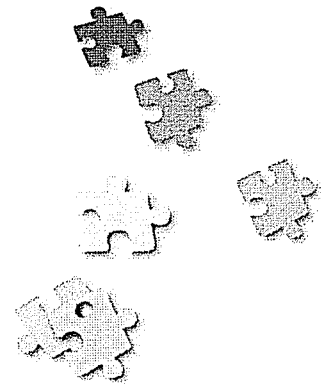


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Chairpersons Annual Report October 2011

I would like to thank you all for coming this evening; it is great to see you. Thank you to Carmel for taking the time out to meet with some of our members and to listening to some of the current issues that are facing our families.

Personally, I would like to thank the committee for their dedication in assisting the Branch, in a year which has seen many changes, especially in terms of staffing. It is with some sadness that we say farewell to Joanne Lawless, our Treasurer and Lisa Martin our Secretary, who have decided to stand down from the committee. Thank you both for your valued contribution it has been appreciated by all. To those that have decided to stand again, I thank you for your contribution over the last year and look forward to your continued support and commitment for the upcoming year. It is with some sadness that I also will not be seeking re-election as Chairperson this year, but will remain on as Acting Chair until the new committee nominate a permanent Chairperson. I have included a draft of the Job Descriptions of the Executive Roles in the documentation for those considering joining the committee.

On behalf of the committee I would like to also thank the Branch Staff for their great contribution in re-establishing Auckland Branch. Karen and the committee have worked well together, establishing a positive relationship between Branch Staff and Committee with great communication. Karen's positive outlook when things look bleak is truly inspirational and the staff and committee have all benefited. I look forward to working with the Branch Staff again.

We said goodbye to Lumi and Christine during the year, which has put the Branch under some pressure, but they still have been able to deliver our core services to a high standard.

I would like to thank the following organisations that have granted us monies over the last financial year:

COGS: \$14,400 for Staff Salaries & Employment Programme

Anonymous Trust: \$34,000 Staff Salaries

Pub Charities: \$10,672.46

NZ Lotteries: \$39,645.30 Salaries, Training, Admin, Travel Expenses, Resources & Programme Costs.

ASB Community Trust: \$17,483.70, Operating Costs

Sky City: \$28,392.48 Holiday Programme

JM Charitable Trust: \$27,819.22 Training Facilitator

With the assistance of the Branch Staff the committee this year have benefited from tracking our statistics and having these visually presented quarterly during the year. This is invaluable information for the Branch in terms of funding applications and nationally to keep showing those that can affect change the plight of issues facing families.

The committee also provided training for me on the Smart Mail System, which provided the Branch and Committee a back-up person to be able to keep the members informed of Branch Events and other matters of interest in the event of the Branch being unable to do this. The committee have worked hard on updating this database and have increased the number of members receiving the e-news bulletin and reducing printing and postage costs. I would like to also thank James and Pui from Spectrum Care for assisting the Branch in folding and posting our monthly newsletter

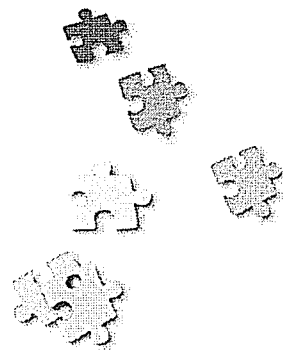
We still struggle with volunteers, especially in assisting with the National Appeal Week and need to be creative with our ideas in the new financial year. It was regrettable that our cocktail Evening due to be held in April was cancelled due to insufficient interest in ticket sales. Again funding is a big issue for the Committee and Branch and we are consistently in competition with other NGO's and the funding pool appears to be getting smaller. We hope to have another fundraising event in 2012. Anyone interested with this type of event can make contact with the committee..

The Branch is relocating in January 2012 to our new premises in New North Road, and the new premises will improve the Branch functionality.



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BRANCH MANAGERS ANNUAL REPORT – AUCKLAND BRANCH OCTOBER 2011

The branch commenced 2011 with a new look team. This team have taken to their roles well and have created some wonderful activities and relationships that we can be proud of.

Having a larger team at the Branch has been received well by our members and the wider community where some great work has been done in assisting people, who ring, email or call in to the branch needing assistance.

In particular the branch has run a successful Holiday Programme every holiday's where the numbers have slowly increased and where we have achieved 100% retention rate. The activities the children experienced were a mix of Extreme Trampolining, Dance Therapy, Music Therapy, Art Therapy not including the many excursions to the ZOO, Kelly Tarleton's, MOTAT, Kiwi Farm and many more. A comprehensive induction was also provided to our staff on the holiday programme to ensure they have a good understanding and awareness of ASD specific strategies when working with the children.

