



Australian  
Huntington's  
Disease  
Association  
(NSW) Inc.

## **Annual Report**

2011 – 2012



## **Australian Huntington's Disease Association (NSW) Inc.**

### **Trading as Huntington's NSW**

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Other Information:	Australian Business Number (ABN) 54 571 730 306 Endorsed as a deductible gift recipient and income tax exempt charitable entity; registered for GST Incorporated in NSW, 1993 Registered No. Y16575-09 Authority to Fundraise in NSW Number CFN13153 Licence for Conducting Charitable Collections in the ACT Number 19000322
Public Officer:	Robyn Kapp

## Board Members

The board members of the Association who held a position during the financial year 2011/2012 were:

President:	Don Ayres
Vice President:	Brian Rumbold
Secretary:	Judith Rough
Treasurer:	Richard Bobbitt
Committee:	Karen Bevan
	John Conaghan
	Keith Dingeldei
	Ann Low

## Association Staff

The members of staff employed by the Association during the 2011/2012 financial year were:

Manager:	Robyn Kapp OAM
Administration Officer:	Ling (Toni) Zhang
Family Support Worker:	Ramona Watts
Regional Family Support Worker:	Mark Bevan
Administrative & Activities:	Shu Yue (Lily) Ma
Assistant	

## Our Mission

*The energies and resources of the Association are directed towards satisfying the needs of people with or at risk for Huntington's Disease and their families in NSW and the ACT by providing and/or facilitating delivery of a range of quality services.*

## Our Philosophy

*The philosophy underlying all our services encompasses the principle that people with Huntington's Disease and their families are individuals with equal value to all other members of Australian society, with the right to treatment and care by knowledgeable professionals and care givers, the right to appropriate support services and the right to have the best quality of life possible.*

## ***From the President***

This year has been another eventful one, with lots happening around the world in research into hereditary diseases, and some significant breakthroughs in many health conditions, which continue to give us hope for our Huntington's family.

Your Board met monthly to ensure that the distribution of funds from Government Sources, donations, and bequests are channelled to the areas that need it most and continue to try to find new ways to provide more funds for this ever growing need. This year we welcomed Judy Rough and Brian Rumbold whose backgrounds and skills have brought a new dimension to the Board. Sincere thanks go to John Conaghan and Karen Bevan who have decided not to stand for re-election this year.

In May 2012 we held a Strategic Planning Day. Our discussions focussed on what it means to support and serve the HD community in NSW and we looked at the kinds of things we should be doing to complement the health system's services, and to advocate for more equitable access to services.

We are extremely grateful that we have such a dedicated Huntington's Service, headed by Dr. Clement Loy, who, as does all of his staff, go beyond the call of duty, to ensure that their patients and clients are given the best possible care, with the resources that are currently available to them.

The new Huntington's Unit, currently under construction at St Josephs Hospital, Auburn, will be another step forward, to providing an improved service for the Huntington's community.

Our sincere thanks go to our donors and those who support our fundraising activities. Thanks also Robyn Kapp for her continued passionate service to Huntington's NSW; to our committed, hard working staff and to the volunteers who give their time freely for the benefit of those who need it most.

*Don Ayres*  
*President*

## *From the Manager*

It has indeed been a pleasure and an honour to return to Huntington's NSW in the role of Manager. When I re-joined the staff last November it became obvious that we had been marking time for the past five years. However I am pleased to report that since the last Annual General Meeting we have made significant progress in a number of ways and these are highlighted in this report.

Such progress has been achieved because of the dedication and commitment of both the Staff and the Board.

Once again I would like to pay tribute to all our staff members – Lily, Mark, Ramona and Toni. They have continued to undertake their duties responsibly and enthusiastically. They are to be commended for their concern for families impacted by Huntington's Disease.

I am truly indebted to the Members of the Board who have given so readily of their time and expertise. Their guidance and ideas have been crucial to setting and achieving the Association's goals for the past twelve months.

As you may be aware it was announced that Lottie Stewart Hospital would close and that a new purpose built unit will be constructed at St Joseph's Hospital. Auburn. St Joseph's is a facility of St Vincent's & Mater Health Sydney and St Vincent's Health Australia. Construction has commenced on the facility I am delighted to also say that the Association is developing a good working relationship with the management of St Vincent's Public Health Services and St Joseph's.

I am confident that we will continue to make even more progress in the year ahead. Of course, we will continue to face challenges – we are facing times when governments are trying to save money and charity funding is getting harder to attract. However, we are confident that, with your support, involvement and input we can continue to have a positive impact on the lives of members of the HD community.

At its strategic planning day in May, the Board identified the Association's vision for the next two years. We want to provide relevant and up to date information to people in the HD community. Our focus will be to identify priorities for advocacy or innovation; to disseminate information and to develop a strategy for supporting youth and young people. We want to supplement and complement services provided by other agencies and we want to address the social isolation of people with HD and their families.

