

# ANNUAL REPORT

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## **ASSBI MISSION STATEMENT**

ASSBI is a multidisciplinary society dedicated to improving the quality of life of people with brain impairment and their families. Our mission is to:

- ✓ Enable all disciplines who work with people with brain impairment to meet, learn and discuss the latest clinical research initiatives in a scholarly environment;
- ✓ Provide high quality professional development;
- ✓ Publish scholarly research via our journal *Brain Impairment*;
- ✓ Promote scientific rigour and evidence-based practice in the field of brain impairment;
- ✓ Encourage students to present, share and publish their work; and
- ✓ Provide high quality assessment and treatment resources via ASSBI Resources

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## YEAR IN REVIEW: - 2014 – PRESIDENTS REPORT

Dear Members,



This is my final report as President of ASSBI. It has been an honour and pleasure to be President of the society. I found the last two years to be an interesting and rewarding experience which I have learned much from. I am very grateful for having had the opportunity to lead the organisation, and I look forward to continuing my involvement with ASSBI into the future. As I am stepping down as President of ASSBI this year, I would like to warmly welcome the incoming President, A/Prof Tamara Ownsworth. Having worked with Tamara at Griffith University for the last eight years I have every confidence that she will make valuable contributions to the society and continue its mission and work.

The following report demonstrates just how active our society is. ASSBI has done a lot to unite professionals from different disciplines to improve the lives of people with brain impairment and I hope that I have contributed to the work of the society in this endeavour during my term as President. The foresight and hard work of past Presidents of ASSBI has also initiated a lot of activities to promote not only the society itself but, more importantly, the translation of research findings into clinical practice. Such initiatives include our Annual Conference, our high quality national continuing education program and webinars, our journal *Brain Impairment*, and our expanding online range of evidence-based products and resources for clinicians and researchers. I hope that I have maintained the momentum of ASSBI and that in the coming years ASSBI can continue to flourish.

I hope to see everyone at the AGM in Melbourne in May, as well as at the INS/ASSBI 5th Pacific Rim Conference to be held in Sydney this July. It will be an excellent opportunity to listen to the latest research in the brain impairment area and to catch up with colleagues from Australia and overseas. Given that the name of our society has been changed from “Australian” to “Australasian”, it is important for us to develop closer and better relationships with our colleagues in the Asian Pacific region. Holding the Conference in Macau, China in 2016 is one of the initiatives that we hope can help us to achieve this goal. It will be a great opportunity to present what we are doing in the brain impairment area to colleagues in Asia-Pacific countries and to learn about developments and needs in their region as well. As another initiative for this goal, we are promoting our society to academic institutions, hospitals and community organisation in Asia. If you have contacts in Asia that you think we should send information to about ASSBI, please let me know.

I would like to sincerely thank members of the Executive and National Executive Committees and our Executive Officer for their wonderful support during my last two years as President. As always, if you have any feedback or suggestions for the society, please feel free to contact me or our Executive Officer, Margaret Eagers-Rickit. We would love to hear from you.

Best wishes  
David Shum, President

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In addition to the 37th Annual ASSBI Brain Impairment Conference in Fremantle, WA, we put together a Webinar Series with 6 one-hour webinar presentations. We also held 2 workshops, in VIC and NSW. Our thanks go to the presenters who gave up their valuable time to travel interstate to deliver these workshops and promote ASSBI. Thanks also to the wonderful chair persons and their helpers who supported us by hosting these events. And finally thank you for the continued support of the many delegates who attended.

Please remember your input and suggestions are vital to the success of the ASSBI Continuing Education Program, so if you have a topic of interest, know of a great speaker or clinical/research project, want to hear someone in your state, get in touch with us and we will do our best to make it happen.  
*Miriam Poole, Continuing Education Officer*  
*Margaret Eagers-Rickit, Executive Officer*

## 2014 CONFERENCE REPORT

### Report on the 37<sup>th</sup> Brain Impairment conference held in Fremantle, Western Australia, 8-10 May 2014.

This was the first ASSBI annual conference to be held in WA. Its theme was *Beyond the Hospital Door: The Longer Term Challenges of ABI*, and it proved a major success. Whilst principally offering an Australasian conference forum, participants also attended from Canada, Germany, Malaysia, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sweden, UK and USA. The total number of registrants was 322 with 85% being female, and 61% were first time ASSBI Conference attendees. In keeping with the theme of the conference, the long term impact of brain injury, the key note speakers focused in both their workshops and key note addresses on improving outcomes for individuals with brain injury in the months and years after they have been discharged from hospital. ASSBI was pleased to welcome two international speakers to Fremantle. Paediatric specialist Professor Keith Yeates from Ohio State University, provided insight into social outcomes for children with acquired brain injury. Professor Yeates took those in his workshop on a learning journey that considered social development outcomes for children with ABI through a model characterizing the relationship between social adjustment, relationships, problem solving, communication and cognitive processes. Associate Professor Jeff Kleim, Arizona State University, engaged the audiences with both his knowledge and visual images describing how neural plasticity supports learning in the intact brain and “relearning” in the damaged brain. His workshop focused on how functional outcomes can be enhanced by harnessing neural plasticity.

Australasian expertise was demonstrated both by local speakers and a newly constructed rehabilitation environment. Dr Kathryn McPherson, Professor of Rehabilitation at Auckland University of Technology, urged attendees to improve the effectiveness of rehabilitation through goal directed interdisciplinary processes that included the client, linked into therapy activities and could be generalised into the client’s life after discharge. Professor Beth Armstrong, Edith Cowan University, WA presented findings from her “Missing Voices” research examining communication difficulties after stroke and

traumatic brain injury in Indigenous Australians. Associate Professor Dianne Smith, Head of Interior Architecture at Curtin University, used the unique environment of the newly completed Oats St Rehabilitation Facility to assist workshop participants in exploring environmental influences on people with brain injury and encouraged them to consider how they would integrate elements of these influences into their workplaces.

Following a day of workshops, the conference was officially opened with a key note address from Western Australia’s recently retired Chief Scientist, Professor Lyn Beazley. Lyn delivered a highly entertaining and engaging address on the wonders of Western Australia, its biodiversity and the wide-ranging areas of scientific research that have drawn world-wide interest to the state. With her enormous enthusiasm for all things scientific and an extensive professional background in the field of neuro-regeneration Lyn was an ideal person to kick start the conference.

