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# ANNUAL REPORT 2016

The Australian Society of Specialist General Surgeons  
t/a General Surgeons Australia  
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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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*Mr Michael Donovan*

***In 2016, the Directors continued working towards meeting the primary strategic objectives of the Company, particularly through the promotion, development, and support of education and training programs for Trainees and members.***

A highlight of the Company's achievements in 2016 was the introduction of the GSA Junior Doctor Membership category, meeting one of the key short term goals of the society to develop educational, skills, and career resources for junior doctors, that will foster an interest in General Surgery as a prestigious and rewarding surgical career.

A further achievement was the successful delivery of the inaugural Locoregional Melanoma Conference at the newly opened Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre, returning a surplus of \$73,250 to the client.

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Some of the key indicators of success measured in 2016 include:*

INDICATOR	TARGET	2016 RESULTS
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership increase &gt;5% p.a.</li> <li>• New membership amongst Fellows &gt;10 years post FRACS &gt;25%</li> <li>• New membership amongst junior doctors of &gt;5% p.a.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 93 new members; 9.2% overall increase</li> <li>• 22 of all new members were Junior Doctors (24%)</li> <li>• 83 new General Surgery Fellows in 2016; 44 of these joined GSA</li> <li>• 6 new Ordinary members were Fellows &gt;10 years post FRACS (8%)</li> </ul>
Website Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80% of active members listed on Find a Surgeon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 48.6% of active members listed on Find a Surgeon (361)</li> </ul>
Selected Trainees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retention &gt;90%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 98% retention in 2016 (1.5% Withdrawn; 0.5% Dismissed)</li> </ul>
Supervisors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of General Surgery Supervisors as members of GSA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 68% of General Surgery Supervisors (84) were active members of GSA</li> <li>• One year complimentary membership offered to five (5) new General Surgery Supervisors</li> </ul>
Fellowship Examination pass rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80% by second attempt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall pass rate: 70% (Of those that passed, 91% (93) passed within two attempts.)</li> <li>• Trainee pass rate: 73%</li> <li>• IMG pass rate: 58%</li> </ul>
CPD compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% compliance with existing RACS CPD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% of GSA members compliant for 2015 CPD Program</li> </ul>
GSA ASM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 50% growth of practicing surgeons at GSA ASM in 3 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2016: 61% of delegates were surgeons</li> <li>• 2015: 50% of delegates were surgeons</li> <li>• 2014 ASM: 52% of delegates were surgeons</li> </ul>
Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All scholarships awarded annually</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Pacific Island &amp; South East Asian Travel Grants awarded</li> <li>• John Ham, Noel Newton, CICD/ISDS Prize, GSA Research Award, and two GSA Poster Prizes awarded</li> </ul>
Budget performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• +/- 5% of budget annually</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total revenue 25.3% over budget</li> <li>• Total expenditure 6.4% over budget</li> </ul>
Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lodgement of Statutory Accounts four months after EOFY</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Submission lodged 6 April 2016</li> </ul>

The 2016 training year saw the continued impact of the SET Transition on reduced Partnering Agreement and Selection revenue for the year, which was in line with the reduced revenue projections made by the Board. However, returns on investments were higher than projected, and the combination of Membership and Course revenue was more than \$110,000 higher than budgeted for the financial year. These factors saw the surplus of the organisation increase by 37.9% from the previous financial year.

The Directors remain committed to a long-term investment strategy, and agreed to invest a further \$200,000 of surplus funds from the 2015 financial year, split across the RACS Small Scale Offering and ANZ Bank OneAnswer portfolio. Global market performance was slightly better in 2016, with the overall return on investments 25% higher than the previous financial year. As at 31 December, the total amount invested with the RACS Small Scale Offering and ANZ Bank OneAnswer was \$2,185,112.

While revenue remained steady for the current period, total expenditure was down 4.6% on the previous financial year. The organisation continued to achieve its strategic goals, despite continued weaker performance in the global financial markets.

In 2016, work commenced on the development of a program of educational, skills, and career resources for Junior Doctors interested in a career in General Surgery. This included a review of the Constitution, allowing Junior Doctors to join the society as non-voting members. Twenty-two Junior Doctor members joined the organisation in late 2016, and the organisation participated in the 21st National Prevocational Medical Education Forum held in November 2016 in Hobart.

