



Australian Society of
Anaesthetists[®]

2025

Australian Society of Anaesthetists

Annual Report

President's Report



Dr Mark Sinclair
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Purpose and Vision

Vision

Anaesthetist practicing optimally for patient safety and system health.

Mission

Advocate for anaesthetists, patients and equitable healthcare.

Australian Charities and not-for-profits Commission

- ASA registered with the Australian Charities and not-for-profits Commission
- Advancing public debate
- Advancing health
- Education & community benefit

Strategic Priorities

- Represent the anaesthesia specialty
- Advocate for access, equity & education
- Engage members & deliver services
- Provide CPD & professional development
- Support member wellbeing
- Ensure strong governance

Purpose and Vision

2024/25 Milestones

- 90th Anniversary celebrations
- Workforce Supply & Demand Modelling 2032
- NSC24 Darwin and ASURA25 Hobart success
- Strategic direction revision
- Parliamentary & cross-sector engagement
- International contributions & capacity building

Chief Executive Officer's Report



Dr Matthew Fisher
PhD DHLthSt (honoris causa)

At the AGM in 2023, we stated that we had set the overarching theme to be an Exemplar Society and during the subsequent year, we focused on our platform for the future from an infrastructure and capability perspective. This was done whilst we rightly celebrated our 90th Birthday in Canberra which had broad attendance from the specialty and other medical organisations, politicians and senior health executives. This celebration enabled a focal event for our activities in building an improved representation and advocacy capability. In reviewing some of the achievements in no particular order, from a finance perspective, we reviewed and moved our investment portfolio to Morgan Stanley for future growth and appointed Nexia Australia as our auditors. Our investment in and delivery of a new association management system “front end” including website was a significant project that has delivered a leading-edge platform to take us into the future. We are currently planning for the implementation of a new accounting and audit system “backend” to conclude the project in FY 24/25. As a future option for and to support members into the future, the ASA became a shareholder in CPD Home and has been populating content for anaesthetists to make it easy to fulfil the revised registration standard. Our advocacy and representation continued to be a priority which included convening the inaugural Australian Forum for Independent Medicine, contributing to various submissions including the National Climate & Health strategy and building our political and policy relationships both federally and jurisdictionally. Our investment in commissioning an independent report into the supply of and demand for anaesthetists projecting to 2032 was a significant step that came to fruition in our 90th year. Internationally, the ASA was influential within the Common Issues Group comprising the USA, UK, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa with an improved agreement between the Societies in these countries.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Additionally, our attendance at WFSA 2024 as one of the founding members, was well received and the efforts of individuals and ODEC, recognized. Our NSC23 in Melbourne was convened in a new format and was successful which also triggered a review of how to embed a sustainable system that differentiates the engagement and experience offered by the ASA. Finally, in 2024, we refreshed our Strategic Directions to guide the operations of the ASA to at least 2027 yet be responsive to change and emerging priorities.

This affirmed our Vision for the Specialty to remain, "Anaesthetists practising optimally on behalf of patients, their safety and the health system" whilst we strive to be "An exemplary society of anaesthetists advocating for the specialty, patients, patient safety and an accessible, equitable health system" to ensure that we "support members and advance their skills while advocating for the anaesthesia specialty to ensure safe and high-quality patient care for the Australian public". To achieve this, we will: Represent the anaesthesia specialty to stakeholders; Advocate for patient and community access, equity, and patient education; Engage with anaesthetists and provide member services; Provide professional development activities and resources; Support the welfare and wellbeing of members; and Ensure good governance and management.

Thankyou for your support and I hope your engagement with, and experience of the ASA continues to be evolving to exemplary.

Membership

Key Membership Summary 30th June 2025

Membership Growth

- Our membership numbers remain robust, closing the year with a total of 4,388 members. This marks a 2% increase compared to June 2024.
- Our member survey affirmed what members continue to seek and value in the ASA, and challenged us on where we could improve.

