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Rural Doctors' Association
of South Australia Inc.

2018

Annual Report



Who we are

The Rural Doctors Association of South Australia (RDASA) was established in 1991 to provide medico-political and industrial advocacy for South Australian rural doctors.

RDASA offers all rural doctors industrial and policy representation within South Australia and nationally through the Rural Doctors Association of Australia.

We are wholly dedicated to the viability and support of all rural medical practitioners and assisting their practices provide quality services to their communities.

Vision and Mission

Our vision is for excellence in medical care for rural regional and remote communities.

Our mission is to act as an advocate to improve the health of rural communities.

We do this by ensuring an adequate workforce that is highly skilled and motivated and appropriately remunerated.

Executive Team

President	Dr Peter Rischbieth
Immediate Past President	Dr Gerry Considine
Vice President	Dr Scott Lewis
Vice President	Dr Kari Sims
Treasurer	Dr Joanna Rutzen
Executive Officer	Anita Adlam

Regional Representatives

Lower South East	Dr Sophie Rymill
Upper South East	Dr Hasan Mahmood
Murray Mallee	Dr Peter Gilchrist
Riverland	Dr Joanna Rutzen
Fleurieu Peninsula	Dr Andrew Pols
Lower Yorke Peninsula	Dr George Kokar
Upper Yorke Peninsula	Dr Hannah Wellington
Clare/Barossa	Dr Phil Gribble
Mid North/Pt Pirie	Dr David Martin
Pt Augusta/Far North	Dr Tony Lian-Lloyd
Whyalla	Dr Buki Oloruntoba
Pt Lincoln/Eyre Peninsula -	Dr Scott Lewis
Pt Lincoln/ Central Eyre Peninsula	Dr Haydn Baillie
Adelaide Hills	Dr Andrew Pols

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President's Report

Dear RDASA Members,

It gives me great pleasure to present the President's report for the Rural Doctors Association of South Australia for 2017/2018.

This year has been another busy year for RDASA with a number of key issues involving RDASA providing support for the GP Fee for Service Contracts Agreement with CHSA LHN for the next three years.

There has been considerable lobbying by RDASA for both the larger and the smaller sized hospitals, for increased support for rural doctors and for those providing inpatient, emergency and procedural services.

RDASA was disappointed that Country Health SA LHN decided to split the negotiating groups into two with the AMA representing the interests of the larger hospitals (despite 50% of our members being at these hospitals) and RDASA being involved with the industrial contracts for the 46 smaller hospitals, but RDASA were keen to present information relevant about all our members' interests across the state.

The State election has seen the new Liberal government come into power in March and certainly RDASA has had a strong working relationship with Stephen Wade when he was Opposition

spokesperson for health and have already had one very constructive meeting with him in July.

At the meeting with the Minister, we discussed the importance of Country Health SA LHN being given teaching hospital status and having its own teaching and training status and budget especially with the possible introduction of the Rural Generalist Training Program into the future.

We have also been working with him to look at the Work force planning needed for medical services across rural South Australia and the importance of supporting our registrars and all those doctors involved in front line medical services in rural South Australia.

With the announcement of new Regional Boards we also stressed the need to continue to support those Clinical networks including ICCnet , Renal and stroke and oncology .

RDASA also stressed the need for RDASA Industrial representatives to be involved in state wide Industrial Contract negotiations but that site specific supports were necessary in many towns across the state.

Minister Wade has already visited a number of rural centres and has offered to visit other towns to be kept up to speed about local issues.

It has become quite clear from our discussions with our regional representatives that the rural work force is still the key issue in many towns of rural South Australia.

There are many doctors who are working long hours in providing emergency services and that Country Health SA is looking for advice and support to try and look at new innovative workforce models especially at Port Augusta and Wallaroo and that the importance of having adequately trained doctors who are prepared to be on on-call rosters is a key part of the workforce planning in rural South Australia.

RDASA and Country Health SA LHN have been in discussion across a number of issues including the importance of having a GP anaesthetic consultant lead who can assist Country Health SA in accreditation and anaesthetic issues.

