



Annual Report 2023/24

Fostering a collaborative multi-disciplinary community



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About Us

To achieve our strategic priorities and deliver meaningful outcomes for our members, we have established the following objectives:

Vision

The vision of the Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine (ASUM) is to create healthier lives for all by driving ultrasound excellence.

Mission

Our mission is to foster a collaborative multi-disciplinary community of highly competent health professionals who deliver ultrasound excellence.

Market Overview

The diagnostic ultrasound market in Australia and New Zealand has witnessed significant expansion across various medical specialties, playing a crucial role in the diagnosis, monitoring, and treatment of diverse medical conditions. The growth is driven by technological advancements, expanding clinical applications, increased awareness and training, and a focus on patient care and safety. ASUM remains at the forefront of this progress, actively supporting healthcare professionals through education, professional development, standards, and fostering a collaborative community, ensuring continued excellence and advancement of diagnostic ultrasound in the wider region. The integration of artificial intelligence (AI) has further enhanced image analysis, automation, and potential for improved clinical decision-making. AI presents a number of challenges requiring continual education and understanding to ensure the patient outcome is optimised.

ASUM's Contribution

ASUM plays a crucial role in providing education, professional development and standards of practice across all disciplines of diagnostic ultrasound. Our multidisciplinary community, comprising doctors, sonographers, allied health professionals, scientists, and researchers, fosters shared knowledge and expertise. We extend our recognition and gratitude to the generous volunteers who enable ASUM to serve the broader ultrasound community and contribute to quality patient care and outcomes.

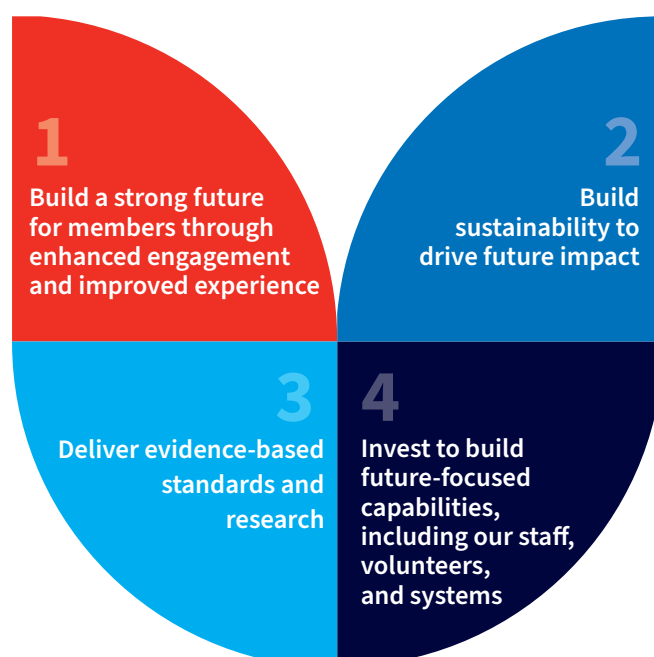
Historical Significance

ASUM's history is intertwined with the growth and development of ultrasound in Australasia since its inception in 1970. Throughout the years, ASUM has been, and continues

to be, at the forefront of ultrasound education and standards, providing opportunities for a diverse and highly respected profession. By driving ultrasound excellence, we continue to create healthier lives for all.

Conclusion

ASUM remains steadfast in its commitment to driving ultrasound excellence and creating healthier lives for all. We are dedicated to our strategic objectives, fostering a collaborative community, and delivering valuable education, professional development and quality standards. We extend our gratitude to our members, volunteers, and partners for their continued support as we strive to make a meaningful impact in the field of ultrasound, for the members we serve, along with the patients our members care for.



Board of Directors

2023/24



Ms Alison Deslandes
President

Alison is a general sonographer with a key interest in obstetric and gynaecological ultrasound from Adelaide, South Australia. Her vast clinical experience spans both metropolitan and regional centres; public hospitals and radiology private practice, as well as specialist obstetric and gynaecological centres. In addition to her clinical work, Alison has an academic focus. After completing her Graduate Diploma in Medical Sonography in 2011, she went on to complete a Master of Medical Sonography in 2014 and a Master of Philosophy in 2022. She is currently undertaking a PhD at the University of Adelaide focusing on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to improve the quality of gynaecological ultrasound imaging. She is a regular presenter at international conferences and has published multiple peer-reviewed journal articles.

Alison also has extensive experience across many facets of ultrasound outside the scanning room. She is involved in sonographer education as a past ASUM DMU examiner and UniSA OCSE examiner. She is a member of the ASA South Australian Branch Committee and regularly tutors women's health physiotherapists in ultrasound at the University of South Australia. Alison is also a peer reviewer for multiple ultrasound and gynaecology focused journals and the ultrasound Associate Editor for the Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences. She has many accolades to her name including: ASUM Young Sonographer of the Year 2012, Associated Fellowship of the ASA awarded in 2019 and a Fellowship of the ASA awarded in 2022.



Ms Jo McCann
President-Elect

Jo is a senior clinical sonographer, sonographer educator in the Emergency Department and clinical lecturer for the PoCUS programme at The University of Otago, Department of General Practice and Rural Health. She is President-elect of ASUM and an Administrative Councillor for the World Federation for Ultrasound in Medicine and Biology (WFUMB). Jo is a past chair of both ASUM NZ and the DMU Board of Examiners and has examined for several ultrasound programmes.

Jo has presented both nationally and internationally on a range of topics and has a keen interest in all areas of the ultrasound profession including professional standards, targeted ultrasound protocols and the evaluation of acute patients along with the growing field of Point of Care Ultrasound. Jo volunteers for several Outreach programmes and teaches extensively throughout the Pacific for ASUM Outreach, WFUMB, RAD-AID South Pacific and PEARLS. She has received several awards including ASUM Volunteer of the Year and was recently named the 2024 ASA NZ Sonographer of the Year.



Dr Karen Mizia

Karen is a qualified Obstetrician Gynaecologist working in both a private dedicated women's ultrasound practice and as a Senior Staff Specialist in Fetal Medicine. Karen works with two different groups of dedicated conscientious colleagues who have helped her understand that medicine and ultrasound can be expertly practiced in different ways and that one rule does not fit all. This has led her to be involved with ASUM; as an examiner for the DMU and DDU, a member of the Research Grants Board and currently as Chair of the Standards of Practice (SoP) Board. During her involvement with SoP she has strived to ensure that the policies and guidelines maintain a high standard without becoming too prescriptive. Karen is currently a Senior Staff Specialist at Royal North Shore Hospital, having previously worked at Westmead and Canberra Hospitals. She is also a Clinical Lecturer at the Australian National University. An ASUM member since 2005, Karen has been Chair of the Standards of Practice Board since 2012, a member of the Research Grants Board since 2012 and a DDU examiner since 2014.



Ms Debbie Slade

Debbie gained a DMU in 1998 and has been working as a tutor sonographer for approximately 20 years in private practice in NSW. In 2016, she completed her Master of Medical Ultrasound at the University of South Australia and in 2020 a Certificate IV Training and Assessment.

Debbie has been an ASUM member for approximately 29 years. This is her second term as an ASUM Board Director. She has been a DMU and PgDMU Asia examiner and has previously been an examiner for Monash and South Australian Universities and a peer reviewer for the Australasian Sonographers Association (ASA).

She was awarded a Fellowship of ASA in 2022 and is a member of the ASA Newcastle Branch Committee.

Previously, Debbie has worked in outback NSW travelling on the Royal Flying Doctor Service. She has a keen interest in sonographer education, research and obstetrics and gynaecology.

Recently, she was part of the research team that co-authored 'Professional Competency Framework for Sonographers' and also the team that co-authored 'Parent-centred communication in obstetric ultrasound' - ASUM guideline.



Ms Debra Paoletti

Debra has been the senior sonographer at the Fetal Medicine Unit, Canberra Hospital since 2007. Prior to specialising in obstetric ultrasound, Debra practiced general and vascular ultrasound in both private and public clinical settings. In 2010, she completed a Master of Applied Science (Sonography) through RMIT and is a current PhD candidate at the ANU School of Medicine. She has been involved in ultrasound education as a member of the DMU Board of Examiners from 2018 - 2021, presenting at ASA and ASUM conferences, and publishing in AJUM. She is also a member of the ASUM Standards of Practice Board and an Associate Editor of AJUM. Debra was awarded ACT Sonographer of the Year at the ASA Awards of Excellence 2013 and ASUM Australasian Sonographer of the Year in 2014.



Prof Gillian Whalley

Gillian has been involved with cardiac ultrasound since 1985, first as a sonographer and then as a research scientist after completing her Masters (1995) and PhD (2006) both in clinical use of echocardiography. She has published over 200 peer-reviewed publications and her clinical research has included ultrasound (heart and vascular) linked to patient outcomes. Gillian is passionate about showing the clinical benefits of ultrasound through quality research and equitable access to appropriate ultrasound. She has volunteered in resource-limited communities to screen for rheumatic heart disease and her recent research is focused on ethnic disparity in the guideline-driven approach to echocardiography. Gillian is currently a Professor of Sonography and Cardiology at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. She serves as the Editor-in-Chief of ASUM's peer-reviewed journal, *Australasian Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine (AJUM)*.



Mr Jody Fassina
Independent
Director

Jody is a public affairs professional and Managing Director of Insight Strategy. He has over 30 years' experience spanning over ten years working in Federal politics and the balance working in the private sector. As a public affairs professional he has provided advice to many major corporates encompassing government relations, public affairs, issues management, stakeholder relations, and campaign advice. He has also worked with major health industry associations. His extensive experience encompasses providing strategic advice to the financial and healthcare sectors as well as experience in advising organisations and their executives appearing before Parliamentary Committees of inquiry. As a demonstration of Jody's extensive public policy expertise, he has served as a Board member of the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Trust, where he Chaired the Finance and Audit Committee, and was a director of NBN Tasmania. Jody holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Major in Accounting), a Graduate Diploma in Public Policy, and a Diploma of Financial Markets. He is also a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Dr Ashes Mukherjee

Ashes graduated medicine in Kolkata, India and completed his emergency medicine training in the United Kingdom (UK). He practiced as a consultant in the UK for eight years and was the department Clinical Director for six years. Ashes migrated to Perth, Western Australia and has been practicing as an emergency physician for ten years.

Ashes commenced practicing point of care ultrasound in 1999 and has always been an advocate for insonation as part of clinical evaluation at the bedside. He developed a special interest in echocardiography which he has performed since 2004. Ashes formed the Armadale Ultrasound School and delivers PoCUS courses which have become very popular amongst trainees, with many returning to work with the school as consultants.

Ashes won the ASUM Trainer of the Year award in 2019 and the ACEM Diversity and Inclusion Award in 2020. He is on the honorary advisory board of the EMUGs organisation and has been Deputy Chair of the US Committee at ACEM for three years.



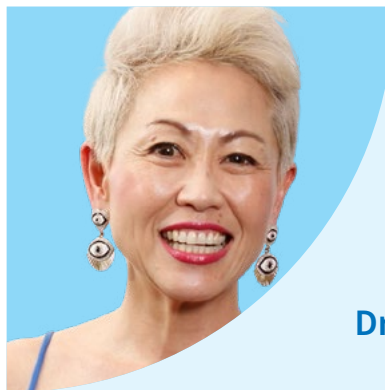
Ms Deanna Varga
Independent
Director

Deanna is CEO and Founder of Mayvin Global, a consultancy specialising in revenue diversification and capability building; she brings over 25 years' experience.

Deanna holds a BA in Tourism Management (UTS), a Master of Business Administration (MGSM), and is an Adjunct Associate Professor (Industry) UTS. She is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Deanna is highly skilled in implementing sustainable commercial strategies to drive revenue and stakeholder engagement, particularly for government agencies, associations, NFPs, and small to medium enterprise.

Deanna holds several board positions, including Non-Executive Director of Transport Heritage NSW and Chair of the Finance, Risk & Audit Committee, Regional Advisory Board for Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA) Asia Pacific, and is a member of the Expert Steering Committee for the South Coast Centre of Excellence.



Dr Emmeline Lee

Emmeline graduated from the University of Western Australia with an MBBS and went on to obtain a Diploma in Obstetrics from RANZCOG, before specialising in radiology. She then completed fellowships in Women's Imaging and Breast Imaging. She is currently a partner in a specialist obstetrics and gynaecology imaging practice, Western Ultrasound for Women, as well as in the public sector at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and Osborne Park Hospital.

Emmeline is the Chair of the Obstetric and Gynaecological Special Interest Group of RANZCR and Expert Advisor for obstetric imaging on Radiopaedia. She was the recipient of the Professor Turab Chakera Award for Radiology Teaching in 2014 and the ASUM Sonologist of the Year award in 2019.

As part of her commitment to education, Emmeline is the Lead Examiner in obstetrics and gynaecology imaging for RANZCR, a keen teacher of radiology registrars and sonographers in Western Australia, and is Co-Lead in Obstetrics and Gynaecology for Radiology Across Borders. Emmeline has a keen research interest, particularly in the field of subfertility.



Dr Nathan Peters

Dr Nathan Peters is a Senior Staff Specialist Anaesthetist working in both public and private practice and shares his time between the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and the Wesley Hospital in Brisbane, Queensland. In addition to clinical anaesthesia care, his particular interest is in ensuring the benefits point of care ultrasound (POCUS) can be delivered to patients at the bedside. In pursuing this interest, he has developed and implemented state-wide POCUS education programs and published multiple original research articles. As a result of his work in this area he has received multiple prestigious awards both locally and internationally.



