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for the Study of
Brain Impairment

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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: 2018 – PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Dear Members,



Through 2018, ASSBI had many positive events and achievements worthy of acknowledgement. Indeed, we continued to achieve considerable outcomes across all areas captured in our mission and guiding objectives. We delivered a comprehensive series of national professional development opportunities to members. Central to these stimulating events was our 41st annual Brain Impairment conference. We were especially pleased to be in Adelaide where we welcomed 303 conference delegates, not only from all over Australia but also with representation from the UK, New Zealand, Canada, Hong Kong and Slovenia. Working under the theme of *Connecting and Collaborating in Rehabilitation*, it was particularly apt to have 129 delegates connect with us for the first time. Enormous thanks are due to Liz Williams, our dedicated convenor, and her enthusiastic team who worked tirelessly to produce a truly fabulous multifaceted conference experience. It was a privilege for delegates to be part of the “*This is me*” art exhibition that profoundly set the scene for the conference. Through sharing the work of South Australian artists and their stories of living with brain impairment, the exhibition created a pathway to connection and understanding that permeated the conference from beginning to end. Caleb Rixon’s powerful personal keynote address gave us an unforgettable start to the programme. Caleb skilfully and generously crafted his story, his lived experience, to present the audience with essential knowledge to underpin true collaboration with those with whom we work. We thank him for his wisdom and his humour too! Through workshops, keynote addresses, how to sessions and platform, datablitz and poster presentations, there was much to be sampled across the range of our interests and discussed further across our renowned social activities.

The annual conference is also our opportunity to celebrate achievements of individual members through the award of our ASSBI prizes. Our longstanding student prizes for conference presentations include the **Kevin Walsh Encouragement Award**, the **Luria Award** and the **Travel Award**. Recipients in 2018 were *Kelly Stagg*, *Lee Cubis* and *Liz Williams* respectively. *Glenn Kelly* received the **Mindlink Brightwater Award** for interdisciplinary research for his presentation that focussed on linking disconnected service networks in ABI and criminal justice. Winners of our broader society awards were also announced at the conference. The ASSBI **Early Career Clinical Innovation Award**, sponsored by **Shine Lawyers**

had joint winners in 2018, *Rebecca Andrews and Kate Gould*, as did the **Douglas and Tate Award** for best research paper published in 2017 in ASSBI’s journal *Brain Impairment*. The winners were *Renee Roelofs* lead author of the paper entitled *Social Cognitive Interventions in Neuropsychiatric Patients: A Meta-Analysis* and *Nicholas Ryan* lead author of the paper entitled *Examining the Prospective Relationship between Family Affective Responsiveness and Theory of Mind in Chronic Paediatric Traumatic Brain Injury*. With respect to awards, we are particularly appreciative of the corporate generosity of **Shine Lawyers** whose sponsorship enabled us to introduce and offer our first four *Early Career Clinical Innovation Awards*.

In 2018 ASSBI continued to grow our commitment to international collaboration. From a regional perspective, it is exciting to be enjoying our 2019 conference in Wellington, New Zealand as the **inaugural Trans-Tasman Conference** in partnership with the New Zealand Rehabilitation Association (NZRA). William Levack with his conference committee members have expertly assembled a stellar team of keynote speakers and produced a programme covering a broad range of topic areas across multiple disciplines. In 2018 we also took the opportunity of entering into a formal agreement with the International Neuropsychological Society (INS) by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two organisations in July, at the INS Prague meeting. The MOU provides us with a framework to support ongoing cooperation between the two organizations both of which share a focus on multidisciplinary membership and scientific, clinical, and educational goals. This collaboration has already born fruit with an agreement to hold a joint conference between ASSBI, INS and the Australian Psychological Society’s (APS), College of Clinical Neuropsychology (CCN) in Melbourne in 2021.

ASSBI Resources have continued to improve dramatically under the expert direction of Skye McDonald who has worked tirelessly to develop this arm of ASSBI activity. We have continued to grow resource offerings and have seen more than a twofold increase in sales over the last year. The 10% discount offer to ASSBI members has been extended to INS members and is proving a productive purchasing incentive. The ongoing goal is to continue to increase our resource offerings, so please feel free to contact Skye to discuss future possibilities.

Our journal *Brain Impairment* has seen yet another successful year with a steady increase of impact factor over the last three years for which data is available. The journal content has broad international representation with contributions from North America, United Kingdom,

Europe and New Zealand as well as Australia. The work of our dedicated journal team, co-editors Jenny Fleming and Grahame Simpson, and associate editor Petrea Cornwell, continues to underpin the ongoing success and growth of the journal with excellent quality standards. Their commitment and energy in such demanding roles is exceptional and greatly appreciated.

As I draw to a close my tenure as President and move into the Past President role, I have to say it's been a wonderful two years in which I have been overwhelmed by the outstanding commitment of a large number of people dedicated to the work of ASSBI and achieving our goals. I thank Tamara Ownsworth (Past President) for her generous support to help me move into and execute the role. In turn, I welcome Robyn Tate to her role as President and promise her my support through her time in the role, if and whenever she needs it. ASSBI has continued to function successfully for its members

because of the amazing input of dedicated supporters working within the organisation. Last year in this report, I called these people human treasures and they are indeed treasures. Our first and foremost treasure is Margaret our CEO and PCO, who provides the core of unrivalled skill, experience, and knowledge that keeps us functioning even in the most challenging situations year after year – she is without doubt *the marvel, the superhero* of ASSBI. Our treasures also include the amazing committee members one and all, our student coordinators and ambassadors across the country, our conference and professional development teams, our journal team and publication committee, presidents past and future and you, our more than 400 members far and wide.

Many, many thanks to you all!
Jacinta Douglas, President

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In addition to the 41st Annual ASSBI Brain Impairment Conference which was held in Adelaide we held a Full day workshop in Perth with Jennie Ponsford, Adam McKay and Dana Wong and a half day workshop in Sydney by Bottari and Giroux and four half-day legal Workshops. We also partnered with the Luria Neuroscience Institute in the USA on a webinar

The ongoing use of Zoom has enabled ASSBI to offer workshops to the entire country and overseas by streaming them live and offering as an MP4 to watch on demand. Please see below for a full run-down of all the events for 2018.

Our thanks go to the presenters who gave up their valuable time to travel interstate and internationally 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 Professional Development 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, Executive Officer

2018 CONFERENCE REPORT

Report on the 41st Brain Impairment Conference held in Adelaide, SA, 1-3 June 2017

The 41st Annual ASSBI Brain Impairment Conference was held in Adelaide South Australia at the Adelaide Hilton. The conference theme “Connecting and collaborating in rehabilitation” was brought alive by everyone present.

We were privileged to have our conference space beautifully embraced by the art exhibition “This is Me”, a personal and impressive collection of works by South Australian artists living with brain impairment who shared their visual and written expressions of their sense of who they are or the things that are important to them. Their images and stories ensured their voice held a clear presence through the conference and helped to create a personal, valued and positive connection with all those who shared in their exhibition.

