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Annual Report
2022

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Presidents Report

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Vision

Practitioners functioning at their best in delivery of anaesthetic and perioperative care.

Mission

Support, represent and educate our members in the provision of high-quality healthcare that ensures patient safety in anaesthesia, peri-operative and pain medicine.

The ASA has continued to advance its mission carefully, pragmatically and systematically in 2022. The ASA is well positioned with financial and administrative assets, as well as an incredible volunteer membership, using these assets to advance the cause of the speciality of anaesthesia to attract and retain a sustainable workforce in one of the most successful anaesthetic environments in the world.

The ASA continues to enjoy not-for-profit status which has considerable advantages however the business aspects of the society continually receive due attention to ensure sound risk management and that the Society does not run at loss.

Our investments continue to be well managed by Credit Suisse. So too are our finances, as demonstrated by our audit which once again was presented without advisory issues. HWL Ebsworth remains the Society's legal provider.

The ASA head office moved to a two-story, free-standing building located at 86 Chandos Street, Naremburn in July 2021. A special thank you to the former CEO, Mark Carmichael, IT Manager, Paul Singh and Museum Curator and Archivist, Kate Pentecost, who managed a major part of the move.

Following the departure of Mark Carmichael, the Board appointed Dr Matthew (Matt) Fisher as the Society's new CEO, commencing May 2022.

Support

Educational Grants

The ASA continues to promote research grants, awards and prizes with thanks to Chair of the Science Awards Prizes and Research Grants Committee (SPARC), Associate Professor Alwin Chuan, who has stepped into the role following Clinical Associate Professor Stephanie Phillips stepping down from the role in May 2022.



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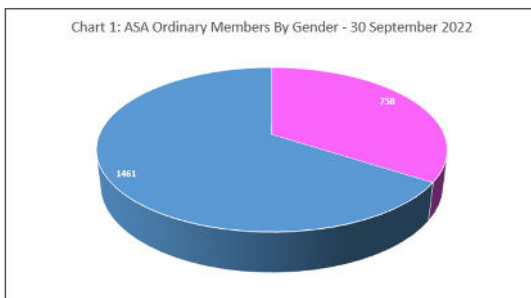
Membership Subscription

The Board increased member subscriptions by just 1% (CPI) during the 2021/22 financial year, recognising the difficulties that COVID-19 had presented to many members.

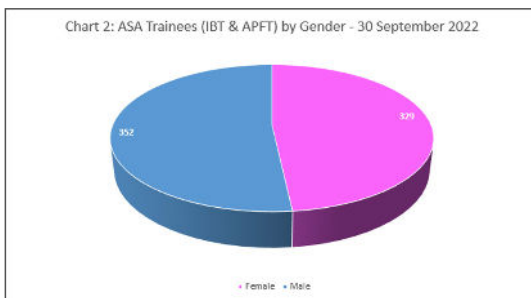
With thanks to Executive Councillor Dr Nicole Fairweather and the Membership team, there was an overall growth in membership of 8.3% for the financial year.

Total membership at June 30 stood at 4440- the growth resulting from PMETs and Introductory/Basic Trainees (complimentary membership). PMETs include interns/ RMOs who are interested in pursuing anaesthetic studies but may not be on the ANZCA training program yet.

ASA Ordinary Member Gender at 30 September 2022



ASA Trainee Member Gender as at September 2022



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Advocacy

The ASA continues to advocate on behalf of members via State and Federal Department of Health, AMA, COPS, and other health organisations and societies on a range of issues including appropriate conditions and remuneration for Public in Private work, new Medicare item numbers and telehealth consultations.

Economics Advisory Committee

Many thanks to Dr Michael Lumsden-Steel and the Economic Advisory Committee (EAC) who have spent many hours advocating on behalf of individual members on a diverse range of issues including:

- Engagement with health funds and private hospital groups to advise and provide feedback on various provider led schemes impacting anaesthetists.



- Public in Private remuneration and contract assistance to members. Whilst many jurisdictions have transitioned back to normal public in private remuneration, we have seen some states pushing to continue the emergency pandemic levels of remuneration, as states attempt to manage the elective surgery backlog that has built up over the last 2 years. NSW in particular has seen many issues with remuneration and new contract conditions.
- Assisting members with anaesthesia MBS compliance audit activities in 2022.
- Successful submissions to the Department of Health. The 13703 (blood transfusion), 40018 (lumbar drain) and 55135 (ITOE) item numbers have been endorsed to be replicated in the RVG.
- Another submission (continuous nerve blockade) presented to the Medical Services Advisory Committee for consideration.
- Working with the AMA to include phone pre-anaesthesia consultation numbers which were successfully added to the AMA schedule.
- Working to continuously keep RVG up to date with all the final changes to the Medical Benefits Schedule in 2022.