In their Keynote Addresses Professor Kleim spoke on teaching the new brain old tricks using neural plasticity, Professor Yeates discussed predicting outcomes in paediatric mild TBI, Professor Armstrong focussed on the communication difficulties for Indigenous Australians following stroke and TBI whilst Professor McPherson described a trial of goal setting in TBI. The Key Notes speakers were ably supported by ASSBI President, Professor David Shum, who delivered the Presidential address on his personal experiences and learnings in the development of neuropsychological measures

President Prof David Shum presented the student prizes to the undernoted:

Winner of the Kevin Walsh Award was Kim Mihaljevic with a highly commended prize going to Diane Randall

Winner of the Luria Award was Yvette Alway with a highly commended prize going to Elizabeth Beadle

Winner of the Travel Award was Wendy Longley

Two new awards were presented at the conference Kidsafe WA Award for best Paediatric Presentation was won by Ruth Tessellaar

The Mindlink Brightwater Interdisciplinary Focussed Research Award is an independent award first time presented by Mindlink Psychology and Brightwater Care Group to recognise and encourage innovative and interdisciplinary collaborative approaches for ABI clients and their support systems with capacity to carrying over into long term service delivery

Special mention: Andrea Aitchison for her presentation on The Evolution of a New Concussion Clinic and Evaluation of Efficacy and Client Perceptions

The winner of the Inaugural Award is: Claire Willis for her presentation: Bioto Stolen Healthsports Centre: Facilitating lifelong activity and participation

We received a large number of interesting Abstracts for the conference, and were able to put together a strong program of

papers and posters. The wide range of topics covered in the submissions allowed us to provide a program which ran with three parallel sessions throughout the conference.

Our thanks to the organising committee (Pascalle Bosboom, Peter Clissa, Mena Garcia-Vega, Anna Gubbay and Liz Vuletich), the Scientific Committee headed up by Jade Cartwright, Pascalle, Caroline Bulsara, Peter, Mena, Erin Godecke, Kristylee Sharp and Liz) and for the help of Doctoral Research students from the School of Psychology at UTAS. Thanks, too, to Margaret Eagers-Rickit, who as usual did a wonderful organisational job.

*Louise Cato and Janet Wagland (Co-convenors)*

## 2014 WORKSHOP/WEBINAR REPORTS

4<sup>th</sup> February – Prof Skye McDonald – Webinar on PsycBITE: An internet resource to help you find the evidence you need for treating your client with brain impairment

7<sup>th</sup> April – Prof Leanne Togher – Webinar on Training communication partners how to interact with people with TBI: Assessment and treatment considerations

3<sup>rd</sup> June – Prof Jim Malec – Webinar on Evaluating and Managing Depression after TBI

5<sup>th</sup> August – Dr Michael Perdices – Webinar on Effect sizes: How to calculate them, interpret them and generally make sense of them

28<sup>th</sup> August – Dr Trish Yungfer – half day workshop entitled: Psychiatric Effects of Traumatic Brain Injury: Assessment, Diagnosis and Management was held in Sydney

7<sup>th</sup> October – Dr Jan Ewing – Webinar on Are You for Real? Feigning, Exaggeration & Overwhelm: a Review of Current Approaches and Problems in Clinical and Medico-legal Settings

7<sup>th</sup> November – Ms Helen Badge – full day Goal Training workshop held in Melbourne.

2<sup>nd</sup> December – Prof Jennie Ponsford – Webinar on Fatigue and sleep disturbance following traumatic brain injury- creating an evidence base for the development of efficacious treatments

## The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in 2015

This will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Pacific Rim Conference and will be held in Sydney, NSW in conjunction with the International Neuropsychology Society (INS) over 3½ days from 1-4 July 2015. The theme will be *Implementing knowledge to improve outcomes*. The convener of the conference is Prof Jennie Ponsford.

## Future Conferences

**The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in 2016** will be held in Macau on 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The convener of the conference is Prof David Shum and the theme will be *Translating of Knowledge to Practice: Evidence, Lessons and Challenges*

## Future Workshops – 2015

2015 Webinar Series:

10<sup>th</sup> March – Skye McDonald - **Improving first impressions: Social skills training for adults with brain injury**

14<sup>th</sup> April – Wendy Longley - **The neuropsychology of MS: for health professionals**

9<sup>th</sup> June – Roy Kessels - **Assessment of visuospatialmemory in clinical practice**

11<sup>th</sup> August – David Shum - **Prospective Memory**

13<sup>th</sup> October – Tamara Ownsworth - **Understanding self-identity change after brain injury**

8<sup>th</sup> December – Maurice Finn - **Cognitive Interventions for Mild Cognitive Impairment**

Workshop:

15<sup>th</sup> May – Jennie Ponsford, Dana Wong, Adam McKay - **Using cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) to treat anxiety and depression after brain injury**

Venue: Melbourne

## WEBSITE

The focus for the website has been the extensive upgrade of all content, document ordering, the Amazon bookstore and the Conference for 2015. This has culminated in major changes to the menu system to cater for the different categories and content. There are now a total of 47 pages on the website including the document ordering system which was outsourced. The Conference pages were regularly updated throughout the year. The changeover to the updated website was in September – October.

When the website is revised for this year, we suggest that the members only content area is looked at as it has become somewhat dated.

Statistics for the website from 1-Jan 2014 until 31-Dec 2014 were as follows:

Number of unique visitors: 14,645

Number of visits: 24,690

Number of pages visited: 57,196

Number of hits: 888,326

Total bandwidth downloaded: 12.81 Gb

The peak month was October 2014 with the site receiving 116,267 hits and a download of 1.59 Gb

This coincided with the change to the updated and revised website.

The most popular pages ranked were the home page, 2015 Conference, privacy, workshops, ASSBI Products, Newsletter-Reports, membership, Invitation to 2015 Conference, webinars, and Access to Brain Impairment.

There were approx. 569,425 hits on the membership area for a total of 45,277 logins and a download of 8.42Gb, these statistics are separate from the overall website results.

Because of the complexity, the product ordering system was outsourced, credit card details are not kept on line. We keep no records of the activity which should be kept by ASSBI when orders are placed. Any charges will be integrated into the annual hosting fee.

The current web hosting arrangements are effective until July 2015.

The domain name [www.assbi.com.au](http://www.assbi.com.au) was renewed in September 2014, it is due again in September 2016. The domain name [www.assbi.com](http://www.assbi.com) was renewed in August 2014 and now due in August 2016 both are re-registered every 2 years.

Our ongoing commitments for ASSBI are maintaining the hosting of the domain names assbi.com and assbi.com.au and the domain forwarding, maintaining the domain name and registration of both domains.

Mr Michael Hennessy

Webmaster, NetDesign – Network Services

## RESOURCES

In 2014 ASSBI had 11 resources (assessment and/or treatment) for sale and another 4 that were free to members.

**Communicate with Confidence** (\$95) is a practical guide for anyone wanting to improve or refresh their communications skills.

**Errorless learning in dementia: A practical manual** (\$38) is a manual that provides a step by step guide to the use of errorless learning techniques to re-establish everyday skills in people with dementia.

