

Minutes of the 48th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

Minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting of the NSW Division of the Australian Acoustical Society held on Thursday 25 November 2018, 6:00 pm at Red Centre Central Wing 1042, The Red Centre, University of New South Wales

Meeting opened with quorum at 6:35pm

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was declared open by Chairperson, Jeff Parnell.

1.1. Meeting Attendees:

1.1.1 NSW Divisional Committee members in attendance:

8 members of the NSW Divisional Committee were in attendance at the meeting.

NSW Division Committee attendance	NSW Division Committee attendance
Jeff Parnell	Ray Kirby
Angus Leslie	Con Doolan
Rodney Stevens	Mathew Harrison
Mattia Tabacchi	
John Wassermann	

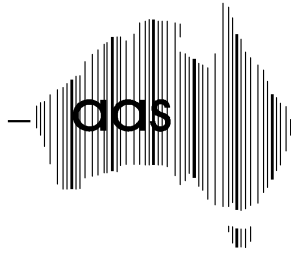
1.1.2 Members in attendance:

30 people were in attendance during the meeting, 29 members and 1 non-members.

2. Apologies

We received 6 apologies prior to the meeting

NAME	NAME
Laura Keen	Nicole Kessissoglou
Ken Scannell	
Mark Scannell	
Sue Reed	
Paul Maddock	



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3 Proxies

2 were received prior to the meeting and 7 proxies were received at the meeting.

4. Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting 2017

Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting 2017 were distributed in hard copy at the AGM by Angus Leslie (Vice-Chairperson). Chairperson, Jeff Parnell requested they are proposed and seconded.

MOTION: *That the minutes of the 47th AGM (1/11/2017) of the NSW Division of the Australian Acoustical Society be confirmed and accepted as a true and correct record.*

NSW Division AGM 2017 Minutes proposed by John Wassermann

NSW Division AGM 2017 Minutes seconded by Rodney Stevens

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED

5. Business

5.1 Chairperson's Report Address

The Chairperson, Jeff Parnell, then presented Chairperson's report to the meeting (See attached).

He detailed the events and technical talks that were held throughout 2018, and the good attendance we had received at these.

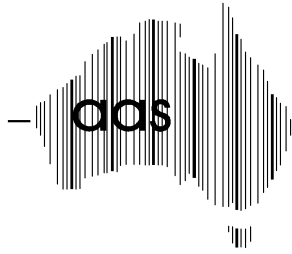
He also highlighted the internal conference that the NSW Division will be holding in 2021 in Sydney along with the Acoustical Society of America, in lieu of the 2020 NSW turn to hold the AAS annual conference.

5.2 Treasurer's Report

A copy of the 2017-2018 accounts were distributed in hard copy at the AGM by NSW Division Treasurer Rodney Stevens.

He noted that he had submitted the accounts to the auditors, and they had completed them, but he had not received them back from Federal Council.

NSW Division treasurer Rodney Stevens then provided a summary of the accounts to the meeting, outlining where the accounts stood over the year.



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The meeting was requested for questions following the summary, and report reading. No questions were asked.

It was then noted by the Chairperson, Jeff Parnell, that seeing as there was not an audited report to put to the meeting, we could not put this to the meeting for a vote. It was noted by NSW Division treasurer Rodney Stevens that the report should be received within the next month or two.

Instead, it was put to the meeting, that once received, the report would be uploaded to the website for members to review. It was put to the meeting to see if this was acceptable.

The following motion was put forward to the meeting, noting they would be uploaded for review once received.

MOTION: *That the financial statement for the year ended 30 June 2018 and the reports of the Auditor for the NSW Division would be uploaded to the website once received for review by the membership.*

This was put to the meeting, and a vote was held, and a show of hands carried the motion.

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED

5.3 Appointment of Auditor

The following motion was put forward to the meeting.

Appointment of Auditor

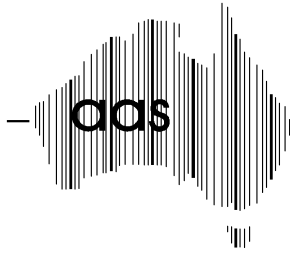
MOTION: *To appoint W L Brown & Associates as Auditor for 2018-2019 at a fee to be decided by the NSW Division.*

Rodney Stevens said they had been doing a better job that they were a couple of years ago, and so he would be happy to see them continue.

This was put to the meeting and was carried by a show of hands vote at the meeting.

Proposed by John Wassermann

Seconded by Colin Tickell



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6. Election of Officers for 2018/2019:

There were 5 available positions on the Committee.

Five existing committee members were standing for re-election/election.

1. Rodney Stevens
2. Mattia Tabacchi
3. Matthew Harrison
4. Paul Maddock
5. Laura Keen

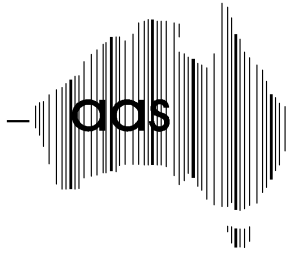
No nominations were then received at the meeting, and so the above were elected following this being proposed to the meeting, and a show of hands carrying the motion.

CARRIED/~~NOT CARRIED~~

6. Meeting Close

Meeting declared closed by Chairperson, Jeff Parnell at 6:55 pm

Angus Leslie
Vice Chairperson, NSW Division
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Chairperson's Report 2018

Chairperson's Report 2017 – 2018

This report is presented for consideration at the NSW Division Annual General Meeting – 25th October 2018.

1. Division Committee

There are currently 10 members of the committee.

