

Annual report 2015–2016

Our vision

- Quality evaluation that makes a difference

Our mission

- To strengthen and promote evaluation practice, theory and use

Our values

In December 2000 the AES adopted a Code of Ethics to guide its activities and the behaviour of members. In essence the guiding principle is that:

- When commissioning, conducting or reporting an evaluation, members should strive to uphold the ethical principles and associated procedures endorsed by the AES in the Guidelines for the Ethical Conduct of Evaluations.

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About us

The Australasian Evaluation Society (AES) is a professional organisation for people involved in evaluation including evaluation practitioners, managers, teachers and students of evaluation, and other interested individuals.

It has 860 members involved in all aspects of evaluation and performance measurement. The AES is governed by a board of members and managed by an Executive Officer and staff.

Members represent diverse areas of evaluation practice and sectors and meet regularly through regional networks, committees, and Special Interest Groups. The AES offers professional development through an annual international conference and regular workshops and seminars.

OBJECTS OF THE AES

Within the States and Territories of Australia and New Zealand, as well as the wider Australasian-Pacific region:

- establish and promote ethics and standards in evaluation practice
- encourage advances in the theory and practice of evaluation
- provide education and training related to evaluation
- provide forums for networking, professional development and the discussion of ideas
- increase understanding of evaluation and advocate for quality evaluation
- be inclusive of Indigenous and all other cultural perspectives
- have governance systems that reflect and incorporate best practice
- provide a forum that allows the diverse voices of the community to be heard, including those who commission the evaluations, those who carry them out and the evaluands
- other activities consistent with the objects



About us

MEMBER BENEFITS

Recognition and support

Belonging to the longest established professional evaluation organisation in Australia, New Zealand and the wider Australasian-Pacific region, with a network of 860 practitioners, commissioners, and academics involved in all aspects of evaluative enquiry and performance measurement.

Code of ethics

Members abide by the AES Code of Ethical Conduct, and are guided by and support the AES Guidelines for the Ethical Conduct of Evaluations.

Members are encouraged to rely on the Code when faced with situations that require them to balance competing ethical principles.

Professional learning opportunities

Opportunities are available to learn from leading local and international expert evaluators through the annual conferences and professional learning activities. Keep up-to-date through our publications, workshops, seminars, discussion groups and conferences.

Networking

Make contacts with colleagues in evaluation by joining in regional group meetings and other activities for training, networking and discussion of current evaluation topics.

Publications

Online, member-only access to the *Evaluation Journal*

of Australasia (*EJA*) and the Guidelines for the Ethical Conduct of Evaluations.

Members' centre

Electronic access to information and resources for members only, including the latest issue of the *EJA*, issues of e-news, and access to the Directory of AES members.

AES Awards for Excellence in Evaluation

Members are eligible for nomination for the prestigious AES Awards for Excellence in Evaluation.

Consultants' directory

Profile your evaluation services and consultancy through our online Consultants' Directory and receive tender information made available to the AES.

Annual International Evaluation Conference

Stay in touch with the latest trends and issues in evaluation through the annual AES International Conference, for which members receive advance notice and discount registration fees.

International links

Be part of an international network of evaluation societies.

Member discounts

Leading insurance broker, Aon, provides AES members with a 15 per cent discount off the standard consultants' insurance rate for Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance.

Corporate Governance

How we are governed

Australasian Evaluation Society Ltd is a charity registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). Since May 2016, the Society has been a public company limited by guarantee after it transferred its registration as an association from the Australian Capital Territory. A board of directors provides overall governance and strategic direction for the Society. The board is legally responsible for all of the Society's decisions and activities. The Executive Officer has delegated responsibility for implementing the directions and decisions of the board.

Accountability of the board

The board is accountable to the Society's membership. All members of the board must adhere to the requirements of the ACNC and the *Australian Corporations Act 2001*, as well as the provisions set out in the Society's Constitution and Policies.

Appointment of the Board

Following adoption of the new Constitution at the Special General Meeting in February 2016 and subsequent re-incorporation from the 2016 Annual General Meeting, the board consists of three named office bearers (President, Vice-President, and Treasurer) and three ordinary board members, all elected by the membership. The board has the discretion to appoint up to three ordinary board members, ensuring that at least two members of the board are Indigenous and taking into account the overall mix of knowledge, skill and attributes of board members.

Role of the board

The board has overall control of the Society and is subject to the provisions of the *Australian Corporations Act 2001*, its obligations to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, and the AES Constitution. The board may delegate certain powers to committees of members. All board positions are unpaid.

Indemnity of the board

The AES has directors' and officers' insurance and professional indemnity for all board members.

Board and staff

Board members 2015–2016

Lyn Alderman	<i>President</i>
Liz Smith	<i>Vice-president</i>
Jess Dart	<i>Treasurer</i>
Brett Lineham	<i>Secretary (to 09/15)</i>

Ordinary board members

Amohia Boulton
Sharon Clarke
Duncan Rintoul (to 03/16)
John Stoney (from 05/16)
Doyen Radcliffe (from 06/16)

Staff

Executive Officer

Bill Wallace

Events & Member Services Officer

Jacqui Diamond

President: Lyn Alderman

Dr Lyn Alderman has had a sustained career leading and implementing institutional, team and individual practices for the evaluation of learning and teaching in higher education. A central theme to her leadership style has been a strong emphasis on a forensic approach to reviewing and ensuring analysis of multiple sources of data to inform and drive change at institution, course, unit and individual levels. This is well supported by professional learning which has been a centre-piece of her approach at multiple levels. Lyn has a sustained record of promoting rigorous evaluation of learning and teaching in higher education. Within Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Lyn has had two significant outcomes: (i) principal leadership role for shaping QUT's generational approach to course performance; and (ii) implementation of QUT's radically different evaluation approach of units and teaching.

Lyn's style of leadership and facilitated guidance has helped dispel deeply held assertions and myths and focussing efforts and attention on areas that can make a difference. Lyn has a sustained commitment to promoting and facilitating a high

quality learning and teaching and leadership style that results in widespread institutional change.

Lyn is thoroughly committed to integrated practices. She helps individuals and teams to understand their data to test assertions, investigate trends and determine strategies to investigate when there are insufficient data. In summary, Lyn has a sustained commitment for promoting and facilitating high quality learning and teaching and a leadership style that results in widespread organisational change.

Lyn is the President of the Australasian Evaluation Society (2014–2018) and an Editor of the *Evaluation Journal of Australasia* (2012–current).

Vice-president: Liz Smith

Liz is a co-founder of Litmus, a specialist private sector evaluation company based in Wellington, New Zealand, and active across Australasia. Liz's evaluation journey started more than 20 years ago as a nurse in the John Radcliffe Hospital Oxford when assessing the effects of a new nursing practice on patients' health experiences. Since then Liz has been involved in more than 50 evaluations, mostly in the health sector or with programs focused on improving health and wellbeing outcomes and decreasing inequities.

Liz's evaluation practice is driven by her goal of contributing to the creation of equitable health care systems that offer positive patient experiences and outcomes. Currently, Liz is leading multi-disciplinary teams in the completion of a number of four-year evaluations. In her evaluation practice, Liz engages in participatory processes to meaningfully include diverse communities, service providers, stakeholders and key decision-makers. Currently, Liz is exploring the interface between evaluation and design.

Liz is an active member of the Australasian Evaluation Society. Since joining the AES in 2005, Liz has been involved in the Wellington AES Committee as the events coordinator from 2005–2012, and NZ Convenor from 2013–2015. Liz was elected as Vice-president of the Society in 2013. In this role, Liz has focused on undertaking a review of NZ member's needs and strengthening the AES's relationship with ANZEA. In 2014–2016, Liz

Board and Staff

chaired the AES's Stakeholder Engagement Group and enjoyed working with a dedicated group of evaluators to strengthen stakeholder engagement locally, nationally, regionally and internationally.

Treasurer: Jess Dart

Dr Jess Dart is the founding Director and Chair of the Board of Directors of Clear Horizon Consulting. Clear Horizon is a specialist evaluation company established in 2005 operating nationally and internationally with offices in Melbourne, Perth and Canberra. Clear Horizon works with clients from a very wide variety of sectors, both domestically and internationally, and at all levels of government. Jess has been working in the evaluation space and has been a member of the AES for over 15 years. She holds a PhD in evaluation from the University of Melbourne.

With regard to her evaluation practice, Jess has a passion for evaluation theory and mixed-method approaches and is always striving to ensure that evaluation leads to improved social, economic and environmental outcomes. Jess is also a highly in-demand facilitator and trainer, and leads many capacity building endeavours for government, not-for profits and philanthropic organisations. Jess works across sectors but has a specialist background in international development and sustainable agriculture.

Jess has enjoyed the privilege of being the Treasurer on the current AES board since September 2014. She brings to this role a solid knowledge of the evaluation industry and hard won experience of directorship. To complement her practical skills, Jess completed the Foundations of Directorship with the Australian Institute of Company Directors (including units in Governance for Directors; Finance for Directors; and Strategy and Risk for Directors).