The conference was a successful event with 303 registrants, 218 of whom travelled to Adelaide from all around Australia, and also from the UK, New Zealand, Canada, Hong Kong and Slovenia. 129 were welcomed as first time ASSBI conference attendees. The program involved plenary sessions from international and national keynote speakers along with the presentation of 48 platform papers, 34 datablitz papers and 22 posters. Given the successful 2017 introduction of ‘How To’ sessions (a 60 minute masterclass with expert practitioners), 6 sessions were included again as part of this year’s program.

Day 1 involved the pre-conference half-day workshops by the keynote speakers which were eagerly attended by registrants. In the morning, Professor Grahame Simpson presented his informative workshop “Understanding and building family resilience after brain injury”. Unfortunately, due to unavoidable circumstances, Dr Tim Feeney was not able to travel to Australia and so his workshop “From Consumer to Producer: Rehabilitation as a Social Imperative” was cancelled, although his presentation slides were made available and he offered to speak with anyone

who wished to contact him about them. In the afternoon Dr Caroline EllisHill presented her interactive workshop “Working alongside people following brain injury: a ‘hands on’ exploration of human connection and sense of wellbeing” and Associate Professor Nicola Kayes engaged the attendees at her session “Co-creating health: supporting people to live well in the context of a neurological condition”. There was a great deal of interest and enthusiasm before and after all the workshops, with ideas aplenty for further thought and application.

Day 1 finished with the Welcome Reception and launch of the “This is Me” exhibition, with 24 of the 27 exhibiting artists attending with their guests and sharing in the opportunity to meet each other and conference delegates and share their art and experiences. The exhibition was launched by Faith Thorley and Koruna Schmidt-Mumm, both talented South Australian artists and strong supporters of community endeavours, with Faith also being a PhD candidate exploring the value of her art in her own personal rehabilitation and well-being after ABI. The welcome reception was supported by our Corporate Partner Shine Lawyers and the artists and their guests were supported to attend the launch through the generous support of sponsors Henley and Grange Arts Studios, the Independent Arts Foundation (SA) Inc, Pro Health Care, Barbers of Mitcham and ASSBI. The evening was enthusiastically attended and enjoyed by all.

Day 2 began with a personal and poignant Welcome to Country by Aunty Georgina Williams, Ngankiburka- Mekauwe, Kuarna Senior Woman, who helped create a connection to people and place for all present. Caleb Rixon, founder of Genyus Network, a peer support and storytelling network for survivors of trauma then helped to get the body of proceedings rolling with a dynamic presentation “Listen to the story, not just the statistics” sharing important personal insights and messages and bringing the voice of survivors of brain impairment to the fore for all delegates. This was followed by Dr Tim Feeney’s video address of his plenary session titled ‘What exactly is evidenced based practice? Finding evidence in our day to day work to support our work every day’ which was well received by delegates and helped to provoke much thought and discussion.

The day continued with 4 concurrent sessions involving a range of interesting platform and datablitz presentations, covering themes related to understanding and meeting unmet needs, treatment and outcome considerations, working with children, and connecting through team practice. After lunch, delegates had the option of 3 informative ‘How To’ sessions across topics related to the ingredients that contribute to effective treatment of social cognition, tips and tools for developing the capacity of NDIS participants with ABI and the workforce they engage with, and the utility of brain neuroimaging in dementia- the good, the bad, the ugly.

Day 2’s program was well rounded by the plenary session where Professor Grahame Simpson presented his plenary address entitled “Building connections: Interventions to improve vocational, family and psychological outcomes after severe TBI”, providing an informative summary of current findings in his (and his team’s) impressive work around family resilience, spirituality, hope and return to work. Professor Jacinta Douglas followed with her ASSBI Presidential Address entitled “The things that help, the things that get in the way: Working together to improve outcome following acquired brain injury” highlighting the importance of connection, friendships and sense of self and the sobering

challenges of isolation faced by those living with brain impairment.

On behalf of convenor, A/Professor William Levak, Nicola Kayes also presented a taster of the exciting things to come for the 42nd ASSBI conference to be held in Wellington New Zealand, 2-4 May 2019. The conference theme will be 'A Call for Action'.

Day 2 was capped off by a happy gathering for the student networking event in the Hilton lounge and then on to a delicious conference dinner at the Stamford Grand with 93 attendees who enjoyed the chance to catch up over a meal, relax and dance (with a commitment and enthusiasm that seems to be hallmark of ASSBI conference dinners!).

The conference's momentum continued into Day 3 and commenced with the plenary session during which Dr Caroline Ellis-Hill delivered her presentation "Lifeworld-led rehabilitation - a new approach to support psychosocial wellbeing following brain injury" followed by A/Professor Nicola Kayes' presentation "How do we do person-centredness? Building connectivity, trust, and capability in the midst of an unstable reality". Both presentations engaged the audience with new perspectives, thoughtful questions and important ideas.

The day then moved into a series of concurrent sessions before and after lunch, covering the following: understanding and meeting the needs of everyday living, pharmacological considerations in rehabilitation, working with people and their communication, connecting through relationships, understanding and meeting the needs of families, sensory and motor considerations in rehabilitation, working with electronic services and delivery, working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Peoples, and connecting services- criminal justice, health and disability. These were followed by 3 more valuable 'How To' sessions exploring cultural understanding and assessment amongst marginalised Australians, implementing and facilitating an effective memory group, and using an evidence based framework to guide support for decision making of adults with acquired cognitive and communication disability.

A lunch time student workshop was also provided by Professors Jennie Ponsford and Jacinta Douglas relating to general considerations for working with culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) patients with brain impairments, and was much appreciated by those who attended.

ASSBI President, Professor Jacinta Douglas closed the conference, thanking all conference partners and presenting the following prizes:

The ASSBI Early Career Clinical Innovation Award which recognises innovation in the field of brain impairment was shared by: Rebecca Andrews for her work "Sexual and reproductive health initiative for women with complex acquired neurological disability", and Kate Gould (with Colin Brokenshire) for their work "From victim to survivor to advocate: neuropsychological intervention to enable recovery from an online dating scam after brain injury".

The Douglas Tate Award for the best research paper published in 2017 in ASSBI's journal Brain Impairment was also a shared award with the winners being Renee Roelofs for her paper Roelofs, R., Wingbermühle, E., Egger, J., & Kessels, R. (2017). Social Cognitive Interventions in Neuropsychiatric Patients: A Meta-Analysis. *Brain Impairment*, 18(1), 138-173. doi:10.1017/BrImp.2016.31 and to Nicholas Ryan for his paper: Ryan, N., Mihaljevic, K., Beauchamp, M., Catroppa, C., Crossley, L., Hearps, S., . . . Anderson, V. (2017). Examining the Prospective

Relationship between Family Affective Responsiveness and Theory of Mind in Chronic Paediatric Traumatic Brain Injury. *Brain Impairment*, 18(1), 88-101. doi:10.1017/BrImp.2016.20ASSBI

ASSBI Student Awards:

- The Kevin Walsh award for the most outstanding Masters student presentation was awarded to Kelly Stagg for her presentation "A scoping review of the working alliance in acquired brain injury rehabilitation".
- The Luria Award for the most outstanding doctoral candidate was awarded to Lee Cubis for his presentation "The importance of staying connected: mediating and moderating effects of social groups on psychological wellbeing after brain tumour".
- The Travel Award for student abstracts was awarded to Liz Williams for the submission "Getting on the same wavelength: Clinician's perspectives of the therapeutic alliance in community brain injury rehabilitation".
- The Mindlink Brightwater Award for Interdisciplinary research was awarded to Dr Glenn Kelly for his presentation, "The Building Bridges project: Linking disconnected service networks in ABI and criminal justice".