At present the committee is structured as follows:

Jeff Parnell	Chairperson
Angus Leslie	Vice-Chairperson
Laura Keen	Secretary, Minutes Secretary (Maternity Leave)
Rodney Stevens	Treasurer
Matthew Harrison	Technical Subcommittee
Paul Maddock	Technical Meetings/Awards
Mattia Tabacchi	Technical Meetings
Con Doolan	Technical Subcommittee
Ray Kirby	Technical Subcommittee
John Wassermann	Memberships

The NSW Federal Councillors are as follows:

Angus Leslie

Jeff Parnell

2. Technical / Social Activities

The major work of the committee during this year has been organising and running the technical program. Many thanks to Mattia and Paul for organising an excellent program over the last 12 months which has seen attendances of over 50 at several talks.

There were seven technical meetings held in Sydney over the last 12 months. These talks are described below:

Date	Description	Presenter	Location
1 Nov 2017	The EPA Noise Policy for Industry, what it says, and how it will be implemented	Gordon Downey	UNSW
29 Feb 2017 Breakfast Talk	Presentation to the Acoustical Society of America Executive	Various	Kirribilli Club
19 Apr 2018	Recent progress regarding noise and rolling resistance properties of road surfaces	Ulf Sandberg	UNSW
22 May 2018	The Australian Accent and its effects on Aussies' perception of vowels and words in other English accents	Catherine Best	Hearing Hub
20 June 2018	The acoustic and psychoacoustic considerations in open-plan offices	Manuj Yadav	USyd
17 Jul 2018	Wind farm noise production	Con Doolan	UNSW
23 Aug 2018	The Challenges of Aviation Communication	Dominique Estival	WSU

In grasping technology, Prof. Doolan's talk on wind farm noise was provided as a live feed to other Divisions. The committee is always looking for presenters and topics for the technical talks. If you have any feedback on the technical talks, or any ideas for new topics and more importantly presenters, please let the committee know.

3. Membership

The NSW Division Membership numbers for October 2018 and the preceding 6 years are given in the following table. It can be seen that member numbers are similar to last year but have maintained a 10% plus increase on the level from 5 years previous.

	Oct 2018	Sept 2017	Sept 2016	Sept 2015	Sept 2014	Sept 2013	Sept 2012	Sept 2011
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Members	238	222	228	227	201	198	196	177
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Students	21	16	14	13	17	17	13	7
TOTAL	286	277	283	285	265	260	249	219

Thank you to John Wassermann who has charge of membership responsibilities.

4. Acoustics Australia

I would like to thank Marion Burgess and Truda King for their hard work over the year. Acoustics Australia continues to be a high standard journal with a good impact factor rating.

However, to maintain this standard, Acoustics Australia requires articles and technical notes to be submitted by the membership for inclusion in the journal. If members have worked on an interesting project, please consider writing it up for publication as a technical note. The projects you work on may appear routine to you, but to others working in different areas they could be very interesting!

5. Awards and Grants

The AAS Divisional committee makes travel grants available for an Early Career Researcher and a Research Student to attend Acoustics 2018, Adelaide. This year Laetitia Roux, a research student at UNSW was successful in her application based research co-authored with Christian Audoly, Anne-Christine Hladky and Nicole Kessissoglou - *Inverse methods to derive effective properties of metamaterials*. An award of \$1750 was given.

The successful awardees will provide a short report (200 to 500 words) on their experiences at the Conference to be included in Acoustics Australia journal.

It is important to encourage Student Membership through initiatives such as the AAS NSW Acoustics Prize to the best undergraduate students in acoustics. AAS NSW Division provide university awards in acoustics to the University of Western Sydney, Macquarie University, Sydney University and University of NSW. Each award consists of a cash prize of \$250 and one year's subscription to the Australian Acoustical Society. The objectives of this education prize are to encourage undergraduate students into the field of acoustics and provide exposure for the Society at the university prize giving ceremonies. The Award recipients for 2018 were:

Benjamin Curtis	WSU
Esther Lee	MacU
Zain Khan	UNSW



Angus Leslie and Dr Helen Wu with Benjamin Curtis



Jeff Parnell and Prof Simon Handley with Esther Lee



Jeff Parnell with Zain Khan

Congratulations to those winners.

6. ACT Chapter Activities for 2017-2018 - Meetings

A sub-report on the activities of the ACT Chapter of the NSW Division has been provided by Jamie Hladky. Moves are afoot to further support this Chapter in 2019.

The 104th meeting was held on 24 April 2018 and was our annual meeting with the senior noise team from the ACT Environment Protection Authority. The group tabled several responses received from the EPA on various planning submissions and policy matters, including assessment at the boundary of the noise-generating property (rather than across the road), requiring noise intrusion assessments for residential care home (not covered by ACT MUHDC) and requiring noise intrusion assessments for child care centres (not covered by any policy).

The 105th meeting was held on 10 May 2018 and was a *Breakfast with Embleton* session. There are relatively few acoustic consultants in the ACT and almost all acoustics-related product sales representatives visit from interstate. The ACT group discusses this at a recent

meeting and agreed to attempt to arrange a group meeting around these visits from time to time.

Embleton presented to a group of consultants on the following topic:

"This presentation will outline different constructions of Embelton floating floor projects, photos & videos along with their typical applications, learning experiences from the field and test data. This will also give us the time to hand over the new Embelton catalogue along with a soft copy."

