



# Annual Review

2020-2021

# Parkinson's Australia Incorporated

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Parkinson's Australia is registered as a Public Benevolent Institution with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission

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## About Us

Parkinson's Australia is the national peak body and charity representing more than 100,000 Australians living with Parkinson's. PA advocates for the Parkinson's community on issues of national significance. We work to reduce the impact of Parkinson's by aiming to improve the lived experience for people with Parkinson's. We are committed to achieving a Parkinson's-friendly society where people living with Parkinson's, their carers and family members are supported, respected, empowered, and engaged in community life. Together with state Parkinson's associations, we work to advance, promote, and influence Parkinson's care with a vision to achieving a world without Parkinson's.

Our mission is to promote the best quality of life for people with Parkinson's.

# Governance

## Parkinson's Australia Board - 2020/2021

**Prof. George Mellick**

Board Member & President (QLD)

**Brigadier John Sheldrick OAM (retd)**

Board Member, VP & Public Officer (ACT)

**Stephen Ferguson**

Board Member & Treasurer (Independent)

**Glenn Rees AM**

Board Member (Independent)

**Dr Moira Watson**

Board Member (Independent)

**Michael Whitehouse OAM**

Board Member (TAS)

**John McDonald**

Board Member (WA)

*Appointed 13/07/20*

**Olivia Nassaris**

Board Member (SA/NT)

*Appointed 03/09/20*

**Rod Lillywhite**

Board Member (WA)

*Resigned 16/07/20*

**Alison Perrott**

Board Member (SA/NT)

*Resigned 03/09/20*

## Members of Parkinson's Australia for 2020-2021

Parkinson's Australia Capital Territory

Parkinson's Tasmania

Parkinson's Queensland

Parkinson's Western Australia

Parkinson's South Australia & Northern Territory

## President's Report

With the continuation of the COVID pandemic, it has proved challenging for many organisations and Parkinson's Australia was, once again, restricted to virtual meetings over Zoom in lieu of our usual face-to-face activities.

This year we trialled a new executive structure for the organisation. Rather than employing a national CEO, we constituted an Executive Group formed by the CEOs of our member organisations creating a team to undertake the executive functions of our federation. While there is still work to do to ensure that this model works optimally, I want to thank the CEOs group for their collegiality and commitment to giving this structure a go. A big thank you to Miguel Diaz, CEO of Parkinson's Queensland, for agreeing to act as facilitator of this group. The Board of Parkinson's Australia agreed to meet more regularly for shorter duration online meetings. This also seemed to be a workable arrangement given the times. While future face-to-face meetings will be eagerly anticipated, it is likely that regular online meetings will be a useful thing that we will continue into the future.

Much of this year was spent reassessing the specific goals of our federated organisation and identifying important immediate priority areas in which to make an impact. I have appreciated the spirit in which all Board members have engaged in these activities with the important input from our Executive Group. Thank you to all Board members for their contributions. It has also been pleasing to see some progress with respect to

## Treasurer's Report

In the financial year ending 30 June 2021 Parkinson's Australia recorded a profit of \$302,417, reflecting an improvement compared to the prior year. The primary driver of this improved performance was the change in our costs base as we consolidated our staff to a sole Administration Officer and reduced our other costs as we moved to a model of closer cooperation with our State Member organisations.

The Board of Directors continued to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and while we had lower donations in the year (\$143,958 down from \$164,324), we were fortunate to be the beneficiary of a larger

Parkinson's Australia's Consumer Advisory Board and I thank Kevin McAney and the CAG for their contributions. A special mention must be given to Helen Connor-Kendray OAM who is stepping down as President of the Board of Parkinson's Tasmania after many years of dedicated service. Helen will continue on the Board as Vice-President and remain in her role of CEO. Thank you, Helen, for all you have done and continue to do.

As a PA Board we have been concentrating on finding small practical outcomes and getting our house in order so that we can be more affective in serving our constituents, those impacted by Parkinson's disease across Australia. However, we have now reached a cross-roads and we will need to agree on the specifics of what we prioritise and how we do it. The possibility of advocating for a national awareness campaign is a very positive step that could form the basis for many opportunities moving forward. This will need the full backing of the Board, the CEOs and our respective local organisations.

I look forward to pursuing this into 2022. Finally, I wish to send a huge thank you to our Administrative Officer, Angela Arkadieff for keeping everyone on track and the wheels moving forward. We could not do it without your support and it is much appreciated.

I commend the Annual Review to all readers.

**Prof George Mellick**  
**Board Chair & President**

number of bequests (\$347,509 up from \$131,921).

Parkinson's Australia continues to be solid financial position with net assets of \$1,170,669 at 30 June 2021, up on the prior year. This includes cash and cash on deposit of \$873,846.

A copy of the audited financial statements is available on the Parkinson's Australia website.

**Steve Ferguson**  
**Treasurer**

# Donations

All donations, whether large or small, or from regular giving or one-off donations, are always gratefully received. We would however like to acknowledge the generosity of those listed below for donations made of \$1,000 or more in 2020/2021.

## \$1000+ Donations:

Estate of the late John Neville Sackpool	Shreeve & Carslake
Paypal Giving Fund	All Hail Jacko
Estate of the late Brenda Veryl White	Lions Clubs
Port Authority of NSW	Geoffrey Taylor
Estate of the late Diana Elizabeth Dowland	Tony & Judy Hall
Estate of the late Lilia Burleigh	David Cathie
MGA Whittles	DWG Partners Pty Ltd
Good2Give	Dennis & Fairlie Nassau
Wayne Love	Thuy Tran
Macquarie Group	

Parkinson's Australia wishes to acknowledge the donations which have been given by families and friends in memory of the following people. The thoughtfulness of the families in arranging for donations to be given to Parkinson's Australia is greatly appreciated.

## In Memoriam:

Michael W Abbot	Prof. Daniel Kane
Allan Albrey	Brian Legg
Rev Dr Thomas Atherton	William Leslie
Jonathon Wretham Attoe	Dr Ian Maclaine-Cross
Phil Baker	Robert C. Martin
Lilia Burleigh	Peter J McWilliam
Stan Connell	John Nagel
Inez May Cromie	Barbara Probert
William Driscoll	Roger Arnott Scamps
Pauline Falconer	Vera Schlederer
Grant Good	Bill Sharman
Owen Harries	David Sinclair
M. Donald Paul Hellstern	Catherine Storer
Doug Howard	Annie De Jong Van Os
Ian Johnston	Thanh Hung Vo