Hunter Medical Research Institute ABN 27 081 436 919

Financial report
For the period ended 31 December

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report together with the financial report of Hunter Medical Research Institute for the period ended 31 December 2017 and auditor's report thereon.

Directors names

The names of the directors in office at any time during or since the end of the period are:

M Nilsson

Appointed on 12 April 2012

K Loades

Appointed on 20 February 2014. Appointed Chair on 8 December 2016.

M DiRienzo

Appointed on 21 April 2011

I C McMillen

Appointed on 3 November 2011

R J Aitken

Appointed on 20 February 2014

M Cohen

Appointed on 20 February 2014

D A Magin

Appointed on 20 February 2014

K Hall

Appointed on 3 April 2014

C Levi

Appointed on 13 August 2015

K Molloy

Appointed on 9 June 2016

K Mulley

Appointed on 13 October 2016

S Walkom

Appointed on 9 February 2017

The directors have been in office since the start of the period to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Company Secretary

R Howard BBus, LLB, was appointed as the Company Secretary of the Company in June 2016.

Review of operations

The company continued to engage in its principal activity, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

Significant changes in state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the company's state of affairs that occurred during the financial period, other than those referred to elsewhere in this report.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Short-term and long-term objectives and strategies

The company's short-term objectives are to:

- support integrated implementation of HMRI partners strategic plans
- facilitate pathways for all Hunter researchers to access and engage through HMRI
- support the career development of students, early career and mid-career researchers

The company's long-term objectives are to:

- initiate, promote, undertake, develop, conduct, carry out and directly facilitate Health and Medical Research through grants or donations,
- conduct Health and Medical Research into the causes, prevention, control, relief or cure of all types of human diseases and conditions,
- bring about the prevention, control, relief or cure of all types of human diseases and conditions

To achieve its short-term and long-term objectives, the company has adopted the following strategies:

- enable research excellence across the translational pipeline
- support, enable and develop the Hunter research community
- provide world class research infrastructure
- grow funding for research
- partner with the community

Principal activities

To carry out the company's strategies and to achieve its short-term and long-term objectives, the company engaged in the following principal activities during the period.

During the period, the principal continuing activities of the company were to act as a charitable institution that raises funds for, and co-ordinate the activities of, health and medical research within the Hunter New England Local Health District and the University of Newcastle.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the activities of the company during the period.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Key performance indicators

To help evaluate whether the activities the company established during the period have achieved its short-term and long-term objectives, the company uses the following key performance indicators to measure, analyse and monitor its performance:

- site safety, incident reporting and lost time injury statistics
- philanthropic and government funding revenues and monitoring of actual expenditure to budgets
- utilisation rates of key HMRI services, facilities and other infrastruture
- customer satisfaction surveys for affiliated researchers
- monitoring and reporting delivery of priority service projects
- monitoring and reporting of operational improvement projects

After balance date events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial period which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

Likely developments

The Mark Hughes Foundation (MHF) is an auspice fundraising group of HMRI led by Mark and Kirralee Hughes. The mission of MHF is to raise funds for research, to create awareness and support brain cancer patients and their families.

In late 2017 Mark and Kirralee advised HMRI of their intention to establish the MHF as a standalone charity with a view to continuing the great work the foundation undertakes to increase community awareness and raise funds to support brain cancer research. The HMRI Board are understanding and supportive of Mark and Kirralee Hughes' decision and are assisting with the transitional arrangements to ensure a smooth handover of operational and governance responsibilities previously undertaken by HMRI in support of the MHF.

It is proposed that, subject to HMRI Board sign off, all uncommitted funds raised by MHF and held by HMRI will be transferred to the new entity on a formal transition date during H1 of 2018. All funds committed to projects prior to that date will remain held by HMRI for acquittal.

This transition is likely to have an impact on philanthropic revenues received and reported by HMRI due to the transition and consequence of no longer receiving nor accounting for MHF philanthropic revenues as part of its financial reports.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Information on directors

M Nilsson

Qualifications

Experience

Institute Director

MD, PhD, FAFRM (RACP)

Professor Nilsson, MD, PhD, FAFRM (RACP), is the Director of the Hunter Medical Research Institute. He also holds the position of Burges Professor of Medical Science at the University of Newcastle and Senior Staff Specialist in Rehabilitation Medicine within Hunter New England Health. He is a Conjoint Professor of Neurorehabilitation and Translational Stroke Research at the University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden, Honorary Professor of The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, Melbourne, Australia, and Adjunct Professor at La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia. Prior to his Directorship of the Hunter Medical Research Institute, Professor Nilsson was Director of Research and Development at Sahlgrenska University Hospital in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Professor Nilsson has served in executive positions within health care, academia and business for two decades. He is a senior rehabilitation physician, neurologist, neuroscientist and entrepreneur. Clinically and in research, he is bridging together expertise in neurobiology, neural recovery and clinical rehabilitation after stroke and brain injury. He has initiated projects aimed at a deeper understanding of the outcome and impact of translational research. He is a member of the Health Translation Advisory Committee, a principal committee of the NHMRC. He is also a member of the Australian Brain Alliance (ABA) Working Committee and a member of the Royal Australasian Group of Physicians (RACP), Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine (AFRM) Working Committee. Professor Nilsson is currently chief investigator and co-lead on an NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in stroke rehabilitation and brain recovery.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Information on directors (Continued)

K Loades

Chair and Non-Executive Director - HMRI (Community)

Qualifications

FAICD

Experience

Kyle is a non-executive Director of Credit Union Australia, a board member of Committee for Sydney and a corporate advisor.