Professional Issues Advisory Committee

Many thanks to the Professional Issues and Advisory Committee (PIAC) Chair Dr Peter Waterhouse, and the rest of the committee for their work over the last year. It is important that we do not lose our hard-won conditions that contribute to patient safety, workforce sustainability and practitioner well-being. Unilateral public in private arrangements with relatively poor remuneration, inadequate information transfer and unpaid perioperative cover, bundled care and managed care must all continue to be resisted strongly and remain a priority.

The ASA continues with constant meetings across the range of issues that affect members in public and private practice

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The ASA Ed site, coordinated by Education and Events Manager, Rhian Foster, and our Education Officer and Chair, Vida Viliunas, continues to provide valuable educational content. In the last financial year, we hosted 2,574 attendees over 57 educational events.

Media and Communications

Immediate Past President and Communications Chair, Dr Suzi Nou continues to create fortnightly, informative Australian Anaesthesia podcasts, covering prevalent issues for the anaesthesia and wider medical community.

Media coverage most affecting the ASA and its members has been around the pandemic and health workforce issues, private health insurance bundled care arrangements with health providers and the increasing cost of PHI, Medicare rebates, delays to elective surgery, the appointment of a new federal Health Minister and currently around impacts on the health system due to relaxed COVID-19 requirements and the review into the regulation of the cosmetic surgery industry in Australia.

There have been 5 media releases issued by the ASA during 2021-2022.



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A foundation goal of the ASA was to publish and share information and one of the main ways we do this is through our journal, Anaesthesia and Intensive Care (A&IC). Many thanks to our journal's Editor in Chief, Assoc/Prof John Loadman, for his leadership in navigating the transition from in-house publication to partnering with SAGE. The journal continues to reflect the ASA's mission to support, represent and educate:

Support

- Ongoing provision of a strong local venue for publication
- Greater international exposure through large subscription base of Publishing Partner, SAGE - Circulation now >14,000 - Article downloads now >500,000/yr
- Improved financial returns to Society through Publishing Partnership

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- Greater representation of Journal (and Society) through social media
- Wide recognition of A&IC role leading major international actions on academic integrity
- Steadily increasing Journal Impact Factor (1.669) and other metrics - International award-winning papers - David Zuck Prize (HAS-UK) three years in a row

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- high standard of published articles being maintained - Now exceeding 1000 submissions per year (up around 40%)
- Guideline documents and theme issues
- Ongoing involvement in NSC through Editor's Session

All of this work highlighted above and our future goals ultimately come under the oversight of the Board. Good governance and management at Board level is the foundation that supports the work of Committees.

I would like to thank the Board, Council, Guests of Council, and Working Group members for their hard work over the last year. They have openly shared opinions, knowledge and experiences from around the country and many have gone above and beyond in terms of representing, supporting and educating anaesthetists.

I would also like to thank former CEO, Mark Carmichael, and newly appointed CEO Dr Matthew Fisher, who have ably led the office through a challenging year. The staff in ASA HQ deserve an extra special mention. I think we have asked much of them and they have continued to deliver well above expectations, particularly whilst adapting to the challenges of working from home.

Finally, I would particularly like to thank you, our members. It has been a busy time for all of us. I personally appreciate all the feedback, emails, responses to surveys, posts on the ASA Forum and phone calls that have you have made to me, the ASA office team or your local State Committee Chair. Knowing what is happening in your world gives us a stronger base from which we can advocate and best serve to represent your interests. Thank you for keeping in touch and engaging with the Society.