We also lobbied for improved transfer arrangements for patients in their Patient Journey coming from rural South Australia to metropolitan hospitals and the importance of also building adequate hospital infrastructure in rural South Australia which has been neglected by previous governments.

RDASA lobbied strongly that OASIS should be available for rural doctors especially in the transfer of patients from the old Royal Adelaide Hospital and that the need for IT supports across rural hospitals was important and admitted these hospitals were supported by individual practices implementing their own private IT resources into many hospitals.

RDASA produced a formal election policy statement leading up to the State election which we hope will be committed to by the new government especially in the provision of the rural generalist training program. RDASA welcomes the recent announcement of more rural intern positions in Whyalla, Mt Gambier and the Riverland .

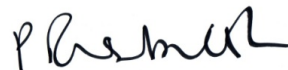
Members of our obstetric and anaesthetic Special Interest groups have met with Country Health SA and lobbied for increasing support for Prompt instructors, support for payment for doctors attending meetings at our hospitals and RDASA lobbied successfully for an increase in after hours on call payments for anaesthetic and obstetric doctors in seven of the smaller obstetric hospitals.

RDASA has continued to work with our rural partners including GPEX, RDWA and Country SA PHN and have discussed a number of pertinent issues relevant to all organisations who are trying to support the provision of rural health services in challenging budget times.

I would like to thank the members of the executive and Anita Adlam, our hard working Executive Officer, who have provided strong support for RDASA as well as the regional representatives. I

encourage all rural doctors to be involved in the Rural Doctors Association to help advocate to deliver improved health services and for a strong rural doctor workforce for our rural community.

Yours sincerely



Peter Rischbieth
President RDASA

Treasurer's Report

The audited financial statement for the 2017/18 financial year is presented.

It is once again a pleasure to report that at the end of June 2018 there was a surplus of \$19,088.89, with \$87,025.04 in the bank.

The Masterclass was a major contributor to the improved financial status of our organisation, with \$29,306 earned from the conference, however not as successful financially as our 2016 Masterclass which brought in approximately \$37 000. Income from our membership subscriptions remained very steady at \$26,870.84, reflecting stable membership numbers.

Fortunately our expenses for the 2017-18 financial year were approximately \$15 000 lower. There were several reasons for this. Our website costs were significantly less, as the one off cost of establishing a new website linked with RDAA during 2016-17 was not repeated. Monthly webhosting fees to AOGP were no longer required, with subsequent savings of over \$2000 per year. We did however, contribute to RDAA's new membership management system, with a single \$2500 payment for IT.

On paper, the Masterclass appears to have been less expensive this year, however the 2016-17 Masterclass expenses of \$18 836.36 included \$8000

which was paid to AMPHEaT and subsequently reimbursed (in Services), so \$10,836.36 is the more accurate cost of the 2017 conference.

Our teleconference expenses in 2017-18 were also \$865 lower. Our expenses for Anita's Executive Officer services were also reduced this financial year with savings of approximately \$6000. Having learnt the ropes, Anita, has been most efficient with her time.

These savings more than offset the increased travel expenditure for Anita to attend conferences in Melbourne in November and Canberra in April to meet with her interstate colleagues.

Our annual subscription fees for 2017-18 remained at \$550.00 per full time member. As in 2016-17, the RDAA retained \$260.00 of the fee (\$250.00 moiety and \$10.00 admin fee) and forwarded the remaining \$290.00 to RDASA. Part-time membership cost \$275.00, with RDAA retaining \$190.00 of the fee (\$180.00 moiety and \$10.00 admin fee) so less than one third of the payment is received by RDASA. As always, I would encourage all members to invite other rural doctor colleagues to be part of this valuable organisation and enable us to remain a truly representative voice for South Australian rural doctors.