Strategic Priorities

2022 to 2025

OUR VISION

Creating healthier lives for all by driving ultrasound excellence

OUR MISSION

Fostering a collaborative, multi-disciplinary community of highly competent health professionals who deliver ultrasound excellence



Build a strong future for members through enhanced engagement and improved experience

Action Plan Items

1.1

Refine and expand our quality offerings in education, CPD, and credentialled courses

1.2

Document and articulate our value proposition to the various member segments, while reinforcing the value-add of our multi-disciplinary approach

1.3

Succinct communication strategy for value proposition, including social media strategy

1.4

Reach, recruit and retain younger members

Build sustainability to drive future impact

Action Plan Items

2.1

Diversify our income sources from new and emerging market segments

2.2

Finalise review, currently underway, of feasible options for revision to the membership model, structures and levels

2.3

Explore options for member status, including certification, supervisor and postnominals

Deliver evidence-based standards and research

Action Plan Items

3.1

Undertake ongoing review and development of key standards, maximising international collaborations and influence

3.2

Increase readership and submissions of AJUM

3.3

Enhance the ways we distribute research to maximise translation into clinical practice

Invest to build future-focused capabilities, including our staff, volunteers and systems

Action Plan Items

4.1

Finalise framework for systematic professional development of all staff, directors and key volunteers

4.2

Finalise assessment of key business systems to achieve efficiencies and simplify member experience

4.3

Review and enhance our website and online media presence

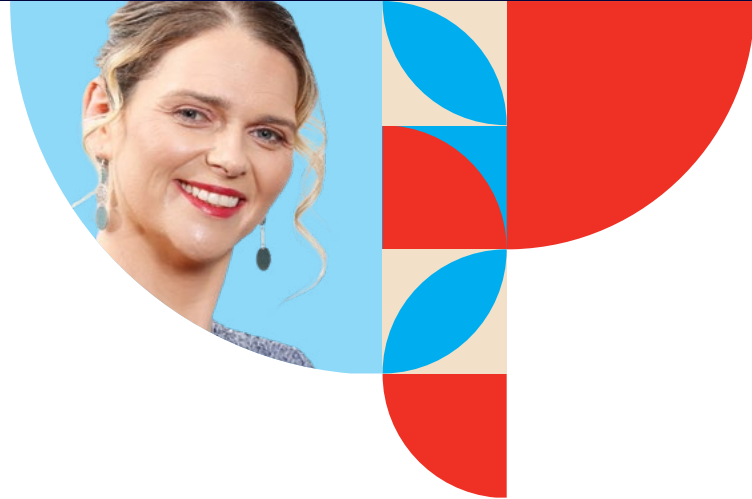
President's Report

Alison Deslandes

The writing of the President's Report is one of the great pleasures that I get to undertake in my role as ASUM President. As this role is often a non-stop whirlwind, the opportunity to reflect on the successes and challenges the organisation has had over the past year, and report those back to you, our members, is a valuable and enjoyable one. The mission of ASUM is to foster a collaborative multi-disciplinary community of health professionals who deliver ultrasound excellence, with the goal of maximising our relevance, sustainability, and impact within the ultrasound community across Australia and New Zealand. These strategic goals were established by the ASUM Board 18 months ago, and this past year has generated some positive outcomes to work towards our vision of ensuring quality health outcomes when using ultrasound, as well as having the Board address some significant challenges.

The ASUM Board is constructed of four medical member directors, four sonographer member directors, one scientific member director and two independent directors. This year we farewelled Dr Jo Ludlow who stepped down from the Board at the AGM in October 2023 after three years of service. I would like to thank her for her diligent efforts during her Board tenure and I wish her well in her next pursuits. With the departure of Dr Ludlow, we welcomed a new medical member director at the AGM in October, Dr Nathan Peters. As an anaesthetist and POCUS expert, Dr Peters brings a valuable skillset to our Board, increasing our diversity of specialisations and ultrasound practices which now encompasses anaesthetics, radiology, emergency medicine, obstetrics and gynaecology, general ultrasound, POCUS, research, and cardiology. This breadth of knowledge and clinical experience is an asset to ASUM as a multi-disciplinary society. For me personally, being on the Board with professionals I do not typically work with day-to-day has been an exceptional experience. I have come to realise how much I have gained in my professional life from working alongside this group which, without ASUM, I would never have come to meet or interact with. And so, when people ask me, "why ASUM?", this is the reason. Belonging to a multi-disciplinary Society, where we are all united by our passion for ultrasound, brings opportunities, inspiration and education I cannot receive elsewhere. As such, the ability to work as President of this wonderful Society, and to deliver this benefit to our entire community is my passion, and an opportunity I feel very privileged to have been given.

Education has always been a cornerstone of what ASUM does, and delivery of strong educational courses continues to be a key strategic priority. The ASUM Education team



has achieved remarkable milestones this year, with record numbers of enrolments in the Certificate in Clinician Performed Ultrasound (CCPU) program, reflecting the growing recognition of the importance of ultrasound skills in clinical practice. Additionally, there has been continued expansion in our Diploma of Diagnostic Ultrasound (DDU) and Certificate in Allied Health Performed Ultrasound (CAHPU) programs, with new modules launched this year, and more in the pipeline for 2024/25. This growth highlights ASUM's dedication to enhancing the quality of ultrasound education and supporting the professional development of our members. Congratulations to all who achieved a DDU, CCPU or CAHPU this year.

A key strategic priority of the Board for 2023/24 has been to ensure we have best possible systems in place to ensure efficiency for our team to deliver benefits to members. This will then ensure the member experience is as positive and streamlined as possible. To work towards this, in early 2024 we instigated an organisation-wide review of our IT systems. Moving into 2024/25, the Board, along with the ASUM staff are working through the recommendations of this review and implementing various new systems to improve your experience as a member. We anticipate many changes to be made into 2024/25 to continue to ensure our systems are modern and user-friendly for our staff, members and community.

A key offering of ASUM is high-quality continuing education opportunities. With a mix of in-person events held across

Australia and New Zealand, as well as many online events – accessible to all worldwide – I am very proud of the continuing high standard of these events and thank all those who have worked tirelessly to bring these to life. Most of our offerings are made possible by our many wonderful volunteers who give their time to convene events or present, and to you, I say thank you.

Our two premier events each year are our two annual conferences. The first of the year was our conference in Aotearoa New Zealand in July, hosted in Christchurch. This was my first time attending a New Zealand conference and it will not be my last. I cannot recall a more fun and collegiate meeting in recent times than this one and I commend the local organising committee for their tireless effort bringing this event to life. The opportunity to be amongst our NZ members and gain more insight into the practice of ultrasound across the Tasman was for me, a personal highlight. Thank you to all the members who took the time to talk with me and share your insight which I will use continuously to ensure our NZ members are properly catered for during the remainder of my time on the ASUM Board. If you have never attended the ASUM NZ conference, I highly recommend making it part of your CPD plans in future.



ASUM Conference 2023

In October, we were back in Sydney (for the first time since 2015) to come together for our annual conference at the new Sydney International Convention Centre. With an intimate program, full of workshops and bespoke topics, this too was an exceedingly collegiate and relaxed affair. It was lovely to see members from across Australia and NZ converge in Sydney. Again, the effort that goes into creating a conference like this cannot be understated and I cannot thank the organising committee enough for their outstanding effort in putting together an incredible program. I would also like to thank the ASUM staff, who all gave up their weekend to be part of the conference in their hometown, helping delegates with whatever was needed and always with a smile on

their faces. A highlight of this meeting is always the gala dinner where we present the annual Awards of Excellence to those within our community who go above and beyond and achieve exceptional things. This year, we were able to present the Inaugural Dr Delwyn Nicholls Scholarship to a student sonographer in a regional location. This award was made possible due to a generous bequest in the will of our dear member, the late Dr Delwyn Nicholls who had an immeasurable commitment to sonographer education. I congratulate all the award winners for their outstanding achievements.

A key priority of the 2022-2025 ASUM Strategic Plan is to ensure ASUM can be a valuable organisation for the next generation of ultrasound professionals. With the positive reception of the reduced cost trainee membership in 2023, the Board is continuing to focus on ways in which ASUM membership can be accessible to new members of our community. This requires updated thinking – which can be a challenge in organisations with a long-established history like ours at ASUM where it is easy to adhere to outdated approaches because “that’s the way we’ve always done it.” This year, there was a renewed focus on the needs of all members (old and new) to ensure you, our members, are getting what you need from ASUM and your voices are heard – a focus which will continue into 2024/25 and beyond.

An ongoing priority of ASUM is the fostering of cutting-edge research and innovation in ultrasound. This year, we again supported ultrasound research by providing a \$20,000 ASUM Research Grant to Professor Jillian Clarke and her team at the University of Sydney for their project ULTRA_BREAST: Enhancing Diagnostic Proficiency in Breast Ultrasound. I cannot wait to see their outcome to be presented at the ASUM Annual Conference in 2025. As part of our commitment to research, we have again seen another year of the AJUM thriving and continuing to publish high-quality ultrasound-related research. The Board is thrilled with the progress the journal has made this year, and I would like to extend a large thank you to Editor-in-Chief, Prof Gillian Whalley, and the Editorial Board for their hard work and commitment to the journal.

While there have been many positives at ASUM throughout this year, the year has also been marked with significant challenges for the Board. Most notably, we finished the financial year with a significant operational financial loss of (\$257,001). The details of income and expenditure are fully transparent in later pages of this Annual Report. As President, I report such outcomes with discontent, as a financial loss of this magnitude

reflects a personal failing of myself to ensure the organisation is managed in the most sustainable and responsible way. To mitigate against future losses, this year the Board focused on reviewing our operations in detail, whilst aiming to diversify our revenue streams to ensure stronger financial stability. While ASUM is in a strong financial position overall, thanks to prior investments, and our healthy reserves will safeguard us for a while, I am fully committed to ensuring your membership dollars go to the projects you find most valuable, and work in a way that ensures ASUM is sustainable into the future. Doing so is no easy task; however, my promise to the ASUM community is that for my remaining time as President, I am absolutely committed to doing whatever is required to see this occur and see ASUM continue to flourish into the future.

Without a doubt, one of the most significant operational events at ASUM this year was the resignation of our CEO, Ms Lyndal Macpherson, in early June after eight years in the role. We appreciate Lyndal's dedication and contributions, and her passion for the ultrasound community has been evident throughout her tenure. Her decision to step down was due to a shared vision with the Board for the future direction of ASUM and her commitment to ensuring a smooth transition for continued growth and success.

We thank Lyndal for her dedication during her time at ASUM and we are deeply grateful for her unwavering commitment. We are appreciative of her many years of service and wish her all the best in her future endeavours. With change comes opportunity and the Board are excited to start year 2024/25 with a search for our next CEO to lead ASUM into the future.

The financial year 2023/24 has been marked by significant achievements and milestones for ASUM while also navigating some significant challenges. ASUM's strategic initiatives have contributed to the advancement of research, education, and professional practice in the field of ultrasound. We remain dedicated to our mission of fostering a collaborative multi-disciplinary community of health professionals who deliver ultrasound excellence, and we look forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. I extend my sincere gratitude to our members, volunteers, and staff for their unwavering support and commitment. While the Board of Directors and I acknowledge there is significant work still to be done, I have full confidence in the current ASUM Board to keep a solid focus on the task. In November 2024, I will step down as President, handing the reigns over to President-Elect Ms Jo McCann. I have full faith in Jo's ability to lead ASUM into our next chapter and continue to lead the Board to navigate the challenges ahead, whilst staying true to our mission and our members.



Finance Report

Jody Fassina, Chair of the Finance, Audit, Risk and Investment Committee

The financial year 2023/24 was a very challenging year for ASUM as was flagged in the 2022/23 annual report.

The financial year operating result was a disappointing loss of (\$257,001) which has seen the Board undertake a significant restructure of the organisation in order to ensure an efficient and right sized organisation best placed to meet the needs of ASUM members.

Total revenue from all sources (not including ASUM Outreach) in 2023/24 was \$2,368,454 comprised of membership dues of \$1,050,340, education activities including conference and CPD events \$1,083,835, investment/interest income \$139,172 and other income of \$ 234,279.

For 2023/24, membership was 2,538 representing a 3.4% increase from 2,454 in 2022/23.

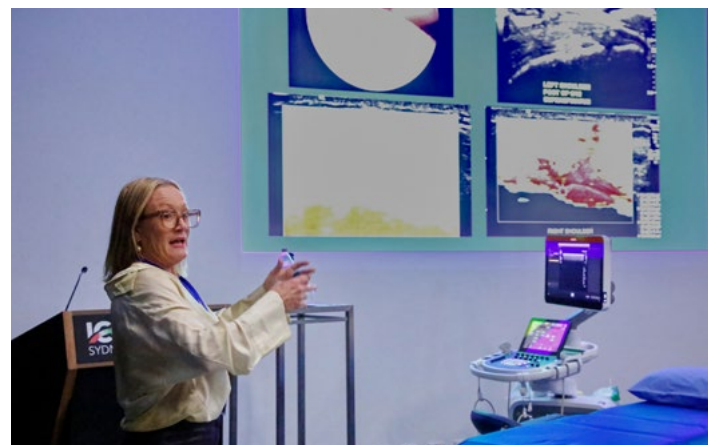
ASUM is fortunate in that it has significant financial reserves and has invested these funds prudently such that they will help buttress the financial challenge that was experienced in 2023/24 and also provide the resources required to invest for the future.

For example, a major investment being considered by the Board is a significant upgrade to ASUMs CRM and IT systems to make for both a better member experience and also assist ASUM staff being able to do what they do best – service members.

The Finance, Audit, Risk and Investment Committee, overseen by the ASUM Board, remains very cognisant of the financial challenges faced by ASUM in 2023/24 and the ongoing challenges that will present in 2024/25.

From a financial perspective some hard decisions had to be taken in 2023/24 but with a restructured organisation and a new CEO to take leadership of ASUM, the FARIC believe that the foundations have been laid to ensure a future and financially sustainable ASUM.

Just as cost-of-living pressures have impacted the community at large, ASUM is also not immune to increasing input costs. Thus, FARIC and the Board are very cognisant to ensure costs are managed in a prudent and effective manner, particularly as we look to improve upon the operating loss sustained in 2023/24.



Membership Report

2023/24

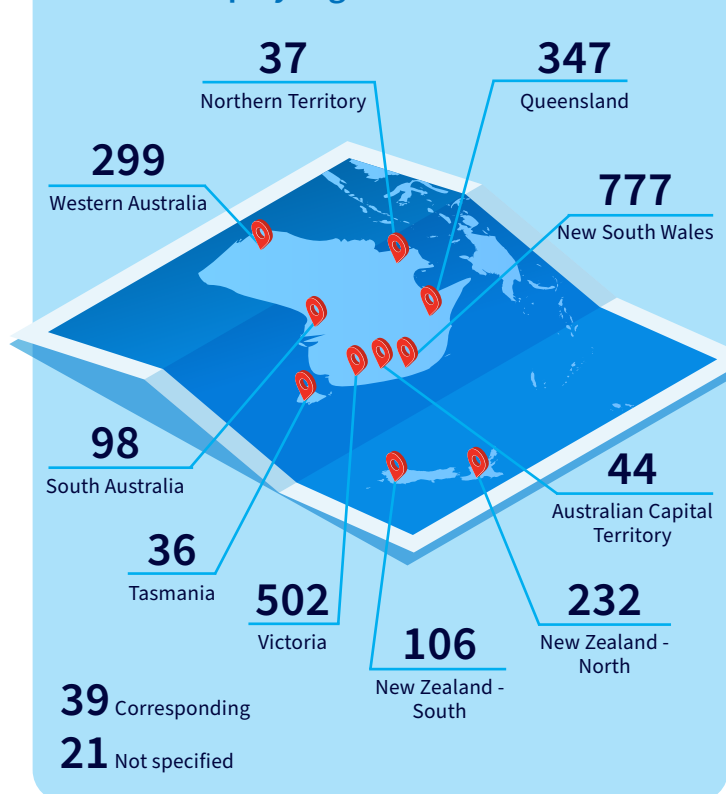
ASUM's strength comes from a diverse multi-disciplinary membership who all play a crucial role in delivering quality health outcomes when using ultrasound.