The 106th meeting was held on 25 July 2018. A group of ACT members met at the pub for a couple of refreshing drinks and a catchup, before attending a lecture at the ANU School of Music:

"Mark Opitz in Conversation at ANU School of Music - Mark Opitz is Australia's most successful record producer and a HC Coombs Creative Arts Fellow in 2018. In a career spanning more than four decades, Mark's productions are an integral part of Australia's sonic history. From AC/DC to the Divinyls, Cold Chisel to INXS, Kiss and the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra to The Angels, Mark's multi ARIA award winning records and unique approach to sound recording and production have cemented him as one of the world's best record producers. Mark will be joined by ANU School of Music Academic, Associate Professor Samantha Bennett, whose research centres on recorded popular music, phonomusicological analysis of popular music recordings and associated contextual studies of workplace, recordists and technologies."

Petty cash float summary

The table below summarises the ACT petty cash spend throughout 2017-18.

#	Date	Item	\$
		ACT petty cash float rollover from 2017	-150.20
	07/05/18	Much needed cash injection from NSW HQ	500.00
105	10/05/18	Breakfast with Embelton	0.00
104	23/05/18	Catchup meeting with ACT EPA Noise team	-58.45
106	25/07/18	Mark Opitz in Conversation at ANU School of Music	0.00
		ACT petty cash float rollover to 2019	291.35

Membership

The number of AAS members located in and around the ACT is hard to understand, as all are listed formally as NSW division members. We have 20 in the email distribution list (this is based on ACT or regional NSW home addresses and known members).

Attendance at meetings is typically between 4 and 7, plus typically 0 to 3 invited guests. I'd like to improve connections between the ACT group and NSW Division. I'd be grateful if you could table this at the AGM and I'll raise it at the next ACT meeting.

Please feel free to give me a call if you would like to discuss any part of this report.

Kind regards

Jamie Hladky
 Convenor AAS Group of NSW Division Canberra

7. International Conferences

In what may be seen as one of the biggest coups for acoustics in Australia, Sydney has been successful in reaching an agreement with the Acoustical Society of America to co-host an event in 2021. This event will effectively be a movement of their Fall 2021 Meeting to Sydney. *Acoustics 2021* will not only include the ASA, but will also incorporate WESPAC which is the Western Pacific Commission for Acoustics (of which Australia is a member) and PRUAC which is the Pacific Rim Underwater Acoustics Conference. The NSW Division is busy beginning the promotion of this event and you will hear much more about the opportunities to be involved in the next 18 months.

8. Australian Conferences

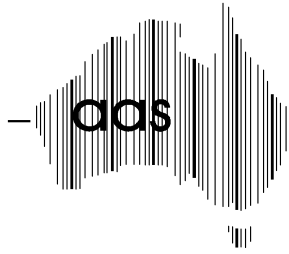
The WA Division hosted the 2017 Conference in Perth which was a well attended event. With the 2018 Conference being held in Adelaide, NSW is next scheduled as a host for 2020, however with our successful bid to host *Acoustics 2021*, the NSW Division has determined that it will not seek to host the 2020 event. Some preliminary discussions have been held with NZAS to potentially step up to that role, but at this point nothing is fixed.

9. Conclusion

As we sign off on another successful year, I would like to take this opportunity to provide a special thank you to all members of the NSW Committee who continue to offer their valuable personal time in running the NSW Division of the Society.

Best regards,

Jeff Parnell
Chairperson
NSW Division - Australian Acoustical Society



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Treasurer's Report/ Financial statement 2017/18

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

OF

AUSTRALIAN ACOUSTICAL SOCIETY

N.S.W DIVISION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30TH JUNE 2018

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**STATEMENT OF OPERATING PROFIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2018**

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Annual Conference	-	-
Levies - Vic Division	-	-
Interest Received	-	-
	-	-
LESS EXPENSES		
Audit	120	120
Bank Charges	-	36,680
Annual Conference	9,682	11,564
Conference, Meeting & AGM Expenses	-	-
Federal Council Levy	-	-
Printing & Postage	3,750	2,950
Prizes & Awards	13,552	51,314
	<u>(13,552)</u>	<u>(51,314)</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		
ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	(13,552)	(51,314)
Surplus / (Deficit) brought forward	44,321	95,635
Retained Surplus	<u>30,769</u>	<u>44,321</u>

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N.S.W. DIVISION

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30TH JUNE 2018

	NOTE	2018 \$	2017 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	1	30,769	44,321
Prepayments	2	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>30,769</u>	<u>44,321</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>30,769</u>	<u>44,321</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>30,769</u>	<u>44,321</u>
MEMBERS' EQUITY			
Retained Surplus		<u>30,769</u>	<u>44,321</u>
TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY		<u>30,769</u>	<u>44,321</u>

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NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
1. CASH		
Cash at Bank	30,769	44,321
	<u>30,769</u>	<u>44,321</u>

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

I have audited the accounts of the Australian Acoustical Society - N.S.W. Division for the year ended 30th June, 2018.

In my opinion the annexed Statement of Operating Profit for the year ended 30th June, 2018 and the Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 2018 are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Division as at 30th June, 2018 and of the operating result of the Division for the year then ended.

Dated: 29th October 2018

W. L. BROWNE & ASSOCIATES



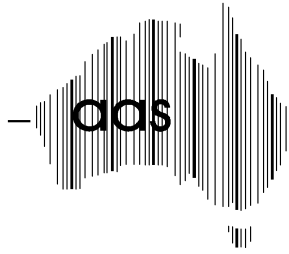
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Accountants

NUMBER ONE IN NUMBERS

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NSW Division 47th AGM
Minutes



Minutes of the 47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting of the NSW Division of the Australian Acoustical Society held on Wednesday 1 November 2017, 6:00 pm at Room 101, Ainsworth building (J17), University of New South Wales

Meeting opened with quorum at 6:10 pm

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was declared open by Chairperson, Jeff Parnell.