Meeting attendance

Lyn Alderman	6 of 6
Liz Smith	4 of 6
Jess Dart	6 of 6
Brett Lineham	2 of 2
Sharon Clarke	6 of 6
Duncan Rintoul	5 of 5
Amohia Boulton	4 of 6
John Stoney	1 of 1

President's report

Australasian Evaluation Society's three-year strategy

I am pleased to announce that the Australasian Evaluation Society (AES) Board, leadership team, and committees have worked extremely diligently to develop and endorse our new three-year strategy for the Society. The strategy includes five strategic domains that will inform our work for the next three years, these domains are: Cultural Capacity; Professionalisation; Influence; Relevance; and Organisational Stability. A committee supports each of the domains, with each committee chaired by a board member and supported by a Secretary. Two of the committees (Cultural Capacity and Organisational Stability) have fixed membership, whilst the remaining three (Influence, Relevance and Professionalisation) are open to member participation. See the Strategy and Committees section on page 14 for more details.

The strategy will be reviewed in three years to check our achievements and the ongoing validity of the domains. The board will keep this strategy front and centre when it makes decisions that impact the Society. I have structured the President's report against the aforementioned five domains.

Cultural Capacity domain

The Constitution, voted in by members in February last year preserves our commitment to cultural inclusiveness with an assurance that at least two board members are Indigenous—this is a significant milestone for the AES. I would like to commend and thank AES members for their insight and support in electing Amohia Boulton and Sharon Clarke as board members in 2015. Sharon and Amohia will guide us as we increase our own cultural capacity into the future.

Trans-Tasman relations

To enable and support close working relationships with New Zealand and the Pacific, we have made a commitment to hold twice yearly meetings between our Indigenous board members and representatives from Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Association (ANZEA), Mā Te Rae (Māori Evaluation Association) and Pasifika Fono. The first meeting was held in Wellington during the 2016 ANZEA Conference.

Cultural safety training

As an activity under the Cultural Capacity domain, the AES Board will attend two days of cultural safety training during August 2016. It is our intention to develop this training and make it available to members as part of our workshop program.

Professionalisation domain

International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation

I would like to draw attention to the wonderful work of Dorothy Lucks. Dorothy has represented AES on the International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation (IOCE) Board over the past two years and has worked diligently to ensure that the Year of Evaluation incorporated the voice and ideas from our region; this was facilitated through the 2014 Leader's Forum concentrating our responses to the IOCE themes for this year. Thank you Dorothy for stepping in for a time to assist with this three-year role; I am sure you will have made many great friendships over this time.

Professionalisation for evaluators

Last year the board gave in-principle support to progress professionalisation for AES members, with implementation by 2018. It is the perspective of the board that this will enhance rather than detract from the quality of our current services and professional development offerings.

Professionalisation can be polarising. Members who have contributed to the discussion have a tendency to either support it, or prefer the current member offering. It is evident through feedback that there will be a group of members who will wish to retain their current membership type and entitlements. By contrast, feedback from the AES Professional Learning Committee and others strongly suggests that professionalisation is the way forward and is of great interest to many members. We are very aware of these often-competing drivers for change—one requires no significant change and maintenance of current services that meet the needs of members and the second introduces significant change to meet the professionalisation needs of other members. How the AES continues to maintain current services whilst keeping an open mind regarding professionalisation is the difficult task ahead.

President's report

Thank you to those members who contributed to these conversations, your ongoing feedback is welcome and ensures that evaluators, commissioners of evaluation, and the broader community have a voice.

Organisational Stability domain

As you will be aware through correspondence over the past year, the AES was reconstituted as a company limited by guarantee in May 2015. This move was prompted by the physical relocation of the offices from Australian Capital Territory (ACT) to Victoria (Vic) and following legal advice that we could trade more effectively as a company limited by guarantee. You may have noticed the small change to our logo as the 'inc' has now been removed. The board position of Secretary was a requirement of the ACT Associations Act and is not a legal requirement for a company limited by guarantee. Brett Lineham confidently held the position of Secretary for two years, I would like to thank Brett for his careful and thoughtful contribution to the AES Board and wish him well in his future endeavours.

South Australian Regional Committee relaunch

On 9 December 2015, more than 20 AES South Australia (SA) members and friends gathered together at KPMG facilities in Adelaide to enjoy a presentation by Dr John Harvey from Bathe Wines on 'The Art and Science of Evaluating Wine'. I joined my fellow board member Sharon Clarke and the interim SA Committee to celebrate the Year of Evaluation and the re-launch of the SA Regional Committee.

Influence domain

Whilst developing our three-year strategy, the board conducted a gap analysis of current board member skills against our strategic domains. This analysis highlighted that we were missing a board member who could lead our Influence domain, in particular in advocacy to the Australian Government. Following Duncan Rintoul's resignation, in May 2016 the board appointed John Stoney to fill the vacant position. John is located in Canberra and holds his position until the 2016 AES Board election. John also provides representation for the ACT.

Relevance domain

The Relevance domain is focused on our members, our membership value proposition, and ensuring that the board is aware of issues of importance to our members. There will always be common ground between the Relevance and Professionalisation domains and this will be especially significant as we work towards professional registration for evaluators.

As you may be aware, postgraduate students from the Master of Program Evaluation at the Centre for Program Evaluation, University of Melbourne evaluate our conference each year. The AES Board would like to congratulate and thank Emma Walters for her evaluation of the 2015 AES Conference. The annual conference evaluation informs the decision-making process of the board, Executive Officer, and Conference Committee and remains a critical funding stream for the organisation.

As many of you know, Duncan Rintoul joined the AES Board in 2012 and served with a combination of passion and valuable skills. I am personally thankful for Duncan's service on the board as his corporate knowledge was invaluable for myself as I transitioned into my new role. Thank you Duncan and we wish you well with your young family and other commitments.

In closing, I would like to thank Bill Wallace for his continuous support of the AES more broadly and specifically in my role as President. Bill's professional and cheerful approach to his role as Executive Officer brings a steady bearing to our business affairs. He is always well prepared to tackle difficult topics with an even-handed overview and has a keen attention to detail—thank you Bill. Jacqui Diamond, as our Events and Membership Services Officer, has achieved a great deal since joining the organisation and feedback on Jacqui's support in our regions has been highly complimentary. Finally, to my fellow board members, thank you for your support, professionalism and dedication to the AES and its endeavours, it is truly appreciated.

From our current stable position, I have great expectations for the future of the AES.

Lyn Alderman, PhD
President

Treasurer's report

We have had another great year and have added \$73 362 to our members' funds—the second year that we have been able to do so after several years of losses. We budgeted for a surplus of \$28 824 and exceeded our estimations by \$44 538 which is 154%. Compared with our extraordinary result last year, the surplus is down by \$26 167. As a result of the past two years we have more than recovered our string of losses, and are now in our most favourable financial position since 2011, enabling us to invest in the future of the organisation in the coming year. Since June 2014, our member funds have more than doubled from \$114 960 to \$287 852, which is an increase of \$172 892.

Balance sheet analysis against previous year

- Cash balance has decreased by \$27 467 (–5%) compared to last year as we are holding less unearned conference income
- Total assets have increased by \$73 362 (34%) compared to last year
- Total liabilities have decreased by \$85 137 (–22%) compared to last year (this includes \$179 952 in unearned income from conference fees against \$242 773 last year, which explains the decrease)
- Total equity has increased by \$73 362 (34%), it is currently at \$287 852 (2016) and was previously at \$214 395 (2015)

Profit and loss—our position compared to last year

- Income has increased significantly, currently \$858 772 (2016) from \$605 018 (2015)
- Membership fee income has slightly decreased, currently \$143 385 (2016) from \$144 115 (2015)
- Professional learning income has increased substantially, currently \$176 478 (2016) from \$135 284 (2015)
- Publication income has decreased, currently \$16 622 (2016) from \$22 573 (2015)
- Overall expenditure has increased, currently \$785 409 (2016) from \$505 583 (2015)
- Profit has decreased, currently \$73 363 (2015) from a profit of \$99 435 (2015)

Looking forward

Notwithstanding our improved financial position, we still need to be cautious in the forthcoming financial year as we have budgeted for a loss of \$47 320. This final figure is dependent on conference numbers as we are holding the conference in Perth, which traditionally attracts smaller numbers, and we have an ongoing dependency on the conference income. We are predicting the Perth conference will deliver a modest profit, but unfortunately not enough to cover our operating costs. The board has a commitment to hold conferences in a variety of cities in addition to the major cities that attract higher numbers (Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney). Due to this we have historically planned and managed for years of greater profit when the conference is in a major city, to supplement for the years when the conference is held in non-major cities. Consistent with our plans, it is encouraging to see the 2017 AES Conference in Canberra is already shaping up to be sufficiently profitable to return us to a surplus.

Key budget items

- We are forecasting a budget loss of \$47 320
- We have forecasted a profit of \$46 320 for the 2016 AES Conference
- We have estimated a slight increase in revenue from memberships
- The board is committed to investing in the realisation of our Strategic Plan, and this is reflected in the spending commitment of \$40 000

We are committed to effectively leveraging the savings we have made in the last two years of surplus to ensure a solid future for the AES—we expect to return to surplus in 2017.

Jess Dart, PhD
Treasurer

The year's highlights

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The 2015 AES Conference was held in Melbourne from the 6–9 September 2015 at the Melbourne Convention Centre and the University of Melbourne. The theme of the conference, 'Evaluation reaching across boundaries' was designed to stimulate discussion and debate across sectors, disciplines, organisations, cultures, political borders and layers of hierarchy. In the UN's designation of 2015 as the International Year of Evaluation, the conference strived to support, advocate and promote evaluation at international, regional, national and local levels. It is our belief that the 2015 AES Conference provided a platform to engage with that global dialogue.