Kyle successfully established, grew and ran Auto Advantage, an independent car broking business that disrupted the motor vehicle retail industry. After almost 15 years of successful growth, the business was purchased in August 2015 by a listed company and integrated into their

larger operations.

He is a former Chairman of the HMRI Foundation, a former Chairman & non-executive Director of NRMA, a former Director and President of Hunter Business Chamber, a former Board Member of Hunter Tourism and a Life Member, past President of Nobbys Surf Life Saving Club and former director of the Hunter Region SLSA Helicopter Rescue Service

Limited.

Special responsibilities

Other current directorships in

public and significant

companies and institutions

Chair of HMRI's Board Development Committee

Non-Executive Director Credit Union Australia

Committee of Sydney (Board Member)

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Information on directors (Continued)

M DiRienzo Non-Executive Director - HMRI (HNELHD)

Qualifications BComm

Experience Mr Michael DiRienzo, Chief Executive of Hunter New England Health, is

responsible for all services across the district from small rural community health centres to major tertiary referral hospitals. With 17,000 staff and an expenditure budget in excess of \$2 billion per annum, Hunter New England Health provides services to a community of more than 920,370

people across an area of 130,000 square kilometres.

Following a career in Finance, Supply and logistics in the manufacturing industry, Mr DiRienzo joined Health in 1999. He has since held various

Executive Director positions throughout the Health Service.

Mr DiRienzo is a Board Director of the Hunter New England Central Coast Primary Health Network. Mr DiRienzo is the Chair of the Governing Board

NSW Regional Health Partners.

As Chief Executive of Hunter New England Health, Mr DiRienzo has led the implementation of a range of initiatives that support staff to put patients at the centre of everything they do, provide patient-centred care and

build a positive workplace culture.

Mr DiRienzo holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of

Newcastle.

Special responsibilities Director of HMRI's Board Development Committee

Other current directorships in public and significant

companies and institutions

Board Member of Hunter New England and Central Coast Primary Health

Network

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Information on directors (Continued)

I C McMillen

Non-Executive Director - HMRI (University)

Qualifications

BA (Hons), MBBS, PhD, FAHMS

Experience

Professor Caroline McMillen joined the University of Newcastle as Vice-Chancellor and President in October 2011. She has previously served in academic leadership positions at Monash University, the University of Adelaide and the University of South Australia. She has held national and international roles in medical and health research, industry engagement, innovation strategy and policy development.

Professor McMillen is a Director of the Board of Universities Australia; the Australian Business Higher Education Round Table (BHERT), and the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). Professor McMillen is a BusinessEvents Sydney Ambassador and has served as Convener of the New South Wales Vice-Chancellor's Committee. She has served on a range of international disciplinary bodies and industry groups, including the National Automotive Industry Innovation Council, the Boards of the Cooperative Research Centres for Advanced Automotive Technology and Rail Innovation, the South Australian Premier's Climate Change Council, as well as a number of state industry and government leadership groups focused on innovation, defence, and manufacturing.

As a medical researcher, Professor McMillen is internationally recognised for her work on the impact of the nutritional environment before birth on the risk of developing cardiovascular disease and obesity in adult life and is an inaugural Fellow of the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Sciences, Bragg Member of the Royal Institution, Australia and currently serves on the Council of the International Union of Physiological Societies. She holds a BA (Honours) and Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Oxford, and completed her medical training graduating with an MB, B Chir at the University of Cambridge.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Information on directors (Continued)

R J Aitken

Non-Executive Director - HMRI (University)

Qualifications

BSc, MSc, PhD, DSc

Experience

John Aitken is the Pro Vice-Chancellor for the Faculty of Health and Medicine, a Laureate Professor of Biological Sciences and Co-Director of the Priority Research Centre in Reproductive Science at the University of

Newcastle.

His area of specialization is gamete biology with particular emphasis on the differentiation and function of spermatozoa and oocytes. He has published over 500 research articles which have received over 37,000 citations, generating an h-index of 102. John is immediate Past-President of the International Society of Andrology and a Fellow of both the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Australian Academy of Science. In 2012 he was named as the New South Wales scientist of the year.

John received his PhD from the University of Cambridge. In 1992, he was awarded an Honorary Professorship by the University of Edinburgh while in 1998 he received an ScD degree from the University of Cambridge in light of his contributions to reproductive science.