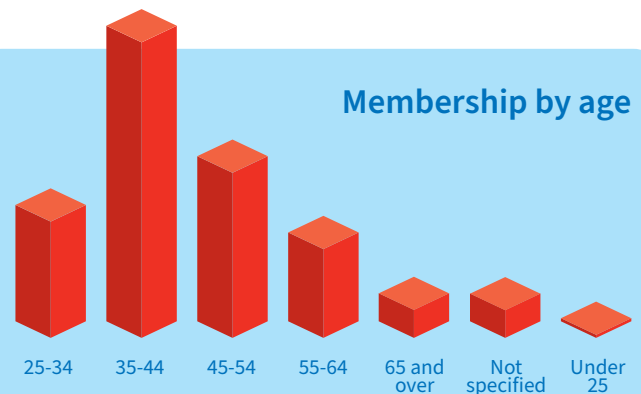
Membership by profession

Other	1	Scientific	1
Allied Health	70	Sonographer	524
Corresponding	27	Student	73
Medical	1,526	Trainee	304
Not specified	12		

Membership by region



Membership by age



Membership by specialty or interest

Abdominal/Gastroenterology	101
Anaesthesia	75
Breast	118
Cardiac	139
Critical Care	172
Emergency Medicine	625
Endocrinology	2
General Ultrasound	212
Maternal and Fetal Medicine/ Neonatology	188
Musculoskeletal	49
Not specified	336
Nuclear Medicine	9
Nursing	11
Obstetrics and Gynaecology	287
Paediatrics	12
Phlebology	12
Radiology/Radiography	120
Respiratory	15
Rheumatology	10
Vascular	45



Membership by gender

1,243 female

1,042 male

253 not specified

Membership



Communications

As part of our commitment to enhancing member engagement, we developed an ASUM-wide communications strategy for 2023-2024. This strategy provided a framework for improvements across our EDMs, social media, and key campaigns, ensuring a cohesive and consistent approach across all communication platforms.

Email newsletters

In alignment with our new strategy, we refined our EDMs by improving templated layouts and incorporating more visual elements. These enhancements refreshed our communications and strengthened our branding, creating a more consistent and recognisable experience for our members. The result was a series of visually appealing and easier-to-navigate emails.

142 EDMs
were sent
in the last
12 months



Open rates
increased
by 3.8%


with approximately 95,500 more emails opened
compared to the 2022/23 financial year (466,517 vs 562,033)

Social media

This year, our communications strategy also guided updates to our social media approach. We introduced more templated designs and strongly emphasised our branding consistency. These efforts increased our posting frequency and enhanced our brand identity across platforms.


1,225
social media posts
were published
marking a
34.5% increase
in posts compared to last year
(314 more than in the
2022/23 financial year)

Facebook



3.7K
followers

LinkedIn




3.8K
followers

Instagram

Launched last year. While growth has been modest this year, we see Instagram as a platform with potential for reaching and engaging a broader audience.

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2.2K
followers

Campaigns

Delwyn Nicholls Scholarship

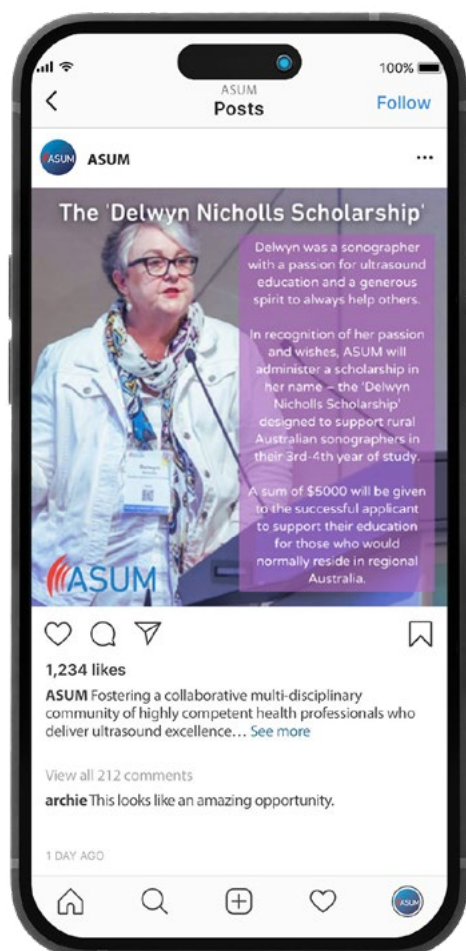
ASUM has the privilege of administering a new student sonographer scholarship – the ‘Delwyn Nicholls Scholarship’ – on behalf of the estate of Dr Delwyn Nicholls. Delwyn was a sonographer with a passion for ultrasound education and a generous spirit to always help others.

This year, we launched a campaign to promote the scholarship to support rural Australian sonographers in their third or final year of study. Communicated via EDMs, social media, and the ASUM website, the campaign featured photos of Delwyn and messaging that reflected her lasting impact on the ultrasound community.

The campaign successfully concluded with awarding the inaugural scholarship to Sarah Williamson, whose dream as a qualified sonographer is to promote, achieve, and contribute to medical imaging equity within rural and remote communities in central Australia.



Above: Delwyn Nicholls



Above, top and left: Social media posts promoting The Delwyn Nicholls Scholarship



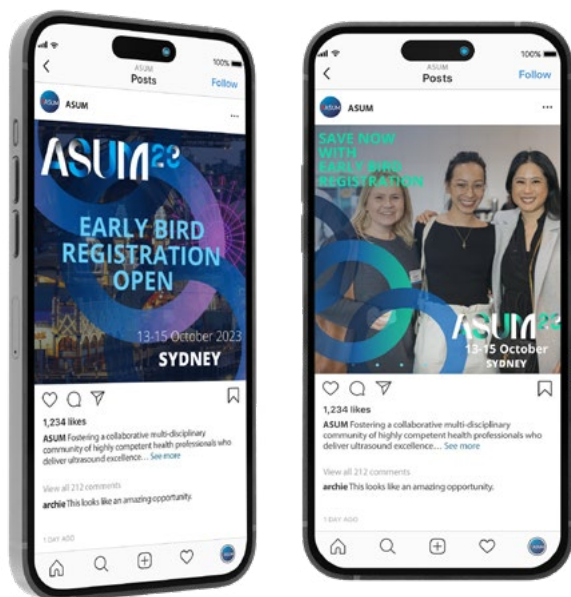
Above: 2023 Delwyn Nicholls Scholarship winner, Sarah Williamson

Campaigns

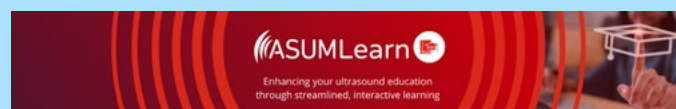
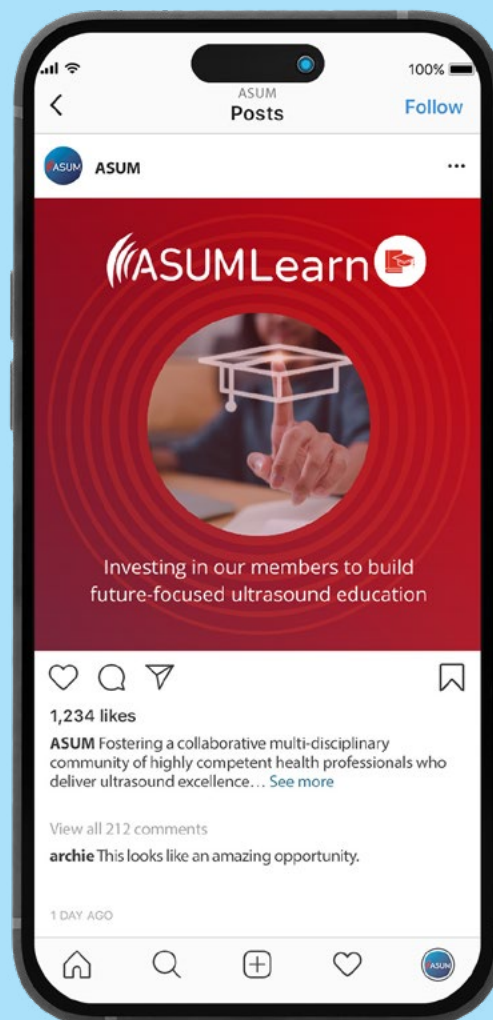
ASUM 2023

The ASUM 2023 campaign was a key initiative to bring together our multi-disciplinary community for a weekend of learning, professional connections, and networking at our annual conference in Sydney.

A central part of this campaign was a consistent brand identity that captured the theme of 'ultrasound intelligence,' making a strong impact across all communications. The campaign utilised targeted EDMs, social media, and the ASUM website to drive strong engagement and event registrations.



Above: Social media posts promoting the ASUM 2023 Campaign



Above: Social media posts promoting the launch of ASUM Learn

Launch of ASUM Learn

The launch of ASUM Learn, our new education portal, marked a significant step forward in enhancing the ultrasound education experience for our candidates.

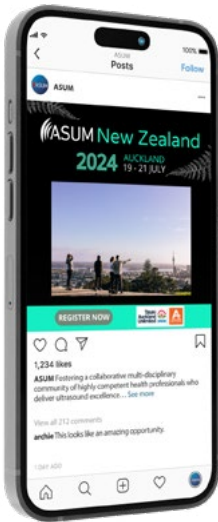
The campaign was strategically communicated through EDMs, social media, and the website, featuring new branding with ASUM Education's signature red, soundwave visuals, and the ASUM Learn logo. This initiative affirmed ASUM's commitment to investing in our members and building future-focused ultrasound education.

Campaigns

ASUM New Zealand 2024

The ASUM New Zealand 2024 Conference campaign was another key initiative this year, designed to promote a weekend of ultrasound learning and networking in Auckland.

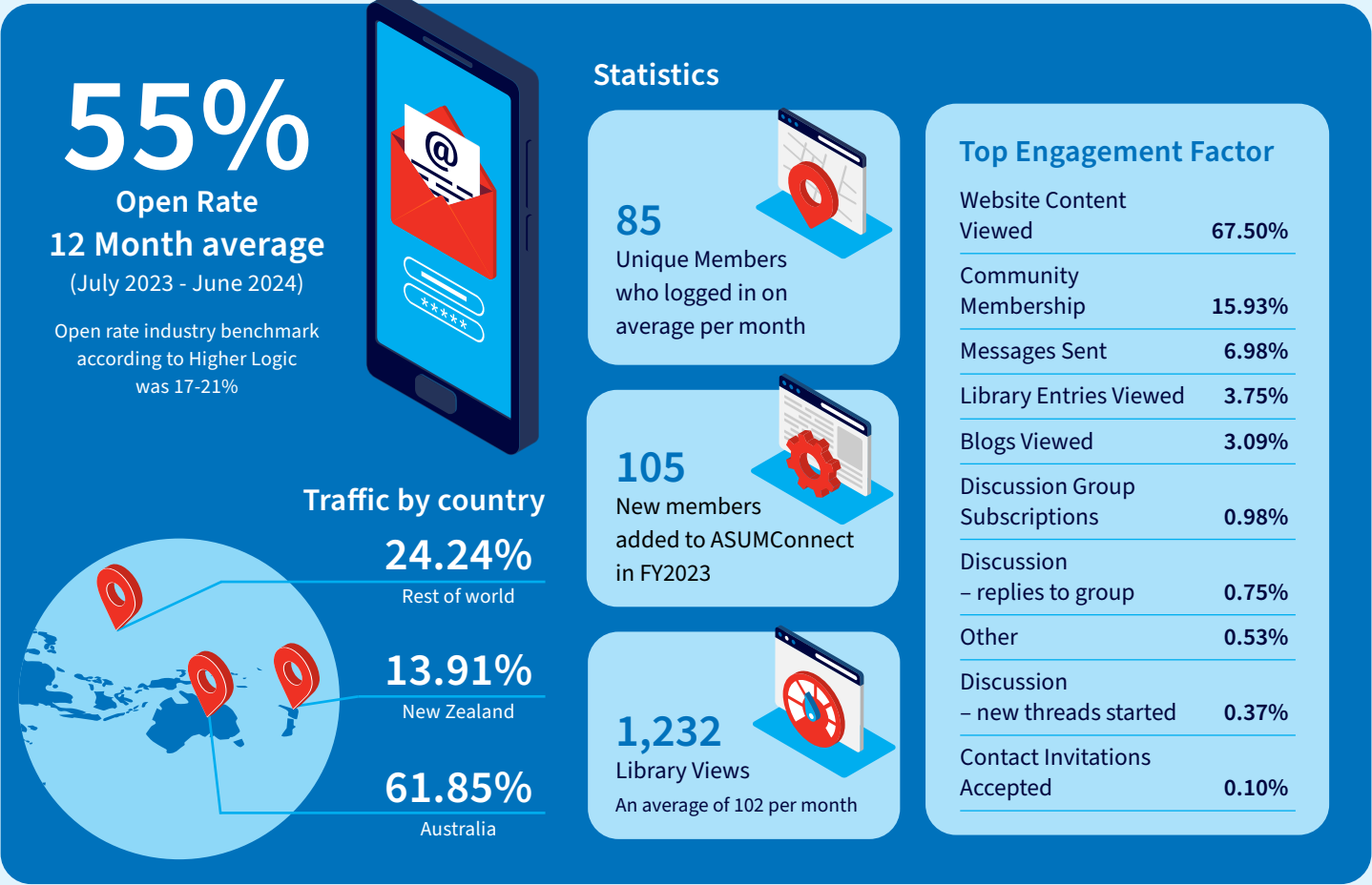
A new brand identity was developed for the conference, featuring a distinctive logo, black and green colour palette, and fern leaf motifs. The campaign effectively generated significant interest and registrations through the strategic use of EDMs, social media and the website.



Above: Social media posts promoting ASUM New Zealand

ASUM Connect

ASUM Connect is an online community where members can converse and network with peers, read blogs by leaders in the ultrasound field and more.



CPD Events

2023/24 summary

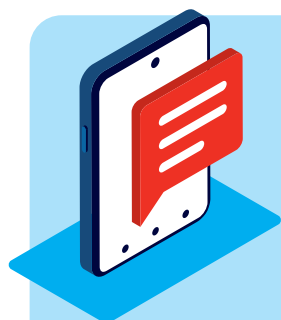


Event Types



CPD Points by Specialty

Obstetrics and Gynaecology	46.25	Point of Care Ultrasound	9
General	29	Neonatal	6
Vascular	12	Cardiac	2.75



Feedback quotes on webinars / virtual conferences

"It was very informative session with very useful scanning techniques demonstrated."