**Improving First Impressions** (\$140) is a manual that provides detailed program notes and handouts for 12 sessions that address training of basic areas of social skills.

**Making sense of brain tumour (MsoBT)** (\$100) is a manual that provides information and guidance for people living with brain tumours and their families.

**Making the most of your memory: An everyday memory program** (\$140) is a detailed manualised program for improving memory function with instructions for each session and a CD of PowerPoint slides for sessions and template handouts for printing.

**Managing social anxiety following traumatic brain injury (MSA)** (\$100) provides a structured therapeutic approach based on cognitive behavioural techniques to manage social anxiety in people with cognitive impairment.

**Memory Disorders: New types, assessment techniques and interventions** (\$110) this DVD provides an overview of some issues related to the assessment and remediation of memory disorders.

**Reading A Smile (and other great expressions): An Emotion Perception Kit** (\$340) is a comprehensive kit addressing remediation of emotion perception including 6 packs of photos, two game boards, flash cards, a manual and a DVD.

**TBI – Express: Social communication training for people with TBI and their communication partners** (\$160) is a treatment program for training people with TBI and their communication partners to improve everyday communication. This also comprises a manual and CD.

**Comprehensive Assessment of Prospective Memory (CAPM).** This manual provides a detailed approach to assessing prospective memory failure (i.e. failure to remember to do things at a later date) in clinical disorders.

**The Location Learning Test** (\$260) is a recently introduced test that assesses spatial memory

**Free Resources:** These include the **Austin Maze**, an electronic spatial learning test, the **Starship Post-traumatic Amnesia scale for children**, the **Symbol-Digit Modality test** and the **Westmead PTA Scale for children**.

Sales for products are detailed below for 2014. Previous years are also provided for comparison.

	2008-2011	2012	2013	2014	TOTAL per manual
Improving first Impression	66	4	8	10	88
Communicate with confidence	25	3	1	4	33
Reading a Smile	20	4	1	7	32
Making the most of your Memory	30	18	13	19	80
Memory DVD				1	1
TBI Express	29	14	12	27	82
The Austin maze	19	Now free to members			19
The Location Learning Test		0	1	1	2
Errorless Learning				5	5
Making Sense of Brain Tumour				2	2
Managing Social Anxiety after TBI				5	5
Manual for CAPM				1	1
TOTAL per year	50	43	36	82	350

### Overview

ASSBI Resources introduced several new products in 2014 (MsoBT, CAPM and MSA) with some others under development for 2015. Sales were up somewhat in 2014 in comparison to prior years. The re-development of ASSBI's website will assist accessibility and advertising of resources nationally and internationally. We are also using webinars as a means to increase awareness of various ASSBI resources. We continue to seek new resources to add to our stable. If you have any thoughts please contact Skye McDonald.

Prof Skye McDonald

Executive Director: ASSBI Resources Enterprises



## SOCIAL MEDIA

ASSBI is active on Twitter, Facebook, Psychwire and LinkedIn. The social media officer was Julia Plumb from January to June 2014 and Rachael Rietdijk from July to December 2014. ASSBI's social media pages are updated regularly with news relating to ASSBI events and conferences, and with links to new publications or media coverage around topics related to brain impairment that may be of interest to our membership. On average in 2014, ASSBI submitted 22 tweets and 13 Facebook posts per month.

Our number of contacts (followers) on social media networks has increased over 2014.

	January 2013	January 2014	January 2015
<b>Twitter</b>	1	20	154
<b>Facebook</b>	N/A	68	125
<b>Psychwire</b>	Unknown	Unknown	55
<b>LinkedIn</b>	Unknown	Unknown	714

Twitter and Facebook now allow us to track "impressions" and "reach", which are measures of how many people (both followers and others) view our tweets or posts. From October 2014 to December 2014, ASSBI tweets earned 6207 impressions. From January to December 2014, ASSBI's Facebook posts received 4040 views.

ASSBI has 714 connections on LinkedIn which links us to 5,054,166+ professionals

*Rachael Rietdijk – Social Media Liaison*  
*Margaret Eagers-Rickit - EO*

## JOURNAL BRAIN IMPAIRMENT

### PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Report put together by Jan Ewing Chair of the Publications Committee

Once again this has been a very successful year for the journal. I will summarise the main matters for consideration below but refer you to the Editors' report for more details regarding the journal's performance over the past twelve months:

1. Fifteen volumes (40 issues and 2 supplements) have been now published and the journal's reputation in the field continues to grow
2. Our ISI for 2014 is not yet available. The Impact Factor for 2013 of 0.878 represents a 35% increase from the previous year, although this reflects very small numbers and hence should be interpreted cautiously. The Scopus Journal Rank Index indicates relatively steady improvement in annual total citations from 2010 to 2013.
3. The transition to ScholarOne for electronic submissions and reviews was completed in August 2014 and is working well. This system will streamline the submission and review process and notably reduce the workload for the editors

4. Submissions almost doubled in 2011 and have remained relatively steady for the past three years (around 40-47) but there has been an increasing rate of rejection over that time (63% in 2014) reflecting the appropriately high standards set for publication acceptance. The number of published articles has remained steady since 2008 (19-23; 21 in 2014)
5. We anticipate publication of two regular issues (May, September) next year with a special issue in December
6. Our relationship with our publishers, Cambridge University Press has remained positive and supportive.
7. As noted in our last report, our founding co-editors, Jacinta Douglas and Robyn Tate, stepped down from their positions at the end of 2014. We re-iterate our enormous gratitude to them both for their extraordinary efforts in establishing the journal and bringing it to its currently very strong position that in a highly competitive field.
8. It is with great pleasure that the Publication Committee welcomes our new co-editors: Associate Professors Jennifer Fleming and Grahame Simpson. Both Jenny and Grahame step into this role from their former positions as associate editors of BI and hence they bring immediate knowledge of the operation of the journal as well as their extensive experience in other relevant publication roles
9. As part of this re-structure, it was agreed that four, rather than two, associate editors should be appointed, with efforts to optimise representation across relevant fields of interest and possible international presence. Jenny and Grahame will be involved in the process of appointing the four new associate editors as they become more familiar with their roles and the journal's best fit.
10. The re-structuring will also involve a review and refreshing of the Editorial Board over the coming months. We wish to acknowledge and thank the Board members for their support over the past twelve months
11. Finally, as always, the Publication Committee, on behalf of all ASSBI members, wishes to applaud and thank our entire editorial team for 2014, including our retiring co-editors, Robyn Tate and Jacinta Douglas and our former associate editors, now co-editors, Grahame Simpson and Jenny Fleming for their work over the past twelve months. As usual, they have produced a journal of which we are all very proud with unwavering professionalism and good humour.