Prizes were also awarded to Lee Cubis for being the top scorer on the Smartphone app and Jen Farnden was the winner of the TV draw.

I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks to the many people who helped to bring this conference together, starting with a big 'thank you' to the Conference Organising and Scientific Program Committees for all their assistance to plan, organise, promote and run the conference. The Conference Organising Committee was comprised of Jacinta Douglas, Margaret Eagers, Cecily Nicholls, Brooke Harris, Natalia Kukumberg and Jane Mathias. The Scientific Program Committee involved myself and Jacinta Douglas as co-conference Chairs, Natalia Kukumberg, Jane Matthias, Michelle Bellon, Diana Dorstyn, Stacey George, Susan Hillier, Tamara Ownsworth, Jennie Ponsford, Clare Ramsden, Robyn Tate, Leanne Togher, Janet Wagland and Dana Wong. Thanks to all those from the committees who assisted with chairing sessions and to Lizzie Beadle for chairing a session and staying on top of all social media presence before and during the conference.

Next, I would like to thank the energetic and generous student volunteers Harriet Clayton, Tia Hardie, Zoe Lee, Demi Martin and Nayantara Nambiar who kindly gave of their time and were always on the ready to help with any request. Also to our Student Co-ordinator Anne Huang who worked the ASSBI stand and organised the Student Workshop and Student Networking evening.

I would like to thank Andrew Noble for his significant contribution in co-coordinating the art exhibition. With deep appreciation I wish to thank all the artists who contributed and shared their works and stories, along with their support people who helped to facilitate the process of getting the art works ready, particularly Hans Kreiner from Broughton Arts Society, Rebecca Popescu from Adelaide Art Therapy, Sandi Sando from Community Re-Entry Program, Therese Whebe from North East Networks, Yannoula Michael from Families4Families and the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Community and Home program. I would also like to thank Faith Thorley and Koruna Schmit-Mumm for launching the exhibition and members of my family who assisted with the exhibition. Further thanks to Luke Turner from Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre for hosting the exhibition post conference.

Thank you to our many generous conference partners and sponsors: corporate partner, Shine Lawyers; major partner, The Lifetime Support Authority; headline partner, the University of New South Wales, Sydney; conference partners, Drake Medox, ARC Centre of Excellence, Mellor Olsson Lawyers, Community Bridging Services; exhibition partners, Pearson Clinical Assessment, Australian Catholic University, One Rehabilitation Service, TabTimer, Brain Injury SA, AI Medical International, The Summer Foundation; Art Exhibition Partners, The Independent Arts Foundation (SA) Inc, Pro Health Care, Henley and Grange Arts Society, Eastwood Community Centre, Barbers of Mitcham; satchel insert partners Cambridge University Press, The Stroke Foundation, The Neuro Hub, Flinders University College of Nursing and Health Sciences and Cambridge Scholars Publishing, and also to the South Australian wineries Penfolds, Byrnes vineyards and Glen Ewin Estate for their kind donation of wines to assist with gifts.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the staff at the Adelaide Hilton for the lovely environment in which we were able to host the event, for the wonderful catering and prompt and reliable follow up for room set up and anything else we needed.

Of course, 1000 thanks and acknowledgement go to Margaret Eagers, Primary Conference Organiser for her enduring skill, professionalism, organisation and commitment to the conference, without whom the event could not happen. Thanks also to Graham Rickit for his calm and steady help to ensure things went smoothly.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to Jacinta Douglas and Margaret Eagers for their support, patience and expert guidance to help ensure the conference was a success.

In signing off, I would like to conclude with a 'thank you' to all those who presented their valuable work and to all delegates who wholeheartedly embraced the spirit of the conference. Wishing everyone positive and ongoing connections and collaborations!

I look forward to the 42nd annual Brain Impairment conference to be held in Wellington New Zealand, 2-4 May 2019. See you there!

Liz Williams
Convenor and Co-Chair

2018 WORKSHOP/WEBINAR REPORTS

22nd February, full day workshop co-convened with Brightwater Care Group in Perth with **Jennie Ponsford, Adam McKay and Dana Wong** entitled: *The nature and treatment of sleep disturbance and fatigue following brain injury*. This workshop was very well received in Perth as well as 77 people tuning in via Zoom from all around the country as well as people purchasing the MP4 afterwards.

26th March, full day workshop entitled "Real people, real life: Evaluations, cognitive assistance and smart homes for adult individuals with moderate or severe TBI" in Sydney and streamed nationwide with **Caroline Bottari and Sylvain Giroux** from Canada.

4th August, 3 hour webinar from the USA in conjunction with the Luria Institute entitled: *Executive Functions and the Frontal Lobes* by **Elkhonon Goldberg**, PhD, a clinical neuropsychologist and cognitive neuroscientist.

26th October – 29th November. 4 ½-day workshops supported by Shine Lawyers entitled NDIS eligibility, funding and appeals

- 26th October, ½ day Workshop in Melbourne with Libby Callaway and Clare Eves
- 9th November, ½ day Workshop in Perth with Janet Wagland and David Bayly
- 16th November, ½ day workshop in Brisbane with Brooke Kooymans and Nickelle Morris
- 29th November, ½ day workshop in Sydney with Kim Neill and Caryn Ger

The ASSBI/NZRA Inaugural Conference in 2019

The 42nd Annual Conference in 2018 will be held with the New Zealand Rehabilitation Association in Wellington, New Zealand 2-4 May 2019. The convenor of the conference is A/Prof William Levack and the theme is *A Call for Action*. Our Keynote speakers are:

Prof Jon Evans from Glasgow, Scotland will be presenting Workshop 3 (half day) entitled *Rehabilitation of memory and executive functions after brain injury* and a Keynote Address entitled: *Music, mindfulness and positive psychotherapy after brain injury*.

Prof Fiona Jones from London, England will be presenting Workshop 1 (half day) entitled *Integrating self-management support in a brain injury service: lessons learnt and secrets of success* and a Keynote Address entitled: *Feeling less alone': Co-producing self-management support following traumatic brain injury*.

Prof Fary Khan from Melbourne, Australia will be presenting Workshop 2 (half day) entitled *Neurorehabilitation research – All you need to know to start* and a Keynote Address entitled: *Fatigue management in neurorehabilitation*.

Dr Matire Harwood from Auckland, New Zealand will be presenting Workshop 4 (half day) entitled: *Rehabilitation research and service development: Meeting the rights of indigenous people* and a Keynote Address entitled: *Mana Tu: Indigenous people 'taking charge' of living with long term conditions*.

Prof Robyn Tate from Sydney, Australia will be presenting the ASSBI Presidential Address entitled: *Measuring outcomes and monitoring progress in the era of evidence-based clinical practice*.