The conference featured two days of pre-conference workshops, consisting of 17 workshops with a total of 203 attendees. The main conference program of three and a half days of activities commenced with a spectacular opening event at the newly built University of Melbourne Design School. The evening began with a welcome to country by Aunty Diane Kerr, Wurundjeri Elder. Attendees were welcomed by Deputy Vice Chancellor Margret Sheils, with Professor John Hattie presenting the opening address, he challenged the audience to embrace the disciplines and examine the evaluative mind frames of a variety of disciplines and sectors. The public event was compared by Maxine McKew and was attended by around 400 guests.

While the conference program was designed to showcase the best of Australasian and in particular Melbourne evaluation talent, it also strongly encouraged a vision for the future of evaluation by promoting well-regarded international speakers and the presidents of evaluation societies from around the world.

The conference had a varied structure with several keynotes and presentations from three evaluation associations (the American Evaluation Association [AEA], the Canadian Evaluation Society and the Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Association [ANZEA]) moderated by the AES president Lyn Alderman.

The conference featured the following speakers:

Keynote presenters

Professor John Hattie
Dr Marlène Läubli Loud
Professor Ian Anderson
Professor Elizabeth McKinley
Penny Hawkins
Professor Patricia Rogers

Emerging evaluators

Allan Mua Illingworth
Melitta Rigamoto
Sarah Mason
Ruth Aston

Presidents of evaluation societies

Dr Lyn Alderman (Australasian)
Professor Stewart Donaldson (American)
Kate McKegg (New Zealand)
Benoît Gauthier (Canadian)

Conference registrations reached 520 attendees including 130 non-members. Delegates and speakers travelled from the USA and the UK as well as nearby locations including the Philippines, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand. There was strong representation from emerging evaluators from around the world, the AEA and ANZEA each supported an emerging evaluator to attend and present at the conference. A well-regarded session was a keynote presentation by four emerging evaluators from the Pacific, Australia, New Zealand and the USA.

In total, over 150 presentations were delivered during the conference covering a number of sub-themes including: evaluation and values; evaluation capacity building; influence and impact; responsive and responsible practices; theory and methodology; technology; essential skills and understandings; large-scale systems and interventions; and, performance measurement systems and strategies. The conference also had an extensive social program, which included the Gala Dinner held in the Great Hall at the National Gallery of Victoria.

The 2015 AES Conference Planning and Program Committees worked hard to ensure the conference had an impact. It was designed to build on the 2014 theme of 'Inclusivity and diversity' by considering evaluation across boundaries

The year's highlights

Evaluation of the AES Melbourne Conference 2015

Emma Walters, a University of Melbourne Masters of Evaluation student undertook a thorough evaluation of the AES Melbourne conference using a range of research methods. The key evaluation question was 'Overall, did the conference attendees perceive there was value in attending the conference? If so, why? If not, why not?' The evaluation was conducted between August 2015 and February 2016, concluding with a report to the AES Board. Guidance was provided throughout the evaluation by John Stoney.

set by contexts, paradigms and sectors.

Respondents to the 2015 online conference survey found the following elements of the conference most valuable: the learning and networking opportunities; the expertise and knowledge of presenters; the breadth and variety of presenters; and the opportunity to present at the conference. Many respondents were also particularly impressed with the organisation of the conference including the food, the venue, the conference app and, importantly, exposure to new concepts. It is interesting to note that approximately two-thirds of survey respondents suggested that they were likely to change their evaluation practice as a result of attending the conference. Many respondents indicated that they would use, adopt or have an increased understanding of a specific skill or approach, including evaluation capacity building, logic models/maps, data-visualisation and sense-making. The conference report also suggested that there could be improvements for future conferences relating to accessing more international

keynote speakers, a focus on quality presentations rather than quantity and reduction of conference costs. The size of the conference and its academic nature was a concern for some.

Conference committees

We extend a huge thank you to the 2015 Conference Convenor, Associate Professor Janet Clinton, and the Program Chair Anthea Rutter who were ably supported by the various conference committees and volunteers.

Conference Support Grant Sponsors

A huge thank you to the Support Grant Sponsors including the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Whakauae Research Services Ltd and Roberts Brown who enabled us to make the conference accessible to grant recipients.

Conference sponsors and supporters

The AES would like to extend their thanks to the conference sponsors and supporters. It should be noted that the conference committee

employees and businesses have also provided invaluable support during the months of planning leading up to and during the conference.

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We would also like to acknowledge the generous support of the staff at the Centre for Program Evaluation at the University of Melbourne, including the exceptional Student Working Group. Most importantly, we would like to acknowledge the wonderful team at the AES office: Bill Wallace and Jacqui Diamond.

The year's highlights

Organising Committee

Janet Clinton (convenor)
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Anthea Rutter
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Kathryn Cairns
Elisabeth Cook
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Gina Mancuso

AES AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN EVALUATION

The AES Awards for Excellence in Evaluation are awarded annually and recognise exemplary evaluation practice, evaluation systems or evaluation capacity building in Australasia (Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Pacifica).

The awards were announced at the 2015 AES Conference dinner—see highlight box. Congratulations to all award recipients.

2015–2016 Working Group members

April Bennett
Rick Cummings (from early 2016)
Dana Cross
Jessica Kenway
David McDonald
Chris Milne
Ian Patrick
Mathea Roorda (Chair)

Chris Milne stepped down from the Working Group at the start of 2016 and Jessica Kenway at the end of June 2016. During their years on the Working Group, both Chris and Jessica have made an enormous contribution to the success of the AES Awards for Excellence. The Working Group sincerely thank both members for their generous contribution of time, hard work and wise counsel.

2015 AES Awards for Excellence in Evaluation

- **Public Sector Evaluation Award**
Research & Evaluation Unit, New Zealand Inland Revenue, for the 'Kiwisaver' evaluation
- **Evaluation Study or Project Award**
Social Policy Research Centre, University of New South Wales for the 'Keep Them Safe' evaluation
- **Evaluation Publication Award (Caulley Tulloch Award)**
Dr Samantha Abbato, 'The Case for Evaluating Process and Worth: Evaluation of a Programme for Carers and People with Dementia'
- **Indigenous Evaluation Award—joint winners**
Menzies School of Health Research, for the 'Sentinel Sites Evaluation of the Indigenous Chronic Disease Package' and
Cultural & Indigenous Research Centre Australia (CIRCA) for the 'Evaluation of the New South Wales Aboriginal Child and Family Centres'

The year's highlights



Award recipients:

1. Public Sector Evaluation Award: 'Kiwisaver'
2. Evaluation Study or Project Award: 'Keep Them Safe'
3. Evaluation Publication Award (Caulley Tulloch Award): Samantha Abbato with Sally O'Loughlin (Alzheimer's Australia NSW)
4. Indigenous Evaluation Award—joint winners: CIRCA (left); Sentinel Sites Evaluation (right)

EVALUATION JOURNAL OF AUSTRALASIA (EJA)

The *Evaluation Journal of Australasia* ended the year with sound governance following the appointment of three voluntary Assistant Editors (Dr Liz Gould, Dr Carol Quadrelli and Dr Bronwyn Rossingh) to join the current editors, Lyn Alderman and Janet Clinton. This achievement is on top of our great record of six issues (18 months) of online and on-time publishing, together with the adoption of the international Committee on Publishing Ethics Code of Practice and Code of Ethics. In the future, we will apply for indexing by Elsevier's Scopus and Thomas Reuter's Web of Science Core Collection.

On-time and online publication

With the publication of our June 2016 issue, the EJA celebrates two years of online publication, an increase from two to four issues per year and most importantly, on-time delivery. Following her recent resignation, the Board extends thanks to Associate Professor Janet Clinton, who has been co-editor during this time, and wishes her well as she moves on to take up further international activities. The

EJA continues to be edited by Lyn Alderman, ably supported by three Assistant Editors (Dr Liz Gould, Dr Carol Quadrelli and Dr Bronwyn Rossingh), as the EJA continues to support evaluation through the publication of academic and practice articles as well as book reviews and special features.

Postgraduate students invited to publish their work in the EJA

Inspired by their contact with postgraduate students and the high quality of their written work, the EJA editorial team has decided to introduce a new article category to the journal. This category will seek students' reflections on evaluation design. The EJA will call for written work from postgraduate students of evaluation as part of a wider expression of interest process. This initiative also aims to increase our relevance, as well as sitting within the Professionalisation Domain.

Strategy and Committees

In consultation with AES member representative bodies, the board conducted a review of the Strategic Plan during 2015. Several member consultations informed the development of draft strategic statements which were reviewed by member representatives at the September 2015 AES Leaders' Forum. Informed by this review, in February 2016 the board formally adopted the 2016–2019 Strategic Plan to inform the work of the AES from July 2016 to June 2019.

The five strategies are:

- **Cultural capacity:** to strengthen and build Indigenous and non-Indigenous capacity in culturally safe evaluation theory, practice and use
- **Influence:** to promote the use of evaluation and evaluative thinking by agencies and organisations
- **Professionalisation:** to strengthen the capacity and professionalism of the evaluation sector
- **Relevance:** to strengthen the value proposition of AES membership
- **Organisational stability:** to maintain good governance and broaden our revenue base

To support the strategy, the board restructured the AES committees and resolved that each committee will be led by a board member. The Regional Network Committees and Special Interest Groups will continue in their present roles.