Key Insights from ASA July 2025 Member Survey Results

- Advocacy is the core value of membership
- The RVG is a highly valued and high-performing service
- Member satisfaction is high overall
- Member engagement builds with tenure
- Educational offerings are valued
- Rebate indexation, wellbeing and clinical demands are primary concerns
- Career stage and work setting shapes members' biggest professional

"Advocacy and representation of anaesthetists at state and national level, access to resources and billing information, podcasts and educational material."
Member, 6-10 years

"I'd love to see the ASA focus on CPD topics that go beyond clinical updates and address emerging structural and strategic challenges facing anaesthetists. This includes the real-world impact of AI, insurer-driven care models (like Adeney), task substitution."
Member, 11-20 years

"Opportunities for continuing medical education, networking and community. Getting resources and tools such as clinical guidelines, newsletters and journals are also beneficial for me."
Member, 2-5 years

Education and CPD Home

- Over 50 Videos
- And over 40 Podcasts
- Now free for ASA members
- To support your CPD compliance



ASA WEBINARS



cpd home



National Scientific Congress 2025

Education

- Scientific program, Workshops, Masterclasses, Small group discussion
- Four International Keynotes
- Over 200 presenters, Session Chairs, Workshop facilitators
- Poster presentations and abstracts

Business

- AGM
- Business meetings
- ASA session

Social

- Welcome reception
- Healthcare industry reception
- Gala dinner
- Exhibition
- Family night
- Society workshops and other activities

REGISTER NOW



The banner features a vibrant orange-to-red gradient background. On the left, there is a stylized illustration of a hot air balloon. In the center, a cityscape of Canberra is depicted with various buildings and a hot air balloon. Below the cityscape, the text reads 'ASANSC2025 | CANBERRA' in large, bold letters, with 'COME TOGETHER' and '2-5 OCTOBER 2025' in smaller text below. To the right, there is an illustration of two people standing next to a large, colorful clock. On the far right, another hot air balloon is shown. At the bottom left, there is a large, colorful flower. The bottom of the banner is a dark green bar with white text providing contact information.

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Communication

Communication and Channels

Website and Member Portal

- Enews and other alerts

Patient Resources

- Resonated strongly with the Ozempic video alone receiving over 12,000 views

Magazine Publications

- Australian Anaesthetist and Australian Intensive Care Journal

Social Media

- Increased by 8% to nearly 17,000 followers
- Strong engagement driven by strategic content



Policy

ASA's Policy staff, along with EAC, PIAC and PPAC continue to represent members by engaging with key professional and economic issues affecting anaesthesia practice.

Committee Collaboration May 2025

- EAC, PIAC, and PPAC held a combined workshop and meeting day
- Engaged in a collaborative discussion with the Department of Health on the RVG Review



State and Territory

The important work and recognition of our hard-working and passionate Section Committees led by their Chairs:

- Australian Capital Territory: Dr Valerie Quah (Immediate Past Chair Dr Girish Palnitkar)
- New South Wales: Dr Simon Martel
- Queensland: Dr Brett Segal
- South Australia / Northern Territory: Dr Nicole Diakomichalis
- Tasmania: Dr Alice Mulcahy
- Victoria: Dr Grace Gunasegaram
- Western Australia: Dr Archana Shrivathsa

Committees

We also recognise the important work of our hard working and passionate Committees:

- EAC, PIAC, Education, PPAC and Communications
- Federal National Scientific Committee
- Wellbeing Advocates
- Trainee Members
- Overseas Development and Education Committee
- History Archives Library Museum Archives
- Retired Anaesthetists
- Science Prizes Awards Research
- Anaesthesia and Intensive Care
- Triparte: Womens Empowerment Leadership Initiative

Gender balance



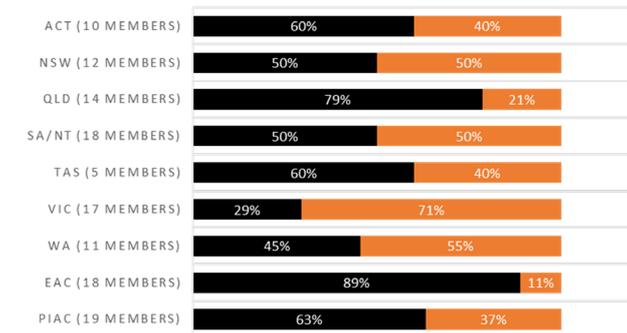
Breakdown of Gender on ASA Committees

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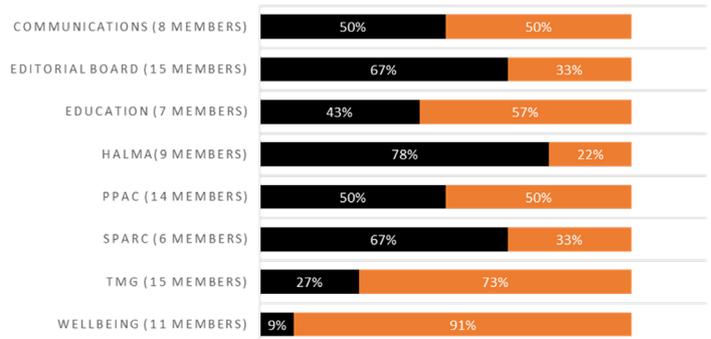
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TIER 3: ASA COMMITTEES