M Cohen

Non-Executive Director - HMRI (HNEH)

Qualifications

PhD, MBBS, FRANZCP

Experience

Conjoint A/Prof Martin Cohen completed his training in medicine at The University of Sydney in 1996 and became a Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists in 2002. Martin was a senior staff specialist and Director of Specialist Training, in 2012 he was appointed as an Executive Director for Hunter New England Health, subsequently leaving that role for the corporate sector, but remained committed to serving the District and he now sits on the District Health Board. He is Deputy Commissioner for the New South Wales Mental Health Commission, joint Managing Director of Ascelpius Health, Senior Consulting Psychiatrist at Procare and a Conjoint Associate Professor at the University of Newcastle. He has over 15 years research experience in the fields of medical education, neuroimaging, epidemiological, and clinical research.

Other current directorships in

public and significant companies and institutions

Director of Cullerton Nominees Pty Ltd

Director of Asclepius Health

Director of Hunter New England Local Health District

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Information on directors (Continued)

D A Magin

Non-Executive Director - HMRI (Community)

Qualifications

BMath, Grad Dip Mgt, MAICD

Experience

Don Magin was the Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Bank until his retirement on 22nd August 2014. He has over 27 years experience in the financial sector, having started with the Greater in late 1986 as the Information Technology Manager. He also managed the Marketing Department for over 10 years, and led the team which instituted the highly successful free holiday home loan campaign. One of his first initiatives as CEO was to engage Jerry Seinfeld to successfully lift the profile of the Greater. Don has a degree in Mathematics and a Graduate Diploma in Management from The University of Newcastle. He is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Don is a Director of Hunter United Credit Union. Don is also a consultant offering advice across a number of organisations in the areas of strategy and

business improvement.

Special responsibilities

Chair of HMRI's Audit and Risk Management Committee

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Information on directors (Continued)

K Hall

Non-Executive Director - HMRI (University)

Qualifications

BSc (Hons), MSc, PhD

Experience

Professor Kevin Hall has had a distinguished academic career holding senior academic leadership roles in universities in Australia and Canada, most recently as the Senior Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) at the University of Newcastle and formerly as the Vice-President for Research and External Partnerships at the University of Guelph in Ontario. Professor Hall studied a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science at Queen's University in Canada, and completed his PhD in Civil Engineering at the University of New South Wales, Australia.

He has held senior academic leadership positions at Queen's University Canada including founder and Executive Director of the Centre for Water and the Environment, and Head of the Department of Civil Engineering and was a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada University Research Fellow. Professor Hall carries out trans-disciplinary research across a number of major themes including water quality modelling, development of environmental monitoring and pathogen detection systems, syndromic surveillance, and water and health in marginalized communities. Professor Hall holds a number of international patents and has developed associated start-ups. His research has been incorporated into Engineering Design Manuals both nationally and internationally.

Professor Hall has been a board member for the Sydney School of Entrepreneurship, Intersect (Australia), Newcastle Innovation (Australia), Hunter Medical Research Institute (Australia), Newcastle Institute for Energy and Resources (Australia), Cooperative Research Centre - Contamination Assessment and Remediation of the Environment, Cooperative Research Centre High Performance Soils, Bioconversion Network; TRIUMF (Canada's national laboratory for particle and nuclear physics), C4 Network (Technology transfer consortium), Canadian Bovine Mastitis Network, Guelph-Waterloo Biotechnology Partnership, the Accelerator Centre, SHARCNET (high performance computing network), Allergen (Canadian Centre of Excellence), Pathogen Detection Systems (spin-off company) and the Lifestyle Research Network.

Special responsibilities

Member of HMRI's Board Development Committee

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Information on directors (Continued)

C Levi

Non-Executive Director - HMRI (HNEH)

Qualifications

B Med Sci, MBBS, FRACP

Experience

Professor Christopher Levi is a stroke neurologist, NHMRC practitioner fellow and the Executive Director, Sydney Partnership for Health Education Research and Enterprise (SPHERE, an unincorporated joint venture), one of Australia's seven NHMRC accredited Advanced Health Research and Translation Centres. Professor Christopher Levi established acute stroke services in Hunter New England, which is now one of the leading stroke services nationally and has a broad research portfolio covering acute stroke trials, health systems, clinical trials across prehospital, acute and stroke recovery, biomarkers and genetics stroke and stroke imaging. He continues as an Honorary Neurologist with Hunter

New England Local Health District.

K Molloy

Non-Executive Director - HMRI (Community)

Qualifications

BSc (Hons)/ PhD, MBA, GAICD

Experience

Dr Kirsten Molloy is CEO of the Hunter Valley Coal Chain Coordinator. She has a PhD in Chemistry from the University of Newcastle, and an MBA from Deakin University. Dr Molloy is passionate about leadership and Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). She actively encourages diversity and equity in business, and cofounded the Hunter Region's Equal Futures Project and the Hunter Valley Diversity Awards. She also founded Verity, a mentorship program for young Hunter business women. An advocate for the prevention of domestic violence, Dr Molloy cofounded Run Against Violence, and was an Executive Producer of the documentary ICEBERG. She is a recipient of the CEW Scholarship for Wharton's Executive Development Program, and the Hunter Business Chamber's President's Award. Dr Molloy is a Non-Executive Director of HunterH2O and of Regional Development Australia Hunter.