As we take time to reflect on the Association's achievements in 2011-2012 we should also keep in mind our vision for the future. It is only with your help that we can make that vision a reality – a reality which, it is hoped, will have wide and far reaching impacts for families and all other people affected by Huntington's Disease in NSW and the ACT.

*Robyn Kapp OAM*  
*Manager*

## ***Highlights of 2011-2012***

### ***Education***

- Many of our publications were updated and redesigned and a total of 715 distributed to families and health professionals. This represents an overall decrease of 42% compared with the previous year. Requests for copies of our publications from the HD Service at Westmead Hospital decreased by 61%, no doubt due to the fact that the nursing positions in the HD Service have been vacant since April and September 2011.
- Our newsletter, *Gateway*, was also rebranded and four editions were produced. We now print it in-house which means we only need print as required. Over 320 copies were sent via mail and over 130 sent electronically. The newsletter was uploaded to the website and is included in information packs in response to requests for information. It is anticipated that the number of printed copies will decrease as more people elect to receive the newsletter electronically.
- Our new website went live in April 2012 and is now more 'user friendly' and we have received positive anecdotal feedback. The website reflects the current changes in technology and we will continue to evaluate it, upload publications and information and ensure that appropriate and website linkages are included.. We are most grateful to Jason Turnbull from Digiscape who designed it. The website maintains accreditation with external government reviewers (The HONcode standard for trustworthy health information.) in relation to its health and medical content.

In conjunction with the new website our web and email addresses have been changed to [huntingtonsnsw.org.au](http://huntingtonsnsw.org.au).

- Staff provided 14 presentations and in-service programs to a range of health professionals in 2011/2012. The number of attendees at each event ranged from 6-40. Evaluation of these events by participants continues to be positive.
- Quarterly liaison meetings were held with staff from the NSW HD Service; Children's Hospital, Westmead; and Hunter Genetics to network and provide updates.
- Research updates are now included on the new website. The Association also contributed financially to HDBuzz, a website that features scientific research news on Huntington's Disease, written in plain language by scientists. This website also provides invaluable material for the newsletter.

### ***Family Support***

- During 2011/2012 we provided information, support and referral to family members, people with HD or at risk for HD and health professionals. Many of these generated follow up contact. Ramona Watts covered the metropolitan area, the Blue Mountains and the South Coast.
- Mark Bevan our Regional Family Support Worker covered the Central Coast, Mid-North Coast, Far North Coast, the North-West, Western Districts, Far South Coast, South West and the ACT during the past twelve months. Rural work is challenging because of the spread of families affected by Huntington's. During these visits he has attended and facilitated group meetings, undertaken family visits, nursing home presentations and met with health professionals. He is discussing ways to more effectively support them, including electronic measures (Skype, etc) and forming loose self-support networks. Work on this will continue as his relationships with the families develop.
- The Support group which meets on the Central Coast (Gosford/Erina) continues to be very active with a core attendance of 13 committed members who met on 11 occasions.
- The existing metropolitan Family and Friends Support Group met monthly at the Association's office. It is co-ordinated by the Social Workers from the NSW HD Service.

### ***Services for Clients***

- One five day holiday was held in March 2012 with 11 people attending. Camp Breakaway, with its well laid out grounds and amenities continues to prove to be an ideal location for the Association's Holiday Program. The Program is one of the Association's longest running and consistently well-received services.
- Social /Lunch Club held on a fortnightly basis at the Association's office also continues to be very popular. An average of 8-10 people attend and the highlight continues to be, as the name suggests - lunch. The group enjoys a wide range of activities including word and card games and outings.
- The Association contributed financially to HDYO, a new website for young people impacted by Huntington's Disease. The goal of HDYO is to empower youth with knowledge about HD and provide a supportive community to help each other cope with realities of the disease.



### ***Research Support***

- Financial assistance of \$8,000 was provided to the HD Service at Westmead Hospital to enable staff to attend the Huntington Study Group meeting in the USA. They are members of the international collaborative working in HD research. Attendance by staff at these meetings is crucial in order for Dr Elizabeth McCusker and her team to continue to be members of the HSG and for the HD families of NSW to participate in research, including international drug trials.

### ***Advocacy***

- As stated in our Constitution, it is the aim of the Association to give families a strong single voice when making representations to governmental and other bodies. To this end we made representation to the CEO of Western Sydney Local Health District and the Minister for Health regarding the two vacant nursing positions in the HD Service at Westmead Hospital.