The new committees are:

- Cultural Capacity and Diversity (replaces the Indigenous Strategy Committee)
- Finance and Audit (remains the same)
- Learning and Professional Practice (replaces Professional Learning Committee)
- Advocacy and Alliances (replaces Strategic Engagement Committee)
- Member Services and Engagement (replaces Membership Committee)

New terms of reference were drafted for the committees and, during June, AES members were asked to express their interest in sitting on one of the committees. We received responses from 28 members, which included a balanced mix between ongoing members and new members. The new committees will commence their work during August 2016.

The following reports acknowledge the year's work of the committees (much of which is ongoing), before the restructure.



Strategic priorities
July 2016–June 2019

Strategy and Committees

INDIGENOUS STRATEGY COMMITTEE

It has been another year of strengthening the Society's capability to meet the needs of Indigenous evaluators and those evaluators who work in and alongside Indigenous communities. If we take a year-on-year perspective, the changes appear modest and incremental. However, if we look back over the last ten years we'll recognise the significant changes that the Society, through its leadership and membership, has supported in the last decade. It is perhaps fitting in this period (post the International Year of Evaluation), to reflect on how far we have come—could we have imagined ten years ago, having a constitution that explicitly recognises the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in its preamble:

The AES recognises the unique position and contribution of Indigenous peoples in Australia, New Zealand and the many nation states of the wider Australasian Pacific region. To that end, as a society, and in a spirit of partnership and mutual respect, the AES supports and affirms the rights of Indigenous peoples as outlined in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

This year we have sought to operationalise recognition of the unique position of Indigenous people in their respective lands by ensuring at least two board members of the AES at any time are Indigenous. We are therefore pleased that we have been successful in electing two Indigenous board members to the AES Board under our new constitutional arrangements. The elected board members will complete a two-year term at which time they may stand for election again. Moving to a two-year term for all board members, is another achievement for the Indigenous representatives as it will afford us a greater opportunity to put into effect a substantive work programme, and further build Indigenous capacity and capability in the Society.

Our capacity at a board level was further enhanced at the end of the 2015–2016 financial year with the addition of a third appointed Indigenous member, Doyen Radcliffe. Doyen is a Naaguja man from the Yamatji Region of Western Australia (WA). Doyen is currently employed as Regional Manager for WA

with the Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV) overseeing and working with urban, regional and remote communities on community development activities. Doyen was a member of the ICV Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group improving the way ICV works and capturing impact and change in the communities ICV works with. In addition, Doyen developed the concept of ICV's Community Development Framework that has been incorporated into the ICV project management database and that was further developed as a document tool to assist Community Development Officers with their ongoing work. Currently Doyen is working towards finalising ICV's internal Learning and Development Strategy.

Building Indigenous capacity emerged as a strong theme for the board's work during 2015–2016. To that end, when reviewing the AES Strategy for the Society, it was perhaps unsurprising that the Society's leaders determined that one of the five strategic goals for the organisation for the next three to five years needed to be building cultural capacity. For AES, the Cultural Capacity domain is seen to be the process of strengthening and building Indigenous and non-Indigenous capacity in culturally safe evaluation theory, practice and use. This strategic direction (when taken in conjunction with the needs and desires at the community level, that Indigenous peoples exert a greater degree of control and influence over evaluations 'about' them) means that as a Society we must engage with a range of critical issues as we look to 2017 and beyond.

Chief amongst these issues has to be the necessity to grow new relationships with Indigenous evaluators, programme planners and communities while maintaining those we have already built. One way we do this is with the Conference Support Grants Scheme for emerging Indigenous evaluators. This year the board has also supported a decision to reach out to our Māori and Pasifika colleagues in the Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Association, and to the members of the newly formed Māori Evaluation Association, Mā te Rae. The purpose of working more closely with these colleagues is to gain knowledge, ideas and support for the efforts of the AES in strengthening

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Indigenous evaluation capacity and capability, and sharing our respective experiences. The board has acknowledged that this work is critical for both the growth of the Society and for the evaluation sector as a whole. In July of this year, both Amohia and Sharon will hold the first in a series of meetings planned for the next three years, with members of these two organisations at the ANZEA Conference in Wellington.

We have at least three priorities for the upcoming year:

1. We are still pursuing efforts to improve our collection of ethnicity data so that we can understand the extent of our Indigenous membership. This year we plan to run a short survey of members to understand who in our Society is Indigenous, why they joined the AES, what they expect as a consequence of their membership, and what types of training courses or workshops Indigenous evaluators need, or want to see delivered by the society.
2. We will work to strengthen our relationship with our colleagues in ANZEA and Māte Rae, as we know they are supportive of our efforts to grow Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island capacity and capability.
3. We will work with the board to further develop and strengthen the cultural safety and capacity of the AES leadership.

As we look ahead to 2017 we are ideally positioned to get some real traction in the Society with our new strategic objectives and the priorities that we, as the AES Board and the Indigenous board members have set ourselves. We look forward to sharing knowledge and experience with Indigenous colleagues in New Zealand, while keeping an eye firmly on the needs and desires of

Aboriginal Australians and Torres Strait Islanders. The Society is a very different organisation to that of six years ago, let alone to the Society of a decade ago. In strengthening the cultural capacity of the organisation, so too will we better serve the needs of our members, our communities and our peoples.

Conference Support Grants for Emerging Indigenous Evaluators

The Conference Support Grants for Emerging Indigenous Evaluators (CSG) is an excellent model for bringing those new to evaluation to our conferences. Suffice to say since the introduction of the awards in 2009, we have supported a total of 57 emerging Indigenous evaluators to attend our conferences, a third of these in the last two years alone. The fact that we now have the depth within our Society to convene a Conference Assessing Support Grant Committee comprised entirely of Indigenous representatives also speaks to the great strides we have made in growing Indigenous expertise in our sector. While we are always pleased to see new faces at the conference, in 2016–2017 we would do well to consider what efforts we need to be making to ensure those who do attend the conference because of these grants remain active and engaged members of our Society. The Cultural Capacity Committee has made a commitment to reviewing how we might strengthen our retention rates, and would welcome suggestions from our membership. With the addition of two new Indigenous board members, Amohia Boulton has decided to step down from chairing the CSG Assessment Committee following three years of service. Amohia is handing over the reins to fellow board member Sharon Clarke and looks forward to her injecting the committee with her passion and zeal.

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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT TASKFORCE (SET) (WITH IOCE)

2015–2016 was a period of reflection to realign the Stakeholder Engagement Taskforce's Terms of Reference with the new strategic direction of the AES. This work culminated in the Stakeholder Engagement Taskforce being renamed as the Advocacy and Alliances Committee (AAC), and an expression of interest was put out for committee members. The AAC now has 14 members from across five Australian states. Over the next three years, the AAC's key responsibilities are: developing tools to promote evaluation and evaluative thinking; promoting the Evaluation Standards (when developed); enhancing the reputation of the AES; contributing internationally to the promotion of evaluative thinking; and supporting effective inter-committee liaison.

While this strategic realignment was taking place, members of the Stakeholder Engagement Taskforce continued to build on the successes achieved in 2014–2015.

Strategic engagement with Australian Government

2014–2015 saw a strengthening of the AES's engagement with the Department of Finance, based on work relating to the Commonwealth Performance Framework. In 2015–2016, the Government Engagement Working Group actively sought opportunities to build on this solid foundation.

Following the 2015 AES Conference, the Department of Finance and AES hosted an event on 'Strengthening Performance Measurement Across the Commonwealth: International Perspectives on Evaluation'. Nearly 300 people attended this event with representations from 76 Commonwealth entities and companies, and 18 external organisations.

In December 2015, the Australian Parliament Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) released its Report 457: Development of the Commonwealth Performance Framework, which acknowledged and cited the AES's submission to the JCPAA's Inquiry lodged earlier in the year.

The Department of Finance, through its Resource Management Guide series, has encouraged Commonwealth entities to tell an effective and cohesive performance story as part of their responsibilities under the *Public Governance Performance and Accountability Act 2013*. Responding to this emerging need, in March 2016 the AES delivered a Performance Story Reporting workshop in Canberra.

Government Evaluation SIG

At the 2015 AES Conference, four AES members in New South Wales (NSW) Government proposed an AES Government Evaluation SIG to facilitate the sharing of resources and ideas across jurisdictions. This concept received some interest, where two informal meetings were attended by 35 people in total.

AES representation on International Organisation for Cooperation in Evaluation and EvalPartners

This has been another busy year for AES in its connection with global progress for promoting and strengthening evaluation. With the successful declaration of 2015 as the Year of Evaluation, there were a series of events that occurred across the Australasian region that were organised by a range of different organisations. The final Evaluation Week celebrations occurred in Nepal in November 2015 and resulted in the release of the Global Evaluation Agenda 2016-20 (EvalAgenda2020). The 18 months of worldwide consultation for EvalAgenda2020 was coordinated through IOCE/ EvalPartners. The IOCE is the peak global body for Voluntary Organisations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs) and EvalPartners is the wider global movement to strengthen national evaluation capacities. IOCE remains as the secretariat and main driving force for EvalPartners. AES's current representative to the IOCE/EvalPartners is Dorothy Lucks who has been appointed as the IOCE Board Secretary and also sits on the EvalPartners Executive Committee. Dorothy is the coordinator between AES and IOCE/EvalPartners through the AES Advocacy and Alliances Committee.