*Dr Jan Ewing*  
Chair, Publication Committee

### EDITORS REPORT

The following report provides an update on the progress of the journal over the last 12 months.

#### Completed Issues and content

Fifteen volumes (40 issues and 2 supplements) have been published. A general content summary is provided in Appendix B. In total we have published 247 papers, comprising the following:

- 193 original articles
- 22 literature reviews (including 11 systematic reviews)
- 4 brief reports
- 10 president's/invited addresses
- 11 Clinical Practice: Current Opinion articles

- 5 Controlled Trials Forum
- 2 case studies
- In total, there have been 11 Special Issues, covering the following topics: child neuropsychology (v.3.2), community rehabilitation (v.5.1), the ageing brain (v.5.2), neurogenic communication disorders (v.7.3), long-term care and support (v.8.3), stroke rehabilitation (v.9.2), prospective memory (v.10.1), outcome measurement for children and adolescents with brain impairment (v.11.2), growth through loss after brain injury (v.12.2), transition to community living after acquired brain injury (v.13.1) and state of the art reviews in mental health after traumatic brain injury (v.14.1).

**Number of submissions and editorial decisions**

The number of submissions received through to the end of 2014 and associated editorial decisions are shown in Table 1. Figure 1 shows the number of papers published throughout the life of the journal, which has remained steady since 2008, at around 20 articles.

Fig 1: Number of articles per year

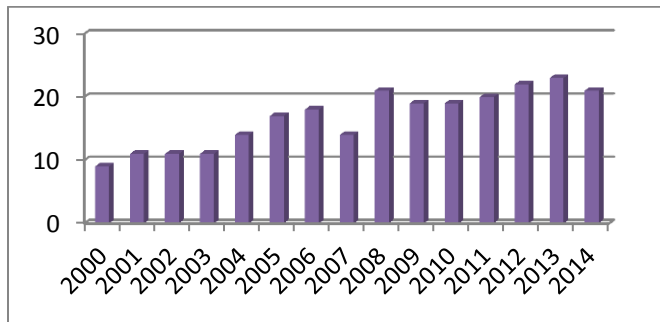


Table 1 Submissions received to December 2014

Year	Received	Accepted (Includes minor revision)	Rejected (Includes major revision & resubmit)	Review in Progress
1999 (ASSBI conf. papers)	7	2 (29%)	5 (71%)	
2000	10	7 (70%)	3 (30%)	
2001	19	14 (74%)	5 (26%)	
2002	18	11 (61%)	7 (33%)	
2003	31	19 (61%)	12 (39%)	
2004	6	5 (83%)	1 (17%)	
2005	12	9 (75%)	3 (25%)	
2006	18	15 (83%)	3 (17%)	
2007	20	15 (75%)	5 (25%)	
2008	14	11 (79%)	3 (21%)	
2009	31	22 (71%)	9 (29%)	
2010	24	17 (71%)	7 (21%)	
2011	28	12 (43%)	16 (57%)	
2012	47	23 (49%)	24 (51%)	
2013	40	16 (40%)	24 (60%)	
2014	43	15 (35%)	27 (63%)	1 (2%)

The increased rate of submission observed in 2012 has been maintained in 2013 and 2014. Similarly, the increased rate of rejection, at 60% and 63% in 2013 and 2014 respectively, noted since 2011 has also been maintained.

**Current Progress**

Inspection of Appendix B shows that although the number of published articles in 2014 (n=21) is similar to previous years (n=19-23 between 2008 to 2013), the number of journal pages in 2014 (n=230) was substantially fewer than in recent years (e.g., n=376 in 2012, n=480 in 2013). This is largely due to the cessation, commencing in 2014, of publishing the abstracts of two conferences, which was a regular feature of the journal for the previous 10 years. This therefore will enable a larger number of articles to be published in future issues without adding to the length of the journal, which will thereby provide opportunity for increased citations.

We have not as yet received the 2014 publisher’s report from Cambridge University Press (CUP). The Impact Factor for 2013 of 0.878 shows a 35% increase from the previous year (see Table 2). It is important recognise however, that we need to apply caution when interpreting change in the IF for *Brain Impairment* because the numbers involved at this stage are particularly small. In addition to the metrics included in Thomson ISI’s JCR, Scopus also provides journal metrics including a journal rank index normalised for different citation behaviour across subject areas (SJR) and annual total citations for a particular journal (included in Table 2). Although there is some variability in SJR, the annual total citations shows a promising trend with relatively steady improvement from 2010 to 2013.

Table 2. Impact Factor 2010-2014

Year	ISI Impact Factor (IF)	ISI IF % Change	Scopus Journal Rank (SJR)	Scopus Total Citations
2010	0.435	-*	0.209	33
2011	1.238	185% increase	0.328	66
2012	0.650	47% decrease	0.396	102
2013	0.878	35% increase	0.288	98
2014	Not yet available	Not yet available	Not yet available	

\*First year in which IF was available for *Brain Impairment*

**Move towards Electronic Submission**

As noted in previous annual reports, our move to CUP as publisher of *Brain Impairment* has enabled changing to the ScholarOne electronic submission system. The move to ScholarOne was completed on 1 August 2014. The transition was smooth and having ScholarOne will result in an enormous reduction of workload for the co-editors on a number of fronts:

- First, ScholarOne is a much more functional system than was the on-line submission process used with the previous publisher Australian Academic Press since 2012. The processing of manuscript submissions, reviewer reports, along with editor and author correspondence are efficient

and effective. By itself, however, the system will not necessarily result in a larger number of submissions – the increase in submissions was observed in the move from manual to the original on-line submission system 2012 (increase in submissions from 28 to 47 between 2011 and 2012; see Table 2). A fully functioning system of all aspects of handling the on-line submission process will reduce the frustrations of authors, reviewers and editors that occurred with the previous system.

- Second, ScholarOne brings with it the opportunity to run automated reports, which is a vast improvement on the system that operated for the first 15 years of journal publication, whereby data for each and every report had to be collected and collated by hand.
- Finally and importantly, an administrator, independent of the editors, has been appointed to enable administrative tasks for the journal submission process to be conducted, rather than the editors having to also assume the role of administrator.