### ***Fundraising, Grants and Donations***

- Fundraising and government grants realise the major portion of our income. The recurring NGO from NSW Health continues to increase in line with the CPI.
- The Carers Grant transferred from NSW Health to Ageing, Disability and Home Care on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011.
- We also received a grant from the NSW Community Building Partnership to purchase chairs for the meeting room.
- The telemarketing program accounted for 22% of the Association's net income for 2011-2012. The funds from this program dropped from \$52,700 in 2010-2011 to \$43,000 in 2011-2012.
- The donations and fundraising of members and supporters continue to be a valuable source of funding for the Association. We are indebted to those who held fundraising events and those who participated in the City to Surf and the Canberra Fun Run.
- We are now registered with Everyday Hero ([www.everydayhero.com.au](http://www.everydayhero.com.au)), a web site designed specifically for donating to and fundraising for charities. People can participate in major fundraising events such as the City to Surf and select Huntington's NSW as their charity for sponsorship and donations.
- As there are more people wanting to raise funds for the Association we are also developing a Fundraising Kit. This will ensure that all fundraising events conducted on behalf of Huntington's NSW fulfil the legal requirements for fundraising in both NSW and the ACT.

## ***Special Acknowledgements***

The Association acknowledges the following with sincere appreciation for their contributions throughout the year: -

- NSW Health for its ongoing partnership, support and acknowledgement of the organisation's efficiency and effectiveness through its NGO Program.
- NSW family & Community Services for its support through its AD&HC Program.
- The Department of Premier & Cabinet for its support through its Community Building Partnerships Grants Program.
- The Member for Ryde, Mr Victor Dominello, MP
- Our donors, those who have undertaken fundraising events or supported our telemarketing program throughout NSW and the ACT.
- Organisations and health professionals who have worked alongside the Association to provide services and support for people living with HD and their families.

Particular thanks go to:

- Dr Clement Loy, Jet Aserios Cecelia Lincoln and the staff of the NSW Huntington Disease Service, Westmead Hospital;
- Dr Elizabeth McCusker, Westmead Hospital;
- Fiona Richards, Predictive Testing Program, Children's Hospital, Westmead;
- John Conaghan, Hunter Genetics.
- Helen Miller, Director of Aged Care & Sub Acute Services, St Vincent's Public Health Services

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**30 JUNE 2012**

**AUSTRALIAN HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION (NSW) INC**  
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**COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

Your committee members submit the financial report of the AUSTRALIAN HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION (NSW) INC for the financial year ended 30 June 2012

**Committee Members**

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Don Ayres  
Brian Rumbold (joined 6 December 2011)  
Judith Rough (elected 5 November 2011)  
Richard Bobbitt  
Karen Bevan (re-elected 5 November 2011)  
John Conaghan (re-elected 5 November 2011)  
Keith Dingeldei (re-elected 5 November 2011)  
Anne Low (re-elected 5 November 2011)

**Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

To promote care and facilities for people suffering from Huntington's disease, and provide assistance and advice to their families. To improve community awareness, medical research and provide a better understanding of the disease.

**Significant Changes**

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

**Operating Result**

The profit after providing for income tax amounted to \$4,505.41

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.

Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Don Ayres

Committee Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Bobbitt

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012

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**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012**

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations		35,245.13	30,809.97
Fundraising		45,828.84	122,284.37
Government Grants		110,300.00	109,100.00
Membership Fees		4,320.00	3,280.00
Bequests		-	-
		<u>195,693.97</u>	<u>265,474.34</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Interest Received		27,761.85	28,527.88
Other Revenue		6,968.41	9,463.45
		<u>34,730.26</u>	<u>37,991.33</u>
		<u>230,424.23</u>	<u>303,465.67</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012**

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Audit, Accounting, Legal		4,330.00	4,842.50
Administration Costs		525.64	1,419.52
Advertising and Promotion		175.29	-
Books and Subscriptions		173.67	1,818.19
Carer Activities and Events		1,356.04	8,726.93
Client Services		323.11	1,500.00
Depreciation		1,914.00	2,283.00
Electricity, Gas and Heating		1,984.59	1,514.01
Equipment & Furniture		197.21	1,639.41
Gifts		3,205.27	290.00
Insurance		4,580.20	3,814.68
Merchant Fees		2,752.96	2,069.62
Other Expenses		2,663.25	31,463.97
Postal and Telephone		4,994.41	5,790.75
Printing, Stationery and Copying		5,645.85	4,969.56
Programs		10,349.15	11,932.87
Repairs & Maintenance		1,878.28	16,952.39
Research		8,000.00	4,363.02
Salaries & Wages		136,284.89	206,140.22
Staff Leave Entitlements		942.00	2,919.50
Staff Training & Recruitment		3,420.46	3,803.15
Superannuation Contributions		12,028.96	17,554.08
Travel		12,449.88	11,847.15
Workers Compensation		5,742.71	5,395.59
		<u>225,917.82</u>	<u>353,050.11</u>
Profit (Loss) before income tax		4,506.41	(49,584.44)
<b>Profit (Loss) for the year</b>		4,506.41	(49,584.44)
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year		951,486.52	1,001,071.67
Prior period adjustment		-	(0.71)
<b>Retained earnings at the end of the financial year</b>		<u>955,992.93</u>	<u>951,486.52</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2012**