TIER 4: ODEC



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Summary financial statements 2024/2025

Statement of financial position

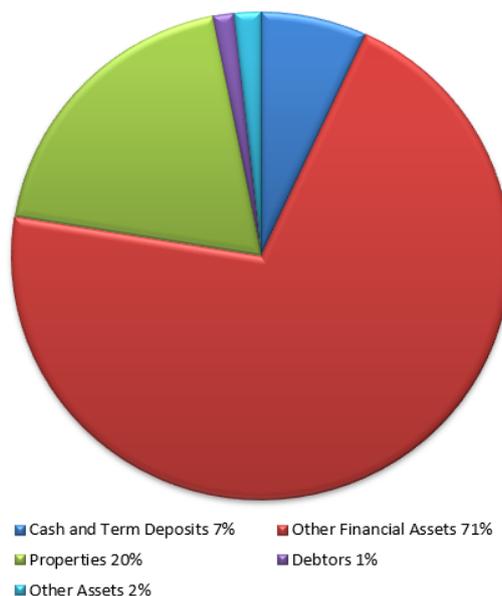
	2025 \$ 000's	2024 \$ 000's
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,751	2,223
Trade and other receivables	547	845
Other financial assets	26,449	26,609
Other current assets	632	404
Total current assets	30,379	30,081
Non-current assets		
Investments accounted for at cost	1,750	1,250
Property, plant and equipment	7,721	7,609
Other non-current assets	46	46
Total non-current assets	9,517	8,905
Total assets	39,896	38,986
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	796	696
Contract liabilities	3,040	3,017
Employee benefits	290	253
Total current liabilities	4,126	3,966
Non-current liabilities		
Employee benefits	-	7
Total non-current liabilities	-	7
Total liabilities	4,126	3,973
Net assets	35,770	35,013
Equity		
Retained surpluses	35,770	35,013
Total equity	35,770	35,013