In April we introduced a Coffee Support Group seminar which went so well that it has become a monthly event filled with great topics for example Behaviour management, Visual Timetables, Social Stories and many more. The feedback we have received has been extremely positive and a highlight has been that fathers have been attending some of these sessions.

There has been alot of work done with schools in up skilling teams around specific students as well as raising awareness and understanding in the general school body. Education and Support has also been given to families who perhaps do not fit the Early bird remit or have been unable to commit to the course. This has included work on an individual basis as well as creating our monthly parent education/support coffee mornings to discuss particular areas of interest in a group setting.

The branch has also provided a range of external training on a user pays basis as a way to further improve the knowledge and understanding of staff and organisations who work with people with ASD.

In June we piloted a Pre Vocational programme in Partnership with Poly Emp. This programme was run over 16 weeks, 8 weeks spent in a class room situation where they learnt how to prepare for an interview, Interview techniques, Post interview behaviour, Preparation of a Curriculum Vitae, Appropriate interview behaviour and 8 weeks was spent assisting them to find a work trial or internship with the possibility of employment at the end. This programme was received well by the participants and 1 of the people secured paid employment 3 weeks into their internship. Some of the others have registered with other supported employment agencies that will also help them in their quest for paid

work and 1 participant decided that going to Tertiary training was what they wanted to do which is fantastic.

The Adult Social Group has continued to thrive, with each meeting attracting 20-30 attendees of a wide variety of ages and backgrounds. We now have 4 volunteer facilitators. Our Drop-in is very popular and has grown to the point where it is nearly as big as the Adult Group. The atmosphere of both the Adult Group and Drop-in is relaxed and family-like. There is conversation, laughter, hugs. The Women's Group is nearly a year old, and still tiny with just 3-8 attendees. Hopefully over time it will become more utilised and in the meantime the small intimate meetings are enjoyable and beneficial for those who attend. The Youth Social Group is a caring and warm group with around 8 regulars, the facilitators report substantial positive change amongst attendees as a result of the group and they are keen to develop and expand the group and its activities.

As you can see some fantastic work has taken place in the Auckland Branch this year and we look forward to continuing to provide professional support and service to the Autism members and wider community.

**Autism New Zealand Incorporated
Auckland Branch
Statement of Financial Performance
For the Year ended 30 June 2011**

| | Notes | 2011 \$ | 2010 \$ |
|---|-------|----------------|-----------------|
| Income | | | |
| Donations | | 24,011 | 20,829 |
| Conference | | 0 | 178 |
| Government Contracts | | 233,545 | 231,125 |
| Grants | | 144,967 | 82,884 |
| Programmes | | 6,687 | 70,090 |
| Seminars & Training | | 180 | 4,576 |
| Other Income | | 11,896 | 18,223 |
| Total Income | | 421,286 | 427,905 |
| Less Expenses | | | |
| ACC Levies/Insurance | | 1,146 | 856 |
| Accounting | | 0 | 8,793 |
| Advertising | | 1,232 | 1,200 |
| Bad Debts | | 0 | 7,604 |
| Bank Fees/Interest | | 405 | 3,091 |
| Communication Costs | | 8,755 | 8,062 |
| Conference | | 0 | 1,943 |
| Consultancy /Legal Fees | | 0 | 26,444 |
| Depreciation | | 8,487 | 13,936 |
| Direct Labor Costs | | 0 | 4,275 |
| General | | 434 | 779 |
| Insurance | | 1,237 | 2,762 |
| IT Costs | | 3,770 | 4,162 |
| Office Costs | | 10,331 | 7,523 |
| Postage/Freight | | 496 | 292 |
| Programme Costs | | 104,988 | 129,577 |
| Rent | | 57,311 | 71,625 |
| Repairs & Maintenance | | 2,228 | 3,309 |
| Resources | | 450 | 702 |
| Seminars/Training | | 120 | 9,380 |
| Staff Costs | | 8,218 | 1,791 |
| Travel & Accommodation | | 5,797 | 1,878 |
| Vehicle Expenses | | 18,523 | 19,272 |
| Wages | | 183,887 | 187,539 |
| Write off Small Assets | | 75 | 1,446 |
| Total Expenses | | 418,890 | 518,241 |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) For The Year | | 2,396 | (90,336) |