds are applied retraining those with MS who are unable to work in their prior professions due to the effect of their MS.

#### 7. Commitments

The Society has a business visa limit of \$2,500 with the BNZ.

#### 8. Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees

There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at 30 June 2022; (Last year - nil).



## Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated For the year ended 30 June 2022

#### 9. Related Parties

The National Executive Committee consists of four Cluster Representatives (four from the Regional Societies, three independent Representatives and one Co-opted. The Regional Societies may transact with MSNZ on an arms-length basis. Jan Campbell and Neil Woodhams (President) are both members of the National Executive Committee and Trustees of the New Zealand Multiple Sclerosis Research Trust. Some National Executive Committee Members are also Officers of Regional Societies.

Staff from MSNZ do work for both the Society and the MS Research Trust and MSNZ invoice the Trust for this time. There is a contract for services between the MS Research Trust and MSNZ.

#### 10. Additional Information - Bequest Received

During the year the Society received Bequests, the Estate of Lalita Sundari Natali for \$2,000, The Estate of Ronald Ivan Sare for \$918.02 (final distribution), and the Estate of L A Pollard for \$15.045.18.

#### 11. Events After the Balance Date

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report. Last year - In August 2021 the Government announced a nationwide lockdown at Level 4. At the time of preparing the Performance Report, the full impact of the lockdown is indeterminate, but is not expected to have a material financial impact on the Society.





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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Committee of Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated

#### **Report on the Performance Report**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the performance report of Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated on pages 1 to 16, which comprises the entity information, the statement of service performance, the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2022, the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, and notes to the performance report, including summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### In our opinion:

- A. the reported outcomes and outputs, and quantification of the outputs to the extent practicable, in the statement of service performance are suitable;
- B. the accompanying performance report presents fairly, in all material respects, gives a true and fair view of:
  - the entity information for the year then ended;
  - the service performance for the year then ended; and
  - the financial position of Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated as at 30 June 2022 and its financial performance, and cash flows for the year then ended

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued in New Zealand by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit of the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)), and the audit of the entity information and statement of service performance in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report* section of our report. We are independent of Society in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our firm assisted in compiling the performance report from records maintained by the Society. Other than that assignment and our capacity as auditor, we have no relationship with, or interests in the Society.



#### **Responsibilities of the Committee for the Performance Report**

The Committee is responsible for:

- A. Identifying outcomes and outputs, and quantifying the outputs to the extent practicable, that are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable, to report in the statement of service performance;
- B. the preparation and fair presentation of the performance report on behalf of the entity which comprises:
  - the entity information;
  - the statement of service performance; and
  - the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued on New Zealand by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board, and

C. for such internal control as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the performance report, the Committee are responsible on behalf of Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated for assessing the Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee either intend to liquidate Multiple Sclerosis Society of New Zealand Incorporated or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the performance report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this performance report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the performance report, whether
  due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks,
  and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our
  opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher
  than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional
  omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit
  procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of
  expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Committee and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the performance report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.



- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the performance report, including the disclosures, and whether the performance report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Perform procedures to obtain evidence about and evaluate whether the reported outcomes and outputs, and quantification of the outputs to the extent practicable, are relevant, reliable, comparable, and understandable.

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

#### **Restriction on use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Society's Committee. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Society's Committee those matters which we are required to state to them in our audit report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Society and the Society's Committee for our audit work, for this report or for the opinion we have formed.

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10 October 2022 Christchurch