"This talk was fantastic! The speaker had a real understanding of the sonographers situation in delivering unexpected news in real time. The most valuable thing I learnt was to identify and speak out loud the patient's feelings to acknowledge them. I will put this into practice tomorrow."

"I thought this was a fantastic webinar, I enjoyed it immensely and have learnt so much today."

"An enjoyable and informative session. The speakers spoke well and had great images, clips of the pathologies they were explaining."

"The wealth of knowledge and experience of the presenters was impressive."

"Thank you very much to all the presenters and organisers for making this possible. Look forward to the next one!!"



Feedback on face to face events

"Excellent range of integrated topics. Great speakers. Intimate setting. Well organised."

"Amazing speakers, very relatable and offered tips that can be easily implemented into daily scanning."

"Interesting, knowledgeable speakers and good networking opportunities."

"The speakers were all extremely high quality. Their delivery was fantastic and as a trainee I did not feel overwhelmed by the level of information."

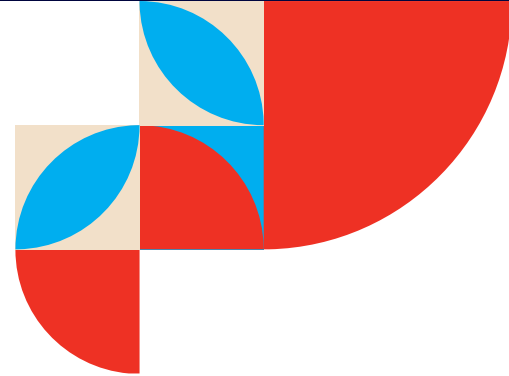


Education Report

Mike Thompson, Education Manager

This fiscal year, ASUM has launched exciting projects that were in our development pipeline and exceeded goals for our education programmes.

For the first occasion in five years, we received over 100 new CCPU enrolments in a single quarter. We have welcomed new members and made changes to our roles, both on our committees and in our team. Additionally, we have identified exciting opportunities to strengthen and extend our educational offerings in ultrasound and expand our capabilities.



People

The contributions made by the course committees are vitally important for our education programmes. We wish to recognise and welcome those who have stepped into new roles in our course committees and send our heartfelt thanks to those who have come to the end of their time. During the year we welcomed two new board members to the CCPU Board of Examiners, one new member to the CCPU Neonatal Reference Group, and had a change of Head of Specialty in the DDU Board of Examiners.



Dr Robert Browning:
CCPU/CAHPU Board
Member

Robert joins as the Emergency Medicine representative on the CCPU/CAHPU Board.

He works at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane as a staff specialist in Emergency Medicine and co-clinical lead in ultrasound, responsible for ultrasound training within the department.

“I love using ultrasound to help care for critically unwell patients and have developed a passion for teaching point of care ultrasound, particularly echocardiography, to others”.



Dr Amanda Collins:
CCPU/CAHPU Board
Member

Joining the CCPU/CAHPU Board is Amanda who works at Hutt Emergency Department near Wellington, New Zealand. As an Emergency Medicine specialist and a Director of Emergency Medicine Training (DEMT), she shares responsibility for ultrasound training and improvement.

“Working with enthusiastic, knowledgeable ultra-sonographers and radiologists, as well as other CCPU FACEMs to learn ultrasound was a great experience; I hope to continue to learn with such inspiring people”.



Dr Priyanka Kapadia:
Member of the CCPU
Neonatal Reference Group

Staff Specialist Neonatologist at the Sunshine Coast University Hospital, Priyanka completed a Fellowship in Neonatal Haemodynamics in Toronto, Canada before returning to Australia where she now engages in ultrasound training.

“Learning ultrasound is quite the adventure. The field is innovative and constantly changing. There will be many ups and downs. Regardless of where you are on this journey, keep going even when it feels hard. It is definitely worth it!”

The ASUM Education Team

ASUM welcomed Mike Thompson as the new Education Manager in November 2023, to work with the excellent education team (Ana Canon, Education Coordinator, CCPU/CAHPU; Vanessa Loon, Education Coordinator, DDU; and Camila Andrade, Education Assistant).

As a team of relative newcomers to ASUM, we have all felt thankful for the support and cooperation of the groups and committees, candidates and members we work with daily.

We are eager to continue supporting our members, candidates, and graduates, and to explore numerous opportunities to expand and strengthen our educational programs.



Dr Dieter Kohrs:
DDU Head of Specialty –
Emergency Medicine

Following the resignation of Dr Leanne Hartnett, Dr Dieter Kohrs was appointed Head of Specialty for Emergency Medicine.

We thank Leanne for her valuable contributions to the DDU Board of Examiners.

Dr Dieter Kohrs is an Emergency Medicine Specialist at the Royal Perth Hospital in Western Australia, and was awarded Dux for DDU in 2014.

He is responsible for the Emergency Department Ultrasound Education and has established and is in charge of a 6-month Ultrasound Registrar special skills position and a 2-year DDU fellowship programme.

“Using ultrasound as an extension of the clinical examination, is part of the future of Emergency Medicine. It is my privilege to help teach a new generation of Emergency Physicians to embrace this technology and to use it safely and wisely.”



Boards

CCPU CAHPU Board Members	
Name	Specialty
Dr Amanda Collins	Emergency Medicine
Dr Darren Moisey	Emergency Medicine
A/Prof Fredrick Joshua	Rheumatology
Dr George Ntoumenopoulos	Physiotherapist
Dr Hatem Elkady	Critical Care
Dr Ian Bennett	Breast and Endocrine
Ms Jo Douglas	Sonographer
Dr Linda Atkins	Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Dr Robert Browning	Emergency Medicine
Dr Sheryle Rogerson	Neonatal
Dr Simon Thibault	Phlebology

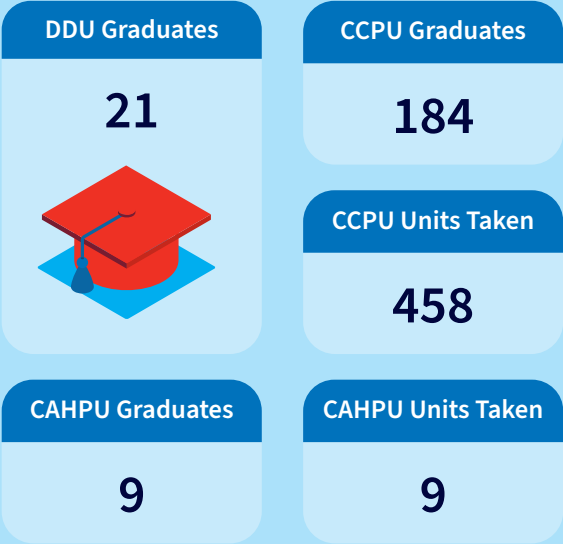
DDU Board Members	
Name	Specialty
Dr James Rippey	Chairperson
Dr Agnieszka Willis	Graduate Representative Emergency Medicine
Dr Anne-Marie Welsh	Graduate Representative Critical Care
Dr Chris Choong	Head of Specialty Cardiology
Dr Denise Roach	Head of Specialty Vascular
Dr Dieter Kohrs	Head of Specialty Emergency Medicine
A/Prof George Condous	Head of Specialty Gynaecology
Dr Jacqueline Chua	Head of Specialty O&G
Dr Karen Mizia	O&G member
Dr Nishantha Govender	Graduate Representative O&G
Dr Rob Gill	Physics member
A/Prof Sam Orde	Head of Specialty Critical Care

Neonatal Reference Group Members	
Name	
Prof Martin Kluckow (Chairperson)	
A/Prof Andy Gill	
Dr Bronwyn Dixon	
Dr Callum Gateley	
Dr Kiran Kumar	
Dr Marcus Brecht	
Dr Patricia Woods	
Dr Priyanka Kapedia	
A/Prof Sheryle Rogerson	



Graduates

Congratulations to all the graduates of ASUM courses for 2023/24.



New Courses

New CCPU units in Regional Anaesthesia

The CCPU Chair Dr Darren Moisey and an excellent team of clinicians, worked hard during 2023 to develop 7 new CCPU units that we launched at the beginning of 2024:

1. Distal Brachial Plexus Block: Infraclavicular/Axillary
2. Brachial Plexus Block: Supraclavicular/Interscalene
3. Upper Limb Peripheral Nerve Blocks
4. Paravertebral Block
5. Fascia Iliaca and Femoral Nerve Block
6. Erector Spinae Plane Block
7. Serratus Anterior Plane Block

CCPU Neonatal Units

The Neonatal Reference Group (NRG) developed the new and improved modular CCPU neonatal program now offered as the following independent units:

- CCPU Neonatal Cardiac
- CCPU Neonatal Cranial
- CCPU Neonatal Lung

These units replace the previous basic and advanced neonatal CCPU units and have transitioned to an online modular format that replaces the accredited courses.

This has been a long and challenging project, and we congratulate NRG Chair Prof Martin Kluckow and the group for bringing it to fruition.



New Technology and Processes

ASUM Learn

This year, we were excited to launch the ASUM Learn candidate portal. This portal represents a significant investment in our members, aimed at providing future-focused ultrasound education. ASUM Learn offers a streamlined, interactive learning experience designed to enhance ultrasound education for candidates.

Through the ASUM Learn portal, enrolling in courses, registering for exams, submitting assessments, accessing resources, and utilising interactive online learning modules will be easier and more efficient. Additionally, it will provide peace of mind by using a secure payment gateway.

Course provider audit

The education team has started an audit of our accredited course providers to gain a full understanding of the current and expired courses, and review the accreditation process.

After the first period of the audit, we have identified a total of 77 accredited course providers across Australia and New Zealand. During this time, we also reviewed the accreditation process and created a new online application form that will be live in September 2024.

The second part of the audit is ongoing and will focus on how we can best collaborate with our accredited course providers to offer value and extended educational offerings to our members.

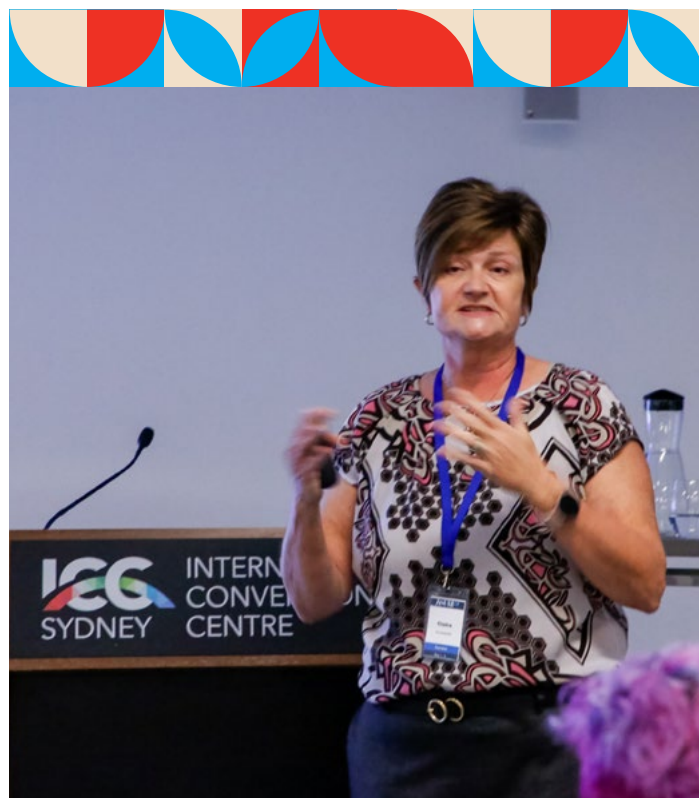
Looking Forward

We are excited about the opportunities for ASUM's education programmes in the future.

We are reviewing numerous elements of our courses and how we support them. This will include:

- Working with our boards and with the events team to create CPD activities that better align with the needs of our candidates and graduates
- Exploring more opportunities to expand the number of units available in CCPU

We look forward to working to offer the best learning and development opportunities we can for our present and future members.