Dr Joanna Rutzen

Rural Doctors Association of SA Inc

Statement by Members of the Committee

The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Rural Doctors Association of SA Inc as at 30 June 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Rural Doctors Association of SA Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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



PRESIDENT



EXECUTIVE OFFICER

RURAL DOCTORS ASSOCIATION OF S.A. INC
Income & Expenditure Statement
For The Year Ended 30 June 2018

2017	Income		2018
59.30	Interest		89.14
26,797.63	Membership Subscriptions		26,870.84
-	Sales		104.00
<u>45,881.19</u>	Services		<u>29,306.00</u>
 72,738.12	TOTAL INCOME		 56,369.98
	Less Expenditure		
687.20	Advertising & Promotion		
475.00	Audit & Accounting Fees	500.00	
-	Donations & Gifts	105.85	
18,836.36	Education Forum	13,038.67	
150.00	IT	2,954.16	
160.70	Printing & Stationery	-	
272.73	Postage & Delivery	-	
21,040.00	Secretarial Services	14,895.00	
-	Subscriptions	-	
3,118.11	Telephone	2,253.06	
615.05	Travel	2,629.35	
7,362.68	Website	749.00	
<u>-</u>	Sundry	<u>156.00</u>	
 <u>52,717.83</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		 <u>37,281.09</u>
 <u>\$20,020.29</u>	Net Profit (Loss)		 <u>\$19,088.89</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2018

	Current Assets		
68,211.36	Bank SA Cheque Account		87,025.04
<u>464.15</u>	GST Refundable		<u>739.36</u>
 <u>\$ 68,675.51</u>			 <u>\$ 87,764.40</u>
	Equity		
48,655.22	Opening Balance 1 July 2017		68,675.51
<u>20,020.29</u>	Add Net Profit (Loss)		<u>19,088.89</u>
 <u>\$ 68,675.51</u>			 <u>\$ 87,764.40</u>

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Profit and Loss Prev Year Comparison
July 2017 through June 2108

	<u>Jul '17 - Jun 18</u>	<u>Jul '16 - Jun 17</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Interest	82.27	59.30	22.97	38.74%
Membership Subscriptions	26,870.84	26,797.63	73.21	0.27%
Sales	104.00	0.00	104.00	100.0%
Services	<u>29,306.00</u>	<u>45,881.19</u>	<u>-16,575.19</u>	<u>-36.13%</u>
Total Income	56,363.11	72,738.12	-16,375.01	-22.51%
Expense				
Advertising and promotion	0.00	687.20	-687.20	-100.0%
AGM's				
Masterclass Education Forum	<u>13,038.67</u>	<u>18,836.36</u>	<u>-5,797.69</u>	<u>-30.78%</u>
Total AGM's	13,038.67	18,836.36	-5,797.69	-30.78%
Gifts and Donations	105.85	0.00	105.85	100.0%
Licenses and Permits	156.00	0.00	156.00	100.0%
Office Supplies				
IT	2,954.16	150.00	2,804.16	1,869.44%
Printing costs	0.00	140.70	-140.70	-100.0%
Stationary	0.00	20.00	-20.00	-100.0%
Website	<u>749.00</u>	<u>7,362.68</u>	<u>-6,613.68</u>	<u>-89.83%</u>
Total Office Supplies	3,703.16	7,673.38	-3,970.22	-51.74%
Postage and Delivery	0.00	272.73	-272.73	-100.0%
Professional Fees				
Accounting	<u>500.00</u>	<u>475.00</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>5.26%</u>
Total Professional Fees	500.00	475.00	25.00	5.26%
Secretarial Services	14,895.00	21,040.00	-6,145.00	-29.21%
Telephone	2,253.06	3,118.11	-865.05	-27.74%
Travel & Ent				
Meals	163.00	0.00	163.00	100.0%
Travel	<u>2,466.35</u>	<u>615.05</u>	<u>1,851.30</u>	<u>301.0%</u>
Total Travel & Ent	<u>2,629.35</u>	<u>615.05</u>	<u>2,014.30</u>	<u>327.5%</u>
Total Expense	<u>37,281.09</u>	<u>52,717.83</u>	<u>-15,436.74</u>	<u>-29.28%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	19,082.02	20,020.29	-938.27	-4.69%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Interest Income	<u>6.87</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6.87</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Other Income	<u>6.87</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6.87</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Income	<u><u>19,088.89</u></u>	<u><u>20,020.29</u></u>	<u><u>-931.40</u></u>	<u><u>-4.65%</u></u>

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