Other current directorships in

public and significant

companies and institutions

Director of HunterH2O Director of RDA Hunter

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Information on directors (Continued)

K Mulley Non-Executive Director - HMRI (Community)

Qualifications BA, MPP

Experience Kirsten Mulley is a public policy, government relations and

> communications professional with 25 years' experience. She is Joint Managing Partner, Public Affairs at leading national advisory firm GRACosway, where she leads teams to develop and implement government engagement strategies for clients. Kirsten works across a range of public policy areas with a focus on health. She previously worked in communications roles at the NSW Department of Health, Hunter New England Health, and with the NSW Minister for Health. She has also worked in senior advisory roles to NSW Deputy Premier John Watkins and Premier Morris lemma. Kirsten has a long-standing association with HMRI. In 1999 she helped establish the "PULSE" committee, raising funds for

early career medical researchers. She is also a founding member of the

HMRI Sydney Foundation

Other current directorships in

public and significant companies and institutions Director of GRACosway Pty Ltd

S Walkom Non Executive Director - HMRI (Community)

Qualifications CPA, MBA, BCom.

Experience Scott Walkom is Principal, Walkom Real Estate, and has a background in

accounting, finance and property, with qualifications including a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com). He joined HMRI in 2015, following in the path of his late mother, Sonia, who was an original member of the Foundation from 1998 and a HMRI Exceptional Service Medal recipient. Scott sits on the Salvation Army Advisory Board (Newcastle) and is a member of the Property Council of NSW, CPA Australia, Real Estate Institute of NSW and Newcastle Club. Having managed Walkom Real Estate for the past 25 years, Scott has a wealth of commercial experience and many strong and loyal networking connections in the Hunter business community and beyond. He has a passion for medical research and deep understanding of HMRI's value to

community wellbeing.

Special responsibilities Chair of HMRI Foundation - Appointed 9 February 2017

Other current directorships in Director of The Salvation Army public and significant

companies and institutions

Newcastle Director of Walkom Real Estate

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Meetings of directors

Directors	Directors'	Directors' meetings			
	Number eligible to attend	Number attended	Number eligible to attend	Number attended	
M Nilsson	3	3	-	-	
K Loades	3	3	-		
M DiRienzo	3	2	-		
I C McMillen	3	2	-	-	
R J Aitken	3	2	-	-	
M Cohen	3	2	-		
D A Magin	3	3	3	3	
K Hall	3	2	-	-	
C Levi	3	3		-	
K Molloy	3	3	0 = :	-	
K Mulley	3	2	:E		
S Walkom	3	3	-	_	

Members guarantee

The company is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute to a maximum of \$20 each towards meeting any outstandings and obligations of the company. At 31 December 2017 the number of members was 12. The combined total amount that members of the company are liable to contribute if the company is wound up is \$240.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC) Act 2012* is set out on page 15 and forms part of the Directors' report.

Proceedings on behalf of the company

No person has applied to the Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Insurance of officers

During the financial period, the company paid a premium to insure any director, secretary, executive officer or employee of the company. In accordance with usual commercial practice, the insurance contract prohibits disclosure of details of the nature of liabilities covered by the insurance, the limit of indemnity and the amount of the premium paid under the policy.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the board of directors.	
Director:	
K Loades	
Director: M Nilsson	
Dated this day of	2018



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AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO THE DIRECTORS OF HUNTER MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

In relation to the independent audit for the period ended 31 December 2017, to the best of my knowledge and belief there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission (ACNC) Act 2012; and
- (ii) no contraventions of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants.

Wayne Russell

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Partner

Newcastle

Date: 12 April 2018

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

		6 months to 31 December 2017	Restated 12 months to 30
a a	Note	\$	June 2017
Revenue and other income			
Sales revenue	2	7,817,843	22,204,602
Interest income	2	306,651	529,885
		8,124,494	22,734,487
Less: expenses			
Fundraising expenses		(1,027,742)	(2,008,298)
Research grant expenses		(5,218,162)	(9,119,599)
Operations expenses		(4,175,615)	(7,893,859)
Facility expenses		(2,614,598)	(4,752,824)
		(13,036,117)	(23,774,580)
Loss for the period		(4,911,623)	(1,040,093)
Other comprehensive income for the period			
Total comprehensive income		(4,911,623)	(1,040,093)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	31 December 2017 \$	Restated 30 June 2017*	Restated 30 June 2016*
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	4	6,712,362	6,558,858	11,829,533
Receivables	5	479,403	655,582	583,107
Inventories	6	22,300	61,695	4,219
Other assets	7	642,452	291,044	231,639
Other financial assets	8	12,000,000	_16,000,000	<u>9,466,786</u>
Total current assets		<u>19,856,517</u>	_23,567,179	22,115,284
Non-current assets				
Other financial assets	8	3,052,121	2,937,354	1,726,501
Property, plant and equipment	9	82,147,886	83,011,989	85,852,325
Total non-current assets		85,200,007	_85,949,343	87,578,826
Total assets		105,056,524	109,516,522	109,694,110
Current liabilities				
Payables	10	1,002,471	2,747,736	3,261,348
Provisions	11	4,075,546	2,032,122	1,435,705
Other liabilities	12	865,738	603,742	79,267
Total current liabilities		5,943,755	5,383,600	4,776,320
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Non-current liabilities Provisions	11	420 542	F20 072	272.047
	11	420,542	529,072	273,847
Total non-current liabilities		420,542	529,072	273,847
Total liabilities		6,364,297	<u>5,912,672</u>	5,050,167
Net assets		98,692,227	103,603,850	104,643,943
Equity				
Retained earnings	13	98,692,227	103,603,850	104,643,943
Total equity		98,692,227	103,603,850	104,643,943