Administrative management of the supervision or oversight requirements of 38 IMGs in General Surgery was provided in 2016, post their initial clinical assessment by the RACS. As part of the continued expansion of services provided to IMGs in General Surgery, a targeted Fellowship Examination Preparation Course was developed, to be held in December 2016. However, due to the high pass rate for IMGs seen at the September 2016 sitting of the RACS Fellowship Examination, the course was cancelled due to low registration numbers. It is hoped that the course will run at a future date.

The organisation continued to expand its Event Management services for core General Surgery meetings, with GSA engaged to manage the inaugural Locoregional Melanoma Conference held at the newly opened Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre in August 2016. The meeting exceeded expectations for industry support and delegate registrations, and a surplus of over \$82,000 (inc. GST) was returned to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.

Other Event Management services delivered in 2016 included the Provincial Surgeons of Australia (PSA) 2016 Annual Scientific Conference held in Albany in August, the ANZ Hernia Forum 2016 held in Sydney in October, and the Clinical Ultrasound Workshop for Endocrine Surgeons held in Brisbane in May. The Board intends to continue the expansion of the organisation's Event Management services, which will assist in providing sustainable non-membership based revenue streams.

In 2016, the GSA Transplant Training Committee assessed two applications for the PFET Program in Transplantation Surgery, with one candidate appointed to the training program for the 2017/2018 training years. The Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process for Transplant Training was completed in 2016, with nine applications assessed to determine equivalence of training. Of the nine applications received, the Australian and New Zealand Certificate of Post-Fellowship Education and Training Program in Transplantation Surgery was awarded to five applicants.

Paper based Hospital Inspections were conducted for five Transplant Training posts; two Hospitals were accredited for the PFET Program in Transplantation Surgery in 2016, with a further three posts to be accredited in 2017. This will bring the total number of accredited posts across Australia and New Zealand to 12.

In December 2016, the Board of Directors approved a proposal for GSA to assume management of a Post-Fellowship Education and Training (PFET) Program in Trauma Surgery, to be delivered in collaboration with the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Surgery of Trauma. GSA will seek accreditation of the program from the RACS PFET Committee, as well as support from associated sub-specialty societies involved in Trauma Surgery.

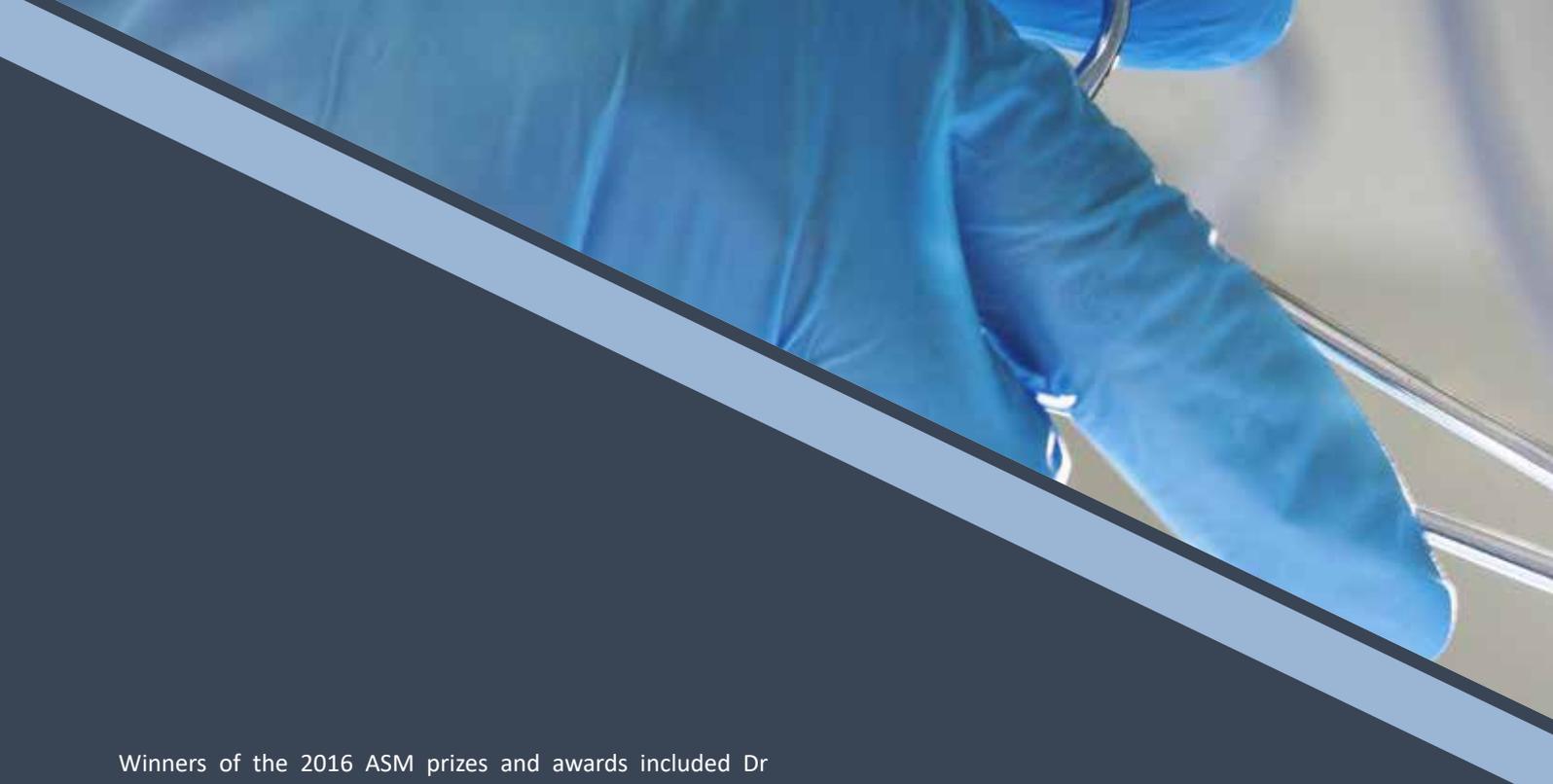
The 2016 GSA Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), "Tales of the Unexpected", was held at the Crown Conference Centre from 29 September to 1 October, and achieved a surplus of over \$30,000 (ex GST). Over 430 members, trainees, IMGs, and other medical professionals registered to attend the three-day meeting, with 198 delegates participating in the Trainees' Day held on 28 September at the Victorian Comprehensive Cancer Centre. The program format for the 2016 GSA ASM was changed to include a Plenary Session, presented by award-winning journalist Waleed Aly.