### **Future Growth**

During 2014 the current Co-Editors made the difficult decision to stand down from co-editorship of *Brain Impairment*, positions we have held for the past 16 years. As such, this is our final annual report. As founding Co-Editors, it has been a challenging endeavour to first create and then develop a journal from inception; but also an endeavour that has had many rewards. In looking back over the years we are pleased that the journal has shown steady growth in the number of submissions and citations, along with an increased international profile. Our standards have meant that we always strived to publish only top quality articles and this stands the journal in good stead for its future. We know that we are leaving the journal in the excellent hands of our previous Associate Editors, who have stepped up to the Co-Editor positions. Following the appointment of the new Co-Editors, we ensured that there was a full and comprehensive handover of all procedures that we developed for *Brain Impairment* so that the transition to the new Co-Editors was seamless. It now leaves us to acknowledge the wonderful support we have had over many years from the Chair of the Publications Committee, Dr Jan Ewing, along with members of the Publications Committee; the dedication of our Associate Editors, Associate Professors Jennifer Fleming and Grahame Simpson; and the support from our publishers, first Australian Academic Press and more recently Cambridge University Press; the Executive of the Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment; the Editorial Board members of *Brain Impairment*; and especially our journal reviewers and authors, without whom there would be no journal.

### **Anticipated Publication Schedule: 2015**

2015 Two regular issues (May, Sept) and one special issue (Dec)

*Prof Robyn Tate and Prof Jacinta Douglas*  
Co-Editors

## **STUDENTS**

ASSBI values the student input to the Society and students make up 10% of the membership. Membership costs \$80

annually and includes the same benefits as non-student members.

The student input to the Annual Conference is rewarded with 3 prizes for student presentations. The Kevin Walsh Award, Luria Award and Travel Award.

Nicci Grace from Melbourne is the student co-ordinator. Below is a report from Nicci:

The student ambassadors continued to promote ASSBI to various different university institutes, student networks and social media pages during 2014.

We had a successful student meeting at the annual conference in Perth, which was led by Dr Elizabeth Beadle. Following this meeting and feedback from students and ambassadors, a short survey was created regarding the structure of the student ambassador program, with a view to input these changes into a new model for 2015 and beyond. Based on all the feedback we received, a new model was proposed to the ASSBI executive regarding the restructuring of the 2015 Student Ambassador program. One of the main aims of the restructure is to facilitate a group effort amongst each state/city, with a feeling of community between the ambassadors themselves. This is a way to further facilitate networking between university students and research institutes, as well as providing incentive for students to become ambassadors. This will also naturally lead to a stronger community of connected students within the ASSBI community.

Students from all universities across Australia and disciplines (e.g., Speech Pathology, Clinical Psychology, Neuropsychology, OT) were encouraged to apply. The renewed role descriptions for 2015-2016 are as follows:

### **Team Leader**

There will be several 'Team Leaders' representing the major Australia cities. This role will be a two year commitment.

#### Position Description:

As team leader you will be responsible for liaising directly with ASSBI's student co-ordinator to update them on your team's progress. As team leader, you will be responsible for bringing together your team of student ambassadors from your city/state and running regular meetings (advised quarterly) where you plan as a group your proposed action to help promote ASSBI to your wider networks. It is expected that all team members, including the team leader, is responsible for this active promotion. This may be through a number of different mediums, such as presenting at conferences/seminars/lectures, distributing flyers to student communities and/or advertising on social media.

You will also be expected to organise with your team, at least one student ASSBI event per year (e.g., speaker, quiz night, pub night) where students are invited to attend and encouraged to participate and learn more about ASSBI. The student coordinator will be there to support you with providing ideas as to how best to run these types of events. As a team leader you will be responsible for liaising directly with ASSBI's student co-ordinator to update them on your team's progress.

#### Time Commitment

2 Years

#### Benefits:

ASSBI membership for two years

One conference membership

**Student Ambassador**

There will be several Student Ambassador roles in each major Australian city. This role will be a one year commitment.

Position Description:

As a student ambassador you will work together with fellow student ambassadors who represent a range of disciplines (e.g psychology, speech pathology, occupational therapy, neuropsychology) to help promote ASSBI to your wider student communities and work towards generating a large student membership pool. This may be through a number of different mediums, such as presenting at conferences/seminars/lectures, distributing flyers to student communities and/or advertising on social media. You will also be expected to organise with your team, at least one student ASSBI event per year (e.g., speaker, quiz night, pub night) where students are invited to attend and encouraged to participate and learn more about ASSBI. It is expected that all student ambassadors work as a team under the guidance of their team leader and regularly feed-back their progress to them. Team leaders will be running quarterly team meetings which student ambassadors are expected to attend.

Time Commitment

1 Year

Benefits:

ASSBI membership for one year

In November, a call-out was made to existing ambassadors to notify them of the changes and confirm if they wanted to continue in their roles. All existing ambassadors were given the opportunity to request the Team Leader position. Following this, advertising for new positions were made Australia wide, using the ASSBI executive’s connections, my own personal research into university course coordinators to approach across Australia, as well as a mail-out by media coordinator Rachael Rietdijk to several other university programs.

All applications were sent to myself and an attempt was made to ensure there was a representation from as many universities as possible and as many disciplines as possible. Positions are to be finalised in January 2015.

Nicci Grace

Student Co-ordinator

**MEMBERSHIP**

For the cost of \$150 membership of ASSBI entitles a member to online access to Brain Impairment, substantial discount to the Annual Brain Impairment Conference and the growing number of webinars and workshops being held nationally and internationally as well as many other benefits.

**Fellows:**

Kevin Walsh	Vicki Anderson	Jennie Ponsford
Jacinta Douglas	Robyn Tate	Jan Ewing
Skye McDonald	Gina Geffen	Leanne Togher

**Financial Members**

At 31.12.14 - 298 (compared to 316 in 2013)

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Report put together by ISIS Partners Pty. Ltd. (Accountants),

Ms Margaret Eagers-Rickett – Executive Officer and overseen by Prof Skye McDonald – Treasurer

See Appendix A for Accountants Report from ISIS

For accounting purposes ASSBI made a loss this year of \$18,422. Below is a synopsis of the breakdown of jobs, as you will see when comparing with ISIS the income for memberships is higher – this is because ISIS do not count 2015 and 2016 in their calculations. The main reasons for the loss are: the re-vamp of the website, the outlay to Julian Moore to try and get us more sponsorship and the loss of income from interest.