^{*} Refer to Note 21 for details on re-statement.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	31 December 2017 \$	Restated 30 June 2017
Total equity		
Balance at beginning of the period	103,603,850	104,643,943
Movements in equity from:		
Retained earnings	(4,911,623)	(1,040,093)
Balance at the end of the period	98,692,227	103,603,850
Retained earnings		
Balance at beginning of the period	103,603,850	104,643,943
Loss for the period	(4,911,623)	(1,040,093)
Total comprehensive income	(4,911,623)	(1,040,093)
Balance at the end of the period	98,692,227	103,603,850

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	6 months to 31 December 2017	12 months to 30 June 2017
Cash flow from operating activities Receipts from customers	8,420,301	22,463,196
Payments to suppliers and employees	(11,340,924)	(19,450,337)
Interest received	<u>151,478</u>	529,883
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	(2,769,145)	3,542,742
Cash flow from investing activities Proceeds from sale of investments	4,000,000	/7.940.9EA)
Proceeds from sale of other non current assets	120,000	(7,810,854)
Payment for property, plant and equipment Payment for investments	(1,092,134) (105,217)	(1,002,563)
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities	2,922,649	(8,813,417)
Reconciliation of cash		
Cash at beginning of the period	6,558,858	11,829,533
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held	<u>153,504</u>	<u> (5,270,675</u>)
Cash at end of period	6,712,362	6,558,858

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements, Interpretations and other applicable authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012*.

The financial report covers Hunter Medical Research Institute as an individual entity. Hunter Medical Research Institute is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Hunter Medical Research Institute is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The financial report was approved by the directors as at the date of the directors' report.

The following are the significant accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation and presentation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

The financial report covers the period ended 31 December 2017. The entity has changed its year end from 30 June to 31 December to align reporting and budgeting periods with that of its stakeholders and to improve the efficiency and quality of internal budgeting and management accounting functions.

(a) Basis of preparation of the financial report

The financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by revaluations to fair value for certain classes of assets and liabilities as described in the accounting policies.

(b) Revenue

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

Funding, donations and grant revenue

Revenue for fundraising, donations and grants are recognised when the company obtains control of the funding, donation or grant, it is probable that economic benefits will flow to the company, and the amount of the funding, donation or grant can be measured reliably.

For multiple year funding arrangements, revenue is recognised at the time of signing the funding agreement, unless the funding instalments are dependent on key milestones being met, which are not wholly controlled by the company.

Specific grants are received which oblige the company to expend the monies for specified purposes, not all of which may have been completed at year end. All grant and funding receipts of this nature are taken to be income in the year of receipt, rather than proportionally deferred to future periods as the company does not regard the unspent funds as a liability as they will be expended on the purpose for which they were provided.

Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised when it becomes receivable on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(c) Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the company is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and at banks, short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less held at call with financial institutions, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

(e) Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are recognised at fair value. Trade receivables are due for settlement within 30 days for almost all debtors. Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an ongoing basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectible are written off. A provision for doubtful receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate. Cash flows relating to short-term receivables are discounted if the effect of discounting is immaterial. The amount of the provision is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

(f) Financial Instruments

Classification

The company classifies its financial assets in the following categories: financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables, held-to-maturity investments, and available-for-sale financial assets. The classification depends on the nature of the item and the purpose for which the instruments are held.

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the entity commits itself to either the purchase or sale of the asset (i.e. trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value adjusted for transaction costs, except where the instrument is classified as fair value through profit or loss, in which case transaction costs are immediately recognised as expenses in profit or loss.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(f) Financial instruments (Continued)

Fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets are classified at fair value through profit or loss when they are held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking, are derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid an accounting mismatch or to enable fair value performance evaluation by key management personnel. Investments in listed securities are carried at fair value through profit or loss. They are measured at their fair value at each reporting date and any increment or decrement in fair value from the prior period is recognised in profit or loss of the current period. Fair value of listed investments are based on closing bid prices at the reporting date.

Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and the company intends to hold the investments to maturity, usually of a term of three to twelve months.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the company provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of selling the receivable. They are included in current assets, except for those with maturities greater than 12 months after balance date, which are classified as non-current assets.