Future Conferences

The ASSBI 43rd Annual Brain Impairment Conference in 2020 will be held at Pacific Hotel, Perth, Western Australia on 7th – 9th May 2020. The co-convenors of the conference are Janet Wagland and Michelle Kelly the theme is *Getting on with the business of living*.

Future Workshops – 2019

2019 Workshop Series in conjunction with Shine Lawyers is still to be finalised

Shine Lawyers are working with ASSBI to put together 4 half-day workshops in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth – topic to be advised

WEBSITE

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CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP

In January 2019, our corporate partnership with Shine Lawyers came to an end. Their support through this partnership enabled our society to provide greater student networking opportunities and to introduce the ASSBI Early Career Clinical Innovation Award which recognises clinical innovation in the field of brain impairment. Shine Lawyers will continue their association with ASSBI through supporting the Medico-Legal Workshop Series.

RESOURCES

In 2018 ASSBI had 17 resources (assessment and/or treatment) for sale and another 4 that were free to members. To see the table of contents for each of the manuals/kits and to order go to the new ASSBI website – <https://assbi.com.au/resource>

Improving First Impressions (\$155) is a manual that provides detailed program notes and handouts for 12 sessions that address training of basic areas of social skills.

Communicate with Confidence (\$105) is a practical guide for anyone wanting to improve or refresh their communications skills.

Reading A Smile (and other great expressions): An Emotion Perception Kit (\$350) is a comprehensive kit addressing remediation of emotion perception including 6 packs of photos, two game boards, flash cards, a manual and a DVD.

Making the most of your memory: An everyday memory program (\$155) 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.

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

TBI – Express: Social communication training for people with TBI and their communication partners (\$175) is a treatment program for training people with TBI and their communication partners to improve everyday communication. This also comprises a manual and CD.

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

Errorless learning in dementia: A practical manual (\$40) 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.

Making sense of brain tumour (MsoBT) (\$110) is a manual that provides information and guidance for people living with brain tumours and their families.

Managing social anxiety following traumatic brain injury (MSA) (\$110) provides a structured therapeutic approach based on

cognitive behavioural techniques to manage social anxiety in people with cognitive impairment.

Comprehensive Assessment of Prospective Memory (CAPM) (\$110) 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.

Retraining Activities of Daily Living During Post-Traumatic Amnesia following TBI: Therapy Manual (\$155) This intervention manual details skills retraining during post-traumatic amnesia (PTA) after traumatic brain injury. It addresses bathing, grooming, dressing, self-feeding and light meal-preparation using errorless and procedural learning principles.

Understanding ABI and Behaviour Change: A guide to managing challenging behaviours (\$155) This comprehensive manual provides useful, simple to understand information about why challenging behaviours occur, how to identify their triggers and strategies to deal with them. An enormously valuable resource for clinicians and case managers.

The Montreal Protocol for the Evaluation of Communication (MEC kit) (\$240) The MEC was developed to address the critical gap in assessment tools for people who have problems with communication in the absence of aphasia. The kit comprises a manual, a stimulus book, response booklets and informant questionnaires along with a USB containing audio-files and back up response forms.

The Awareness of Social Inference Test (TASIT) (\$250) The manual (3rd edition) provides basic data on the reliability and validity of TASIT and extended norms for ages 13 - 15 years and also for ages 50 through to 75 plus (Form A). We also provide some information on how TASIT can be used as a resource for treating social perception and for evaluating treatment.

The Awareness of Social Inference Test - Short (TASIT-S) (\$155) This is a short screening version of TASIT (about 20 minutes) with norms from adolescence through to older age.

Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for anxiety and depression – Adapted for Brain Injury (CBT-ABI): A treatment Manual (\$175) The CBT-ABI manual provides a comprehensive practical guide to delivering Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) for depression and anxiety with individuals with traumatic brain injury. Both the content and processes of CBT have been adapted in a variety of ways to compensate for the cognitive difficulties that commonly occur after brain injury. The manual contains richly described, user-friendly instructions and tips for therapists including links to helpful demonstration videos, as well as numerous handouts for clients with TBI. These handouts also come in a separate electronic file enabling therapists to adapt and print them as needed. This CBT-ABI program has been demonstrated to be effective in improving depression and anxiety symptoms after TBI in a rigorous randomised controlled trial (Ponsford, Lee, Wong et al., 2016). It is an essential, evidence-based, clinically useful treatment guide for clinicians working with individuals experiencing depression and anxiety after brain injury. The kit includes a manual and usb which has videos and numerous handouts.

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 2018. Previous years are also provided for comparison.

	2008-17	2017	2018	TOTAL
Improving First Impressions	110	7	12	
In pdf	5	7	1	142
Communicate with confidence	44	3	13	60
Reading a Smile	46	7	9	62
Making the most of your Memory	125	19	21	
In pdf	2	2	2	171
Memory DVD	8	0	2	10
TBI Express	121	8	21	
UK TBI Express	5	4	12	
In pdf	3	7	7	188
The Austin Maze	19	NOW FREE TO MEMBERS		19
Location Learning Test	5	0	0	5
Errorless Learning	24	3	8	
In pdf	3	3	1	42
Making Sense of Brain Tumour	8	0	3	
In pdf	2	1	0	14
Managing Social Anxiety after TBI	19	0	5	
In pdf	3	1	1	29
Manual for CAPM	9	4	2	

In pdf	2	1	0	18
PTA Retraining Therapy Manual	0	0	16	
In pdf	0	0	0	16
Understanding ABI and Behaviour Change	0	16	18	
In pdf	0	0	1	35
TASIT	0	0	39	
In pdf	0	0	4	43
TASIT-S	0	1	35	
In pdf	0	0	3	39
MEC Kit	15	24	28	
In pdf	2	3	2	74
TOTAL per year	580	111	266	967

Overview

ASSBI Resources are now available to ASSBI and INS members at 10% off. In 2018 we published the *Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for anxiety and depression – Adapted for Brain Injury (CBT-ABI): A treatment Manual* which has sold well.

Sales for most of the manuals improved dramatically in 2018 due to the re-development of ASSBI's website assisted accessibility, advertising and sale of resources nationally and internationally. We are also looking at setting up a shop online in 2019. 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 maintained an active profile on Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn during 2018. The social media officer is Dr Lizzie Beadle. ASSBI's social media pages are updated regularly with news relating to ASSBI events and conferences, and with links to new Brain Impairment publications or media coverage around topics related to brain impairment that may be of interest to our membership.

Our number of contacts (followers) on social media networks continued to increase during 2018.