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The AES contribution to the EvalAgenda2020 forms part of the final full document (see <http://www.evalpartners.org/global-evaluation-agenda> for the executive summary and the full document). Efforts are underway across the world for each evaluation association to generate its own EvalAgenda2020. Initiatives to develop an AES EvalAgenda2020 are already in progress and participants at the 2016 AES Conference will be able to contribute to its development and launch.

Implementation of the Global EvalAgenda2020 started immediately and key thrusts have been through five main networks:

- EvalGender+ focuses on equity-focussed and gender responsive evaluation approaches
- EvalYouth supports young and emerging evaluators
- EVALSDGs promotes evaluation and national evaluation systems in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals that 192 countries worldwide signed up to in September 2015 (including all countries covered by AES)
- EvalIndigenous acknowledges and promotes Indigenous evaluation
- Global Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation mobilises parliamentarians worldwide to take a stronger stance on evidence-based policies

The IOCE is also hosting a network of individuals and organisations interested in Professionalisation of Evaluation. This discussion thread can be accessed through the IOCE discussion forum (<http://www.ioce.net/professionalization>). Other IOCE initiatives include the online toolkit for

VOPEs, an emerging process to report on the 'state of evaluation' globally and funding to support joint evaluation association peer-to-peer projects. The five EvalPartner networks and IOCE initiatives are leading to a wide range of evaluation initiatives globally. All networks are seeking members. See <http://www.ioce.net/> and <http://www.evalpartners.org/about/about-us> for more information or contact Dorothy Lucks on sdfglobal@sustain.net.au.

SET members

Chair: Liz Smith (Vice President)

Julie Elliott
John Stoney
David Roberts
Anne Markiewicz
Duncan Rintoul
Helen Watts
Susan Garner
Dorothy Lucks
Suzanne Blogg

Government Engagement Working Group

Co-Chairs: Julie Elliott and John Stoney

Scott Bayley
David Roberts
Anne Markiewicz
Duncan Rintoul
Emma Williams
Jerome Winston
Graham Smith
Ess Watts
Peter Graves
John Daigleish
Helen Watts

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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMITTEE

The highlight of working with the Professional Learning Committee (PLC) is the enthusiasm of its members. In 2015 the committee continued to work in their areas of interest including: the Competency Framework; engagement with government; a professional development program and its delivery; and professionalisation. There were a number of actions for each of these areas and these are detailed below.

The Evaluators' Professional Competency Framework

- Call for training to address any gaps of shortfall in the workshop program
- Development of a set of rubrics for the competencies, designed to enable valid self-assessment and use in the proposed mentoring program

Engagement with government

- Significant work with the Australian Government to help it implement *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act*
- Continue to work with the complementary AES committees who also have an interest in working with government

Needs-based professional development program

The PLC will offer advice to the University of Melbourne on the design of the mentoring system, and will move toward a 6-month pilot of the mentoring program once the overarching agreement between AES and the University has been negotiated.

Professionalisation

Professionalisation faces ongoing concern from parts of the AES community about the constraints that it may pose. However, the committee continues to build a compelling case for professionalisation and actions have included:

- a summary of issues based on 2013–2015 research and consultation to be used as reference at the EvalYear Global Forum (November 2015)
- a discussion paper for the 2016 AES Conference
- continuing the submission of papers to the AES Board

The delivery of high quality learning

- Investigating modes of delivery that would help with access (e.g. face-to-face, remote delivery such as audio [webinars] and audio-visual [Skype, video conferencing])
- Building a community of presenters—looking for presenters who are also facilitators
- Establishing levels of learning (entry, intermediate, master)

The committee now has a member of the board as Chair and some of the proposals and effects of the actions may be different to what was initially intended.

PLC members

Kate Roberts (Chair)
Catherine Hurley
Amy Gullickson
David Brous
David Turner
Delyth Lloyd
Dorothy Lucks
Emma Williams
Eve Barboza
Julie Richmond
Margaret MacDonald
Rick Cummings
Sandra Stopher
Tim Renwick

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Two main activities were being undertaken by the committee in the period 2015–2016:

1. Telephone interviews were conducted with existing members to obtain a sense of any differences in the 'value' of membership to those working in different sectors (i.e. government, non-government, higher education) and to explore (where possible) regional issues and apparent differences in perspectives about service offerings in more depth than is possible through an electronic survey.
2. An online survey of lapsed members was administered to gain a better understanding of the reasons for people leaving the Society, their perceptions of the Society, the service offering and the value-add that membership provided.

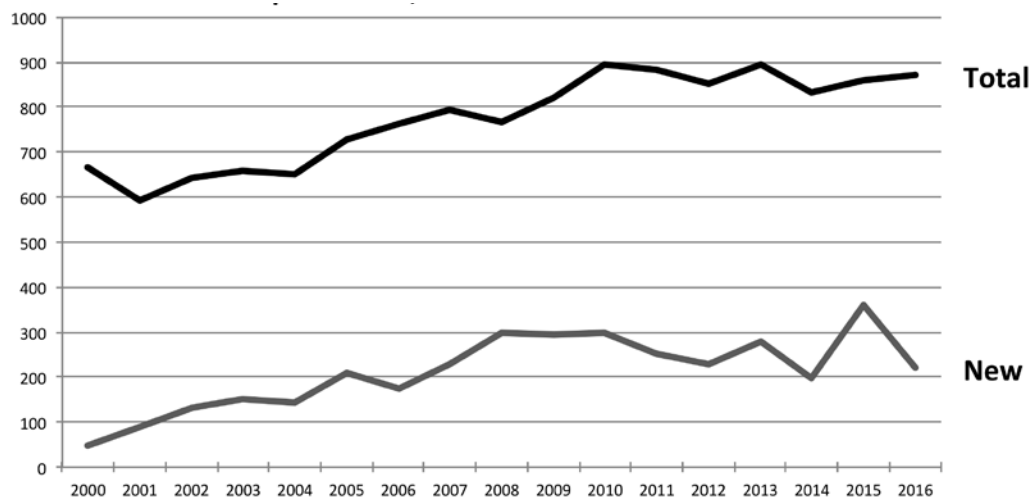
Committee members

Susan Garner	ACT, Chair
Eve Barboza	NSW, Deputy Chair
Christina Ballantyne	WA
Chris Cooper	Tasmania
Duncan Rintoul	NSW, AES Board
Bill Wallace	AES EO
Jacqui Diamond	ex-officio

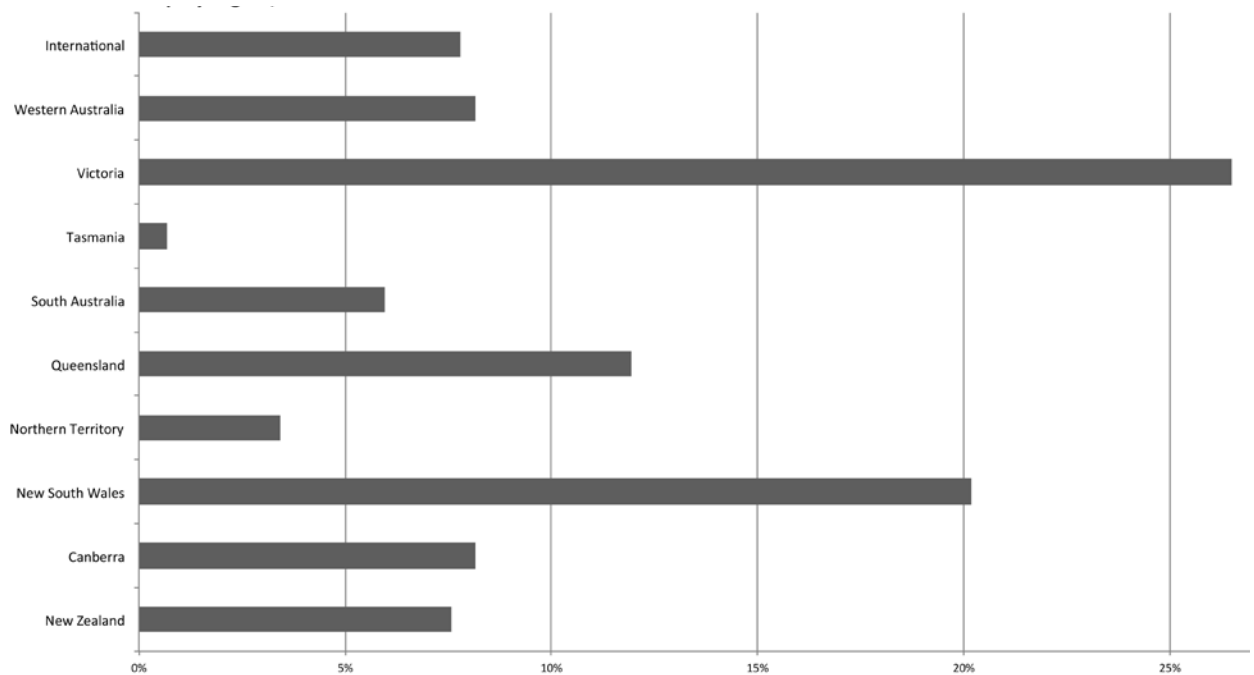
Member networks

MEMBERSHIP TRENDS

AES membership numbers, 2000–2016



Membership by region, 30 June 2016



Member networks

REGIONAL NETWORKS

Australian Capital Territory

The year has seen an increasing focus on planning for the 2017 AES Conference and to that end, in addition to the Canberra Region Committee, a separate (but closely related) conference committee has also been convened. Although the demands of conference planning have progressively increased, a range of free events have occurred this year, including Hot Issues Breakfasts on subjects ranging from: 'So Many Theories—so Little Time'; 'Evaluative Thinking'; 'Interpersonal Skills Through to What Matters Most'. We have also held brown bag lunchtime seminars including 'Qualitative Questionnaire Design'; and a 'Hitchhikers Guide to Data for Evaluation'.