Available-for-sale

Available-for-sale financial assets include any financial assets not included in the above categories or are designated as such on initial recognition. Available-for-sale financial assets are subsequently measured at fair value. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are taken directly to equity. The cumulative gain or loss is held in equity until the financial asset is de-recognised, at which time the cumulative gain or loss held in equity is reclassified from equity to profit or loss as a reclassification adjustment.

Non-listed investments for which the fair value cannot be reliably measured, are carried at cost and tested for impairment.

Donated financial assets

Financial assets donated to the group are recognised at fair value at the date the group obtains the control of the assets.

Impairment of financial assets

For available-for-sale financial assets carried at cost because a fair value cannot be reliably determined, impairment loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset. Such impairment loss is not reversed.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(g) Property, plant and equipment

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

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment is depreciated over their estimated useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held available for use, consistent with the estimated consumption of the economic benefits embodied in the asset.

Class of fixed asset	Useful lives	Depreciation basis
Buildings at cost	40 years	Straight line
Plant and equipment at cost	2 to 40 years	Straight line
Improvements at cost	4 to 40 years	Straight line
Office equipment at cost	2-20 years	Straight line
Furniture, fixtures and fittings at cost	5 to 40 years	Straight line
Computer equipment at cost	3 to 10 years	Straight line

(h) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the company prior to the end of the financial year, which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. Trade and other payables are presented as current liabilities unless payment is not due within 12 months from the reporting date. They are recognised initially at their fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

(i) Research grant provision

Research grant provisions represent research grants payable once a constructive obligation exists, usually in the form of a commitment to a research project for the funding. These are not recognised as a payable as the timing of the amount is often uncertain as it is dependent on milestones being met which are not wholly controlled by the company.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(j) Employee benefits

(i) Short-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and any other employee benefits (other than termination benefits) expected to be settled wholly before twelve months after the end of the annual reporting period are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. The expected cost of short-term employee benefits in the form of compensated absences such as annual leave and accumulated sick leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables in the statement of financial position.

(ii) Long-term employee benefit obligations

The provision for other long-term employee benefits, including obligations for long service leave and annual leave, which are not expected to be settled wholly before twelve months after the end of the reporting period, are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of the services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee turnover, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on high quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms approximating to the terms of the related obligation. For currencies in which there is no deep market in such high quality corporate bonds, the market yields (at the end of the reporting period) on government bonds denominated in that currency are used. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the change occurs.

Other long-term employee benefit obligations are presented as current liabilities in the statement of financial position if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur. All other long-term employee benefit obligations are presented as non-current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

(k) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and purchased assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(I) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current period disclosures.

	6 months to 31 December 2017 \$	Restated 12 months to 30 June 2017 \$
NOTE 2: REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME		
Sales income		
Government grants	200,000	8,130,199
Clinical research centre income	2,828,491	5,624,772
Fundraising income	4,789,352	8,449,631
	7,817,843	22,204,602
Interest income		
	405.000	
Fundraising interest Interest income	185,833	237,176
interest income	120,819	292,709
	306,652	529,885
NOTE 3: EXPENSES		
Salaries and wages	2,722,606	4,705,107
Superannuation	250,961	430,111
Depreciation and amortisation expense	1,930,546	3,844,803
	4,904,113	8,980,021
	31 December	Restated 30
*	2017	June 2017
	\$	\$
NOTE 4: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank	4,959,235	4,258,281
Cash on deposit	1,753,127	<u>2,300,577</u>
	6,712,362	6,558,858

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

NOTE 5: RECEIVABLES	31 December 2017 \$	Restated 30 June 2017 \$
Trade debtors	183,706	525,896
Other receivables	295,697	129,686
	479,403	655,582
NOTE 6: INVENTORIES At cost		
Finished goods	22 200	61.605
Timoned Books	<u>22,300</u> <u>22,300</u>	61,695
	22,300	61,695
NOTE 7: OTHER ASSETS		
Prepayments	642,452	171,044
Non-current assets held for sale		120,000
	<u>642,452</u>	291,044
NOTE 8: OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Held to maturity financial assets	_12,000,000	_16,000,000
·	12,000,000	16,000,000
NON CURRENT		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	512,368	602,088
Held to maturity financial assets	<u>2.539.753</u>	2,335,266
	3,052,121	2,937,354