Over 40 national and international speakers contributed across the four days, including Keynote Speakers Mr Nick Maynard of Oxford, UK and Mr Brendan Moran of Basingstoke, UK. Dr James Bittner of Virginia US also contributed to the program, with international invited Presidents including Mr John Moorehead of ASGBI and Mr Andrew Moot of NZAGS.

The 2016 ASM program again included educational workshops presented by a range of industry partners. These included a one day Hernia Symposium, a Dinner & Masterclass entitled 'Expecting the Unexpected - Complex Ventral Hernia Repair', and breakfast sessions on 'Traditional Versus Robot-Assisted Techniques for Abdominal Wall Surgery' and 'Ventral Hernia Repair: Expecting the Unexpected'.

Major advocates of the 2016 GSA ASM included Applied Medical and Cook Medical, with Johnson & Johnson Medical and W L Gore providing Workshop Sponsorship. A further 19 industry partners participated as Exhibitors or advertised at various levels.

The GSA Research & Scholarships Committee reviewed and ranked 109 abstracts submitted for consideration by SET Trainees in General Surgery (21), Interns/PGY2 (8), Medical Students (1), Non-accredited Registrars (65), and Fellows/IMGs (14). The top 12 abstracts were selected for verbal presentations, and 22 abstracts were selected for poster presentations.



Winners of the 2016 ASM prizes and awards included Dr Shivangi Jog - Noel Newton Award; Dr Angus Hann - John Ham Award; Dr Yi Ma - GSA Research Award; Dr Thomas Patterson - GSA Poster Award (joint); Dr Sujith Krishnamoorthy - GSA Poster Award (joint); and Dr Luigi Sposato - CICD/ISDS Prize.

Excellence in Surgical Teaching Awards were presented at the ASM Gala Dinner to Mr Stephen Jancewicz (NSW), Dr Benjamin Green (QLD), Mr Markus Trochsler (SA), Miss Amanda Robertson (VIC), and Mr Johannes Basson (WA). Three recipients of the 2016 GSA Pacific Island and South East Asian Travel Grants also attended the meeting, including Dr Thien Nguyen and Dr Diem Le of Vietnam, and Dr Josese Turagava of Fiji.