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Summary Financial Statements 2021/2022

2022 2021
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Statement of financial position

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	4,775	5,315
Receivables	751	705
Other financial assets	21,774	24,338
Other current assets	457	920
	27,757	31,278

Non-Current Assets

Property, plant and equipment	7,270	7,099
Other non-current assets	46	46
	7,316	7,145

Total Assets	35,073	38,423
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LESS LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Payables	2,402	3,275
Employee benefits	171	227
	2,573	3,502

Non-current Liabilities

Employee benefits	4	32
Other non-current liabilities	-	-
	4	32

Total Liabilities	2,577	3,534
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Net assets	32,496	34,889
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Accumulated Funds

Retained surplus	32,496	34,889
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Total Accumulated Funds	32,496	34,889
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Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

Revenue

Revenue from operating activities	4,723	4,252
Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment		

Total Revenue	4,723	4,252
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Less Expenses

Awards	77	32
Computer expenses	259	258
Committees and Conferences	698	301
Cost of sales	224	201
Depreciation expense	153	136
Employee expenses	1,866	1,579
Honoraria	605	600
Legal and other professional fees	82	109
Overseas development and education expenses	120	76
Property costs	63	403
Travel and committee meetings	118	42
Other expenses	746	394

Total Expenses	5,011	4,131
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Surplus from Operating Activities	(288)	121
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Net finance income	(2,105)	2,665
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Total Surplus	(2,393)	2,786
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Other comprehensive income

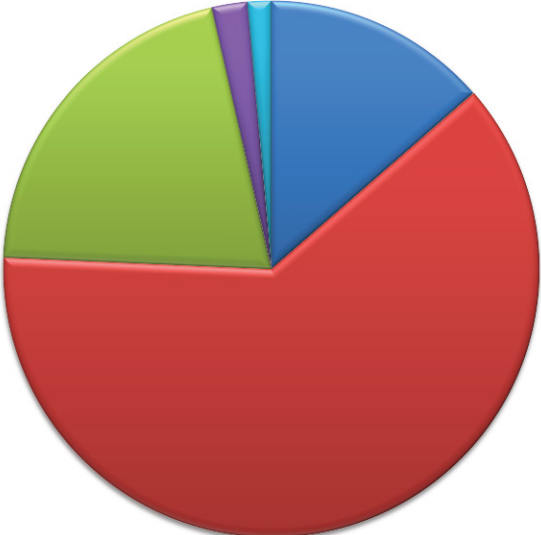
Total Comprehensive Income	(2,393)	2,786
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Full copies of the Financial Statements including Director's report and Declarations and Auditors' Report may be obtained from the CEO, Australian Society of Anaesthetists Limited, 86 Chandos St, Naremburn NSW 2065.



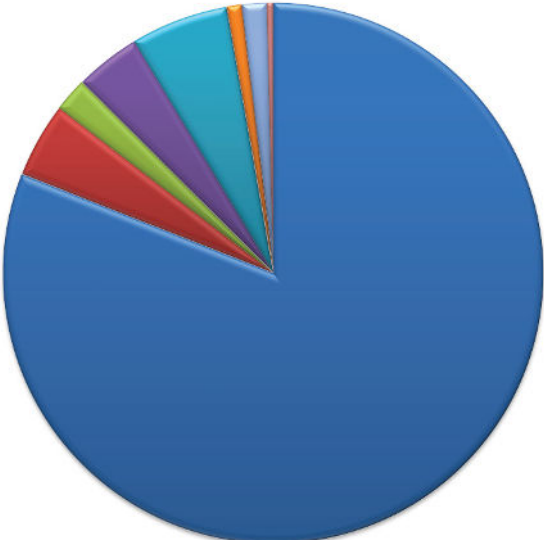
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Assets



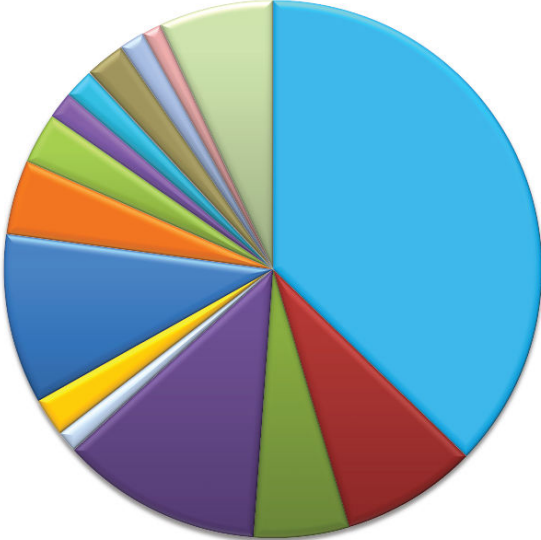
- Cash and Term Deposits 14%
- Properties 21%
- Other Assets 1%
- Other Financial Assets 62%
- Debtors 2%