1.1. Meeting Attendees:

1.1.1 NSW Divisional Committee members in attendance:

9 members of the NSW Divisional Committee were in attendance at the meeting.

NSW Division Committee attendance	NSW Division Committee attendance
John Wassermann	Angus Leslie
Mattia Tabacchi	Rodney Stevens
Jeffrey Parnell	Con Doolan
Matthew Harrison	Laura Keen
Paul Maddock	

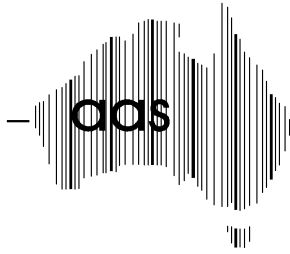
1.1.2 Members in attendance:

55 people were in attendance during the meeting, 41 members and 14 non-members.

2. Apologies

We received 3 apologies prior to the meeting

NAME
Ray Walsh
Evelyn Potoczny
Michael Allan



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3 Proxies

7 proxies were received for the meeting.

4. Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting 2016

Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting 2016 were distributed in hard copy at the AGM by Angus Leslie (Vice-Chairperson). Chairperson, Jeff Parnell requested they are proposed and seconded.

MOTION: *That the minutes of the 46th AGM (19/10/2016) of the NSW Division of the Australian Acoustical Society be confirmed and accepted as a true and correct record.*

NSW Division AGM 2016 Minutes proposed by Laura Keen

NSW Division AGM 2016 Minutes seconded by Rodney Stevens

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED

5. Business

5.1 Chairperson's Report Address

The Chairperson, Jeff Parnell, then presented Chairperson's report (See attached)

5.2 Treasurer's Report

The 2016-2017 accounts were distributed in hard copy at the AGM by NSW Division Treasurer Rodney Stevens.

A summary of the report was provided at the meeting by the NSW Division treasurer Rodney Stevens, and it was then discussed. It was noted that the NSW Division account balances were at \$44,321 at the end of the 2016/2017 financial year. The meeting was requested for questions following the summary, and report reading. No questions were asked.

The following motion was put forward to the meeting.

MOTION: *That the financial statement for the year ended 30 June 2017 and the reports of the Auditor for the NSW Division therein be accepted.*

NSW Division Treasurer's 2016-17 report and financial statement proposed by John Wassermann



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NSW Division Treasurer's 2016-17 report and financial statement seconded by Mattia Tabbachi

CARRIED/~~NOT CARRIED~~

5.3 Appointment of Auditor

The following motion was put forward to the meeting.

Appointment of Auditor

MOTION: *To appoint W L Brown & Associates as Auditor for 2017-2018 at a fee to be decided by the NSW Division.*

Rodney Stevens said to the members that W L Brown & Associates have done a good job so far and are relatively cheap and so would recommend continuing with them.

This was put to the meeting and was carried by a show of hands vote at the meeting.

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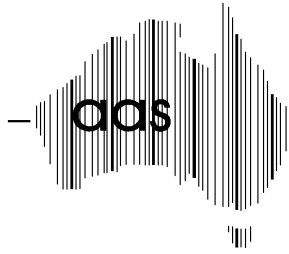
6. Election of Officers for 2017/2018:

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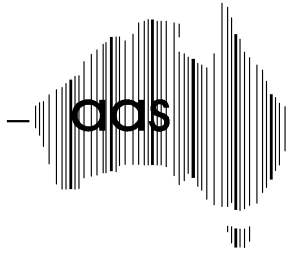
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6. Meeting Close

Meeting declared closed by Chairperson, Jeff Parnell at 6:30 pm

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Jeff Parnell

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13 Dec 2016 Breakfast Talk	Bel Canto resonance and benefits of singing	Luelle Alefounder	AECOM
14 Mar 2017	Tyre road noise & low noise road surfaces: CPX and SPB measurements and discussion	Tina Saurer	UNSW
7 Apr 2017	Understanding the human voice	Noel Hanna	UNSW
10 July 2017	Tackling the Challenges of Outdoor Noise Monitoring	Ken Cox	Quest Chatswood
10n Aug 2017	Engineering noise control: the design and application of mufflers	Ray Kirby	Hearing Hub

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5. Awards and Grants

In 2017 the AAS Divisional committee made travel grants available for an Early Career Researcher and a Research Student to attend Acoustics 2017, Perth.

Early Career Researcher

- : Dr Jeffrey Fischer, UNSW for *Wind tunnel flow noise measurements of a generic submarine model* (\$1,750)

Research Student

- Jiang Chaoyang, UNSW for *Acoustic absorption of porous materials produced by additive manufacturing with varying geometries.* (\$1,250)

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Gemma Savage	MacU
Joshua Shediak	UNSW