The final Standard Setting and Question Workshops for the Surgical Education & Assessment Modules (SEAM) program were conducted in 2016, as part of the continued delivery of activities related to the administration of the SET Program in General Surgery in Australia. These included Critical Care & Trauma in March 2016, and Post-Operative & Palliative Care in October 2016. Sixteen subject matter experts participated in the Standard Setting process, which is designed to ensure the reliability and validity of SEAM Summative Assessments. The first two cohorts of Trainees enrolled in SEAM completed all modules successfully by mid-term, Term 2 2016.

In 2016, there were 226 applications to the SET Program in General Surgery, which were processed via the new online General Surgery Selection Application. This represented a decrease of 28.5% on the total number of applications in the previous year, which was a direct result of the changes to minimum eligibility for applications to General Surgery training that were introduced in 2016.

Two applicants did not meet minimum eligibility criteria; 224 candidates proceeded to the Referee Report stage, and 157 candidates proceeded to the Interview stage of the Selection process, with interviews held in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, and Adelaide in June and July 2016. A total of 87 offers

were made; 84 offers were accepted, 2 offers were declined, and 1 applicant requested deferral in 2017. SET Orientation Workshops were held in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Perth, and Brisbane in November and December 2016.

Regional educational sessions held in Queensland, South Australia, New South Wales, and Western Australia were again recorded in 2016, as well as two national Trainees' Day programs held in Brisbane and Melbourne, and the 2016 GSA ASM. The From these sessions, another 153 educational webcasts were added to the GSA Educational Resources, bringing the total number of webcasts uploaded from 2013-2016 to 682.

Over 440 Trainees and IMGs attended one or both of the national 2016 GSA Trainees' Days, which focused on Breast & Endocrine Surgery (May, Brisbane) and Melanoma & Surgical Oncology (September, Melbourne), or one of the three MOSES programs held in Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.

Fellowship Examination Preparation Courses were held in New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria, and a Preparation Course for the Generic Surgical Sciences Examination was held in Victoria in December 2016. The SA Registrar's Paper Day was held in Adelaide in August, and the GSA Trainees' Weekend was held at Peppers Moonah Link in Victoria, in November 2016. Quinquennial Hospital Accreditations were conducted in Western Australia in 2016, with 12 Hospitals inspected and 31 posts accredited for the SET Program in General Surgery.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Members of the GSA Board continued their work with several expert advisors on an application to the Medical Services Advisory Committee for a new Medicare Benefits Schedule item number for Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy for Intermediate Thickness Melanoma. The organisation was involved in numerous other reviews and projects related to General Surgery, including the publication of a joint Position Statement on Care of the Paediatric Surgical Patient, and working with the RACS Surgical Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Committee to develop gastrointestinal endoscopy standards of practice and to establish a competency based recertification model for surgical gastrointestinal endoscopy in Australia and New Zealand. This work will continue in 2017.

The total number of full-time, part-time, and casual staff employed by GSA during the 2016 financial year was twelve. While overall expenditure was steady, expenses related to employment costs and Regional and Other Courses increased. The GSA ASM recorded a surplus, and revenue from membership subscriptions, PFET, GSA meetings, and Event Management Services all increased in this financial period, contributing towards the surplus for the year.

**Mr Michael Donovan FRACS**  
President



# TREASURER'S REPORT

*Mr A Sayed-Hassen*

This Treasurer's Report highlights the financial position for General Surgeons Australia (GSA) for the 2016 financial year, and highlights performance from some of our core business activities. The organisation again demonstrated continued sound operational performance; global market performance delivered a slightly higher return on investments than seen in the previous financial year.

Our corpus of funds again increased in 2016, and the Board of Directors remains committed to funding of scholarships, research, and travel grants. The organisation continues to invest in online learning and educational events and activities, highlighting the ongoing commitment to promoting both high quality training and continuing medical education for our members.

## **Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**

Total operating revenue (excluding investment returns) was \$2,470,439 in 2016, compared to \$2,450,639 in 2015. Total expenditure in 2016 was \$ 2,113,174, compared to \$2,216,183 in 2015. The overall surplus for 2016 was \$462,366 (2015: \$335,263), which was attributable to surpluses from the 2016 GSA Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM), revenue from membership subscriptions, and Event Management Services.