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		631,700.66	619,883.77
Other Current Assets		-	1,500.00
Accrued Interest		3,838.87	1,339.79
Prepayments		-	4,580.20
Trade and other receivables		9,192.15	8,222.48
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>644,731.68</u>	<u>635,526.24</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	2	692,510.00	693,686.00
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>692,510.00</u>	<u>693,686.00</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>1,337,241.68</u>	<u>1,329,212.24</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors and Accruals		4,500.00	4,500.00
Employee benefits	3	11,126.75	7,603.72
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>15,626.75</u>	<u>12,103.72</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>15,626.75</u>	<u>12,103.72</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>1,321,614.93</u>	<u>1,317,108.52</u>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
Reserves	4	365,622.00	365,622.00
Retained earnings	5	955,992.93	951,486.52
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		<u>1,321,614.93</u>	<u>1,317,108.52</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012**

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**1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act NSW 2009. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

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

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

**Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)**

Freehold land and buildings are measured on the fair value basis, being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arms length transaction.

Improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

**Employee Benefits**

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs.

**Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at reporting date.



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**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

**Revenue**

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

Grant revenue is recognised in the income statement when it is controlled. When there are conditions attached to grant revenue relating to the use of those grants for specific purposes it is recognised in the balance sheet as a liability until such conditions are met or services provided.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received unless they are designated for a specific purpose, where they are carried forward as prepaid income on the balance sheet.

Interest revenue and distribution income from investments is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers and is stated net of Goods and Services Tax.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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	2012 \$	2011 \$
<b>2 Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Land and Buildings - At Valuation	680,000.00	680,000.00
Plant & Equipment	35,061.00	34,275.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(24,459.00)</u>	<u>(22,884.00)</u>
	10,602.00	11,391.00
 Furniture	 6,572.00	 6,572.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(4,664.00)</u>	<u>(4,277.00)</u>
	1,908.00	2,295.00
 <b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	 <u>692,510.00</u>	 <u>693,686.00</u>
<b>3 Employee Benefits</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Provision for Annual Leave	<u>11,126.75</u>	<u>7,603.72</u>
<b>4 Reserves</b>		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	365,622.00	365,622.00
<b>5 Retained Earnings</b>		
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	951,486.52	1,001,071.67
Prior Period Adjustment	-	(0.71)
Net profit (Net loss) attributable to the association	<u>4,506.41</u>	<u>(49,584.44)</u>
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	<u>955,992.93</u>	<u>951,486.52</u>

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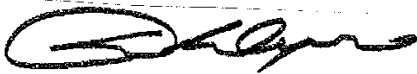
**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

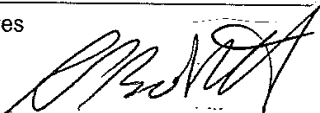
The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 9:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of AUSTRALIAN HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION (NSW) INC as at 30 June 2012 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that AUSTRALIAN HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION (NSW) INC will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
3. In accordance with the provisions of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the regulations under the Act.
  - a) The financial statements give a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of Australian Huntington's Disease Association (NSW) Inc
  - b) The Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs with respect to fundraising appeals; and
  - c) The provisions of the charitable Fundraising Act 1991, the Regulations under the Act and the conditions attached to the authority have been complied with; and
  - d) The internal controls exercised by Australian Huntington's Disease Association (NSW) Inc. are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by Australian Huntington's Disease Association (NSW) Inc from any of its fundraising appeals.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President:   
Don Ayres

Treasurer:   
Richard Bobbitt

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012



ACCOUNTING SUPERANNUATION TAXATION AUDITING BUSINESS SERVICES

PRINCIPALS Christine Andrews CPA Glenn McEwen CA  
 Lucas Quinlan CA

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION  
(NSW) INC  
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**Report on the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of AUSTRALIAN HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION (NSW) INC (the association) which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2012, and the income statement, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

**Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act NSW 2009 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

**Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report 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. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting under the Associations Incorporation Act NSW. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION  
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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 Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

**Audit Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report of Australian Huntington's Disease Association (NSW) Inc presents a true and fair view, in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, of the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2012 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended.

**Charitable Fundraising**

We also report that:

- (a) the financial statements show a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year;
- (b) the accounting and associated records have been properly kept during the year in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the Regulations;
- (c) money received as a result of fundraising appeals conducted during the year has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and the Regulations; and
- (d) at the date of this report, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

**Name of Firm:** Thomas GLC

Chartered Accountants

**Name of Partner:**

  
Glenn J. McEwen

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2012.