Jeff Parnell with Erfan Taheri



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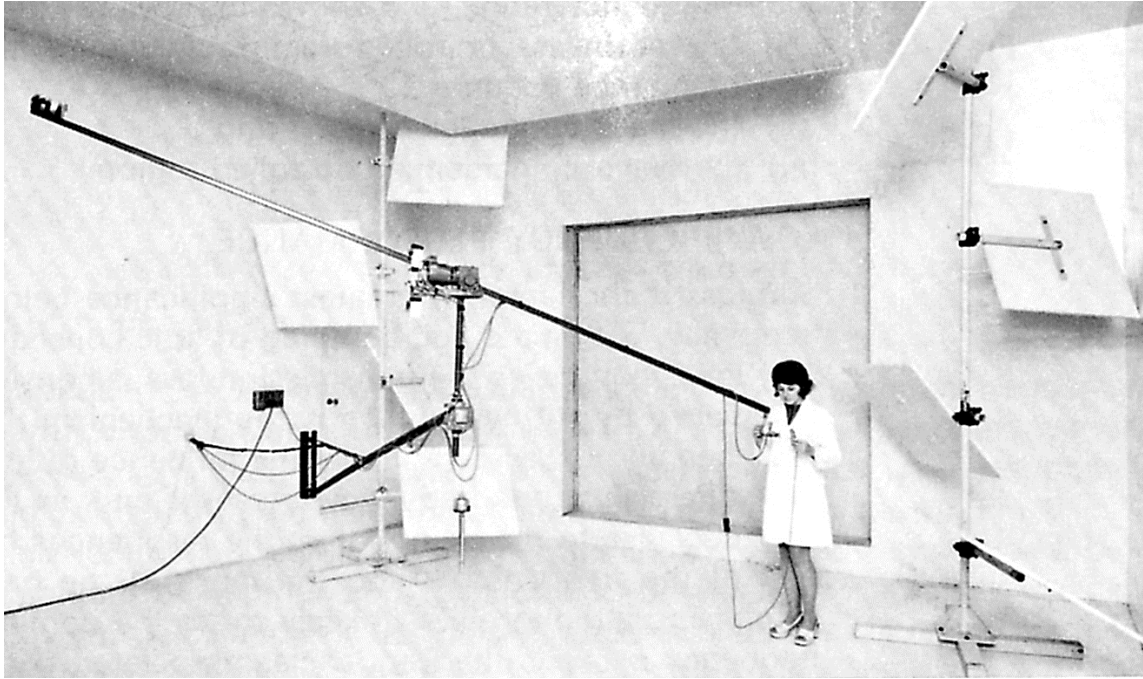
A/Prof Con Doolan and John Wassermann with Joshua Shediak

Congratulations to those winners.

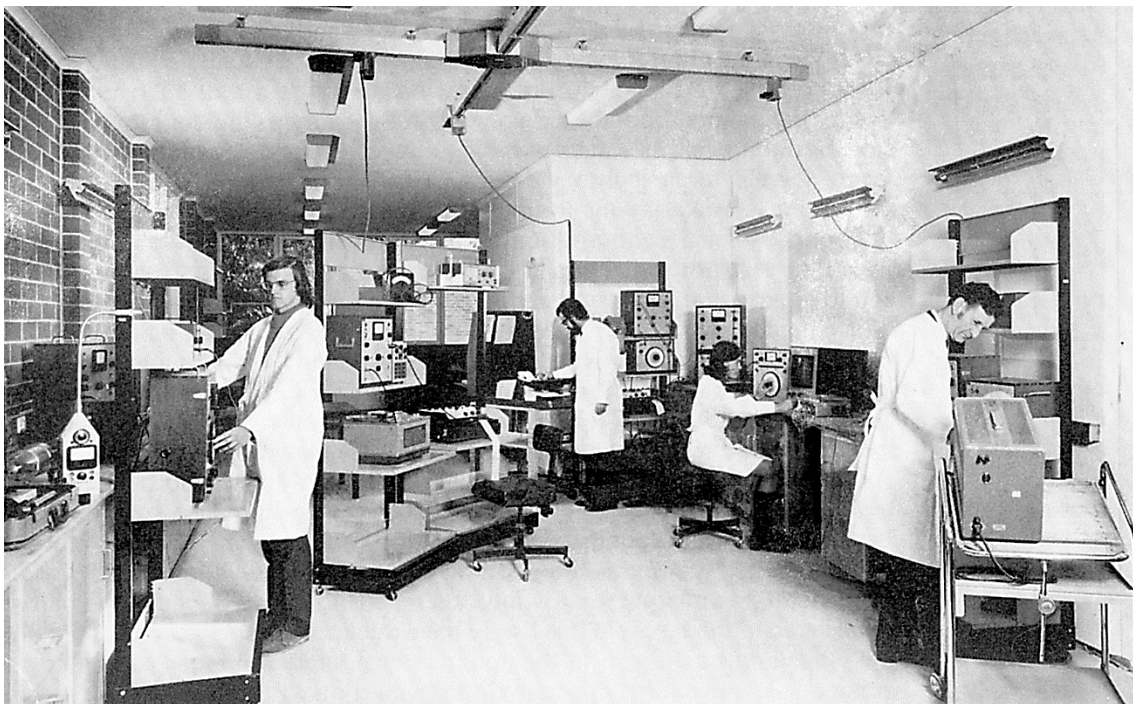
6. ACT Chapter Activities for 2016-2017 - Meetings

A sub-report on the activities of the ACT Chapter of the NSW Division has been provided by Jamie Hladky who has taken over as Convenor from a long and successful stewardship by Marion Burgess. Moves are afoot to further support this Chapter in 2018.

The 99th meeting was held on 13 February 2017 and was a party in the WSP Canberra boardroom to celebrate Marion and thank her for her contribution to the group. Attendees were a large group of acousticians past and present from the consulting, public and academic sectors, as well as representatives of the ACT EPA and other friends. Smiles, jokes, wine, snacks, stories and gifts.



Marion in the acoustic laboratory reverberation chamber at the Experimental Building Station, 19somthingsomething



Marion in the acoustic laboratory control room at the Experimental Building Station, 19somthingsomething

The 100th meeting was held on 13 February 2017 and was an open discussion on the direction of our group. We discussed the location, timing, topic and attendance of our meetings and agreed that a more regular programme would encourage attendance. We agreed that less formal presentation topics would reduce the onus on the relatively small group to produce material.