Income Sources



- Membership 81%
- Joint CMEs 4%
- Advertising 1%
- NSC 4%
- AIC 6%
- Other <1%
- Joint SIGs 2%
- CME run by ASA <1%

Expenditure

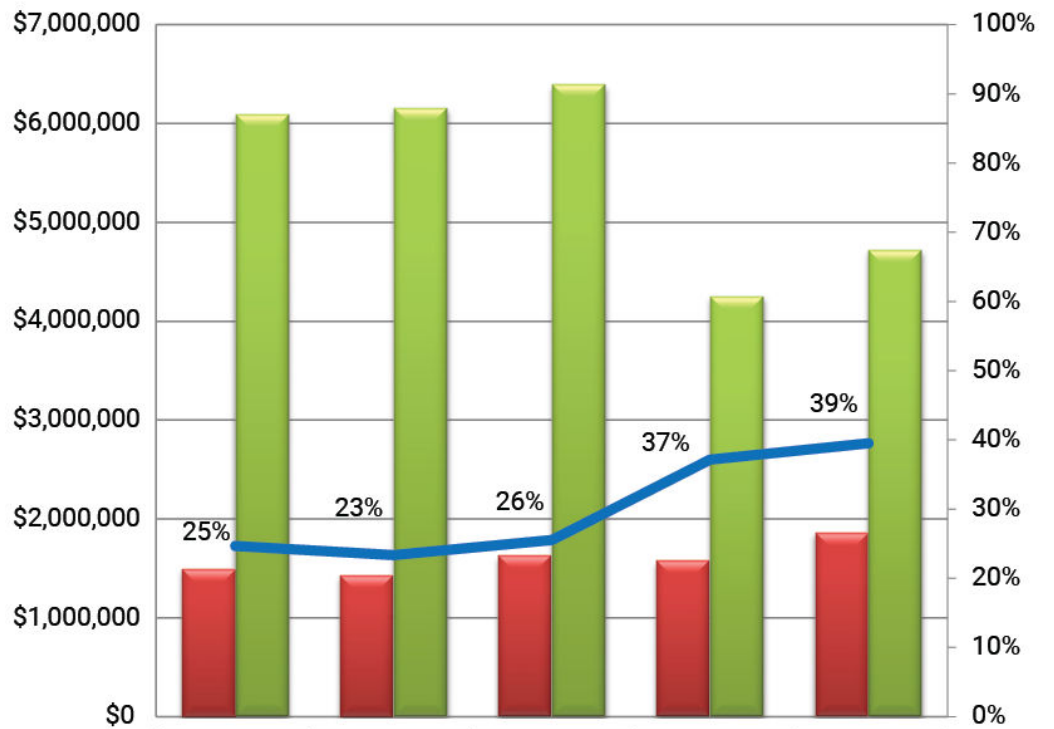


- Salaries 37%
- Honoraria 12%
- Other 10%
- Legal & Professional 2%
- Awards 2%
- NSC 8%
- Property 1%
- AIC Journal 4%
- Printing, Postage & Stationery 2%
- Branch Offices 1%
- Joint CMEs SIGs 6%
- Travel 2%
- Depreciation 3%
- ODEC 2%
- Doubtful Debts 7%



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Percentage of Employee Expenses to Operating Revenue



	Jun-2018	Jun-2019	Jun-2020	Jun-2021	Jun-2022
Employee Expenses	\$1,501,294	\$1,437,926	\$1,631,721	\$1,579,354	\$1,865,537
Revenue from Operating Activities	\$6,090,501	\$6,161,446	\$6,397,387	\$4,252,251	\$4,722,929
Percentage	25%	23%	26%	37%	39%

The ASA Benevolent Trust Fund

The ASA Benevolent Trust Fund was established in 2001 to assist Australian anaesthetists, their families and dependants who are in dire necessitous circumstances. The Trust Fund is maintained exclusively from members' donations and interest on the balance of the fund. In the 2021/22 financial year, the Trust Fund received \$6,083 in donations. The ASA would like to thank

Opening balance 1 July 2021	\$80,097
Less: Outgoings (bank charges)	\$0
Payments	\$0
Add: Donations	\$6,083
Interest	\$0
Closing balance 30 June 2022	\$86,180



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