Graduates

2023/24

CCPU Graduates

Adam Douglas

Adam Rischin

Aileen Phillips

Ajit Aiyappan

Alexandra Legge

Alexandra Nikolsky

Ali Al-Ghadhban

Alice Rigg

Alvin Ngeow

Alyce Scanlan

Amanda Collins

Amber Seigel

Amira Dkeidek

Andrew Thelander

Anke Barta

Anna Story

Athena Bratis

Atul Goel

Audrey Guo

Aung Htay

Aurelia Stapleton

Baldip Kaur Gurcharan Singh

Belinda Van Gruting

Benjamin Roestenburg

Bharath Krishnappa

Billy Kwok

Bojana Bulajic

Brendon McCarthy

Brendon Parmar

Brian Lesman

Brianna Smith

Bronwyn Turner

Carolyn Chapman

Cassanne Eccleston

Celestine Rickman

Celia Bentley

Chloe Morey

Claire Bertenshaw

Conor McDermott

Dan Li

Dan Xu

Dana Andrews

Danielle Wood

Darren Moisey

David Sein Hwee See

Dion Van De Schoot

Divya Karna

Dong Cheah

Dorothy Skye Macleod

Douglas Blank

Edward Brentnall

Elizabeth Corbett

Emmet Sheil

Euan Macdonald

Euan Watt

Eva Rosenbaum

Gavithra Dayananda

Geoffrey Harley

Georgina Barugh

Ghazwan Fahmi

Harpreet Sandhu

Harry Jones

Hector Thomson

Heidi Faustmann

Iain Johnston

Ikhwan Halibullah

Isabella Blunt

Jack Marjot

Jack Taylor

Jaislie Barrass

Jake Andrews

James Klaassen

James Xu

Jason Boyd

Jason Fong

Jason Kong

Jenn Huei Steven Chiang

Jeremy Pratt

Jessica Sommer

Jessy Nellipudi

Jia Ng

Joanna Shah

John Currie

John Gallagher

John Hall

Jonathan Berger

Jonathan Nesaraj

Kathryn Scott

Kenneth Lo

Kenny Kessler

CCPU Graduates continued

Kim Jackman

Kimson Vu

Kiran Ram Belas

Kirsten Hrabar

Kit Rowe

Koichi Yasuda

Kristy McCulloch

Kurt Durbridge

Leesa Equid

Liam Hannon

Lidia Samcewicz-Parham

Lily Rundjan

Louise Huntley

Lukas Marchant

Marco Reedijk

Maria Walsh

Mark George

Matthew Khoury

Maxwell Allin

Melanie Andronicus

Melissa Weber

Michael Butterfield

Michael Giles

Michael Sawang

Michele Fiorentino

Miles Ma

Mina Mina

Minh-Tu Duong

Miriam Wynne

Ngoc Hanh Pham

Nicholas Simpson

Nicholas Williams

Nirindu Weerakoon

Nishit Gupta

Nurul Syahira Ali

Oine Omakwu

Oonagh Mitchell

Pankajkumar Patel

Patrick Er

Paul Campbell

Paul McGinnity

Philip Chua

Phoebe Shearman

Pik Yin Lee

Poliana De Barros Medeiros

Priyesh Sura

Qi Kai Ang

Rachael Parker

Rachel Cuthbert Yee

Rachel Ng

Raja Rengasamy

Rajasutharsan Kathirgamanathan

Rebecca Barzegar

Rebekah Bennetts

Richard Mahoney

Robert Nayer

Ronik Ghosh

Ronnie Lau

Rupert Phillips

Sabine Boes

Saqib Rana

Sara Chesney

Sara Towle

Sarah Ee

Sarah Ng

Scott Honeyfield

Serena Burgess

Sheeba Qamer

Shiva Sethuraman

Sivashanth Gnanasekaran

Sophie Otlowski

Sophie Parker

Soultana Chotou

Soumesh Ranjan Paul

Stacey Peart

Stephanie Swallow

Stephen Jones

Stephen Sena

Stuart Benson

Sugandha Gupta

Susanna Rossotti

Syeda Begum

Thiruvengatam Govindan

Thomas Ellis

Victoria Barbour

Vivien Wan Yi Fang

Wai Chung Tse

Wai Pheng Teo

Xining Huang

Yazmin Symons

Yit Jian Lee

Yiting Tan

Yung Sing Alan Chan

Zeena Tawfik

CAHPU Graduates

Alastair Treacher

Andrea Whitehouse

Annabel Love

Daniel Seller

Hannah Latta

Luke Churchill

Maggie Walker

Sarine Joyit Mani

Tawhai Whitewood

DDU Graduates

Ben Gerhardy

Critical Care

Chathuri Dissanayake

Critical Care

Hatem Elkady

Critical Care

Juan Carlos Mora

Critical Care

Lewis McLean

Critical Care

Ravikiran Sonawane

Critical Care

Christopher Moseley

Emergency Medicine

Kylie Baker

Emergency Medicine

Patrick Feeny

Emergency Medicine

Peter Snelling

Emergency Medicine

Seyed Behzad Mirmiran

Emergency Medicine

Tom Jowitt

Emergency Medicine

Angela Boulton

Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Blake Knapman

Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Carole-Anne Whigham

Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Laura Gerhardy

Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Melissa Delgado

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Rani Haj Yahya

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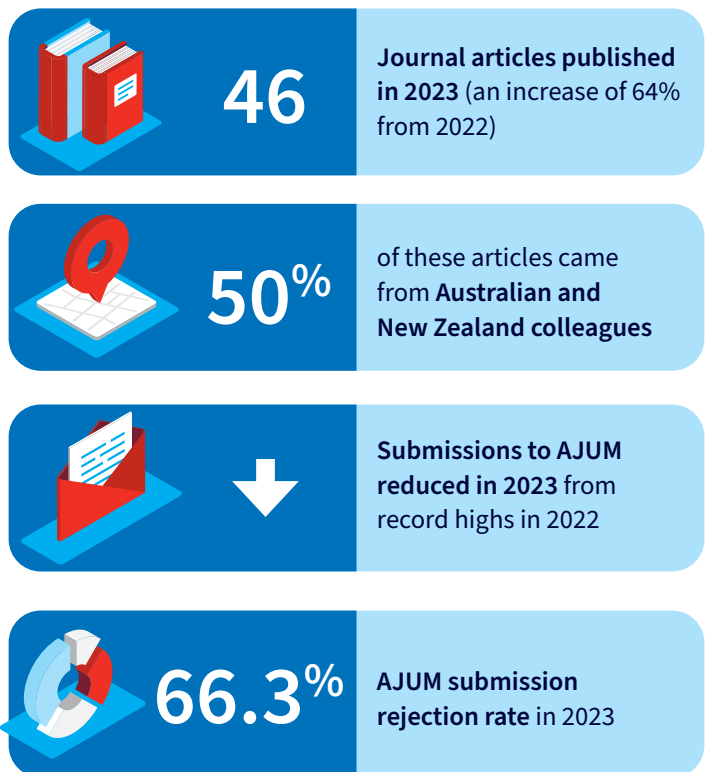
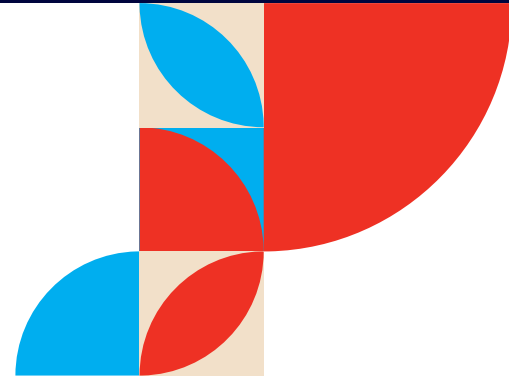
Prof Gillian Whalley, Editor-in-Chief

As the Editor-in-Chief of AJUM, four times a year I write an editorial for each quarterly edition. I try to find themes amongst the articles and these themes can range from measurement accuracy to technology or clinical evidence. I am often drawing from widely disparate topics and reading well outside of my own scope of practice. As a multi-disciplinary community of ultrasound experts and researchers, the topics are, unsurprisingly, quite varied – from fetal hearts to aortic aneurysms, from endometriosis to PACS data extraction methods, from interventional guidance to building a phantom to learn procedures at home. What always strikes me are the similarities within our diverse practices and research, and our shared quest for evidence on which to base our practice. That is what brings us together. What makes us colleagues.

ASUM's mission is to foster a collaborative multi-disciplinary community of highly competent health professionals who deliver ultrasound excellence.

AJUM is just one example of how we do this through the extensive educational and professional development opportunities that exist for our members and the broader ultrasound community. Some of your membership fees are used to support the publication of AJUM, which is essentially your own professional journal that fulfils another of ASUM's strategic aims of building a strong future for members and delivering evidence-based standards and research. To do this, our journal must publish articles of the highest quality and of interest to our readers.

As diverse as ASUM's membership, so is the AJUM Editorial Board – it truly reflects the diversity of our membership and practice. The Editorial Board, together with our volunteer peer reviewers, continue to strive for high quality scientific publications and in doing so, improve the quality of the journal. I want to thank all the Board members and peer reviewers for volunteering their time to bring you the best evidence and education on which to base your practice.



As always, we are most grateful to the authors who choose AJUM as a trusted publication platform for their research, case studies, education pieces and reviews. In 2023, we published 46 journal articles (an increase of 64% from 2022) and the highest number in recent years. Of these, half came from colleagues in Australia and New Zealand. Submissions


to AJUM reduced in 2023 from record highs in 2022, although are still at historically high levels, but the peak post-COVID is resolving. The rejection rate is stable at 66.3%; most of these were rejected without review, often within a week or two. This is important, as an early rejection prevents us from overburdening our peer reviewers with papers that may never meet the threshold for publication; this also means when papers are sent to peer review, the acceptance rate is higher. This is beneficial to both our authors and reviewers: for authors, they are more likely to get a positive response; and for reviewers we are not wasting their time.

Our time to online publication, an important measure for our authors, is somewhat static and our time to acceptance is still longer than we would like at a median of 127 days. Our biggest challenge is finding suitable peer reviewers due to competing demands on everyone's time. The AJUM editors are focussed on reducing the time to first decision, which is currently sitting around 67 days (median) for articles that are sent out to peer review.



36

Papers were referred to us from international allied journals last year



33%

of these referred papers were accepted

Our CiteScore is continuing to trend upwards

1.3

in 2022




1.9

in 2023

Through our contract with Wiley, AJUM now has established transfer arrangements with several international imaging journals. Any papers submitted through this process go through the full peer review unless they have already been peer-reviewed by the first journal, in which case our editorial board members make decisions based on those peer reviews. This is efficient use of time for both authors and the journal. As a result of this, we have increased our international content significantly. Last year, 36 papers were referred to us through the transfer process, of which 33% were accepted. By increasing our author and reader bases, this increases our international reach. And metrics support this. Our CiteScore is continuing to trend upwards, increasing from 1.3 in 2022 to 1.9 in 2023. This is a measure of how many citations there are as

Our open access publishing is increasing



8%

in 2021

28.6%

in 2022

30.4%

in 2023

Readership



Over 85%

of readership outside Australasia

Downloads

Around 300,000 articles

downloaded in 2023

13%

downloaded in Australia and New Zealand

a proportion of articles we publish and reflects the increased reach of our journal.

Through our publishing contract with Wiley, we are committed to open access publishing and Wiley has many open access agreements around the world, including one that covers the Council of Australian University Librarians (CAUL) representing most university libraries across Australia and New Zealand. For authors affiliated with these universities, their publications in AJUM will be open access and free to read and download anywhere in the world, provided they use their affiliated university address. In 2023, 30.4% were published as open access, compared with 28.6% in 2022 and 8% in 2021, resulting in wider readership outside of traditional libraries that hold subscriptions. Our partnership with Wiley has also improved the visibility of AJUM internationally, with over 85% of readership outside Australasia. We are reassured that AJUM articles and our journal have wide international appeal. In 2023, around 300,000 articles were downloaded, of which only 13% were downloaded in Australia and New Zealand. The next largest downloads by country were the USA (19%), India (19%), UK (5%) and China (4%).

AJUM is a key part of helping ASUM to deliver on its key strategic objective of delivering evidence-based standards and research. This is entirely due to the authors who place their trust in AJUM, the peer reviewers who volunteer their time and knowledge to help us select and improve the papers we publish, the Editorial Board who somehow always manage to find just enough peer reviewers, the staff at both ASUM and Wiley who work in the background, and last but not least, the readers who give us hope that we are on the right track. Collectively, through AJUM we are supporting the best ultrasound practice and research.

Research Grants Report

2023/24

ASUM takes great pride in its ongoing commitment to investing in ultrasound research, striving to create healthier lives for all by driving excellence in ultrasound practice to achieve the highest standards of patient care.

The ASUM Research Grants scheme remains a pivotal initiative designed to support and fund research projects in various areas of medical ultrasound. It provides researchers with the opportunity to generate quality output, potentially improving clinical outcomes, and assists with the establishment of a publication track record.

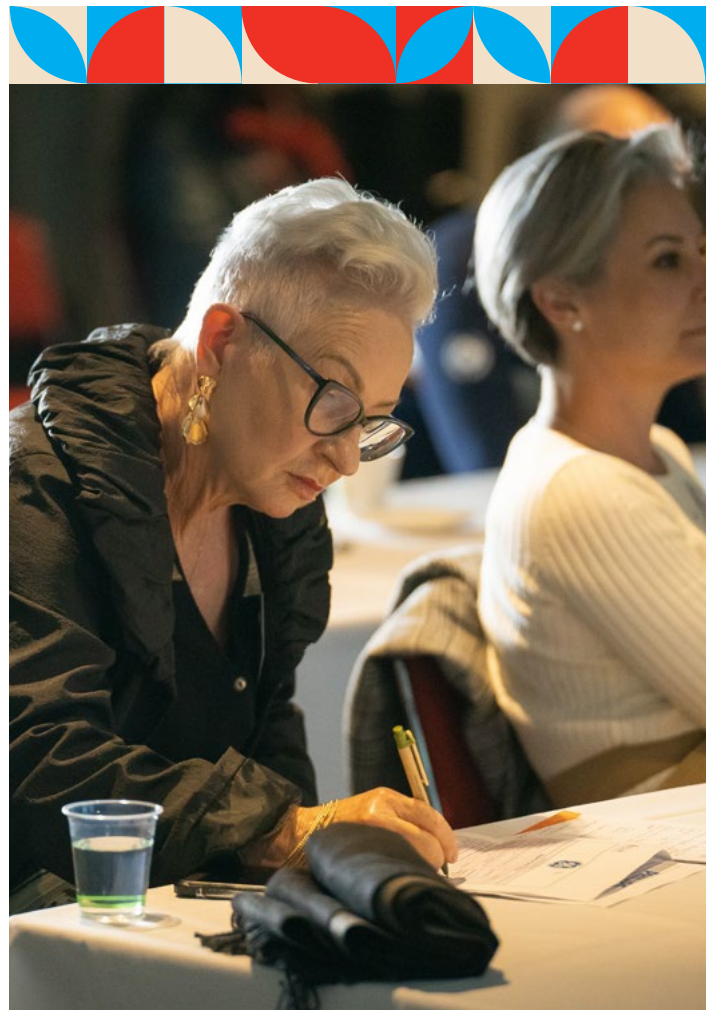
This grant, valued at \$20,000, reflects ASUM's commitment to fostering innovative research within the field of medical ultrasound. As we move further into 2024, we eagerly anticipate the positive impact that this funded research endeavour will have on the broader ultrasound community and the quality of patient care.



Photo (left to right): Prof Sarah Lewis, A/Prof Jillian Clarke, Dr Yun Trieu

A/Prof Jillian Clarke and her research team received the ASUM Research Grant for 'ULTRA_BREAST: Enhancing Diagnostic Proficiency in Breast Ultrasound'.

Securing funding is highly competitive, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to A/Prof Jillian Clarke and her team. We encourage all ASUM members to refer to the terms, conditions, and eligibility criteria provided on the ASUM website. Members can seize the opportunity to access funding and contribute to the advancement of ultrasound knowledge. We believe that this funding initiative will not only support the professional growth of our members but also foster innovation and excellence in the field of ultrasound.



Standards of Practice Report

Dr Karen Mizia, Chair, and Dr Emer Duffy, Policy and Communications Officer

ASUM provides standards across all disciplines of diagnostic ultrasound. We work closely with local and international professional organisations to deliver on expected standards and guidance. External consultation requests have continued to increase with the benefit of transparency provided by ASUM Connect, allowing for collaborative discussions and feedback.

Advocacy

ASUM, in collaboration with the Australasian Sonographers Association (ASA), has advocated for all sonographers to be regulated under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS), together with other diagnostic imaging professions through the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia (MRPBA).

In the past five years, the Working Group for Sonographer Regulation – consisting of the ASA, ASUM, and a senior sonographer representative – developed a comprehensive submission to federal and state governments presenting the case for national regulation under the NRAS. The ASA has also engaged extensively with Ministers, government and industry stakeholders to put forward the case for regulation in the interests of public health and safety.