	From 2012-15	End 2016	End 2017	End 2018
Twitter	475	480	645	775
Facebook	450	439	512	621
Psychwire	70	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
LinkedIn	1,387	1,669	2,361	2,575

In 2018, ASSBI posted a mean of 7 original tweets and 5 original Facebook posts per month (note: this is only original content created by ASSBI – the majority of ASSBI’s content is re-tweets of other’s work and articles, which is not included in these statistics). Data relating to Twitter impressions and Facebook reach was tracked to measure how many individuals (both ASSBI followers and others) view our tweets or posts. During 2018, ASSBI original tweets received 42,000 impressions and ASSBI Facebook posts received 14,000 views. This does not include the number of times ASSBI was mentioned, or an ASSBI hashtag was used (e.g., #assbi18). Due to a change in the analytics collection in 2018 (i.e., its changed to a paid prescription), the engagement with ASSBI hashtags was unable to be determined at this time. “Reach” (ie number of potential people who will see posts) has declined over Facebook – potential reasons for this are 1) Facebook’s decline in popularity (a 50% drop over past yr), 2) ASSBI’s increase in followers means potential limits have been placed on how the posts are distributed (to encourage us to pay for advertising i.e., “boost” posts). ASSBI has 2,750 1st connections on LinkedIn.

In 2019 we plan to maintain our social media presence and increase engagement with our followers. The key initiative will be encouraging greater involvement of early career researchers and students in social media presence and event organisation, as well as ongoing advertisement of ASSBI member publications and *Brain Impairment* Journal articles.

Dr Lizzie Beadle – Social Media Liaison
Margaret Eagers-Rickit - EO

JOURNAL – BRAIN IMPAIRMENT PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Report put together by Jan Ewing Chair of the Publications Committee

On behalf of the BI Publication Committee, I am pleased to report on another very successful year for the journal. This has again been a testament to the hard work and dedication of our two co-editors, Jenny Fleming and Grahame Simpson, ably assisted by the Associate Editor, Petrea Cornwall. This represents the fourth year under their guidance and I would like to thank them all for their efforts on our behalf.

I refer you to the Editors’ Report for details of the journal’s innovations, publication contents and statistics over the past

twelve months and plans for the future, but I will summarise their main points here:

1. Volume 19 was published in 2018 consisting of three issues, including 21 articles: 19 original articles, 1 Presidential address, 1 research protocol and a limited number of miscellaneous items (1 editorial, 1 ASSBI abstracts, 1 list of reviewers and 1 Corrigendum). This is consistent with the current goal of 20-25 articles per annum
2. The Editors continue to strive to improve our international standing via citations and have reduced the number of Editorials and miscellaneous items in order to streamline content
3. 2018 included one special issue (19.1) on Research Methods, led by guest editors Robyn Tate and Michael Perdices with support from co-editor, Jenny Fleming. The special issue included 9 papers inclusive of the Guest Editorial. I would like to thank Robyn, Michael and Jenny for their wonderful work on this issue
4. There was also one themed issue (19.2) on Mild Traumatic Brain Injury collated by co-editor Grahame Simpson, which comprised of 5 papers, with 2 other articles also included in the issue. Thanks again to Grahame for his additional work on this issue
5. There were 80 new submissions and 52 revised manuscripts submitted in 2018, with 15 still under review. Most manuscripts went through at least 2 revisions. The rejection rate for those completing the review process was 63%, which is slightly lower than last year but consistent with previous years and remains reassuring regarding the quality of published articles.
6. We are currently averaging 336 pages over the past 4 years and have room to publish one additional article per year in the future. The initial plan to add a fourth issue is currently on hold until there are consistently more articles in First View.
7. With regard to Impact factors, our ISI for 2018 is not yet available. The ISI for 2017 was 0.977, which represents a 63% increase from 2016, while the 5-year impact factor has remained fairly steady.
8. On the Thomas Reuters Web of Science, we are now ranked in three categories: Clinical Neurology, Neurosciences and Rehabilitation, with the latter being added in 2015 and already showing benefits.
9. The journal has published articles from 6 countries over the past 3 years, consistent with our goal to increase our international profile
10. An application to be included on *Medline/Pubmed* remains in train and both the improved ISI and greater international presence will assist with this
11. The Editors will discuss with CUP the possibility of moving the September issue to June to allow 2/3 issues to be published in the first half of the year. This will provide greater exposure of articles in order to further build the journal’s impact factor
12. The Editorial Board met in Adelaide at the ASSBI conference in 2017 and will meet again this year at the conference in New Zealand. The meetings are well-attended, and we are very grateful to all Board members for their ongoing support and assistance

13. Further expansion of the Editorial Board to include more international members, particularly from the Asian region is planned for 2019-2020
14. The journal is being marketed through CUP's *Cambridge Core* marketing initiative (see Editors report for details). A social media strategy is currently being formulated. One component of this is to require authors to submit a short 'tweetable' impact statement summarising the clinical significance of their research. This will hopefully assist in generating higher altmetrics
15. The 2018 Tate and Douglas Prize for the best research paper published in BI in 2017 was shared between two papers (see Editors' report for details). We are grateful to CUP for their kind sponsorship of this award.
16. A special issue on 'Knowledge Translation and Dementia Care' is planned for Volume 21.1 in 2020, led by guest editor A/Professor Sally Bennett from University of Queensland
17. Our publication contract with CUP was renewed for 5 years at the end of 2017 and hence will be ending at the end of 2022. There is a requirement for 12 months notice for non-renewal. This means that a decision will need to be made in 2021 and we have started to explore our options
18. There is relatively regular contact between CUP and the editors regarding broad issues but there has not been a specific publisher's meeting for BI for over three years
19. CUP is introducing a requirement that authors supply an ORCID ID for every article and this will be monitored closely over the next few months as the system is introduced

Finally, on behalf of the entire ASSBI membership, I wish to again express our gratitude to our wonderful co-editors, Jenny Fleming and Grahame Simpson, who have guided the journal through another exciting and innovative year with extraordinary patience and professionalism. Thanks also to Petrea Cornwall for her work as Associate Editor and to all the reviewers and members of the Editorial Board who have assisted the journal throughout the year. We also wish to thank CUP for their assistance and support. And last but not least, we wish to thank Margaret Eagers for her tireless day-to-day administrative assistance.

Dr Jan Ewing
Chair, BI Publication Committee
April 2019

Editors Annual Report 2018

The following report provides an update on the progress of the journal over the last 12 months. In January 2015, the editorship of the journal was handed over from the founding co-editors to the former associate editors, Jenny Fleming and Grahame Simpson. This report represents the fourth year under the new editorial team.

Journal content for 2018

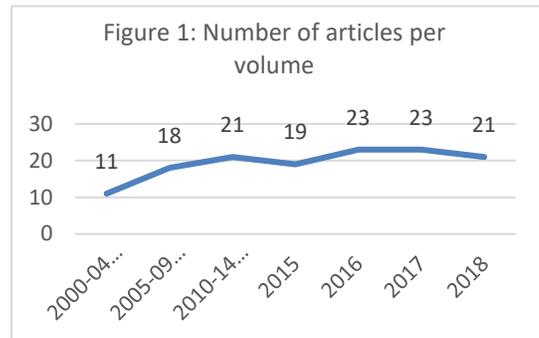
- *Published in 2018:*
Volume 19 consisted of three issues. Overall the volume included 21 published articles (see Figure 1) in addition to the usual miscellaneous material:
 - 19 original articles
 - 1 Presidential address

- 1 research protocol
- Miscellaneous (1 editorial, 1 ASSBI conference abstracts, 1 list of reviewers, 1 Corrigendum)

The number of articles published per year since the journal commenced is displayed in Figure 1.