The 101st meeting was held on 11 April 2017 and was an open discussion on the “potentially noisy uses” listed in ACT town planning, and how these have been handled in mixed-use buildings over the last year. Members have experienced difficulties with

submissions and this was discussed in some detail. We will meet with the ACT EPA late in the year to revisit our position.

The 102nd meeting was held on 13 June 2017 and was a discussion on the 'new' AS2107:2016, in place for around 6 months. The ACT group made a significant submission to Standards Australia in mid-2015 on the draft revision and some of our recommendations had been implemented. Discussion was held on the implications of AS2107:2016 in some aspects of ACT town planning.

The 103rd meeting was held on 15 August 2017. Jamie Hladky of WSP gave a presentation on recent applications of electronic sound masking to improve speech privacy in buildings, and how the cost of the system can be offset by reductions to sound insulation. The sound masking system in the WSP office was demonstrated, including a live view of the programming software.

7. Australian Conferences

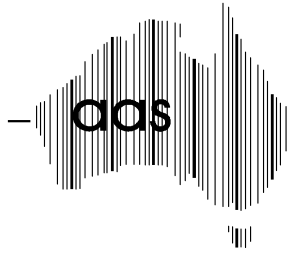
The Qld Division hosted the 2016 Conference in conjunction with the New Zealand Acoustical Society. With the 2017 Conference being held in Perth, NSW is next scheduled as a host for 2020, however this may change if Australia is successful in being awarded any international conferences.

8. Conclusion

As we sign off on another successful year, I would like to take this opportunity to provide a special thank you to all members of the NSW Committee who continue to offer their valuable personal time in running the NSW Division of the Society.

Best regards,

Jeff Parnell
Chairperson
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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**STATEMENT OF OPERATING PROFIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2017**

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Annual Conference	-	179,444
Levies - Vic Division	-	1,149
Interest Received	-	442
	<u>-</u>	<u>181,034</u>
LESS EXPENSES		
Audit	-	572
Bank Charges	120	120
Annual Conference	36,680	156,602
Conference, Meeting & AGM Expenses	11,564	4,988
Federal Council Levy	-	42,994
Printing & Postage	-	1,153
Prizes & Awards	2,950	5,500
	<u>51,314</u>	<u>211,928</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>(51,314)</u>	<u>(30,894)</u>
ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	(51,314)	(30,894)
Surplus / (Deficit) brought forward	95,635	126,529
Retained Surplus	<u>44,321</u>	<u>95,635</u>

**AUSTRALIAN ACOUSTICAL SOCIETY
N.S.W. DIVISION**

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30TH JUNE 2017**

	NOTE	2017 \$	2016 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	1	44,321	58,955
Prepayments	2	-	36,680
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>44,321</u>	<u>95,635</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS		 <u>44,321</u>	 <u>95,635</u>
 NET ASSETS		 <u>44,321</u>	 <u>95,635</u>
 MEMBERS' EQUITY			
Retained Surplus		44,321	95,635
TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY		<u>44,321</u>	<u>95,635</u>

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N.S.W. DIVISION**

**NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2017**

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
1. CASH		
Cash at Bank	44,321	58,955
	<u>44,321</u>	<u>58,955</u>
2. PREPAYMENTS		
Conference prepayments	-	36,680
	<u>-</u>	<u>36,680</u>

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

I have audited the accounts of the Australian Acoustical Society - N.S.W. Division for the year ended 30th June, 2017.

In my opinion the annexed Statement of Operating Profit for the year ended 30th June, 2017 and the Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 2017 are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Division as at 30th June, 2017 and of the operating result of the Division for the year then ended.

Dated: 31st October 2017

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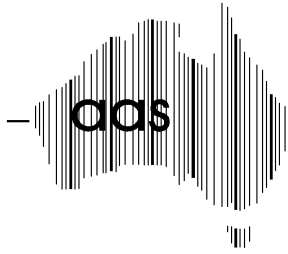
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NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

AGM 2016
NSW Division 46th AGM
Minutes



Minutes of the 46th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NEW SOUTH WALES DIVISION

Minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting of the NSW Division of the Australian Acoustical Society held on Wednesday 19 October 2016, 6:00 pm at Level 10 at 201 Kent Street Sydney (ARUP Offices)

Meeting opened with quorum at 6:10 pm

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was declared open by Chairperson, John Wasserman.

1.1. Meeting Attendees:

1.1.1 NSW Divisional Committee members in attendance:

8 members of the NSW Divisional Committee were in attendance at the meeting, with 2 apologies sent from Tracy Gowen & Paul Maddock.

NSW Division Committee attendance	NSW Division Committee attendance
John Wassermann	Angus Leslie
Mattia Tabacchi	Rodney Stevens
Jeffrey Parnell	Daniele Albanese
Matthew Harrison	Laura Keen

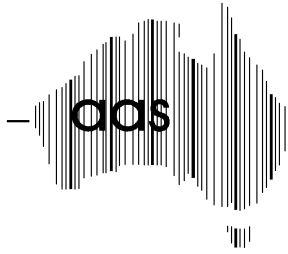
1.1.2 Members in attendance:

32 members and 3 non-members were in attendance during the meeting

2. Apologies

We received 5 apologies prior to the meeting

NAME
Paul Maddock (NSW Committee)
Densil Cabrera
Ken Scannell
Duncan McGregor
Tracy Gowen (NSW Committee)



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3 Proxies

5 proxies were received for the meeting.

4. Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting 2015

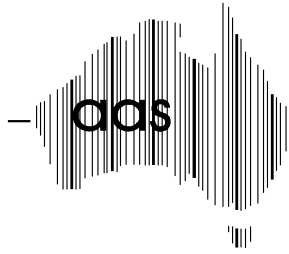
Minutes of the 45th Annual General Meeting 2015 were distributed in hard copy at the AGM by Angus Leslie (Secretary). Chairperson, John Wasserman requested they are proposed and seconded.