On the strategic front, immediately following the 2015 AES Conference, the Department of Finance co-hosted a symposium on 11 September 2015 at the National Gallery on 'Strengthening Performance Measurement Across the Commonwealth: International Perspectives on Evaluation' which was attended by over 150 officials from across the Australian Public Service. Opened by Jane Halton, Secretary of Finance, it featured the following keynote speakers: Benoît Gautier (President, Canadian Evaluation Society); Dr Penny Hawkins (Head of Evaluation, UK Department of International Development); and Associate Professor

Janet Clinton (Director of the Centre for Program Evaluation, University of Melbourne).

Penny Hawkins also made time while in Canberra to deliver a master class on contemporary evaluation, which was one of a number of AES workshops delivered during the year. Local AES (and in some instances, interstate) members also benefitted from the delivery of the inaugural 'Facilitation for Evaluators', and 'Using Program Theory and Program Logic'. As well as the delivery of 'Realist Evaluation: A Practical Introduction'; and 'Performance Story Reports and Developmental Evaluation'. The Regional Committee appreciates the willingness of the presenters to tailor their workshop content for the ACT audience in consultation with the committee.

Looking forward to the next 12 months, the 2017 AES Conference looms large on our horizon. As with other conferences, we benefit greatly from our Executive Officer's expertise, assistance and advice and we are excited and energised by the various possibilities and opportunities (including strategic, professional development, networking) that the conference provides. A major challenge will be continuing to balance the organisation of the conference while still providing local activities for members over the coming year. To that end, an 'Ideas Lab—Exploring the Possibilities' is being held on 27 July 2016 with the local

membership in order to explore options and possibilities for both the 2017 AES Conference and local activities for the next 18 months.

On a more pragmatic front, the local committee is seeking a regular venue at which to meet. Until recently the committee had access to the ACT Department of Health building, however, with the retirement of our contact this option is no longer available.

Committee members

Julie Elliott (Convenor)
John Stoney (Co-convenor)
Lisa Barney
Scott Bayley
Frances Byers
Susan Garner
Stephen Horn
Kim Grey
Sarah Leslie
Helen Lilley
Joan ten Brummelaar
Sue Sutton
Emma Williams

New South Wales

During 2015–2016, NSW has conducted four free seminars:

- 'Assessing the Economic Impacts of Community Service Programs—Options and Challenges'
- 'Evaluation in the Australian Public Service and the NSW Public Sector'
- 'AES 2015 Conference Highlights'
- 'How to Judge Good from Bad Evidence in Evaluation'

Member networks

Attendance at these seminars has ranged from 30 to 70 people. The AES would like to thank the Australian Human Rights Commission for supplying the venue for these events; each event was followed by networking drinks at a nearby bar.

NSW has also hosted five paid workshops over the year:

- 'Using Program Theory and Program Logic for Improved Evaluation Practice'
- 'Performance Story Reports'
- 'Commissioning Better Evaluations'
- 'Theory-based Evaluation for Complex Systems'
- 'An Introduction to Social Return on Investment (SROI)'

The committee plan to build on the strong foundation established during this year to deliver an increasing number of free seminars, and to support paid workshops organised by the national office. During 2016–2017, with the support of the Australian Human Rights Commission, we will look at options for making seminars available online.

Committee members

Ben Barnes
George Argyrous
Jennifer Davis
Ben Harris-Roxas
Sue Leahy
Greg Masters
Suzanne Pope
Peter Ryan
Ania Wilczynski

Northern Territory

Collaboration was the key theme of 2015–2016. The Northern Territory (NT) AES branch capitalised on a strong partnership with the Menzies School of Health Research and the Australia Health Promotion Association and delivered a series of workshops, seminars, journal clubs and networking events, which were well attended and engaging.

Some highlights:

- The 'Writing for Publication' workshop where we invited evaluators, researchers, practitioners and policy-makers to join us for an interactive full-day workshop to learn how to write for peer-reviewed journals and maximise potential for having a manuscript accepted.
- 'Ethics in Health Promotion' was a topic for a sunset journal club where the authors of an article titled *Ethics and Health Promotion Within Policy and Practice Contexts in a Small Jurisdiction: Perspectives From the Northern Territory*, published in the Health Promotion Journal of Australia attended the event and facilitated a lively discussion about ethics and health promotion.
- It was fantastic to make a strong link with the 2015 AES Conference held in Melbourne when we hosted Benoît Gauthier, CES Credentialed Evaluator and the President of the

Canadian Evaluation Society, as the guest of honour at the Mindil Beach markets social networking event.

The NT AES branch is committed to strengthening connections with existing collaborators, consolidating the working relationship and scoping out potential for new partnerships. We intend to harness the momentum building up to and following on from the conference in Perth. 'Landscapes' is an appropriate theme for the 2016–2017 year in the NT.

Committee members

Elizabeth Creed (Co-convenor)
Alison Rogers (Co-convenor)
Nea Harrison
Jenne Roberts

New Zealand

The Wellington committee has carried out a member survey through the AES Head Office seeking member views on their professional development needs. Other regions have expressed interest in the survey content and may choose to canvass members in their areas. Respondents indicated support for online events in future, a view that the committee is taking into account in discussing future events. Unfortunately, a low number of responses from NZ-based members made the results unreliable. The committee is planning to hold a social event, and will use it to engage members on their interests and needs.

Member networks

The committee has agreed on topics for local seminars, which will be presented from July onwards. The committee has also added the following new members: Kara Scally-Irvine, Meenakshi Sankar, and Andre Vanderwalt.

Looking ahead to 2016–2017

Seminars planned for the year include a discussion of ethical issues raised by the development of evaluation criteria, and a discussion of how the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade is building an evaluative culture. A seminar on a process for reviewing evaluation findings with stakeholders as a basis for report writing has been considered but not yet scheduled. As noted, a social event will be held, at which member interests in professional development will be discussed.

The committee is considering options for future events open to New Zealand members, including a short symposium or an online event such as the 'Unconferences' run by the American Evaluation Association. The committee will provide a proposal to the board for future events.

Committee members

David Turner (Chair)
Liz Smith
April Bennett
Mathea Roorda
Jenny Neale
Sally Faisandier
Elisabeth Poppelwell
Kara Scally-Irvine
Meenakshi Sankar
Andre Vanderwalt

Queensland

There was a change of Convenor in March 2016 however, the professional development program was already in place at this time. As in previous years, the free monthly seminars held in the city were well attended (total of 398 attendees). Seventy people in total attended the six-workshop program, and 120 people attended a public forum held in conjunction with Griffith University.

An analysis of the evaluations of the 2016 seminars revealed that the strength of these have been the quality of the presentation, with the majority of ratings 'very good' or 'extremely good' and very few low scores. The ratings on the usefulness of the presentation and whether or not expectations were met were varied. However, for both presentations the largest proportions of ratings were in the 'very good' category.

Challenges remain for having participants undertake the evaluation, however, recent strategies including assistance from the national office have seen this improve. Invariably participants seek information on membership or AES activities, and most months Queensland (QLD) has new members. In order to capitalise on a stronger presentation, seminars are now audio-recorded when presenters consent and then placed on the AES website. It is too soon to comment on this initiative.

The 2016 workshop evaluations analyses show that each one

was very favourably received. The workshops included two very experienced presenters and one first-time QLD presenter. The perceived strengths of the presenters were their knowledge and being good communicators, with almost all participants giving the highest rating possible for both of these items. Importantly, almost two-thirds or more of those in each workshop indicated that the 'value for money' was 'excellent' or 'very good'.

The very dedicated committee and supporters have a strong foundation for providing well-regarded professional development, which includes collaborations with key organisations—this we hope to continue. One initiative is to develop stronger links with evaluation Communities of Practice in order to help shape our professional development program. A second initiative is to use an 'Evaluation Interest Group—Queensland' on Facebook to invite people to participate in informal community-based 'evaluation conversations' to be held at various locations around Brisbane.

Committee members

Dr Jennifer Moffatt
(Convenor, commenced March 2016)
Sarah Renals
Dr Marion Norton
(Convenor until March 2016)
Dr Lewê Atkinson
Jesse Taylor
Kylie Brosnan
Buthaina Al Kindi

Member networks

Rhianon Vichta
Phoebe Cleland
Natasha Doherty
Suzanne Hoverman

South Australia

In the latter half of 2015, a group of six keen SA AES members formed an interim regional committee and re-launched the AES SA chapter with the support of the AES.

Committee members

Dr Colin Sharp (Chair)
Ruth Fernandez (Secretary)
John Pilla
Michelle Jones
Gill Westhorp
Margaret Cargo

The interim committee kick-started the newly-formed SA presence with a seminar on the 'Art and Science of Evaluating Wines' in December 2015, which attracted around 30 attendees and was an ideal way to attract wayward members back to the local AES program! In the first six months of 2016 we also held a Gill Westhorp workshop on realist evaluation and two further seminars all of which had good attendance. Other seminar topics were: 'OPALesence: Epistemological Pluralism in the Evaluation of a Systems-wide Childhood Obesity Prevention Program Seminar'; and 'Using Q-sort in Evaluation'.