Activity	Income	Loss
Memberships	\$ 43,798.48	
Administration		\$ 41,436.78
Brain Impairment		\$ 7,406.72
Conference -2013		\$ 54.55
Conference -2014		\$ 7,750.65
Conference - 2015		\$ 73.46
Conference - 2016		\$ 1,752.87
Resources	\$ 5,798.32	
Workshops		\$ 157.38
Webinars	\$ 5,116.09	
Website		\$ 5,918.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 54,712.89</b>	<b>\$ 64,550.41</b>
LOSS for 2014	<b>-\$ 9,837.52</b>	

**MEMBERSHIP FEES 2013/14/15/16 \$43,795.48**

*Net Income for memberships*

Membership Fees 2013	\$106.50
Membership Fees 2014	\$5,156.76
Membership Fees 2015	\$25,343.65
Membership Fees 2016	\$13,188.57
<b>Net Income 2014</b>	<b>\$43,795.48</b>

**ADMINISTRATION - (\$41,436.78)**

*Income*

Interest revenue	\$4,192.04
Advertising income	\$250.00
Refund of overpayment of tax	\$118.60
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,560.64</b>

*Cost of Sales*

Education for EO	\$992.51
Printing (A/R)	\$1,095.00
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>(\$2,087.51)</b>

*Expense*

Administration Fee	\$27,690.00
Accountancy & Audit Fees	\$2,400.00
Insurance	\$545.77
Merchant Fees	\$296.74
Bank fees	\$176.65
Post, Printing & Stationery	\$348.72
Software & Support	\$499.06
Sundry Expenses*	\$1,206.98
Sponsorship – Julian Moore	\$7,000.00

Travel expenses – EO	\$31.08	<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	\$136,938.22
Student Awards	\$3,050.00	<i>Expenses</i>	
Committee Mtg Expenses	\$618.18	Bank Fees	\$37.45
Incorporation fees	\$46.73	Merchant Fees	\$1,592.99
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>(\$43,909.91)</b>	Post, printing and stationery	\$200.00
*includes Banners, PCO Conf		Student Awards	\$250.00
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$41,436.78)</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$2,080.44</b>
<b>BRAIN IMPAIRMENT – Admin costs</b>	<b>(\$7,406.72)</b>	<b>Net Profit (Loss) 2014</b>	<b>(\$7,750.65)</b>
<i>Income</i>		<b>CONFERENCE – 2015 – \$1,435.37</b>	
Royalty payments	\$8,034.00	<b>Profit (Loss) 2012</b>	<b>(\$254.45)</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$8,034.00</b>	<b>Profit (Loss) 2013</b>	<b>(\$1,107.46)</b>
<i>Cost of Sales</i>		<b>Profit (Loss) 2014</b>	<b>(\$73.46)</b>
Editors Fees	\$2,250.00	2014 Figures	
Administration fees	\$110.00	Sponsorship	\$11,013.64
Printing and Publishing	\$12,433.00	Registrations	\$2,833.65
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>(\$14,793.00)</b>	Workshop registrations	\$609.08
<i>Expenses</i>		Conference dinner	\$431.81
Merchant fees	\$2.27	WiFi	\$91.36
Travel expenses for Editors Mtg	\$645.45	Refund of courier costs from NR-SIG	\$500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$647.72)</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$15,479.54</b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$7,406.72)</b>	<i>Cost of Sales</i>	
<b>CONFERENCE – 2013 (\$54.55)</b>		EO (Organisers Fee) Conf (2014)	\$9,640.00
<b>2014 Figures</b>		Courier costs	\$17.96
Reversal of invoice	(\$54.55)	Conference Accessories	\$1,463.64
<b>Total Outlay</b>	<b>(\$54.55)</b>	Convenor's expenses	\$194.47
<b>CONFERENCE – 2014 – \$4,512.39</b>		Smartphone APP	\$2950.00
<b>Net profit (Loss) 2011</b>	<b>(\$245.00)</b>	Courier costs	\$1,286.93
<b>Net profit (Loss) 2012</b>	<b>(\$2,384.68)</b>	<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>\$15,553.00</b>
<b>Net profit (Loss) 2013</b>	<b>14,892.72</b>	<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$73.46)</b>
<b>Net profit (Loss) 2014</b>	<b>(7,750.65)</b>	<b>CONFERENCE – 2016 – \$1,752.87</b>	
<i>Income</i>		<b>Profit/Loss 2013</b>	
Sponsorship	\$9,150.00	EO's expenses	\$1,752.87
Conference Registrations	\$108,313.47	<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$1,752.87)</b>
Income - Conf Workshop fees	\$15,622.68	<b>RESOURCES - \$5,798.32</b>	
Conference Dinner	(\$1,818.14)	<i>Income</i>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$131,268.01</b>	Sale of Publications	\$11,327.17
<i>Cost of Sales</i>		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$11,327.17</b>
EO (Organisers Fee) Conf	\$21,011.25	<i>Cost of Sales</i>	
EO's expenses for conference	\$1,011.59	Royalties	\$331.05
Courier costs for conference	\$383.64	Printing & Publishing	\$1,226.00
Conference Accessories	\$936.36	Printing for Resources	\$3,051.96
Sundry Expenses	354.55	Postage/Courier costs	\$705.65
Speaker Accom - Conf	\$2,462.61	<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>(\$5,314.66)</b>
Conference Audio Visual	\$16,830.00	<i>Expense</i>	
Poster board Hire	\$1,086.80	Merchant Fees	\$164.19
Catering for Conference	\$44,816.59	Postage	\$50.00
Catering welcome reception	\$11,072.73	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>(\$214.19)</b>
Speakers Airfare – conference	\$6,551.79	<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>\$5,798.32*</b>
Speakers Honorarium	\$5,625.00	*\$12,822.08 worth of stock	
Speakers travel costs	\$793.37	<b>WORKSHOPS – Loss of \$157.38</b>	
Travel expenses for EO	\$45.45	<b>Milb Workshop in Melbourne \$123.84</b>	
Printing for Conference	\$3,592.50	<b>Jungfer half-day workshop in Sydney \$1,186.40</b>	
Venue Hire	\$6,122.72	<b>Royce Workshop (didn't go ahead) \$32.72</b>	
Courier costs for workshops	\$364.13	<b>Herby Badge Workshop in Melbourne \$1,187.22</b>	
Consultancy Fees	\$8,424.00		
Speakers Costs – Workshops	\$436.78		

**Webinars - \$5,116.09**

Income for Webinar 1 – McDonald	\$400.01
Income for Webinar 2 – Togher	\$1,461.85
Income for Webinar 3 – Malec	\$1,750.88
Income for Webinar 4 – Perdices	\$918.50
Income for Webinar 5 – Ewing	\$2,478.22
Income for Webinar 6 – Ponsford	\$1,925.45
Income for all 6 webinars	\$6,927.30
<b>Total Income for 2014</b>	<b>\$15,862.21</b>
<i>Cost of Sales</i>	
Honorariums	\$2,000.00
Hosting	\$6,928.33
EO (Organisers Fee) Conf	\$1,558.75
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>\$10,487.08</b>
<i>Expense</i>	
Merchant Fees	\$169.95
Sundry Expenses	\$89.09
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$259.04</b>
<b>Net Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>\$5,116.09</b>

**WEBSITE COSTS \$5,918.00**

<i>Expenses</i>	
Email forwarding from 2012 to date and expenses not claimed	\$2,790.00
Website Expenses including revamping the entire website	\$3,128.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$5,918.00</b>



## APPENDIX A

# AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BRAIN IMPAIRMENT A.B.N 38 320 381 623

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**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BRAIN IMPAIRMENT  
A.B.N 38 320 381 623**

**COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

Your committee members submit the financial report of the AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BRAIN IMPAIRMENT INC. for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014.