The current goal is to publish between 20 and 25 articles per year.

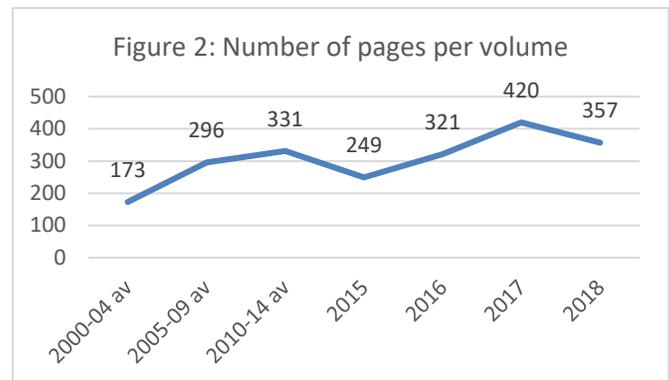
Figure 1: Number of articles published per volume per year



- *Number of pages published in Brain Impairment*

The 2018 volume comprised 357 pages. Figure 2 shows the ongoing trend in the number of pages published in *Brain Impairment*. - The number of pages per volume contracted with CUP is 360

Figure 2: Annual number of pages published per volume



- *Special issues:*
2018 included 1 special issue and 1 themed issue.

Special issue on Research Methods (Vol 19, Issue 1)

This special issue, titled 'Quantitative Data Analysis', was led by guest editors Robyn Tate and Michael Perdices with support from Co-Editor Jenny Fleming. The special issue consisted of 9 papers inclusive of the Guest Editorial.

Themed issue on Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (Vol 19, Issue 2)

This themed issue, titled 'Mild Traumatic Brain Injury', was collated by Co-Editor Grahame Simpson and comprised 5 papers on the theme. Another two ordinary articles were also published as part of Issue 2.

Key developments and highlights in 2018

- **Reducing the amount of Miscellaneous material:**
 - Editorial and biographical material count to the overall denominator for citations (CUP Annual Publisher's Report, 2018), but are rarely cited.
 - In 2017, for a series of justifiable reasons (i.e., the ASSBI 40th Anniversary, the passing of Kevin Wash), there were a large number of miscellaneous items published (4 editorials, 1 poem, 1 vale, 1 Douglas & Tate prize, 1 ASSBI conference abstracts, 1 ASSBI conference student prizes, 1 Induction of ASSBI Fellow, 1 list of reviewers).
 - In 2018, we have sought to streamline this, by reducing the number of Editorials written by the Co-Editors and aggregating the prize winning abstract announcements with the list of abstracts
- **Douglas and Tate Prize:**

2018 saw the award of the second Douglas and Tate Prize at the ASSBI conference for the best paper published in 2017. There were two joint winners of the award, as the combined ratings of the five independent judges resulted in a tie:

Ryan, N. P., Mihaljevic, K., Beauchamp, M. H., Catroppa, C., Crossley, L., Hearps, S., ... & Anderson, V. A. (2017). Examining the prospective relationship between family affective responsiveness and theory of mind in chronic paediatric traumatic brain injury. *Brain Impairment*, 18(1), 88-101.

Roelofs, R. L., Wingbermühle, E., Egger, J. I., & Kessels, R. P. (2017). Social cognitive interventions in neuropsychiatric patients: A meta-analysis. *Brain Impairment*, 18(1), 138-173

New submissions, editorial decisions and time to decision

- **New submissions in 2018:**

A total of 132 submissions were received in 2018 including 80 new (de novo) submissions
52 revised manuscripts (some manuscripts had multiple resubmissions)

This continues the upward trend seen in 2015 since the introduction of ScholarOne

- **Editorial decisions**

Of the 80 new submissions in 2018, the first decisions were as follows:

 - 28 rejected (instant reject)
 - 10 rejected (after first review)
 - 17 recommended major revisions
 - 3 recommended minor revisions
 - 1 withdrawn by author
 - 6 were unsubmitted (due to problems with referencing, formatting etc.)
 - 15 papers awaiting decision

Of the 17 papers recommended for major revisions, 5 were subsequently accepted for publication, 4 are completing minor revisions, 5 were subsequently rejected and 3 have decisions pending.

The acceptance rate of the 68 submissions determined to date was 37%, meaning that **63% of submissions were rejected**. This is slightly lower than last year (74% in 2018) but in line with

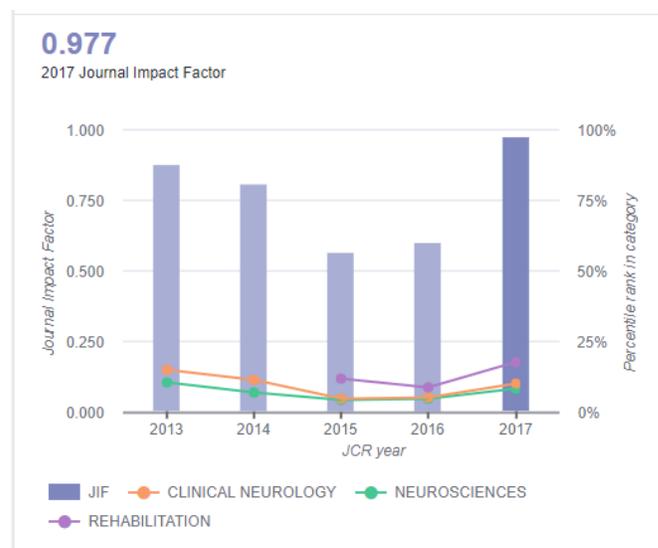
previous years (i.e., 60% in 2013 and 63% in 2014, 60% in 2015, 66% in 2016) and indicates that articles accepted for publication are of good quality.

Impact Factor and indexing

- **2018 Impact factor:**

The impact factor for 2018 will be released mid-2019.
- **2017 Impact factor** (Thomson ISI's JCR metrics):
 - In 2017, the impact factor was 0.977, which was a 63% increase from 2016.
 - The 5 year IF has remained fairly steady from 2014-2015 (see Figure 3).
- **Self-citations:**
 - Self-citations are low at a rate of 4% (20% is considered the maximum acceptable level)

Figure 3: Impact Factor History (2013-2017)



- **Expanded indexing (Thomson Reuters Web of Science):**

We received our third ranking in the Rehabilitation category since our initial inclusion in 2015.

We can see the benefit of this additional ranking, and it should be possible for Brain Impairment to aim to move into the next quartile over the next 5 years.

Most highly cited papers

The two most highly cited papers during the period 2016-2017 were:

5 citations: Hayward, KS; Eng, JJ; Boyd, LA; Lakhani, B; Bernhardt, J; Lang, CE. Exploring the Role of Accelerometers in the Measurement of Real World Upper-Limb Use After Stroke 2016; 17 (1): 16-33

4 citations: Bellon, M; Crocker, R; Farnden, J; Gardner, J; Sando, S; Peterson, C. Family Support Needs Following Acquired Brain Injury Across Metropolitan and Regional/Remote South Australia. 2016; 16 (2): 131-144.