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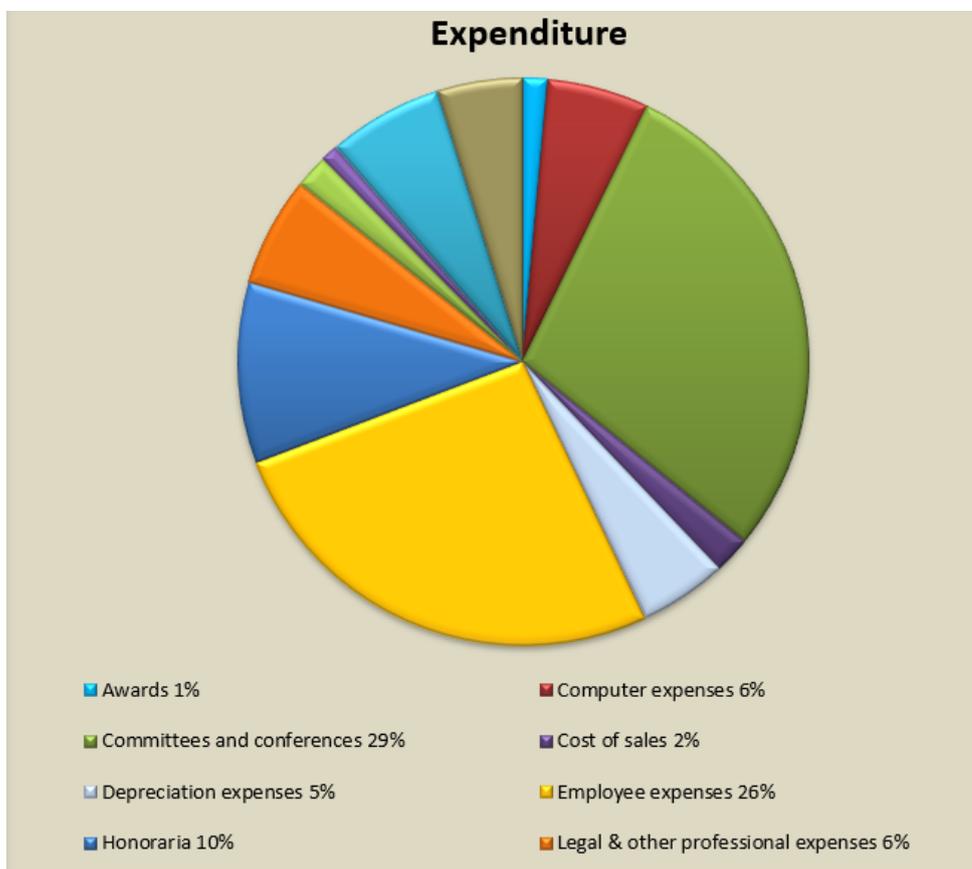
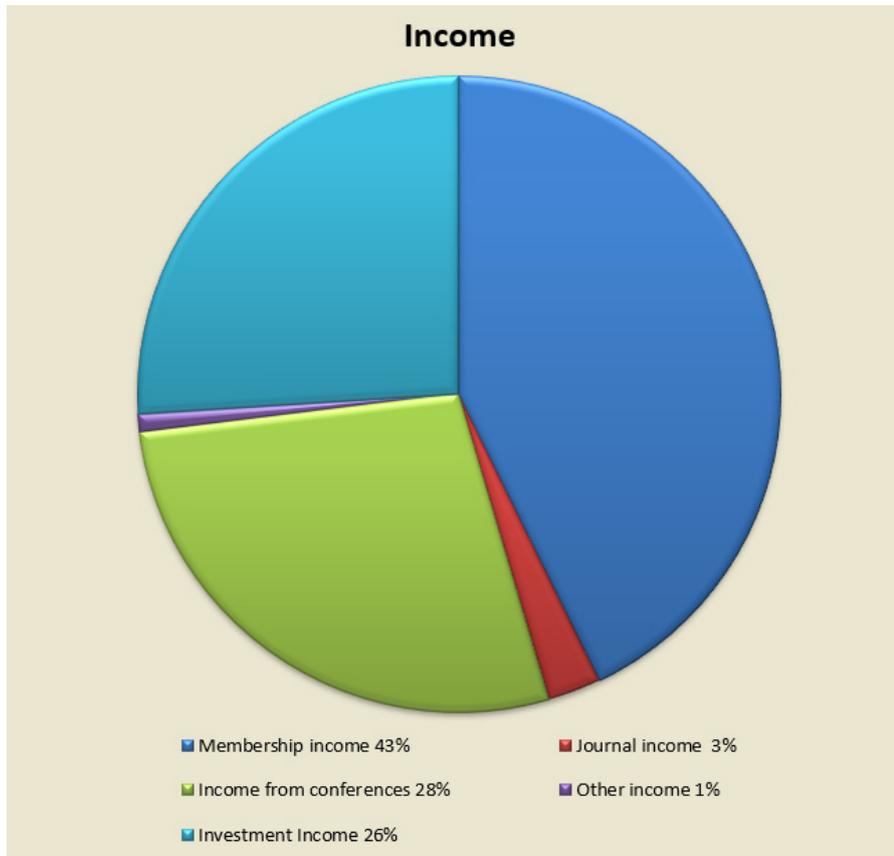
Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

	2025 \$ 000's	2024 \$ 000's
Revenue	6,949	6,307
Expenses		
Awards	121	166
Computer expenses	497	450
Committees and conferences	2,479	1,776
Cost of sales	185	195
Depreciation expense	428	246
Employee expenses	2,265	2,410
Honoraria	894	620
Legal and other professional fees	540	553
Overseas development and education expenses	164	157
Property costs	82	86
Travel and committee meetings	560	655
Other expenses	419	389
Total expenses	8,634	7,704
Operating (deficit)/surplus	(1,685)	(1,396)
Net finance income	2,442	1,505
Surplus before income tax expense	757	109
Income tax expense	-	-
Surplus after income tax expense	757	109
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax	-	-
Total comprehensive income	757	109

Assets



Dashboard Annual Report



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Percentage of Employee Expenses to Operating Revenue



ASA Benevolent Trust Fund Report

Opening balance 1 July 2024	\$100,705
Less: Outgoings (bank charges)	\$0
Payments	\$15,000
Add: Donations	\$1,000
Interest	\$4,984
Closing balance 30 June 2025	\$91,689

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 2024/25 financial year, the Trust Fund received \$1,000 in donations. The ASA would like to thank all those who generously contributed to this worthy cause.