## **Key Revenue and Expenditure Items for 2016**

- Partnering Agreement income was \$1,239,596 in 2016 (2015: \$1,253,161)
- The surplus for the 2016 GSA ASM was \$30,931 (2015 \$49,635)
- The return on investments for 2016 was \$87,224 (2015: \$69,727)
- Event Management income was \$31,468 in 2016 (2015: \$14,050)
- Personnel costs remained the dominant expense, followed by the GSA ASM

## **Statement of Financial Position**

Key movements in assets included a 35.9% increase in cash and cash equivalents, and an increase of 13.3% on investments in 2016.

## **Statement of Cash Flows**

In 2016, the Statement of Cash Flows indicated a net cash inflow from operating activities of \$429,591 (2015: \$318,673), and a net increase in cash held of \$221,350 (2015: \$11,744).

## **Independent Auditor's Report and Audit Opinion**

The Independent Auditor's Report and Audit Opinion of BDO East Coast Partnership is included with the Annual General Purpose Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2016, which is available for download from the GSA website.

## **Directors' Declaration**

The directors of General Surgeons Australia declare that the summarised financial report set out on pages 10 and 11 have been derived from and are consistent with the full General Purpose Financial Report of The Australian Society of Specialist General Surgeons (trading as General Surgeons Australia) for the year ended 31 December 2016.

On behalf of the Directors:

**Mr A Sayed-Hassen FRACS**  
Treasurer

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income - For the year ended 31 December 2016

Revenue	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
Members' subscriptions		176,624	151,438
Advertising income		3,650	3,524
GSA Trainees Days		20,520	14,094
Partnering Agreement income		1,239,596	1,253,161
SEAM Administration income		56,800	137,600
IMG Services income		34,450	47,000
Hospital Inspection income		127,200	131,400
Selection income		146,900	200,330
Regional Training Courses income		163,716	159,091
MOSES income		44,000	21,670
Post Fellowship Education & Training income		5,800	4,140
GSA ASM income		419,640	308,230
Event Management income		31,468	14,050
PSA 2016 ASM		-	4,800
Merchandise		155	112
Cost of Sales - GSA Ties		(80)	-
		<b>2,470,439</b>	<b>2,450,640</b>
Other revenue - interest		17,877	31,081
Income on investments	2	87,224	69,727
		<b>2,575,540</b>	<b>2,551,448</b>
<b>Expenses from Commercial activities:</b>			
RACS ASC		(11,968)	(14,563)
GSA ASM		(353,690)	(266,798)
Event Management services			(2,624)
GSA Trainees Days		(64,211)	(63,841)
MOSES		(56,769)	(43,743)
Selection		(69,403)	(122,625)
Regional Training Courses		(156,084)	(112,071)
Research & Travel Grants		(13,047)	(16,431)
PSA Education Grants		(5,600)	(3,273)
GSA Awards		(4,527)	(6,130)
Employee benefits expense	3	(851,833)	(835,927)
Administrative expense		(495,202)	(685,897)
Finance costs		(13,827)	(13,634)
External professional services expense		(10,500)	(18,720)
Depreciation expense	3	(6,513)	(9,906)
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<b>462,366</b>	<b>335,263</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>462,366</b>	<b>335,263</b>

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## Statement of Financial Position - For the year ended 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	839,236	617,887
Trade and other receivables	5	59,377	33,460
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	8	2,185,112	1,927,898
Inventories	6	4,793	4,873
		<b>3,088,518</b>	<b>2,584,118</b>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Plant and equipment	7	7,812	6,083
		<b>7,812</b>	<b>6,083</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>3,096,330</b>	<b>2,590,201</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	9	65,931	37,822
Provision for employee entitlements	10	174,962	153,467
		<b>240,893</b>	<b>191,289</b>
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provision for employee entitlements	10	27,908	33,749
		<b>27,908</b>	<b>33,749</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>268,801</b>	<b>225,038</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>2,827,529</b>	<b>2,365,163</b>
<b>MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>			
Accumulated surplus		<b>2,827,529</b>	<b>2,365,163</b>
<b>TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS</b>		<b>2,827,529</b>	<b>2,365,163</b>