Despite widespread and ongoing support for sonographer regulation, this work has been challenging given other competing government priorities, and the need for both federal and individual state/territory governments to support this change. While we will continue to pursue regulation of the sonography profession under the NRAS, we will continue to collaborate and work in parallel to raise the quality and standards of the sonography profession and help ensure patient safety.

In addition, ASUM took significant steps in advocating for essential changes to Medicare item numbers related to women's health, particularly focusing on obstetric ultrasound. Collaborating closely with the Department of Health, ASUM conducted a comprehensive review of current practices and patient expectations to ensure accurate descriptions and appropriate payment structures for ultrasound services. This effort included detailed surveys and analysis, highlighting the need for increased rebates and mandatory accreditation for those performing nuchal translucency measurements to improve service quality and patient care.

Standards

The ASUM ACIPC Guidelines for Reprocessing Ultrasound Transducers are being reviewed. They will be updated to take the latest evidence into account and align with AS 5369:2023, which was released by Standards Australia.

Guidelines and standards continue to be a priority to create healthier lives for all by driving ultrasound excellence. By utilising ASUM Connect to facilitate consultations, we have successfully encouraged participation from a wide range of individuals and received valuable feedback and comments that inform our ASUM response. We encourage you to participate in these discussions and suggest new areas where standards can further enhance practices.

All approved guidelines and updates are available on the ASUM Standards of Practice webpage:

<https://www.asum.com.au/standards-of-practice/>

External Consultations

There has been an increase in opportunities for consultation, with more professional bodies seeking diverse viewpoints when establishing standards and guidelines. ASUM has continued to lead in ultrasound practice and education and will continue to participate in external consultations to support the broader community and represent all ultrasound practitioners. This has included:

- Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare (ACSQHC) Heavy Menstrual Bleeding Clinical Care Standard
- Australian Medical Association (AMA) AMA Fees List - Changes to Diagnostic Imaging Services
- Australasian Sonographers Association (ASA) Clinical Guidelines: Consent for Medical Ultrasound Scans; Clinical Guideline: Consent and Chaperones for Intimate Medical Ultrasound Scans,

- Health New Zealand Testing for, diagnosing and managing gestational diabetes (diabetes of pregnancy)
- Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) Position Statement on Autonomous Artificial Intelligence.

We have also been involved in an update from the American Society of Echocardiography in collaboration with the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, the Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance, and the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography.

Endorsements

ASUM works collaboratively with similar associations to review and endorse applicable guidelines. Of note are the international bodies where guidelines are endorsed and assessed as relevant to clinical practice in Australia and New Zealand.

We encourage our members to support the vital work of setting standards of practice and to raise any concerns that need to be addressed to support our profession and our patients. ASUM will continue to invite participation to ensure that we represent our diverse community.





ASUM Awards of Excellence

Awards of Excellence

2023

Historically incorporated into the Annual Scientific Meeting, achievement and contribution are recognised at the event's Gala Dinner, the premier function in the industry.

The categories are a mix of nomination, election and outright performance and are designed to cover almost everything ultrasound. Some of the industry's most reputable experts, as well as the quiet achievers, are recognised in these awards. Congratulations to this year's winners.



Prof Robert Gibson
Life Member



Le-Anne Grimshaw
Honorary Fellow



Dr Elizabeth Luxford
DDU Dux 2022



Dr Yogeesan Sivakumaran
DDU Dux 2022



Christopher Collins
DMU Dux 2022



Nathan Peters
AJUM Article of the Year



Dr Avijit Barai
Sonologist of the Year



Daniel Walkley
Sonographer of the Year



Elissa Kennedy-Smith
Educator of the Year



Dr Vijay Manivel
Educator of the Year



Jonathan Henry
Humanitarian of the Year



Sarah Williamson
Delwyn Nicholls Scholarship Recipient

Volunteers

A huge thank you to all our exceptional volunteers who contribute their time and expertise to ASUM and the wider ultrasound community. The clinical expertise and passion that our volunteers offer and the great deal of time and willingness to give back are essential to allow ASUM, your Society, to meet your needs.

We are so grateful for all your hard work, passion and dedication to the Society; you are truly the heart of the ASUM community striving for ultrasound excellence.

Dr Aasim Khan

Ahmed Moustafa

Alana Newell

Prof Alec Walsh

Prof Alec Welsh

Dr Alice Robinson

Alison Deslandes

Alison White

Dr Allen Lee

Amanda Cessford

Amelia Mardon

Dr Amy Burrows

Andrew Graham

Andrew Grant

A/Prof Andrew McLennan

Andrew Spurrier

Andy Hu

Andy Kindon

Dr Ani-Chi Mu

Dr Animesh Singla

Dr Anita Lee

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Dr Arun Sett

Dr Asanka Wijetunga

Dr Ashes Mukherjee

Ashleigh Gorak

Bailey Todd

Ben Teo

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Deb Paoletti

Debbie Slade

Deborah Carmody

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Dr Emma Holmes-Walker

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Prof Iwaki Akiyama

Dr Jackie Chua

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Dr Jacques Loubser

Jacqui Robinson

Dr James Dent

Prof Jan Dickinson

Jane Fonda

Jenna Chin

Jenny Cha

Jenny Parkes

Prof Jillian Clarke

Jo McCann

Jo Mullen

Joanna Paton

Dr Joanne Ludlow

Dr Jocelyne Basseal

Dr Jodie Avery

Jody Fassina

Josie Macfarlane

Joyce Chen

A/Prof Judith Johnson

Dr Julian White

Kallan Smith

Dr Karen Mizia

Kate Harrison

Dr Kate Russo

Dr Kate Thomas

Kate Wilson

Kathryn Busch

Dr Kathy Graham

Katrina Lonsdale

Kerusha Singh

Dr Kevin Choi

Ki Hong Kim

Kobe Pettersen

Dr Kristy Milward

Kylie Clarke

Kylie Haliczenko

Kylie Robb

Laura Aileone

Laura Higham

Leanne Griffiths

Dr Lindsay Kindinger

Lisa Hackett

Lisa van Kradenburg

Lorna Hardiman

Louise Worley

Dr Lynn Townsend

Dr Manar Khashram

Margaret Condon

Margaret Yuen

Margo Gill

Dr Maria Antico

Marielle Craven

Marilyn Zelesco

Martin Necas

Mary Lin

Prof Mary Rickard

Mary Vu

Dr Mathew Leonardi

Dr Matt Chae

Dr Meiri Robertson

Melissa Nathan

Dr Michael Bethune

Michael Foster-Greenwood

Michelle Garcia

Michelle Pedretti

Dr Murthy Chennapragada

Dr Namiko Aleker

Natalie Clements

Natalie Schofield

Natalie Webb

Dr Nathan Peters

Prof Nehmat Houssami

Nia Hardy

Nicole Curtis

Paige Forbes

Dr Patricia Woods

Dr Paul Brooks

Dr Paul Jarrett

Penny Cain

Dr Penny Kee

Peter Coombs

Prof Peter Dietz

Peter Esselbach

Dr Peter Snelling

Dr Phoebe Swan

Pieta Shakes

Dr Poonam Charan

Dr Premjit Gill

Dr Rachael McEwing

Rachel Andrew

Dr Rachel Belsham

Dr Rajib Dutta

Dr Rajit Narayan

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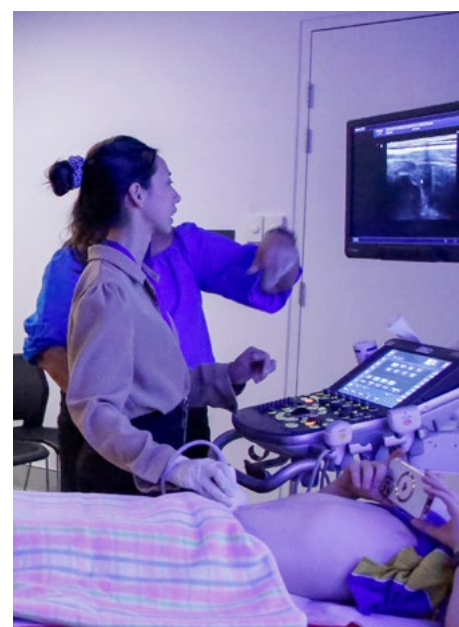
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ASUM Past Presidents

1970 – 1972	George Kossoff
1972 – 1974	William Garrett
1974 – 1976	David Robinson
1976 – 1977	Herbert Hughes
1977 – 1979	Michael Dadd
1979 – 1980	Ian McDonald
1980 – 1981	Peter Verco
1981 – 1982	David Carpenter
1982 – 1983	John McCaffrey
1983 – 1984	James Ryan
1984 – 1985	Thomas Reeve
1985 – 1986	Stan Reid
1986 – 1987	Frederick Lomas
1987 – 1988	Beresford Buttery
1988 – 1989	Peter Duffy
1989 – 1990	Garry Lequesne
1990 – 1991	Robert Gill
1991 – 1992	Beverley Barraclough
1992 – 1994	Lachlan de Crespigny

1994 – 1996	Peter Warren
1996 – 1998	Susie Woodward
1998 – 2000	Andrew Ngu
2000 – 2002	Stan Barnett
2002 – 2004	Glenn McNally
2004 – 2006	David Rogers
2006 – 2008	Matthew Andrews
2008 – 2010	Ron Benzie
2010 – 2012	Fergus Scott
2012 – 2014	Adrian Goudie
2014 – 2016	Susan Campbell Westerway
2016 – 2018	George Condous
2018 – 2020	Fredrick Joshua
2020 – 2022	Karen Mizia
2022 – 2024	Alison Deslandes



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ASUM thanks our Corporate Partners for their continued support throughout 2023/24.




2023 AGM Minutes



Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine
Annual General Meeting
Pyrmont Theatre, International Convention Centre, Sydney
14 October 2023 at 10:30
Minutes

Welcome and attendance	<p>President and Chairperson: Alison Deslandes</p> <p>Alison Deslandes welcomed those attending the ASUM AGM and confirmed the requisite quorum was present.</p> <p>Attendees:</p> <p>Voting attendees: Alison Deslandes, (President and Chairperson), Karen Mizia, Debra Paoletti, Alison Deslandes, Jo McCann, Gillian Whalley, Debbie Slade, Ashes Mukherjee, Jody Fassina, Fred Joshua, Nathan Peters, Robyn Boman, Susan Campbell Westerway, Emma Godrik, Le-Anne Grimshaw, Elizabeth Luxford, Jenny Yang, Judy Wills, Sandra O'Hara, Alec Welsh, Margaret Condon, Tracey Wilson, Iain Duncan, Meera Mani, Jane Fonda, Katie Newman, Louise Worley, Paul Jarrett, Lourdes St George, Krystie Carter, Natasha Johnson, Rayya B-Cliffe, Debra Eadie, Natasha Harrop-McGurk, Greg Pryce, Ellen Woodcock, Michelle Pedretti, Wendy Carseldine, Cindy Goodger (Lucas)</p> <p>Non-voting attendees: Lyndal Macpherson (CEO & Company Secretary), Michele Short, Kylie Clarke, Emer Duffy, Lindsay McCallum, Harrison Grimshaw</p> <p>Proxies: Nil</p> <p>Apologies: Joanne Ludlow</p>
1. Previous Minutes	<p>Presenter: Alison Deslandes</p> <p>Previous minutes (included in the annual report) from the Annual General Meeting held on the 17 September 2022 were verified by ASUM Chair 26 September 2022 as a true record.</p>
2. Annual Report	
2.1 Presidents and Financial Report	<p>Presenter: Alison Deslandes</p> <p>The President's report, written by Alison Deslandes for the 2022-2023 Annual Report, was noted.</p> <p>Alison Deslandes spoke to the report highlighting the strategic plan, achievements and financial position of ASUM in the period of 2022-23.</p> <p><i>Proposed resolution that the Annual Report, including the financial report, be accepted.</i></p>

	Resolution passed: Carried unanimous
3. Life Member and Honorary Fellowship nomination	Presenter: Alison Deslandes
	<p><i>3.1 Proposed resolution: That the nomination of Professor Robert Gibson as a Life Member be accepted.</i></p> <p>Resolution passed: Carried unanimously.</p> <p><i>3.2 Proposed resolution: That the nomination of Le-Anne Grimshaw as an ASUM Honorary Fellow be accepted.</i></p> <p>Resolution passed: Carried unanimously.</p>
1. Appointment of Office Bearers 2023-2024	Presenter: Alison Deslandes
	<p>Recognition and thanks to Dr Joanne Ludlow, who is completing her tenure as a director.</p> <p>4.1 Appointed director (Medical): Karen Mizia (3rd term)</p> <p><i>Proposed resolution: That the results of the general election for the 2023-2026 Board of Directors be accepted.</i></p> <p>Resolution passed: Carried unanimously.</p> <p>4.2 Appointed director (Sonographer): Jo McCann (3rd term)</p> <p><i>Proposed resolution: That the results of the general election for the 2023-2026 Board of Directors be accepted.</i></p> <p>Resolution passed: Carried unanimously.</p> <p>4.3 Appointed director (Medical): Dr Nathan Peters (1st term)</p> <p><i>Proposed resolution: That the results of the general election for the 2023-2026 Board of Directors be accepted.</i></p> <p>Resolution passed: Carried unanimously.</p> <p>ASUM Board of Directors for 2023-2024 is as follows:</p>

	<p>President</p> <p>Medical Director:</p> <p>Sonographer Director:</p> <p>Scientific Director</p> <p>Independent Director</p>	<p>Ms Alison Deslandes</p> <p>Dr Karen Mizia</p> <p>Dr Ashes Mukherjee</p> <p>Dr Emmeline Lee</p> <p>Dr Nathan Peters</p> <p>Ms Jo McCann</p> <p>Ms Debra Paoletti</p> <p>Ms Alison Deslandes</p> <p>Ms Debbie Slade</p> <p>Prof Gillian Whalley</p> <p>Mr Jody Fassina</p> <p>Ms Deanna Varga</p>
2. Appointment of an auditor	Presenter: Alison Deslandes	
	<p><i>Proposed resolution: That Stewart Brown be reappointed as ASUM auditors for the 2023/2024 financial year.</i></p> <p>Resolution passed: Carried unanimously</p>	
3. General Business	Presenter: Alison Deslandes	
	Nil	
4. Close	Presenter: Alison Deslandes	
	<p>The Annual General Meeting closed at 11:00am.</p> <p></p> <p>Chairperson</p>	
	Date Approved: 17 October 2023	



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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The parent entity, Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine (ASUM) is registered as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital under the provisions of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

The Directors present the financial report on the parent entity and its controlled entity, ASUM Outreach Ltd, which are together referred to in this report as the group, for the year ended 30 June 2024 and report as follows:

DIRECTORS

The names of and other information on the Directors in office during or since the end of the year are as follows. The Directors were in office for this entire period unless otherwise stated.