MOTION: *That the minutes of the 45th AGM (10/11/2015) of the NSW Division of the Australian Acoustical Society be confirmed and accepted as a true and correct record.*

NSW Division AGM 2015 Minutes proposed by Colin Tickell

NSW Division AGM 2015 Minutes seconded by Mattia Tabacchi

CARRIED/~~NOT CARRIED~~



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5. Business

5.1 Chairperson's Report Address

The Chairperson, John Wassermann, then presented Chairperson's report (See attached)

5.2 Treasurer's/Registrars' Report

A summary of the 2015-2016 accounts were provided by the NSW Division Treasurer Rodney Stevens to the meeting.

The accounts were still being audited at the time of the AGM, and so the accounts were only provided verbally.

At the end of June 2016 the NSW accounts were at \$58,955.

Key expenses during 2015/2016 were

- Grants & awards
- Hunter Valley Conference
- Support for the IRWN conference

A copy of the accounts & treasurers report were to be provided on the website following the completion of the audit.

The summary of the coming report was then put to the meeting, and the following motion put forward.

MOTION: *That the financial statement for the year ended 30 June 2016 and the reports of the Auditor for the NSW Division therein be accepted.*

NSW Division Treasurer's report and financial statement proposed by ____ N/A ____

NSW Division Treasurer's report and financial statement seconded by ____ N/A

CARRIED/NOT CARRIED The motion was put to the meeting. It was agreed by all that this would be carried conditional upon the accounts being put up on the website.

5.3 Appointment of Auditor

Appointment of Auditor

MOTION: *To appoint W L Brown & Associates as Auditor for 2016-2017 at a fee to be decided by the NSW Division.*



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Rodney Stevens said to the members that W L Brown & Associates are relatively cheap and have done a good job so far and so would recommend continuing with them.

Proposed by _____ Rodney Stevens _____

Seconded by _____ Angus Leslie _____

CARRIED/~~NOT CARRIED~~

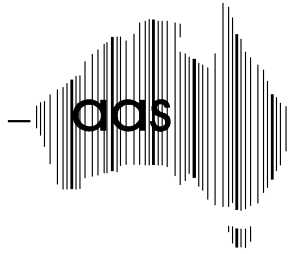
6. Election of Officers for 2016/2017:

There were 5 available positions on the Committee.

Five existing committee members were standing for re-election/election

1. Rodney Stevens
2. Matthew Harrison
3. Paul Maddock
4. Laura Keen
5. Mattia Tabacchi

No nominations were then received at the meeting, and so the following were elected.



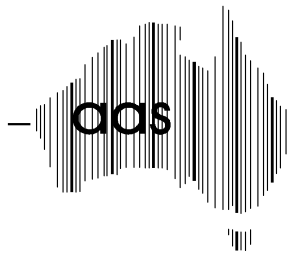
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6. Meeting Close

Meeting declared closed at 6:25pm

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Chairperson's Report

Chairperson's Report 2015 – 2016

This report is presented for consideration at the NSW Division Annual General Meeting - 19th October 2016.

1. Division Committee

There are currently 10 members of the committee.

At present the committee is structured as follows:

John Wassermann	Chairperson
Laura Keen	Vice-Chairperson
Angus Leslie	Secretary, Minutes Secretary/Federal Councillor
Rodney Stevens	Treasurer
Matthew Harrison	Technical Subcommittee
Paul Maddock	Technical Meetings/Awards
Mattia Tabacchi	Technical Meetings
Tracy Gowen	Technical Subcommittee/ Federal President
Jeff Parnell	Technical Subcommittee
Daniele Albanese	Memberships

2. Technical / Social Activities

The major work of the committee during this year has been organising and running the technical program. Mattai and Paul many thanks for organising an excellent program over the last 12 months.

There were six technical meetings held in Sydney over the last 12 months. These talks are described below:

Date	Description	Presenter	Location
14 March 16	Doha Metro project	Barry Murray	Hearing Hub
5 May 16	An Assessment of The Acoustic conditions Of Different Sized Open Plan And Enclosed Kindergarten Classrooms	Kiri Mealings	Hearing Hub
6 July 16	RMS Guidance: Maintenance and construction	Simon Kean	UNSW
24 August 16	Cross Laminated Timber: acoustic performance and BCA compliance	Joel Parry-Jones	Hearing Hub
22 September 16	Improving Co-operation and working arrangement between COS Council and Acoustic Consultants	Bill Potter	UNSW
19 October 16	Modernising the Victoria Theatre and Victoria Concert Hall, Singapore	Nic Boulter	ARUP City

The committee is always looking for presenters and topics for the technical talks. If you have any feedback on the technical talks, or any ideas for new topics and more importantly presenters, please let the committee know.

3. Membership

The NSW Division Membership numbers for September 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011 are given in the following table, and show that member numbers are similar to last year.

	September 2016	September 2015	September 2014	September 2013	September 2012	September 2011
Fellows/Life Members	11	11	11	12	10	10
Members	228	227	201	198	196	177
Graduates	11	13	9	9	7	4
Associates	7	9	11	11	12	13
Subscribers	12	12	12	13	8	8
Students	14	13	17	17	13	7
TOTAL	283	285	265	260	249	219

Thank you Daniele who as a new Committee member started looking after our membership responsibilities.

4. Acoustics Australia

I would like to thank Marion Burgess and Truda King for their hard work over the year.