Contributions to Brain Impairment by country and organization

The following data is drawn from the articles published across the three years 2017 – 2017; all authors by country and organization.

country	count
1. Australia	47
2. USA	9
3. England	7
4. Canada	6
5. Netherlands	4
- New Zealand	4

The country data provides a good baseline from which to measure the success of future initiatives to increase the international profile of the journal as a preparation to resubmit to PubMed.

The organizational data are slightly skewed as the Co-Editor Editorials are counted among the output (University of Queensland; Ingham Institute for Applied Medical Research).

organization	count
1. UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND	13
2. UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES SYDNEY	8
- GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY	8
4. LA TROBE UNIVERSITY	7
5. MONASH UNIVERSITY	5
- UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY	5
- UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE	5
- INGHAM INST APPL MED RES	5

Editorial Board

- **Editorial Board meeting:**
An Editorial Board meeting was held in Adelaide in May at the ASSBI conference. This meeting was well-attended. The next meeting is planned for Friday 3 May at the ASSBI 2019 conference in Wellington New Zealand.
- **Editorial Board expansion to include Asian region:**
Further expansion of the Editorial Board to include more international members, particularly from Asian countries is planned for 2019-2020.

Marketing

- **Promotion at conferences:**
An updated marketing report has not yet been received from CUP for 2018. There was limited promotion of the journal from CUP at the ASSBI conference. CUP have now forwarded Promotional postcards (see Appendix) that can be used

- **Table of contents alerts:** ASSBI members and other subscribers are sent table of contents alerts via email when new issues of Brain Impairment are published online.

- **Social Media:**

Further discussion is needed to formulate a social media strategy, as unfinished business from the 2018 Editorial Board meeting.

Future Plans

- **Special issues:**
 - A special issue on 'Knowledge Translation and Dementia Care' is planned for Volume 21.1 in 2020. The Guest Editor will be A/Professor Sally Bennett from University of Queensland.
 - Initial discussions on an issue for 2021 are underway.
- **Increase number of articles**
 - We are currently averaging 336 pages over the last four years (2015-2018)
 - We have room to publish one additional article per year.
- **Publication of impact statements:**
With the aim of generating higher altmetrics and comment in social media, it is proposed that authors will be required to submit short 'tweetable' impact statements summarising the clinical significance of their research for publication with their articles.
- **Moving September issue forward to June:**
Initial plan to add fourth issue which would have filled the June slot has been put on hold until we consistently have a higher number of articles sitting in First View. We will aim to explore with CUP the possibility of bringing the September issue forward to June, so we have 2/3 issues published in the first half of the year – the additional exposure time for articles will help to build the journal's impact factor.

Liaison with CUP

- **Contract renewal for 5 years**
The contract with CUP was renewed for a 5-year period in January 2017. There is a requirement of 12 months' notice for non-renewal. Looking ahead this means that a decision will need to be made in 2020-21 about the next publishing contract.
- **Meetings with CUP**
Edward Wilson-Eames (Ned) who is Assistant Editor STM journals at CUP is now our primary contact, and Andrea Williams is Production Editor. Ned initiates fairly regular contact about a range of broader issues in the development of CUP which then also involves Brain Impairment, but we have not had a specific publisher's meeting in relation to Brain Impairment per se for three years or more.
- **ORCID ID**
CUP will be introducing a requirement that the lead author or corresponding author for every article supply an ORCID ID. This has currently been an optional extra when manuscripts are submitted through the Brain Impairment portal, but it will now be changed to obligatory. The Editorial Manager and Editorial team will need to monitor this as the system is introduced over the next few months.

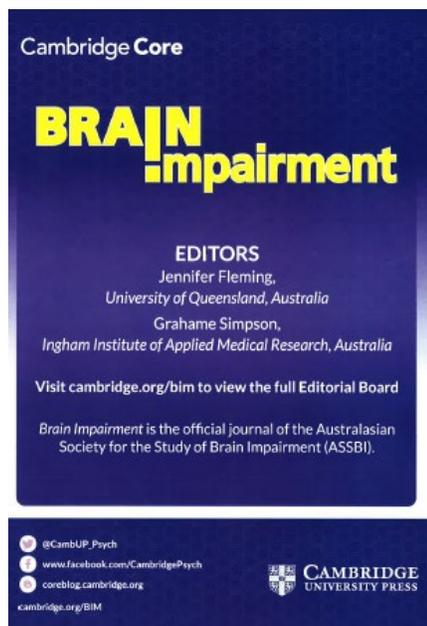
Thanks

We once again have many people to thank for their ongoing support and willingness to help us over the past year: Margaret Eagers for her tireless day-to-day administration; Dr Jan Ewing and her Publications Committee; our Associate Editor Petrea Cornwell; India Bohanna for her ongoing work as Guest Editor for the special issues the team at Cambridge University Press; the Executive of the Australasian Society for the Study of Brain Impairment, the members of the Editorial Board for their generous contribution and support, and most importantly to the authors and reviewers for their intellectual contribution which helps maintain the high quality of the journal.

Anticipated Publication Schedule

2019 One regular issue (March), one special issue (September) and one regular issue (December)

2020 One special issue (March) and two regular issues (September and December)



Jenny Fleming and Grahame Simpson
Co-editors, *Brain Impairment*
April 2019

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 full members.

Anne Huang from Cairns was the national student coordinator in 2018, and Jonathan Reyes (2017 Melbourne Student Team Leader) from Melbourne has now taken over as Anne is on maternity leave. Thank you so much to Jonathan for kindly taking over the position and supporting the ASSBI student teams. Based on the work of the 2016 - 2017 student coordinator, Anna Carmichael, Anne was able to further update the ASSBI student manual and create an ASSBI student coordinator handover document. Thank you to Dana Wong (Student Liaison Coordinator) and Margaret Eagers (Chief Executive Officer) for their continuing support and guidance of the national student coordinator and the student teams.

In 2018, ASSBI student team leaders and ambassadors were located in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Townsville, Adelaide, Perth, Tasmania, Newcastle and New Zealand. In addition to the student team leaders selected by Anna Carmichael (2016-2018 Student Coordinator) and Dana Wong (Student Liaison Coordinator) in late 2017, 2 student ambassadors for Tasmania were also recruited in 2018. The 2018 student team leaders and ambassadors represented a variety of disciplines, including Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Clinical Psychology, Neuropsychology, Neuroscience, Engineering and Exercise Science.

The 2018 student teams continued to promote ASSBI and the benefits of ASSBI membership through organised events, social media and student networks. Team Leaders worked with the

student ambassadors in their region as a student team to plan 1 – 2 ASSBI events. Successful ASSBI student events held in 2018 included movie nights, trivia nights, panel discussions, seminars and university market stalls. Team leaders organised regular meetings with student ambassadors and updated the team’s progress during regular team leader meetings and directly with the national student coordinator.