In order to 'formalise' our new SA AES Committee, we sought expressions of interest from local members to form a more permanent SA committee to commence on 1 July 2016.

Following expressions of interest from eight very worthy AES members, all were elected to form our new SA AES Committee for 2016–2018. We held our first meeting on 28 July 2016, and are in the process of putting together our program for 2016–2017. Members of the new committee include the following persons from a range of public and private organisations across a variety of sectors:

John Pilla (Chair)
Ruth Fernandez (Secretary)
Michelle Jones
Paul Aylward
Eleanor Button
Janet McDowall
Patricia von Baumgarten
Jackie Watts

Thank you to all outgoing SA AES interim committee members, and particularly Dr Colin Sharp for his contribution as Chair.

A sincere welcome to the new committee, we are looking forward to an inspiring and informative year ahead.

Victoria

A key highlight for 2015–2016 was seeing the efforts of many of the committee members in supporting the successful organisation of the 2015 AES Conference. We are also pleased to have maintained a functional and active committee both leading up to and following the conference, which can be difficult for hosting states to achieve.

We have continued to deliver a well-attended monthly seminar to AES and non-AES members alike, covering a wide range of subjects that align with the Evaluators' Professional Learning Competency Framework; we have been successful in securing some really great presentations.

A personal highlight for the Convenor has been the ongoing active involvement of all committee members in meeting attendance, and in sharing and delivering on the various tasks of the committee. Everyone is adding real value to the committee and we're a great team!

Looking ahead to 2016–2017

We aim to:

- retain our functional, productive committee
- continue to run a well-attended, highly regarded seminar series
- stay relevant by refining our focus to align with the new AES Strategic Plan

Committee members

Anne Crawford
Farida Fleming
Kate Gilbert
Stefan Kaufman
Lee-Anne Molony
Ian Patrick
Emma Pritchard
Julie Richmond
Anthea Rutter
Kari Sann

Member networks

Western Australia

2015–2016 has been a very busy year for the WA Region. There have been two introductory evaluation courses delivered in partnership with the Institute of Public Administration Australia. In general, feedback on the workshops has been very positive: *'The day was very interesting with good structure around delivery and use of participant interaction to practice new knowledge in the Program Logic.'* (Course participant)

Some feedback suggested that some of the course material was too technical for an introductory course, this is being considered in the refinement of courses delivered in 2016–2017.

In May, John Owen and Rick Cummings delivered an AES workshop on 'Performance-based Management: Its application in Evaluation Theory and Practice in Perth'. The topic is particularly relevant to WA as it is a strong theme throughout the state government's Evaluation Guideline February 2015, which sets out the approach to the evaluation of government programs. The workshop enabled participants to enhance their understanding of performance-based management principles and increase their confidence to construct performance measurements and use them in performance-based management and evaluation. The workshop was well subscribed and feedback was positive.

The AES also ran a number of seminars in Perth. In September, the WA AES Committee facilitated reflections on the 2015 AES Conference in Melbourne. The purpose of the session was to build on the high energy around the conference and discuss what the practice of evaluation means in the WA context. The session involved a panel of three WA conference delegates including an evaluation student, an emerging evaluator and a highly experienced evaluator who has worked in Australia and internationally. It was very interesting to hear their different perceptions of the conference and their key learnings; this was a particularly important discussion as the reflections helped the AES Conference Committee to consider how to incorporate learnings into the 2016 AES Conference being held in Perth.

Another seminar was delivered in November 2015 titled 'Performance Audit Methods and Examples'. The seminar provided an overview of the Office of Auditor General's Performance Audit Methodology and how they approached some recent performance audits. The seminar covered challenges these audits presented, the methods they used and the process of deciding which of all the possible findings would be reported and why. The workshop was well attended (approximately 30 participants); it was a lively presentation and raised lots of interesting discussion.

In December, the WA AES Committee, in collaboration with the Program Evaluation Unit, ran a networking event to celebrate the International Year of Evaluation. This provided the opportunity for WA to be part of the worldwide celebrations and reflect on the role of evaluation in shaping policies and programs in WA now and into the future; the event was attended by approximately 20 people from a range of backgrounds.

During the second half of 2015–2016, the WA Committee have been focusing on planning the 2016 AES Conference in Perth. The committee have worked really well and preparations are going as planned.

Following the 2016 AES Conference in September, the AES Committee will regroup and in November will meet to plan the program for 2017. There has been renewed interest in WA in the area of evaluation, resulting from hosting the conference locally. The committee are aware of the momentum and are keen to keep the enthusiasm going.

Committee members

Carina Calzoni
Kylie Dalling
Rick Cummings
Christina Kadmos
Angela Carr
Dorothy Lucks
Heather Aquilina
Vicki Williams
Jenny de Vries
Shirley Diver

Member networks

REALIST EVALUATION AND REALIST SYNTHESIS SIG

The Realist Evaluation and Realist Synthesis Special Interest Group (RERS SIG) conducted a number of communication and capacity building events this year. A newsletter was emailed in February to members on realist topics, which shared international learning resources; it also proposed a dual track approach to capacity building in realist evaluation—one for novices and one for more experienced practitioners. As the newsletter stated:

This year the RERS SIG is providing a new learning model for those with more experience in realist approaches. The SIG 'realist virtual book club'... and 'realist movie matinees/nights'...will continue, with an emphasis on providing information for those relatively new to realist evaluation, realist synthesis, etc. For those who are interested in more intensive discussion informed by experience with realist approaches, we intend to trial the 'learning circle' approach.

The RERS SIG 'realist virtual book club' (where online discussions are held on a specific reading) and 'realist movie matinees/nights' (where online discussions are held on

a nominated video) continue to be facilitated by Andrew Hawkins. Invitations were extended to the broader AES membership with the assistance of Bill Wallace in February 2016. Sixteen new members signed up and have attended some or all of the four sessions (roughly every six weeks) held up until 30 June 2016. Two recent offerings were Ray Pawson and Ana Manzano–Santaella's Realist Diagnostic Workshop and Nick Tilley's keynote address from the first International Conference on Realist Approaches to Evaluation and Synthesis (CARES) in 2014 in Liverpool. This video, chosen because it focused on policy makers and realist evaluation (a topic that comes up regularly in the book club) led to a good deal of lively discussion on realist and related evaluation topics. The virtual realist 'book club' was also well received with appreciative comments and requests for recording of the sessions having been made by members: *Thanks Andrew... The discussion group is so helpful—thanks again for organising it.*

An initial learning circle facilitated by Emma Williams,

is currently being formed from those undertaking Rapid Realist Reviews as part of their graduate theses; by next year, we hope to be able to report on how well the group has worked (for whom, in what contexts and how).

We intend to continue to build membership and expertise, in part by adding 'learning circles' to the newsletter and book club offerings while continuing the discussions of articles and videos. One of our indicators of success will be RERS SIG members' contribution to the second International Realist Conference, which is being held in London in October 2016. A number of RERS SIG members are attending, presenting papers and/or providing training, so there should be a distinct Australasian flavour to the proceedings. This in turn may drive future momentum for the RERS SIG.

We currently have 99 members in RERS SIG.

Committee members

Emma Williams
Andrew Hawkins

Member networks

AES LIFE MEMBERS AND FELLOWS

The AES Fellows are members who have made significant contributions to evaluation and the Society over a number of years. In 2015–16, two new Fellows were endorsed: Jenny Neale from Wellington and Anne Markiewicz from Vic. It is particularly pleasing to recognise these longstanding members who have made significant contributions to professional learning in evaluation and to the growth of the Society. This brings the number of Fellows to 15, with a nearly equal gender balance. Over the past year, the Fellows have conducted a number of workshops; contributed to several AES committees; as well as contributing to the 2015 AES Conference in Melbourne.

The Fellows have a special commitment to providing support for the development of members who are new to evaluation, and will continue to assist the Society in promoting evaluation knowledge and competence in the community wherever possible.

The Fellows will be examining the process of nomination and appointment in an effort to enhance access for deserving members and to ensure the process is both practical and ethical. In addition, the Fellows will be conducting a session at the 2016 AES Conference in Perth for new members to ensure they get the maximum benefit from the conference.