Acoustics Australia continues to request articles and technical notes to be submitted by the membership for inclusion in the journal. If members have worked on an interesting project, please consider writing it up for publication as a technical note. The projects you work on may appear routine to you, but to others working in different areas they could be very interesting!

5. Awards and Grants

In 2016 the AAS Divisional committee made travel grants available for two Early Career Researchers and two Research Students to attend Acoustics 2016, Brisbane. The amount of each award and the recipient are shown below:

Early Career Researcher

- Kiri Mealings, Macquarie University, NAL (\$1,000)

Research Student

- Weicong Li, UNSW (\$750)

The award is for conference registration fees, travel to and from the conference venue, and accommodation. The successful awardees will provide a short report (200 to 500 words) on their experiences at the Conference to be included in Acoustics Australia journal.

Travel awards were also made available for two Research Students to attend the International Workshop on Railway Noise, Terrigal (12 – 15 September) but no applications were received.

It is important to encourage Student Membership through initiatives such as the AAS NSW Acoustics Prize to the best undergraduate students in acoustics. AAS NSW Division provide university awards in acoustic to the University of Western Sydney, Macquarie University, Sydney University and University of NSW. Each award consists of a cash prize of \$250 and one year's subscription to the Australian Acoustical Society. The objectives of this education prize are to encourage undergraduate students into the field of acoustics and provide exposure for the Society at the university prize giving ceremonies.

6. ACT Division Activities for 2015-2016 - Meetings

During 2016 there have been a number of changes in the management of noise by the environmental authorities. The AAS meetings have provided informal and formal opportunities to bring together the AAS members in the ACT to discuss these changes with the representatives from the regulatory authorities.

The plans are to hold the 99th meeting later in November and then have a celebratory meeting in late January as the 100th meeting of the ACT group. Marion Burgess has been the convenor from the outset and will be relocating to Sydney in Feb 2017. Jamie Hladky, WSP Group, has agreed to take over Convenorship of the ACT Group from February 2017. I hope this will be acceptable to the NSW Division.

The 94th meeting was held on 1 March 2016. It was attended by a small (9) but keen group of AAS members from all of the consulting companies that have an office in the ACT and a guest. The meeting was a Discussion on the Approach to Noise Management in Mixed-use Developments in ACT.

The 95th meeting was held on 29 March 2016. This was a follow on from the meeting held in early March to discuss issues related to Noise Management Plans in the ACT. The previous

meeting had identified the main concerns plus the uncertainty of the changes that had been made in the EPA as part of the restructure.

The 96th meeting was held on 2 June 2016. This was a meeting with EPA to discuss the draft outdoor event noise policy. Daniel Walters, (Senior Manager, Environment Protection Policy) and Rodney Dix from the inspectorate side of EPA sought our collective comments on the current draft.

The 97th meeting was held on 19 July 2016. This was a joint meeting with ACT Group of the Aust Institute of Occupational Hygiene (AIOH). The president of the AIOH attended. The overall attendance was around 20 with about 1/3 from AAS.

The 98th meeting was held on 16 Sept 2016. This was a meeting arranged with senior management of ACT Planning as part of the consultation on the plans for Canberra in relation to management of live music and the Urban Sounds discussion document that was in the public comment stage. Marion Burgess Convenor, ACT Group of NSW Division 17 October 2016.

Marion Burgess
Convenor, ACT Group of NSW Division
22 October 2015

7. Acoustics Hunter Valley 2015 Conference

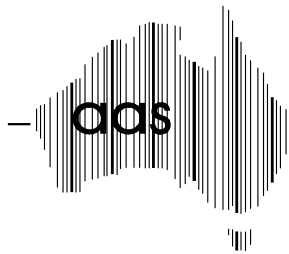
In 2015 NSW Division hosted the Hunter Valley AAS conference. The entire NSW Divisional Committee worked hard to make this conference successful. However, I would particularly like to thank Jeff Parnell the conference chair, Nicole Kessissoglou and Con Doolan for all their hard work.

8. Conclusion

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to provide a special thank you to all members of the NSW Committee who continue to offer their valuable personal time in running the NSW Division of the Society.

Best regards,

John Wassermann
Chairperson
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**STATEMENT OF OPERATING PROFIT
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	\$	\$
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	<u>181,034</u>	<u>4,446</u>
LESS EXPENSES		
Audit	572	1,100
Bank Charges	120	120
Annual Conference	156,602	-
Conference, Meeting & AGM Expenses	4,988	10,693
Federal Council Levy	42,994	16,828
Printing & Postage	1,153	-
Prizes & Awards	5,500	7,000
Video Production	-	5,595
	<u>211,928</u>	<u>41,336</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>(30,894)</u>	<u>(36,890)</u>
ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT		
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	(30,894)	(36,890)
Surplus / (Deficit) brought forward	126,529	163,419
Retained Surplus	<u>95,635</u>	<u>126,529</u>

**AUSTRALIAN ACOUSTICAL SOCIETY
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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30TH JUNE 2016**

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Prepayments	2	36,680	27,280
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>95,635</u>	<u>126,529</u>
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NET ASSETS		<u>95,635</u>	<u>126,529</u>
MEMBERS' EQUITY			
Retained Surplus		95,635	126,529
TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY		<u>95,635</u>	<u>126,529</u>

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**NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2016**

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
1. CASH		
Cash at Bank	58,955	14,130
CBA Term Deposit - 2246 5014 0040	-	85,119
	<u>58,955</u>	<u>99,249</u>
2. PREPAYMENTS		
Conference prepayments	36,680	27,280
	<u>36,680</u>	<u>27,280</u>

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Dated: 27th October 2016

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