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS	
Name:	Ms A Deslandes
Position:	President and Chair
Qualifications:	AMS, MMedSono, BMedRad (NM), GradDipMedSono
Experience:	Sonographer
Name:	Dr K Mizia
Position:	Past President
Qualifications:	MBBS, BSc (Hons), FRANZCOG, DDU, COGU, MPH
Experience:	Sonologist specialising in obstetrics and gynaecology
Name:	Ms J McCann
Position:	Director
Qualifications:	NDMDI, BHSc (MI), DMU, PgDipHSc (US)
Experience:	Sonographer
Name:	Ms D Paoletti
Position:	Director
Qualifications:	AMS, MAppSci (Sonography), GradDipAppSci (Medical Ultrasonography), DipAppSci (NMT)
Experience:	Sonographer
Name:	Prof G Whalley Torckler
Position:	Director
Qualifications:	DMU, PhD, MHSc (first class honours), BAppSci
Experience:	Professor of Clinical Sonography/Cardiology
Name:	Ms D Slade
Position:	Director
Qualifications:	AMS, MMedSono, DMU, AssDipMedRad
Experience:	Sonographer
Name:	Dr J Ludlow
Position:	Director
Qualifications:	MB ChB, FRANZCOG, FRCOG, DDU, MM (Clin Epi)
Experience:	Staff specialist and sonologist in Obstetrics and Gynaecology

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INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS	
Name:	Dr A Mukherjee
Position:	Director
Qualifications:	MBBS, FRCS, FRCEM, FACEM, CFEU, CCPU
Experience:	Emergency Medicine and point of care ultrasound
Name:	Dr E Lee
Position:	Director
Qualifications:	MBBS, FRANZCR, DRANZCOG
Experience:	Radiologist
Name:	Mr J Fassina
Position:	Independent Director
Qualifications:	BComm, Grad Dip Public Policy, Dip Financial Markets, GAICD
Experience:	Financial and Public Affairs
Name:	Ms D Varga
Position:	Independent Director
Qualifications:	MBA, GAICD, Cert IV Management, BA
Experience:	Business, associations and revenue diversification
Name:	Dr Nathan Peters
Position:	Non-Executive Director
Qualifications:	BPharm MBBS PGDipClinUS CCPU(RCE) MAICD
Experience:	Specialist Anaesthetist; Point of Care Ultrasound; Research

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

ASUM provides ongoing education, events and standards across all disciplines of diagnostic ultrasound. The group aims to achieve its objectives through the provision of educational programs. The Diploma in Diagnostic Ultrasound, Certificate in Clinical Performed Ultrasound and Certificate in Allied Health Performed Ultrasound continue to provide positive outcomes to impact patient care. Access to appropriate courses and supervision has been challenging, often forcing smaller groups to develop and deliver accredited courses to align with the ASUM framework. Additional specialties were introduced to support existing and emerging markets while ensuring appropriate standards. While the Diploma of Medical Ultrasonography can no longer be offered due to regulative change, ASUM is committed to ensuring those students currently enrolled on this program are supported to succeed to the standards set by ASUM and the profession.

The group sets standards for the provision of ultrasound across multiple disciplines while providing education to support these standards. ASUM continues to provide guidelines and advice on clinical education and recommendations, introducing new guidelines to support parent-centred communication in obstetric ultrasound. This aims to improve transparency across the healthcare continuum and remove value-laden language to help both parents and healthcare professionals when delivering unexpected news.

ASUM continues to invest in research grants to fund successful applicants in ultrasound-related clinical research. In addition, the group holds regular educational events in various formats, including webinars, hybrid events and in-person for professional development across a broad range of specialties.

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PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)

ASUM Drive launched in May 2022, providing a digital library of resources our members can access on-demand when most relevant to their needs. The Australasian Journal of Ultrasound in Medicine (AJUM), our peer-reviewed scientific journal, disseminates research and articles relating to ultrasound. Less formal communication such as direct mail, newsletters and social media further enable sharing of information, along with ASUM Connect, a forum connecting members to share and support each other.

Vision

To create healthier lives for all by driving ultrasound excellence.

Mission

Fostering a collaborative multi-disciplinary community of highly competent health professionals who deliver ultrasound excellence.

Goal

To achieve our strategic priorities with meaningful outcomes for our members, our objectives are:

1. Build a strong future for members through enhanced engagement and improved experience
2. Build sustainability to drive future impact
3. Deliver evidence-based standards and research
4. Invest to build future-focused capabilities, including our staff, volunteers and systems

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS

In June 2024, our CEO resigned after 8 years of service. The Board is actively engaged in the search for our new CEO and expects to make an appointment in the new financial year.

OPERATING RESULT

The net result of the group for the financial year was a deficit of \$257,001 (2023: surplus \$4,777). The group is a not-for-profit entity and is only taxable on its income from non-members under the Principle of Mutuality.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

Likely developments in the group's operations and the expected results of those operations in the future financial years have not been included in this report as such information will likely result in unreasonable prejudice against the group.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

The group's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

The ASUM Board of Directors are committed to socially responsible investing, and we continuously evaluate and update our investment policies to align with our values. We believe our investment strategy should promote sustainability and positively impact society. Previously we have removed tobacco and gambling from our portfolio, reflecting our commitment to socially responsible investment.

We recognise further restrictions or changes on our investment may be necessary to fully align with our values. However, we must balance this with our fiduciary duty to our members. While we have implemented measures to exclude certain industries, we must consider the potential impact on financial performance, and work closely with our advisors to manage this. We will continue to monitor developments in the market and assess our investment policies accordingly.

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LIMITATION OF MEMBERS' LIABILITY

The group is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* as a company limited by guarantee. If the group is wound up, its Constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$50 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the group. At 30 June 2024 the number of members was 2,538 and their collective liability was \$126,900.

MEETING OF DIRECTORS

The number of meetings each Director was eligible to attend and actually attended during the financial year is summarised as follows:

	BOARD MEETINGS	
	Eligible	Attended
Ms A Deslandes	7	7
Dr K Mizia	7	7
Ms J McCann	7	7
Ms D Paoletti	7	7
Prof G Whalley Torckler	7	7
Ms D Slade	7	6
Dr J Ludlow (<i>resigned October 2023</i>)	2	2
Mr J Fassina	7	7
Dr A Mukherjee	7	5
Ms D Varga	7	5
Dr E Lee	7	5
Dr N Peters (<i>appointed October 2023</i>)	5	5

INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

The auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the year ended 30 June 2024 has been received and can be found on the following page, which forms part of the Directors' report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:



Ms A Deslandes
President and Chair

30 September 2024



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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION
UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 TO THE DIRECTORS OF
AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR ULTRASOUND IN MEDICINE AND CONTROLLED ENTITY**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2024 there has 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.

StewartBrown
Chartered Accountants

Justin Weiner
Partner

30 September 2024

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	918,895	1,172,099
Trade and other receivables	7	261,897	235,270
Financial assets	8	4,359,319	4,491,344
<i>Total current assets</i>		<u>5,540,111</u>	<u>5,898,713</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	28,996	37,487
Right-of-use assets	10	247,220	349,518
<i>Total non-current assets</i>		<u>276,216</u>	<u>387,005</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>5,816,327</u>	<u>6,285,718</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	1,417,049	1,466,323
Employee benefits	12	99,958	142,448
Lease liabilities	13	107,189	98,126
<i>Total current liabilities</i>		<u>1,624,196</u>	<u>1,706,897</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Employee benefits	12	82,500	105,000
Lease liabilities	13	167,569	274,758
<i>Total non-current liabilities</i>		<u>250,069</u>	<u>379,758</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>1,874,265</u>	<u>2,086,655</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>3,942,062</u></u>	<u><u>4,199,063</u></u>
FUNDS			
Accumulated funds		3,616,980	3,766,155
Reserves		<u>325,082</u>	<u>432,908</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u><u>3,942,062</u></u>	<u><u>4,199,063</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue	4	2,368,454	2,400,539
Other income	4	154,143	186,317
		<u>2,522,597</u>	<u>2,586,856</u>
Expenses			
Administration and other expenses		(1,127,463)	(1,045,368)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	5	(118,475)	(117,848)
Employee benefits expense		(1,398,978)	(1,278,585)
Finance costs	5	(10,394)	(13,446)
Insurance costs		(32,788)	(30,355)
Commissions paid		(25,339)	(22,876)
Occupancy costs		(66,161)	(73,601)
		<u>(2,779,598)</u>	<u>(2,582,079)</u>
Surplus (deficit) before income tax		(257,001)	4,777
Income tax expense		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year		(257,001)	4,777
Other comprehensive income		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year		<u><u>(257,001)</u></u>	<u><u>4,777</u></u>

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Accumulated Funds	Reserves	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2022	3,714,286	480,000	4,194,286
Comprehensive income			
Surplus for the year	4,777	-	4,777
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>4,777</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,777</u>
Transfer to (from) reserves	<u>47,092</u>	<u>(47,092)</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 30 June 2023	<u>3,766,155</u>	<u>432,908</u>	<u>4,199,063</u>
Balance at 1 July 2023	3,766,155	432,908	4,199,063
Comprehensive income			
Surplus (deficit) for the year	(257,001)	-	(257,001)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year	<u>(257,001)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(257,001)</u>
Transfer to (from) reserves	<u>107,826</u>	<u>(107,826)</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 30 June 2024	<u>3,616,980</u>	<u>325,082</u>	<u>3,942,062</u>

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from members		2,351,756	2,136,224
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,968,552)	(2,526,261)
Donations and fundraising income		38,721	25,025
Interest received		15,737	9,826
Interest paid - leases		(10,394)	(13,446)
<i>Net cash flows from operating activities</i>		<u>(572,732)</u>	<u>(368,632)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of financial assets		400,000	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(7,686)	(13,947)
Investment income		139,172	153,292
Purchase of financial assets		(113,832)	(130,417)
<i>Net cash flows from investing activities</i>		<u>417,654</u>	<u>8,928</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayment of lease liabilities		(98,126)	(89,531)
<i>Net cash flows from financing activities</i>		<u>(98,126)</u>	<u>(89,531)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(253,204)	(449,235)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		<u>1,172,099</u>	<u>1,621,334</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	6	<u><u>918,895</u></u>	<u><u>1,172,099</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

Note 1 - Corporate information

The financial report includes the consolidated financial statements and notes of Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine (ASUM or the company) and its controlled entity ASUM Outreach Ltd (the group).

The registered address and principal place of business of the group is:

9 Help Street
Chatswood NSW 2067

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 30 September 2024.

Note 2 - Basis of preparation

Statement of compliance

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and *Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures*. The group is a not-for-profit entity for the purposes of preparing these financial statements.

Basis of measurement

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, 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.

Comparatives

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year. Where the group has retrospectively applied an accounting policy, made a retrospective restatement or reclassified items in its financial statements, an additional statement of financial position as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period will be disclosed.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Directors evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the group.

Key estimates

Impairment - general

The Directors assess impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the group that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

Estimated useful lives of assets

The estimation of the useful lives of assets has been based on historical experience as well as manufacturers' warranties. In addition, the condition of assets is assessed at least once per year and considered against the remaining useful life. Adjustments to useful lives are made when considered necessary.

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Note 2 - Basis of preparation (continued)

New and revised standards that are effective for these financial statements

Several amendments and clarifications to Australian Accounting Standards and interpretations are mandatory for the 30 June 2024 reporting period. These include:

- *AASB 2021-2: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies and Definition of Accounting Estimates*
- *AASB 2021-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure of Accounting Policies: Tier 2 and Other Australian Accounting Standards*

The application of these amendments and clarifications have not had a material impact on the carrying values of the group's asset, liability or equity balances; nor a material impact on the disclosures in the financial report nor the recognition and measurement of the group's revenue or expenses.

New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

Certain new accounting standards, amendments and interpretations have been published that are not mandatory for 30 June 2024 reporting periods and have not been early adopted by the group. These include:

- *AASB 2014-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture* (effective for the year ending 30 June 2026)
- *AASB 2022-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Non-current Liabilities with Covenants* (effective for the year ending 30 June 2025)
- *AASB 2023-1 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Supplier Finance Arrangements* (effective for the year ending 30 June 2025)

It is not expected that AASB 2014-10, AASB 2022-6 or AASB 2023-1 will have a material impact on the group in future reporting periods.

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary of Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine (parent entity) as at 30 June 2024 and the results of its subsidiary for the year then ended. Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine and its subsidiary together are referred to in these financial statements as the "group".

The subsidiary is the entity over which the parent entity has control. The parent entity controls an entity when the parent entity is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the parent entity. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between entities in the parent entity are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of the impairment of the asset transferred. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the parent entity.

Note 3 - Accounting policies

The material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial report are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Income tax

The group is a not-for-profit institution exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

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Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, 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). 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.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

Revenue recognition

Amounts disclosed as revenue are net of returns, trade allowances and duties and taxes including goods and services tax (GST). Revenue is recognised for the major business activities as follows:

Membership fees and subscriptions

Revenue from membership fees and subscriptions is recognised on a straight line basis over the financial year. Any prepaid memberships are recognised under liabilities on the statement of financial position.

Grants, donations and bequests

Income arising from the contribution of an asset (including cash) is recognised when the following conditions have been satisfied:

- (a) the group obtains control of the contribution or the right to receive the contribution;
- (b) it is probable that the economic benefits comprising the contribution will flow to the group; and
- (c) the amount of the contribution can be measured reliably at the fair value of the consideration received.

Revenue from contracts with customers

The group derives revenue from the provision of services. Revenue is recognised as, or when, services are transferred to the customer, and is measured at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the group expects to be entitled in exchange for the goods or service.

Sponsorship income

Sponsorship is recognised as revenue when received.

Other revenue

Other revenue is recognised as revenue on an accrual's basis.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of twelve months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and bank overdrafts.

Trade receivables

For all sources of recurrent income, trade receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, less provision for doubtful debts. Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectable are written off. A provision for impairment in relation to doubtful receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables.

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Note 3 - Accounting policies (continued)

Property, plant and equipment

Recognition and measurement

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value, less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of that equipment. Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These are included in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Subsequent costs

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all relevant property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's expected useful life to the group commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

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

Plant and Equipment	13% - 33%
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The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Right-of-use assets

At inception, a right-of-use asset and lease liability is recognised. Right-of-use assets are included in the statement of financial position within a classification relevant to the underlying asset.