**Committee Members**

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

Executive

- Prof David Shum (President)
- A/Prof Tamara Ownsworth (President Elect)
- Prof Leanne Togher (Past President)
- Prof Skye McDonald (Treasurer)
- Prof Jennie Ponsford (Secretary)
- Dr Michael Perdices (Marketing)
- Ms Miriam Poole (Continuing Education Officer)
- Ms Margaret Eagers (Executive Officer)

National

- Ms Jessica Barnes
- Dr Larry Cashion
- A/Prof David Copland
- Dr Michelle Kelly
- Prof Glynda Kinsella
- Ms Sharon Savage
- Dr Dana Wong

**Principal Activities**

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

to bring together all disciplines who work with the brain impaired to share their perspectives on common issues.

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

**Operating Result**

The Loss from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to \$18,422.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the committee members:

**Committee member** .....  
Prof David Shum

**Committee member** .....  
Prof Skye McDonald

**Dated this ..... day of .....2015**



**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BRAIN IMPAIRMENT**  
**A.B.N 38 320 381 623**

2014                      2013  
 \$                              \$

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014**

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		249,973	259,698
Trade and other receivables	2	858	8,805
Inventories	3	8,297	3,546
Prepayments		28,273	19,182
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>287,401</b>	<b>291,231</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Financial assets	4	15,000	15,000
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>302,401</b>	<b>306,231</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and Other Payables		32,661	17,153
Provision for Income Tax		(1,054)	(138)
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>31,607</b>	<b>17,015</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>31,607</b>	<b>17,015</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>270,794</b>	<b>289,216</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained earnings	5	270,794	289,216
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>270,794</b>	<b>289,216</b>



**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BRAIN IMPAIRMENT**  
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2014  
\$

2013  
\$

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

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**1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Preparation**

The director has prepared the financial statements on the basis that the company is a non reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the needs of the business.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with significant accounting policies disclosed below which the director has determined are appropriate to meet the purposes of preparation. Such accounting policies are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless stated otherwise in the notes. The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of these statements are as follows:

**Inventories**

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost of inventory is determined using the first-in-first-out basis and are net of any rebates and discounts received.

**Financial Assets**

Financial assets are brought to account at cost or director's valuation. Dividends and interest are brought to account when received.

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BRAIN IMPAIRMENT**  
**A.B.N 38 320 381 623**

2014  
\$

2013  
\$

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014**

2014  
\$

2013  
\$

<b>2</b>	<b>Trade and Other Receivables</b>		
	<b>Current</b>		
	Trade Debtors	858	8,805
<b>3</b>	<b>Inventories</b>		
	<b>Current</b>		
	Stock on Hand	4,751	3,546
<b>4</b>	<b>Financial Assets</b>		
	<b>Non-Current</b>		
	Debenture Stock - Esanda	15,000	15,000
<b>5</b>	<b>Retained Earnings</b>		
	Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	289,216	295,166
	Net loss attributable to members of the company	(18,422)	(5,950)
	Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	270,794	289,216

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BRAIN IMPAIRMENT  
A.B.N 38 320 381 623  
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:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of The Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment Inc as at 31st December 2014 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
  
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that The Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

**President:** .....  
Prof David Shum (President)

**Treasurer:** .....  
Prof Skye McDonald (Treasurer)

**Dated this ..... day of .....2015**

**AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BRAIN IMPAIRMENT INC  
A.B.N. 38 320 381 623**

**CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

I, Prof David Shum of  
and I, Prof Skye McDonald of

certify that:

- (a) We are members of the committee of The Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment Inc.
- (b) We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on .....
- (c) We are authorised by the attached resolution of the committee to sign this certificate.
- (d) This annual statement was submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting

**Committee Member:** .....  
Prof David Shum (President)

**Committee Member:** .....  
Prof Skye McDonald (Treasurer)

**Dated this ..... day of .....2015**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF  
BRAIN IMPAIRMENT INC.  
A.B.N 38 320 381 623**

**Report on the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Australasian Society for the study of Brain Impairment Inc., which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2014, profit and loss statement for the period then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the committee's declaration.

**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 has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the association's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility 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 association's constitution. 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.

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.

**Auditors' Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of Australasian Society for the study of Brain Impairment Inc. as of 31 December 2014 and of its financial performance for the period then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

**Name of Firm:** ISIS PARTNERSHIP  
Certified Practising Accountants

**Name of Director:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Wayne A Pryor

**Address:** A9/4 Central Avenue THORNLEIGH NSW 2120

**Dated this ..... day of ..... 2015**



## APPENDIX B

### Appendix: *Brain Impairment* Issues and Content 2000-2014

Issue	Content
<b>Vol 1: 2000</b>	
1.1: May 2000 106 pages	Editorial Presidential address Articles x 2 ASSBI abstracts - 1999 ASSBI abstracts – 2000
1.2: December 2000 70 pages	Review x 1 Articles x 5
2000: Total papers published = 9; 176 pages	
<b>Vol 2: 2001</b>	
2.1: May 2001 80 pages	Editorial Articles x 4 President's invited address ASSBI abstracts – 2001
2.2: December 2001 66 pages	Articles x 5 Brief Report x 1 Book Review x 1
2001: Total papers published = 11; 146 pages	
<b>Vol 3: 2002</b>	
3.1: May 2002 91 pages	Editorial Review x 1 Articles x 5 ASSBI abstracts - 2002 Obituaries
3.2: Dec 2002 92 pages	Special Issue 1: Child Neuropsychology Editorial Guest Editorial Reviews x 2 Articles x 3 Abstracts: International Aphasia Rehabilitation Conference
2002: Total papers published = 11; 183 pages	
<b>Vol 4: 2003</b>	
4.1: May 2003 90 pages	Editorial Articles x 4 President's address ASSBI abstracts – 2003
4.2: Dec 2003 78 pages	Articles x 6
2003: Total papers published = 11; 168 pages	
<b>Vol 5: 2004</b>	
5.1: May 2004 116 pages	Special Issue 2: Community Rehabilitation Editorial Guest Editorial Articles x 7 Abstracts: First symposium on Neuropsychological Rehabilitation, Uluru, Australia, 2004
5.2: December 2004 80 pages	Special Issue 3: The Ageing Brain Guest Editorial Articles x 7
Supplement: July 2004 194 pages	Abstracts : Joint meeting of ASSBI and INS
2004: Total papers published = 14; 196 pages (+ Supplement of 194 pages)	