Fellows assessment panel

Rick Cummings (Coordinator)
Anona Armstrong
Liz Smith
Zita Unger

Life members

Anona Armstrong
Ian Trotman

AES Fellows

Anona Armstrong (Vic, 2003)
Darrel Caulley (Vic, 2005)
Rick Cummings (WA, 2013)
Sue Funnell (NSW, 2003)
Penny Hawkins (Wellington, 2009)
Anne Markiewicz (Vic, 2015)
Chris Milne (NSW, 2003)
Jenny Neale (Wellington, 2015)
John Owen (Vic, 2003)
Colin Sharp (SA, 2003)
Ralph Straton (WA, 2004)
Ian Trotman (Wellington, 2003)
Zita Unger (Vic, 2013)
Yoland Wadsworth (Vic, 2007)
Jerome Winston (Vic, 2004)

Financial reports

Finance summary

	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	Projected 2016/17
INCOME						
Workshops	143,752	138,738	127,208	135,284	176,478	145,000
Conference income	13,655	45,150	103,619	293,482	521,623	407,179
Memberships	111,777	131,231	121,876	144,115	143,385	140,000
Publications	8,334	22,268	14,662	22,573	16,622	20,000
Other Income	4,446	21,346	20,594	9,564	664	1,600
Total Income	281,964	358,733	387,959	605,018	858,772	713,779
EXPENDITURE						
Workshops	84,331	76,400	60,115	83,151	101,665	84,000
Conference & projects	2,628	5,000		192,228	413,915	360,859
Strategic projects						41,000
Memberships	8,978	7,418	2,138	2,209	2,337	3,000
Publications	25,289	21,348	20,026	28,591	21,320	27,500
Other expenses	24,864	41,571	32,410	4,136	280	0
Sub-total	146,090	151,737	114,689	310,315	539,517	516,359
Administration & Governance	185,443	215,086	332,749	195,268	245,892	244,740
Total Expenditure	331,533	366,823	447,438	505,583	785,409	761,099
SURPLUS	-49,569	-8,090	-59,479	99,435	73,363	-47,320

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	Note	2016	2015
		\$	\$
Revenue		858,493	605,018
Depreciation and Amortisation		1,875	4,136
Other Expenses		783,255	501,447
Profit before Income Tax	3	73,363	99,435
Total Comprehensive Income		73,363	99,435

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Special Project Income		8,713
Publications Sales	16,622	22,573
Professional Fees		
– Workshops Income	176,447	135,284
– Conferences Income	521,623	293,482
– Membership Fees	143,385	144,115
Interest Received	416	851
	858,493	605,018
Expenditure		
Administration & Governance	244,018	195,268
Cost of Publications	21,320	28,591
Depreciation	1,875	4,136
Membership Services	2,338	2,209
Special Projects (incl Conferences and Support Grants)	413,914	192,228
Workshops	101,665	83,151
	785,130	505,583
Profit before Income Tax	73,363	99,435

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	Note	2016	2015
		\$	\$
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents		477,588	504,401
Trade and Other Receivables	6	31,176	7,407
Other Current Assets		72,254	82,189
Total Current Assets		581,018	593,997
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	7	1,386	66
Intangible Assets	8	6,560	6,571
Total Non-Current Assets		7,946	6,637
TOTAL ASSETS		588,964	600,634
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	9	52,257	60,218
Provisions	10	11,258	9,659
Prepaid Income		237,691	316,362
Total Current Liabilities		301,206	386,239
TOTAL LIABILITIES		301,206	386,239
NET ASSETS		287,758	214,395
Equity			
Retained Profits		287,758	214,395
TOTAL EQUITY		287,758	214,395

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Retained Earnings		
Balance at 1 July 2015	214,395	114,960
Profit Attributable to Members	73,363	99,435
Balance at 30 June 2016	287,758	214,395

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

The financial statements cover Australasian Evaluation Society Ltd. as an individual entity. Australasian Evaluation Society Ltd. is a not for profit Association incorporated in Victoria under the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* ('the Act').

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1. Basis of Preparation

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the Association is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial report who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs.

These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the Act.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors and AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures.

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

(a) 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.

(b) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

(c) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

(d) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment of losses.

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight line basis over the assets useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

The Depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Office Equipment	66.60 %
Website Costs	33.30 %

(e) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Association and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Sale of Goods

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery as this corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and the cessation of all involvement in those goods.

Interest Revenue

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

Membership Subscriptions

Membership fees are payable annually in advance and are due on the Anniversary of the month of joining. Membership fees are treated as income when the subscription is received except when the membership exceeds one year. Income received in respect of memberships exceeding one year are carried forward as income in advance (current liability) and recognised in the subsequent period. Fees received from new members whose membership has not been approved prior to year-end are brought to account as income in advance (current liability) and carried forward to the year in which the membership is approved.

Conference and seminar income expenditure

Events income and expenditure are recognised in the year that the event is held. Events income and expenditure which is received or expended prior to year-end, but which relates to an event to be held after year end, is recognised as income in advance (current liability) and conference expenses prepaid (current or non-current asset) and is carried forward to the year in which the event is held.

Where conference administration is outsourced, income received and expenditure incurred by the conference organiser prior to year-end, but which relates to a conference to be held after year end, have not been recognised.

(f) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
3. PROFIT		
Expenses		
Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses	1,875	4,136
Other Expenses	783,255	501,447
	785,130	505,583
4. PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		
Profit before income tax expense from continuing operations includes the following specific expenses:		
Charging as Expense		
Movements in Provisions		
Depreciation		
– Depreciation of Property, Plant and Equipment	1,875	4,136
Net Expenses Resulting from Movement in Provisions	1,875	4,136

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	2016	2015
	\$	\$
5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at Bank	399,237	426,466
Anz V2 Bank Account	78,351	77,935
	477,588	504,401
Reconciliation of Cash		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	477,588	504,401
	477,588	504,401
CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit after Income Tax		
Profit after Income Tax	73,363	99,435
Adjustments for Non-Cash Components in Profit:		
Depreciation	1,875	4,136
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
Receivables	(23,769)	7,275
Other Assets	9,935	(47,039)
Non Current Assets	(1,309)	(6,560)
Payables	7,961	53
Unearned Income	(94,869)	114,397
Net Cash Decrease in Cash Held	(26,813)	171,697
6. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Current		
Trade Debtors	31,176	7,407
Total Trade and Other Receivables	31,176	7,407

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable in the financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
7. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and Equipment		
Office Furniture & Equipment	7,104	3,920
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	5,718	3,854
	1,386	66
Total Plant and Equipment	1,386	66
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	1,386	66
8. INTANGIBLE ASSETS		
Non-Current		
Formation Expenses	6,560	6,560
Website Development	12,020	12,020
Less Accumulated Impairment	12,020	12,009
	6,560	6,571
Total Intangible Assets	6,560	6,571
9. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Current		
Sundry Creditors	4,088	3,230
Trade Creditors	6,032	12,253
Anz Visa Card	6,255	4,680
Payg Tax Withholding accrued	11,384	8,436
Provision for GST	24,498	31,619
	52,257	60,218
Total Trade and Other Payables	52,257	60,218
10. PROVISIONS		
Current		
Provision for Annual Leave	11,258	9,659
	11,258	9,659

11. ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The registered office of the association is:
Australasian Evaluation Society Ltd., Level 4, 100 Leicester Street Carlton Vic. 3053

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These financial statements have not been subject to audit or review and should be read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.

AUSTRALASIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY LTD COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The committee members present their report on the association for the financial year ended 30 June 2016.

Committee Members

The names of each person who has been a committee member during the year and to the date of this report are:

Gwendolyn Alderman
Jessica Jane Dart
Elizabeth Smith
Sharon Clarke
Amohia Boulton
John Stoney
Doyen Radcliffe

Principal Activities

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

- Promote Ethics and Standards in evaluation practice in Australia and New Zealand
- Advancing Social or Public Welfare

Significant Changes

No significant changes in the nature of the association's activity occurred during the financial year.

Operating Result

The profit of the association after providing for income tax amounted to \$73,363.

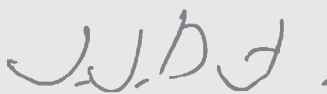
Auditor's Independence Declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration in accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, for the year ended 30 June 2016 has been received and is included with the financial statements.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.



Gwendolyn Alderman



Jessica Dart

Dated 22 August 2016

**AUSTRALASIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY LTD
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 statements:

1. Present fairly the financial position of Australasian Evaluation Society Ltd. as at 30 June 2016 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 Evaluation Society Ltd. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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



President: Gwendolyn Alderman



Treasurer: Jessica Dart

Dated 22 August 2016

Australasian Evaluation Society Ltd.
Compilation Report To Australasian Evaluation Society Ltd.

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Australasian Evaluation Society Ltd., which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, and the income statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the additional information contained in the detailed profit and loss. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is set out in the notes to the accounts.

The Responsibility of the Committee of Management

The Committee of Management of Australasian Evaluation Society Ltd. is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements, the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information and for the determination that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statements were prepared.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the Committee of Management, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

We have applied professional expertise in accounting and financial reporting to compile these financial statements on the basis of accounting described in the notes to the financial statements. We have complied with the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

Assurance Disclaimer

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the reliability, accuracy or completeness of the information provided to us by management to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on these financial statements.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled for the benefit of the Committee of Management who is responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them. We do not accept responsibility for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

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17 August 2016

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
AUSTRALASIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY LTD**

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Australasian Evaluation Society Ltd, which comprises the Assets and Liabilities Statement as at 30 June 2016, Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Changes in Equity, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Statement by Members of the Committee.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

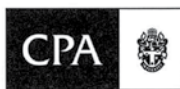
The members of the management committee of Australasian Evaluation Society Ltd are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The management committee member's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the members of the management committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the management committee member's financial reporting requirements under the *Corporations Act 2001*. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.



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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

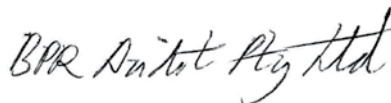
Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, provided to the members of the management committee of Australasian Evaluation Society Ltd on 16 August 2016, would be in the same terms if provided to the members of the management committee as at the date of this auditor's report.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion the financial report of Australasian Evaluation Society Ltd is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the Australasian Evaluation Society Ltd's financial position as at 30 June 2016 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 2; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and complying with the Corporations Regulations 2001.



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Bernie Rohan
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Dated: 16th August 2016

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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001
TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF
AUSTRALASIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY LTD**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2016, there have been:

- a. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- b. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Dated: 16 August 2016



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