Right-of-use assets are initially measured at cost, comprising of the following:

- The amount of the initial measurement of the lease liability
- Any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, less any lease incentives received
- Any initial direct costs incurred
- An estimate of costs to be incurred in dismantling and removing the underlying asset, restoring the site on which it is located or restoring the underlying asset to the condition required by the terms and conditions of the lease, unless those costs are incurred either at the commencement date or as a consequence of having used the underlying asset during a particular period

Subsequently, right-of-use assets are measured using a cost model. The right-of-use asset is depreciated to the earlier of the useful life of the asset or the lease term using the straight-line method and is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in "Depreciation and amortisation".

The group tests for impairment where there is an indication that a right-of-use asset may be impaired. An assessment of whether there is an indication of possible impairment is done at each reporting date. Where the carrying amount of a right of use asset is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, it is written down immediately to its recoverable amount. The resulting impairment loss is recognised immediately in surplus or deficit, except where the decrease reverses a previously recognised revaluation increase for the same asset.

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Note 3 - Accounting policies (continued)

Right-of-use assets (continued)

The resulting decrease is recognised in other comprehensive income to that extent and reduces the amount accumulated in equity under revaluation surplus, and future depreciation charges are adjusted in future periods to allocate the revised carrying amount, less its residual value, on a systematic basis over its remaining useful life.

Leases

The group leases office space. A lease is a contract, or part of a contract, that conveys the right to use an asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

At inception of a contract, it is assessed to determine whether the contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. If the terms and conditions of a contract are changed, it is reassessed to once again determine if the contract is still, or now contains, a lease.

The term of a lease is determined as the non-cancellable period of the lease, together with the periods covered by an option to extend the lease where there is reasonable certainty that the option will be exercised, and periods covered by an option to terminate the lease if there is reasonable certainty that the option will not be exercised.

The assessment of the reasonable certainty of the exercising of options to extend the lease, or not exercising of options to terminate the lease, is reassessed upon the occurrence of either a significant event or a significant change in circumstances that is within the group's control. The assessment of the lease term is revised if there is a change in the non-cancellable lease period.

The group does not recognise leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less or are of low value as a right-of-use asset or lease liability. The lease payments associated with these leases are recognised as an expense in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Lease liability

At the commencement date of the lease, the lease liability is initially recognised for the present value of non-cancellable lease payments discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the group's incremental borrowing rate. The tenor of a lease includes any renewal period where the lessee is reasonably certain that they will exercise the option to renew. The group has reviewed all its leases and included any extensions where the group assessed it is reasonably certain the lease agreement will be renewed.

The lease payment used in the calculation of the lease liabilities should include variable payments when they relate to an index or rate. Where leases contain variable lease payments based on an index or rate at a future point in time, the group has used the incremental uplift contained in the lease or the respective Reserve Bank forward-looking CPI target for CPI-related increases.

In the absence of any floor or cap clauses in the lease agreements, the group measures the rent for the year under market review at an amount equal to the rent of the year preceding the market review increased by a fixed rate.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not yet paid at the commencement date. Lease payments are discounted using the relevant group's incremental borrowing rate. The incremental borrowing rate used for this calculation is dictated by the tenor of the lease and the location of the asset. The incremental borrowing rate is the rate the group would be charged on borrowings provided by our banking partners. The weighted average incremental borrowing rate is 3.25%. Fixed Lease payments, less any lease incentives receivable are included where they are not paid at the commencement date.

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Note 3 - Accounting policies (continued)

Lease liability (continued)

Subsequently, the lease liability is measured by:

- Increasing the carrying amount to reflect interest on the lease liability
- Reducing the carrying amount to reflect the lease payments made
- Remeasuring the carrying amount to reflect any reassessment or lease modifications or to reflect revised in-substance fixed lease payments

The unwind of the financial charge on the lease liabilities is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in “finance costs” based on the group’s incremental borrowing rate.

Financial instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the group becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets this is equivalent to the date that the group commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset. Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transactions costs except where the instrument is classified “at fair value through profit or loss” in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

Trade receivables are initially measured at the transaction price if the trade receivables do not contain a significant financing component.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial assets

Financial assets other than those designated and effective as hedging instruments are classified upon initial recognition into the following categories:

- Amortised cost
- Equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)
- Fair value through profit or loss (FVPL)

All income and expenses relating to financial assets that are recognised in profit or loss are presented within finance income or finance costs, except for impairment of trade receivables which are disclosed with other expenses.

Measurement is on the basis of two primary criteria:

- The contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset
- The business model for managing the financial asset

Financial assets at amortised cost

Financial assets are measured at amortised cost if the asset meets the following conditions (and are not designated as FVPL):

- The financial asset is managed solely to collect contractual cash flows
- The contractual terms within the financial asset give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding on specified dates

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Note 3 - Accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income

Investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading are eligible for an irrevocable election at inception to be measured at fair value through other comprehensive income. Subsequent movements in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income and are never reclassified to profit or loss. Dividend revenue received on underlying equity instruments investment will still be recognised in profit or loss unless the dividend clearly represents return of capital.

By default, all other financial assets that do not meet the measurement conditions of amortised cost and fair value through other comprehensive income are subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets that are held within a different business model other than to “hold and collect” or “hold to collect and sell” are categorised at fair value through profit or loss. The initial designation of financial instruments to measure at fair value through profit or loss is a one-time option on initial classification and is irrevocable until the financial asset is derecognised.

Impairment of financial assets

The impairment requirements as applicable under AASB 9 use more forward-looking information to recognise expected credit losses. Expected credit losses are the probability-weighted estimate of credit losses over the expected life of a financial instrument. A credit loss is the difference between all contractual cash flows that are due, and all cash flows expected to be received, all discounted at the original effective interest rate of the financial instrument.

The Directors considers a broad range of information when assessing credit risk and measuring expected credit losses, including past events, current conditions, reasonable and supportable forecasts that affect the expected collectability of the future cash flows of the instrument. In applying this approach, a distinction is made between:

- Financial instruments that have not deteriorated significantly in credit quality since initial recognition or that have low credit risk
- Financial instruments that have deteriorated significantly in credit quality since initial recognition and the credit risk is not low
- Financial assets that have objective evidence of impairment at reporting date

The loss allowance for the first category is measured as “12-month expected credit loss” and for the second category is measured as “lifetime expected credit losses”.

Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the group during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability. The carrying amount of trade and other payables is deemed to reflect fair value.

Income received in advance

Income that is received before the service to which the payment relates has been provided is recorded as a liability until such time as the service has been provided, at which time it is recognised in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

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Note 3 - Accounting policies (continued)

Employee benefits

Provision is made for the group'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 settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year 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 not satisfy vesting requirements. Those cash outflows are discounted using market yields on high quality corporate bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cash flows.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity 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. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

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	2024 \$	2023 \$
<u>Note 4 - Revenue</u>		
Operating revenue		
Membership fees	1,050,340	1,161,018
Rendering of services	1,083,835	962,368
Other operating revenue	40,003	86,608
	<u>2,174,178</u>	<u>2,209,994</u>
Other revenue		
Donations	38,721	25,025
Interest income	16,383	12,228
Investment income	139,172	153,292
	<u>194,276</u>	<u>190,545</u>
<i>Total revenue</i>	<u>2,368,454</u>	<u>2,400,539</u>
Other income		
Fair value gain on financial assets	154,143	186,317
<i>Total other income</i>	<u>154,143</u>	<u>186,317</u>
<i>Total revenue and other income</i>	<u>2,522,597</u>	<u>2,586,856</u>
<u>Note 5 - Expenses</u>		
Depreciation and amortisation		
Property, plant and equipment	16,177	15,550
Right-of-use assets	102,298	102,298
<i>Total depreciation and amortisation</i>	<u>118,475</u>	<u>117,848</u>
Finance costs - lease liabilities	10,394	13,446
<u>Note 6 - Cash and cash equivalents</u>		
Cash at bank and on hand	918,895	1,172,099
<i>Total cash and cash equivalents</i>	<u>918,895</u>	<u>1,172,099</u>
<u>Note 7 - Trade and other receivables</u>		
<u>Current</u>		
Trade receivables	57,906	58,867
Provision for impairment	(1,685)	(1,685)
Interest receivable	3,437	2,791
Prepayments	202,239	175,297
<i>Total current trade and other receivables</i>	<u>261,897</u>	<u>235,270</u>

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	2024 \$	2023 \$
<u>Note 8 - Financial assets</u>		
<u>Non-current</u>		
Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss		
Investments	4,359,319	4,491,344
<i>Total non-current financial assets</i>	<u>4,359,319</u>	<u>4,491,344</u>
<i>Movements in carrying amount</i>		
Opening net carrying amount	4,491,344	4,174,610
Additions	113,832	130,417
Disposals	(400,000)	-
Fair value gain	154,143	186,317
Closing net carrying amount	<u>4,359,319</u>	<u>4,491,344</u>
<u>Note 9 - Property, plant and equipment</u>		
Furniture and fittings		
Cost	128,174	120,488
Accumulated depreciation	(99,178)	(83,001)
<i>Total property, plant and equipment</i>	<u>28,996</u>	<u>37,487</u>
<i>Movements in carrying amounts</i>		
Opening net carrying amount	37,487	39,090
Additions	7,686	13,947
Depreciation charge for the year	(16,177)	(15,550)
Closing net carrying amount	<u>28,996</u>	<u>37,487</u>
<u>Note 10 - Right-of-use assets</u>		
Leased premises - at cost	511,490	511,490
Accumulated depreciation	(264,270)	(161,972)
<i>Total right-of-use assets</i>	<u>247,220</u>	<u>349,518</u>
<i>Movements in carrying amounts</i>		
Opening net carrying amount	349,518	469,726
Disposals	-	(17,910)
Depreciation charge for the year	(102,298)	(102,298)
Closing net carrying amount	<u>247,220</u>	<u>349,518</u>
<u>Note 11 - Trade and other payables</u>		
<u>Current</u>		
Trade payables	55,187	41,720
Accrued expenses	67,803	118,303
Income in advance	1,046,964	1,061,225
Other payables	247,095	245,075
<i>Total current trade and other payables</i>	<u>1,417,049</u>	<u>1,466,323</u>

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	2024 \$	2023 \$
<u>Note 12 - Employee benefits</u>		
<u>Current</u>		
Annual leave	99,958	142,448
<i>Total current employee benefits</i>	<u>99,958</u>	<u>142,448</u>
<u>Non-current</u>		
Long service leave	82,500	105,000
<i>Total non-current employee benefits</i>	<u>82,500</u>	<u>105,000</u>
<u>Note 13 - Lease liabilities</u>		
<u>Current</u>		
Lease liabilities	107,189	98,126
<i>Total current lease liabilities</i>	<u>107,189</u>	<u>98,126</u>
<u>Non-current</u>		
Lease liabilities	167,569	274,758
<i>Total non-current lease liabilities</i>	<u>167,569</u>	<u>274,758</u>
<u>Movements in carrying amounts</u>		
Opening net carrying amount	372,884	480,418
Disposals	-	(18,003)
Repayments	(108,520)	(102,977)
Interest	10,394	13,446
Closing net carrying amount	<u>274,758</u>	<u>372,884</u>
<u>Note 14 - Auditor's remuneration</u>		
Fees paid to StewartBrown, Chartered Accountants:		
Audit of the financial report	21,400	20,000
Preparation of the financial report	3,200	3,000
<i>Total auditor's remuneration</i>	<u>24,600</u>	<u>23,000</u>
<u>Note 15 - Capital commitments</u>		
Capital expenditure contracted for at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities is as follows:	<u>97,200</u>	

Note 16 - Related party transactions

Directors' remuneration

No Director received remuneration in the current and previous financial years.

Transactions with related parties

The parent entity (ASUM) provides administration functions to its controlled entity (ASUM Outreach Ltd). ASUM also receives and distributes donations on behalf of ASUM Outreach Ltd. As at 30 June 2024, ASUM Outreach Ltd owed \$Nil to ASUM relating to donations received during the year (2023: \$213).

Note 17 - Limitation of members' liability

If the parent entity is wound up, its Constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$50 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the parent entity. At 30 June 2024 the number of members was 2,538 (2023: 2,408).

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	2024 \$	2023 \$
<u>Note 18 - Parent entity information</u>		
The following information has been extracted from the books and records of the parent entity and has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.		
Statement of Financial Position		
Assets		
Current assets	1,032,987	5,764,734
Non-current assets	4,628,926	387,005
Total assets	<u>5,661,913</u>	<u>6,151,739</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	1,625,225	1,706,897
Non-current liabilities	250,069	379,758
Total liabilities	<u>1,875,294</u>	<u>2,086,655</u>
Net assets	<u>3,786,619</u>	<u>4,065,084</u>
Funds		
Accumulated funds	3,461,537	3,632,176
Reserves	325,082	432,908
Total funds	<u>3,786,619</u>	<u>4,065,084</u>
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income		
Total surplus (deficit) for the year	(278,465)	(10,655)
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income	<u>(278,465)</u>	<u>(10,655)</u>

Note 19 - Controlled entity information

The following information has been extracted from the books and records of the controlled entity, ASUM Outreach Ltd.

Statement of Financial Position

Assets		
Current assets	148,835	134,192
Total assets	<u>148,835</u>	<u>134,192</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	-	213
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>213</u>
Net assets	<u>148,835</u>	<u>133,979</u>
Funds		
Accumulated funds	155,444	133,979
Total funds	<u>155,444</u>	<u>133,979</u>

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

Total surplus for the year	21,464	15,432
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income	<u>21,464</u>	<u>15,432</u>

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Note 20 - Controlled entities

Controlled Entities Consolidated	Country of Incorporation	Percentage Owned (%)	
		2024	2023
<i>Parent Entity</i>			
Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine	Australia	n/a	n/a
<i>Controlled Entities</i>			
ASUM Outreach Ltd (ABN 14 621 332 134)	Australia	100%	100%

Note 21 - Events occurring after balance date

There were no significant events occurring after the balance date.

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DIRECTORS DECLARATION

The Directors of Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine and its controlled entity declare that:

1. The financial statements, which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, and the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in funds and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of accounting policies and other explanatory notes are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
 - (a) comply with *Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures* (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations); and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the group.
2. In the opinion of the Directors, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the group will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Ms A Deslandes
President and Chair

30 September 2024

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF
AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY FOR ULTRASOUND IN MEDICINE
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Opinion

We have audited the financial report of the Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine and its controlled entity which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in funds and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Directors' Declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Australasian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine and its controlled entity is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the group's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended, and
- b) complying with *Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the Directors of the group, would be in the same terms if given to the Directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Directors of the group are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with *Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures* and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Directors are responsible for overseeing the group's financial reporting process.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

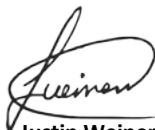
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at *The Auditing and Assurance Standards Board* and the website address is <http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>

We communicate with the Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Stewart Brown
Chartered Accountants



Justin Weiner
Partner

30 September 2024

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