<b>Vol 6: 2005</b>	
6.1: May 2005 74 pages	Articles x 5 President's address Prize winning student abstracts joint meeting of ASSBI and INS Inauguration of Fellow of Society
6.2: September 2005 82 pages	Articles x 4 Abstracts: Second annual symposium on Neuropsychological Rehabilitation, Galway, Ireland, 2005
6.3: December 2005 65 pages	George Burniston Oration, Australian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine( 2005): Major Review Articles x 5 Clinical Practice: Current Opinion x 1
2005: Total papers published = 17; 221 pages	
<b>Vol 7: 2006</b>	
7.1: May 2006 82 pages	Articles x 3 Clinical Practice: Current Opinion x 1 Prize winning student abstracts joint meeting of IBIA & ASSBI 2005 ASSBI Abstracts – 2006
7.2: September 2006 83 pages	Review x 1 Articles x 4 Clinical Practice: Current Opinion x 1 Abstracts: Third annual symposium on Neuropsychological Rehabilitation, Liechtenstein, 2006
7.3: December 2006 106 pages	Special Issue 4: Neurogenic Communication Disorders Guest Editorial Articles x 7 Abstracts: Aphasiology Symposium of Australia, Sydney, 2006
2006: Total papers published = 18; 271 pages	
<b>Vol 8: 2007</b>	
8.1: May 2007 100 pages	Articles x 3 President's address Clinical Practice: Current Opinion x 1 Prize winning student abstracts joint meeting of ASSBI 2006 ASSBI abstracts – 2007
8.2: September 2007 133 pages	Systematic Review x 1 Article x 1 Clinical Practice: Current Opinion x 1 Abstracts: Fourth annual symposium on Neuropsychological Rehabilitation, San Sebastian, Spain, 2007
8.3: December 2007 89 pages	Special Issue 5: Long-term Care and Support Editorial Guest Editorial Scoping Review x 1 Articles x 5
2007: Total papers published = 14; 322 pages (including 1 systematic review of 42 pages)	
<b>Vol 9: 2008</b>	
9.1: May 2008 94 pages	Articles x 2 President's address Brief Communication x 1 Clinical Practice: Current Opinion x 1 Inauguration of Fellows of the Society Prize winning student abstracts of ASSBI 2007 ASSBI abstracts – 2008

9.2: September 2008 141 pages	Special Issue 6: Stroke Rehabilitation Guest Editorial Invited Commentary Articles x 10 Abstracts: Fifth annual symposium on Neuropsychological Rehabilitation, Iguacu Falls, Brazil, 2008
9.3: December 2008 83 pages	Systematic Review x 1 Articles x 4 Clinical Practice: Current Opinion x 1 Abstracts: Aphasiology Symposium of Australia, Brisbane, 2008 List of Reviewers 2008
2008: Total papers published = 21; 320 pages	
<b>Vol 10: 2009</b>	
10.1: May 2009 148 pages	Special Issue 7: Prospective Memory Editorial Guest Editorial Articles x 8 Prize winning student abstracts of ASSBI 2008 ASSBI abstracts – 2009
10.2: September 2009 120 pages	Articles x 4 Controlled Trials Forum x 1 Obituary x 1 Abstracts: Sixth annual symposium on Neuropsychological Rehabilitation, Tallinn, Estonia, 2009
10.3: December 2009 70 pages	Articles x 4 Brief Report x 1 Clinical Practice: Current Opinion x 1 List of reviewers 2009
2009: Total papers published = 19; 342 pages	
<b>Vol 11: 2010</b>	
11.1: May 2010 90 pages	Articles x 3 President's address x 1 Inauguration of Fellow of the Society Prize winning student abstracts of ASSBI 2009 ASSBI abstracts – 2010
11.2: September 2010 161 pages	Special Issue 8: Outcome Measurement for Children and Adolescents with Brain Impairment Editorial Guest Editorial Systematic Review x 1 Articles x 7 Abstracts: Seventh annual symposium on Neuropsychological Rehabilitation, Krakow, Poland, 2010
11.3: December 2010 72 pages	Articles x 7 List of reviewers 2010
2010: Total papers published = 19; 323 pages	
<b>Vol 12: 2011</b>	
12.1: May 2011 78 pages	Special Editorial Systematic Review x 1 Articles x3 President's address x 1 Inauguration of Fellow of the Society Prize winning student abstracts of ASSBI 2010
Supplement: July 2011 82 pages	Abstracts : Joint meeting of ASSBI and INS Abstracts : Eighth annual symposium of the Neuropsychological Rehabilitation of the SIG of the WFNR, Rotorua, New Zealand, 2011
12.2: September 2011 86 pages	Special Issue 9: Growth through loss after brain injury Guest Editorial Articles x 7

12.3: December 2011 75 pages	Articles x 6 Case study x 1 List of reviewers 2011
2011: Total papers published = 20; 239 pages (+ 1 Supplement 82 pages)	
<b>Vol 13: 2012</b>	
13.1: May 2012 195 pages	Special Issue : Transitions to community living after acquired brain injury Editorial Articles x 9 Abstracts : Ninth annual symposium of the Neuropsychological Rehabilitation of the SIG of the WFNR, Bergen, Norway, 2012
13.2: September 2012 87 pages	Articles x 4 Controlled Trials Forum x 1 Clinical Practice : Current Opinion x 1 Presidential address x 1 Prize winning student abstracts of ASSBI 2011
13.3: December 2012 94 pages	Systematic review x 1 Articles x 4 Controlled Trials Forum x 1 List of reviewers 2012
2012: Total papers published = 22; 376 pages	
<b>Vol 14: 2013</b>	
14.1: May 2013 212 pages	Special Issue : State of the art reviews in mental health after traumatic brain injury Editorial & guest editorial Articles x 8 Presidential address x 1 Abstracts: ASSBI Hobart
14.2: September 2013 167 pages	Articles x 4 Controlled Trials Forum x 2 Abstracts: 10th annual conference of the Neuropsychological Rehabilitation SIG of the WFNR, Maastricht, Netherlands, 2013
14.3: December 2013 101 pages	Articles x 6 Systematic review x 1 Brief report x 1 List of reviewers 2013
2013: Total papers published = 23; 480 pages	
<b>Vol 15: 2014</b>	
15.1: May 2014 69 pages	Articles x 6 Clinical Practice: Current Opinion x 1 Presidential address x 1 Student Prize-winning abstracts
15.2: September 2014 84 pages	Articles x 7
15.3: December 2014 77 pages	Articles x 3 Systematic review x 1 Clinical Practice: Current Opinion x 1 Case study x 1 List of reviewers 2014 Corrigendum
2014: Total papers published = 21; 230 pages	