The students also played an important role at the 41st Annual Brain Impairment Conference in Adelaide, Australia. The National Student Coordinator, the Adelaide Student team and a Melbourne student ambassador formed the student volunteer team for the conference. Student events during the conference included:

- An informal lunchtime workshop was held with a panel of speakers to discuss “General considerations for working with culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) patients with brain impairments”. This was chaired by Anne Huang with guest speakers Professors Jacinta Douglas and Jennie Ponsford.
- A student social networking Event which was also which was supported by ASSBI

The student input to the Annual Conference is rewarded with 3 prizes for student presentations. The Kevin Walsh Award, Luria Award and Travel Award. There are also Student Grants awarded to students to enable them to attend the conference, these are awarded on submitted abstract and application.

The student teams look forward to supporting a full program of events at the ASSBI’s 42nd Brain Impairment Conference – ASSBI/NZRA Inaugural Trans-Tasman Conference in Wellington, New Zealand in May 2019.

Anne Huang
2018 National Student Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP

Membership was changed in 2015 so that no matter when you join you get 12 months membership.

For the cost of \$150 (\$80 students) 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. In 2018 we started to offer “Organisational” membership. The price of these vary depending on number of staff and years of membership. An organisational membership gives an organisation the option of sending different staff members to different events at ASSBI membership price. For example you could have Margaret going to the Conference but Jacinta participating in a webinar, Robyn attending a workshop in Sydney and Jennie attending a workshop in Melbourne.

Fellows:

ASSBI currently has 13 Fellows of the Society:
Kevin Walsh (dec) Jennie Ponsford Jan Ewing

Vicki Anderson	Skye McDonald	Gina Geffen
Jacinta Douglas	Robyn Tate	Leanne Togher
Glynda Kinsella	Michael Perdices	David Shum
Jennifer Fleming		

Financial Members

At 31.12.18 - 404 (compared to 436 in 2017)

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Report put together by PBA Partners Pty. Ltd. (Accountants), Ms Margaret Eagers – Executive Officer and overseen by Prof Skye McDonald – Treasurer
See Appendix A for Accountants Report from PBA Partners

After Audit the loss from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to \$4,459.

The main reason for the loss is the fact that member numbers have gone down and the lack of interest received from the bank. Margaret is going to sit down with the CBA and see what can be done to rectify this.

Profit/Loss on Resources, Conference and Workshops 2018

Resources made a profit of \$12,764.10

2018 Conference – profit \$32,011.35

Workshops/Webinars/Streaming in 2018 profit of \$9,951.46.
If we include the OT workshop that makes \$12,941.23

- 9 October 2017
 - OT Training workshop in MELBOURNE – Trevena-Peters, Ponsford & McKay
 - Full day - 78 delegates
 - Profit - \$2,989.77
- 26 February 2018
 - Sleep workshop in PERTH – Ponsford, McKay & Wong
 - Full day - 77 Delegates (streaming only)
 - Profit - \$3,300.70
- 26 March 2018
 - WORKSHOP IN SYDNEY – Bottari & Giroux
 - Full day - 41 delegates
 - Loss – \$176.41
- 4 August 2018
 - LURIA WEBINAR IN USA – Goldberg
 - 3 hours
 - Profit - \$2,873.33
- 29 October – 29 November 2018
 - WORKSHOPS WITH SHINE IN NSW/VIC/QLD/WA
 - 4 x Half days - 124 delegates
 - Profit – \$3,953.84

APPENDIX A – AUDITED ACCOUNTS

**AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BRAIN IMPAIRMENT
INC.**

A.B.N 38 320 381 623

Committee's Report

Income Statement

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Statement by Members of the Committee

Certificate by Members of the Committee

Auditor's Report

**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018**

	2018	2017
Note	\$	\$
INCOME		
Membership Subscriptions	47,877	49,126
Conference Net Income	6,711	(18,752)
Workshop Income	37,148	59,932
Sponsorship	30,309	46,983
	122,045	137,289
OTHER INCOME		
Other	1,436	-
Interest Received	5,019	4,633
Gross profit (loss) from trading	(898)	4,071
	5,557	8,704
	127,602	145,993
EXPENDITURE		
Accountancy Fees	3,275	3,100
Advertising	2,867	-
Bank Charges	4,097	5,205
Bad Debts	1,301	-
Computer Expenses	6,303	18,505
Insurance	505	541
Interest Paid	-	2,643
Journal Expenses	18,199	14,727
Postage, Printing & Stationery	24,511	17,581
Registration Fees	-	57
Secretarial Costs	45,078	76,263
Student Awards	5,821	(6,737)
Sundry Expenses	1,222	1,456
Workshop Expenses	18,882	18,104
	132,061	151,445
Profit (Loss) before income tax	(4,459)	(5,452)
Profit (Loss) for the year	(4,459)	(5,452)
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	297,950	303,403
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	293,491	297,951

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	286,619	271,476
Trade and other receivables	4	9,119	12,169
Inventories	5	19,709	20,607
Prepayments		(2,572)	9,463
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		312,875	313,715
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Other Financial assets	6	15,000	15,000
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		15,000	15,000
TOTAL ASSETS		327,875	328,715
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	7	34,384	30,812
Provision for Income Tax	8	-	(48)
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		34,384	30,764
TOTAL LIABILITIES		34,384	30,764
NET ASSETS		293,491	297,951
EQUITY			
Retained earnings	9	293,491	297,951
TOTAL EQUITY		293,491	297,951

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

The financial statements cover the business of Australasian Society for the study of Brain Impairment Inc. and have been prepared to meet the needs of stakeholders and to assist in the preparation of the tax return.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

The association is non-reporting since there are unlikely to be any users who would rely on the general purpose financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the significant accounting policies described below and do not comply with any Australian Accounting Standards unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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 is net of any rebates and discounts received.

Net realisable value is estimated using the most reliable evidence available at the reporting date and inventory is written down through an obsolescence provision if necessary.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

Impairment of Non-Financial Assets

At the end of each reporting period the company determines whether there is an evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where this indicator exists and regardless for goodwill, indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Reversal indicators are considered in subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss , except for goodwill.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is recognised when the business is entitled to it.

Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method.

Rendering of services

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depends on whether the outcome of the services can be measured reliably. If this is the case then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period. If the outcome cannot be reliably measured then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the company is entitled to it.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	2018	2017
Note	\$	\$
3 Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Commonwealth Bank Term Deposit	144,028	140,000
Cash at Bank CBA	21,848	19,909
CBA Online	120,743	111,567
	286,619	271,476
4 Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Trade Debtors	9,119	12,169
5 Inventories		
Current		
Stock on Hand	19,709	20,607
6 Other Financial Assets		
Non-Current		
Debenture Stock - Esanda	15,000	15,000
7 Trade and Other Payables		
Current		
Trade Creditors	11,759	15,118
Memberships in Advance	22,430	14,947
BAS Payments	195	747
	34,384	30,812
8 Tax		
Liabilities		
Current		
Provision for Income Tax	-	(48)
9 Retained Earnings		
Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year	297,950	303,403
Net profit (Net loss) attributable to members of the company	(4,459)	(5,452)
Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	293,491	297,951

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 2 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 8:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Australasian Society for the study of Brain Impairment Inc. as at 31 December 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Australasian Society for the study of Brain Impairment Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I, Prof Jacinta Douglas, and I, Prof Skye McDonald 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 for the committee to sign this certificate
- d) This annual statement was submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.