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	31 December 2017	Restated 30 June 2017
	\$	\$
NOTE 9: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Buildings at cost	81,032,882	81,032,882
Accumulated depreciation	(10,792,352)	<u>(9,745,616</u>)
	_70,240,530	<u>71,287,266</u>
Plant and equipment at cost	14,362,446	13,981,434
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,642,925</u>)	(5,153,480)
	8,719,521	8,827,954
Improvements at cost	829,234	258,935
Accumulated depreciation	(163,297)	(23,436)
	665,937	235,499
Office equipment at cost	1,362,573	1,291,804
Accumulated depreciation	(35,358)	(32,781)
	1,327,215	1,259,023
Furniture, fixtures and fittings at cost	2,423,238	2,415,442
Accumulated depreciation	(1,695,538)	(1,554,090)
	727,700	861,352
Computer equipment at cost	1,286,657	1,277,450
Accumulated depreciation	(819,674)	(736,555)
	466,983	540,895
Total property, plant and equipment	82,147,886	83,011,989
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NOTE 10: PAYABLES		
Unsecured liabilities		
Trade creditors	319,059	1,975,623
Sundry creditors and accruals	683,412	772,113
	1,002,471	2,747,736
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	31 December 2017 \$	Restated 30 June 2017 \$	Restated 30 June 2016 \$
NOTE 11: PROVISIONS				
CURRENT				
Employee benefits	(a)	408,475	354,237	226,316
Research grants		<u>3,667,071</u>	1,677,885	1,209,389
		<u>4,075,546</u>	2,032,122	<u>1,435,705</u>
NON CURRENT				
Employee benefits	(a)	122,272	112,376	59,988
Research grants		298,270	416,696	213,859
		420.542	529,072	273.847
(a) Aggregate employee benefits liability		530,747	466,613	286,304
NOTE 12: OTHER LIABILITIES Deferred income			31 December 2017 \$	Restated 30 June 2017 \$ 603,742 603,742
NOTE 13: RETAINED EARNINGS				
Retained earnings at beginning of period			103,603,850	104,643,943
Net profit / (loss)			(4,911,623)	(1,040,093)
NOTE 14: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPEN	ISATION	4	98,692,227	103,603,850
Compensation received by key management person	nel of th	ie company		
- short-term employee benefits			329,917	569,563
			329,917	569,563

The key management personnel of HMRI includes the Executive Director and the remaining members of HMRI's senior leadership team. A component of the Executive Directors remuneration is directly contributed by the University of Newcastle and the Hunter New England Local Health District and is not included in this disclosure.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	31 December 2017 \$	Restated 30 June 2017 \$
NOTE 15: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS		
(a) Transactions with key management personnel of the entity and director	or related parties	
Donations Income from University of Newcastle from occupancy and professional	1,000	40,290
services Income from Hunter New England Local Health District from research	2,620,958	4,538,253
grants, occupancy and professional services Payments to University of Newcastle for research grants and awards and	255,561	878,281
medical infrastructure funds Payments to Hunter New England Local Health District for utilities,	(2,898,833)	(8,626,360)
research grants and awards and medical infrastructure funds	(307,160)	(1,082,667)
(b) Amounts owing by director related parties at the end of the year are as	follows:	
University of Newcastle	68,961	141,513
Hunter New England Local Health District	72,471	48,178
	141,432	189,691
(c) Amounts owing to director related parties at the end of the year are as	follows:	
University of Newcastle	(2,178,155)	(2,798,678)
Hunter New England Local Health District	(1,291,098)	(1,158,952)
	(3,469,253)	(3,957,630)
NOTE 16: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS		
(a) Operating lease commitments		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements: Payable		
- not later than one year	146,318	235,511
- later than one year and not later than three years	211,840	233,311 89,355
- later than three years	<u> 28,773</u>	6,261
•	386,931	331,127

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

NOTE 16: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED)

The company has entered into number of contracts including planned maintenance to maintain the facility.

NOTE 17: RESEARCH GRANT COMMITMENTS

The company has committed funds to research projects. At 31 December 2017, \$12,308,844 (30 June 2017: \$4,150,984) has been committed for research. The timing of this commitment is unknown as it is dependent on milestones being met on research projects, which are not wholly controlled by the company. Of this \$8,343,503 (30 June 2017: \$2,412,315) is still receivable and is disclosed as a contingent asset (note 18).

NOTE 18: CONTINGENT ASSETS

The company has multiple year funding agreements in place for grant funding for research, which has been committed to by various foundations and institutions. At 31 December 2017, \$8,343,503 (30 June 2017: \$2,412,315) is committed to the organisation for receipt in future periods. This amount has not been recognised as a receivable at the year end as receipt of the amount is dependent on key milestones being met on the research projects funded by the grants. The achievement of these milestones is not wholly within the control of the company.

NOTE 19: EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

There has been no matter or circumstance, which has arisen since 31 December 2017 that has significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- (a) the operations, in financial years subsequent to 31 December 2017, of the company, or
- (b) the results of those operations, or
- (c) the state of affairs, in financial years subsequent to 31 December 2017, of the company.

NOTE 20: MEMBERS' GUARANTEE

The company is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute to a maximum of \$20 each towards meeting any outstandings and obligations of the company. At 31 December 2017 the number of members was 12. The combined total amount that members of the company are liable to contribute if the company is wound up is \$240.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

NOTE 21: PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

In the 2016 financial year, the Hunter Medical Research Institute committed to a research project with the Hunter New England Local Health District. The funding commitment was for a total of \$423,859 over a period of four years of which \$70,000 was expended in the 2016 financial year. A further \$140,000 was expended in the 2017 financial year. The Hunter Medical Research Institute's accounting policy is to recognise a provision upon committing to a research project however no provision was recognised at the time. As this error was made in a reporting period prior to the comparative period, the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position balances have been restated. The restatement has been caclulated as follows:

Commitment total as at 15 December 2015 Less expended to 30 June 2016 2016 Adjustment Less expended to 30 June 2017 2017 Adjustment			423,859 (70,000) 353,859 (140,000) 213,859
	Original balance \$	Increase/ (Decrease) \$	Restated balance \$
Statement of Financial Position (extract)			
30 June 2016			*
Provisions - current & non-current	1,355,693	353,859	1,709,552
Retained earnings	104,997,802	(353,859)	104,643,943
30 June 2017			
Provisions - current & non-current	2,347,335	213,859	2,561,194
Retained earnings	103,817,709	(213,859)	103,603,850
Statement of Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income (extract)			
30 June 2017		3	
Expenses			
Research grant expense	9,259,599	(140,000)	9,119,599
Loss for the period	1,180,093	(140,000)	1,040,093

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

NOTE 22: ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURES REQUIRED BY THE CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING ACT 1991 AND THE CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING REGULATIONS 2015

	6 months to 31 December 2017 \$	Restated 12 months to 30 June 2017 \$
(a) Details of aggregate gross income and total expenses of fundraising appeals		
Gross proceeds from fundraising appeals		
Donations (including bequests, excluding capital campaign) Research grants Event income Supporter run event income Investment income (earned on fundraising investments) Gross proceeds from fundraising	4,143,933 162,952 349,294 191,355 185,833 5,033,367	5,077,692 1,023,687 2,038,060 310,191 237,178 8,686,808
Less: Total cost of fundraising		
HMRI fundraising Event expenses Fundraising salaries & superannuation (excluding capital campaign) Other expenses (excluding capital campaign) Total cost of fundraising Net surplus obtained from fundraising appeals	(107,698) (404,560) (573,666) (1,085,924) 3,947,443	(231,408) (685,896) (1,090,988) (2,008,292) 6,678,516
(b) Statement showing how funds received were applied to charitable purposes		
Net surplus from fundraising appeals Expenditure on direct services (grants to researchers) Net surplus after grants to researchers	3,947,443 (3,396,796) 550,647	6,678,516 (5,273,317) 1,405,199

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

The surplus from fundraising appeals has been retained in cash at bank and will be used to fund future grants to researchers.

(c) Comparisons by monetary figures and percentages

6 months to 31 December 2017		
Total cost of fundraising / gross income from fundraising	1,085,924 / 5,033,367	21.57%
Net surplus from fundraising / gross income from fundraising	3,947,443 / 5,033,367	78.43%
Total cost of direct services / total expenditure	3,396,796 / 4,482,720	75.78%
Total cost of direct services / gross income from fundraising	3,396,796 / 5,033,367	67.49%
Restated 12 months to 30 June 2017		
Total cost of fundraising / gross income from fundraising	2,008,292 / 8,686,808	23.12%
Net surplus from fundraising / gross income from fundraising	6,678,516 / 8,686,808	76.88%
Total cost of direct services / total expenditure	5,273,317 / 7,281,609	72.42%
Total cost of direct services / gross income from fundraising	5,273,317 / 8,686,808	60.70%

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of the company declare that:

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- 1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 16 33, are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012: and
 - (a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards, the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC) Act 2012 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements; and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2017 and performance for the period ended on that date of the company.
- 2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company 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.

Director:	K Loades	
Director:	M Nilsson	
Dated this	day of	2018
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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of the company declare that:

- The Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the period ended 31
 December 2017 gives a true and fair view of all income and expenditure of the company with respect to fundraising appeals, and
- The Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2017 gives a true and fair view of the state
 of affairs of the company with respect to fundraising appeals conducted by the company, and
- 3. The provisions of the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991*, the *Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2015* under the Act and the conditions attached to the authority have been complied with by the company, and
- 4. The internal controls exercised by the company are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the company from any of its fundraising appeals.

Director:	M	
	K Loades	
Director:	Mullin	
	M Nilsson	
Dated this	day of	2018
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Independent Auditor's Report To the Members of Hunter Medical Research Institute

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Hunter Medical Research Institute, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the period then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) and the Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2015 (NSW). The Directors have determined the basis of preparation is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Directors' responsibility also includes such internal controls as the Directors determine necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material mistatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

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

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



Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Australian Charities* and *Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- a. the financial report of Hunter Medical Research Institute is in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:
- i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and of its performance for the period ended on that date; and
- ii) complying with the accounting policies in Note 1 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Reports on the requirements of the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) and the Charitable Fundraising Regulations 2015 (NSW)

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report of Hunter Medical Research Institute shows a true and fair view of the financial result of fundraising appeals for the year ended 31 December 2017, and
- (b) the accounting and associated records have been properly kept during that year in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW) and the Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2015 (NSW), and
- (c) money received as a result of the fundraising appeals conducted during that year has been properly accounted for and applied in accordance with the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW)* and the *Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2015 (NSW)*, and
- (d) the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Basis of accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the director's financial reporting responsibilities under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, the *Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 (NSW)* and the *Charitable Fundraising Regulation 2015 (NSW)*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Wayne Russell

PITCHER PARTNERS

Partner

Newcastle

Date 12 April 2018