**TOTAL ASSETS**  
**\$3,096,330**  
2016

**TOTAL LIABILITIES**  
**\$268,801**  
2016

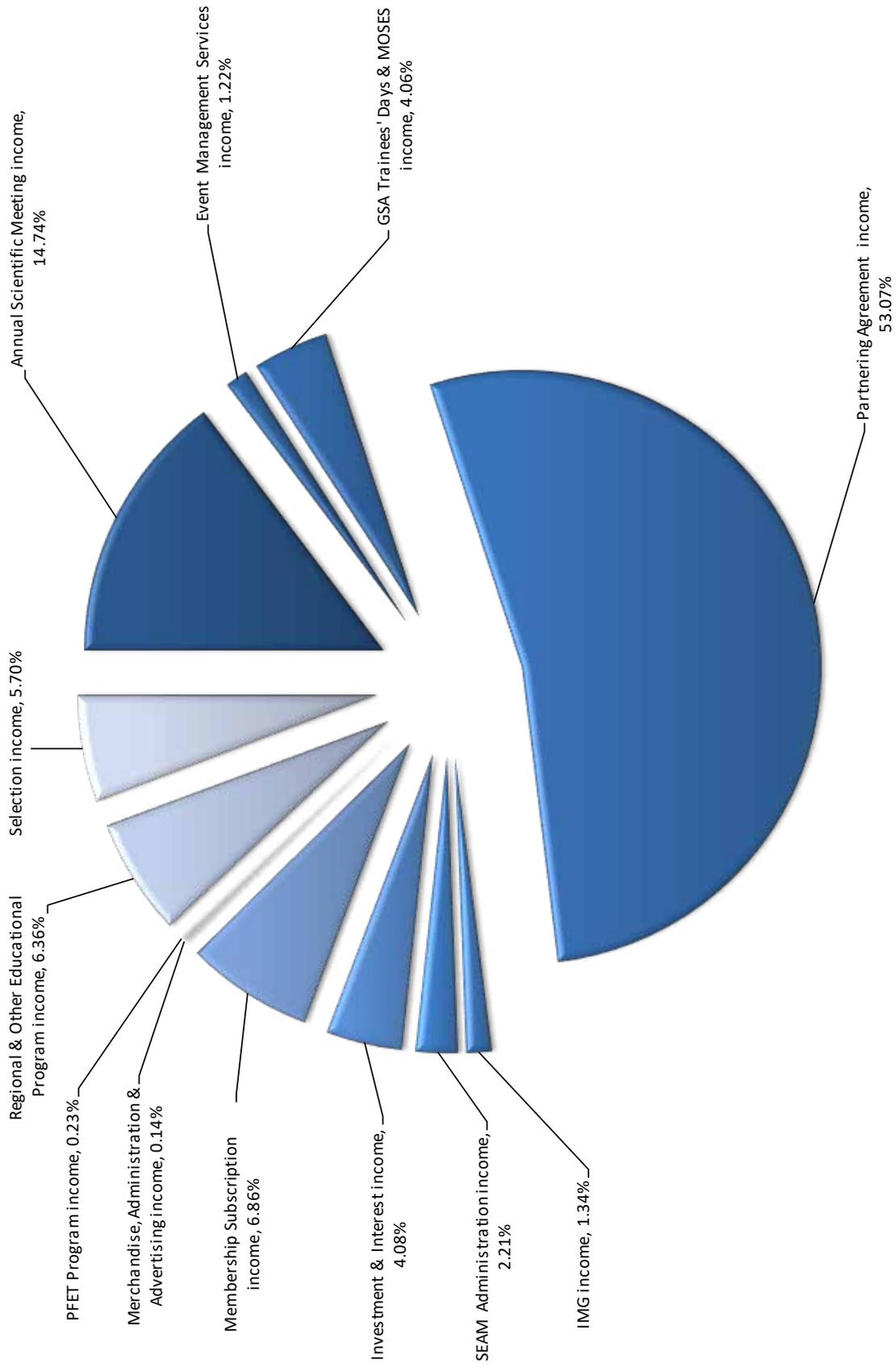
**TOTAL MEMBER FUNDS**  
**\$2,827,529**  
2016

## Statement of Cash Flows - For the year ended 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
- Receipts from members and customers		2,244,603	2,135,987
- Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,819,062)	(1,834,761)
- Interest received		17,877	31,081
- Interest expense		(13,827)	(13,634)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	13(b)	<b>429,591</b>	<b>318,673</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
- Payment for plant and equipment		(8,242)	(6,929)
- Payment for investments		(200,000)	(300,000)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>(208,242)</b>	<b>(306,929)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		221,350	11,744
Net increase in cash held		617,887	606,143
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	13(a)	<b>839,236</b>	<b>617,887</b>

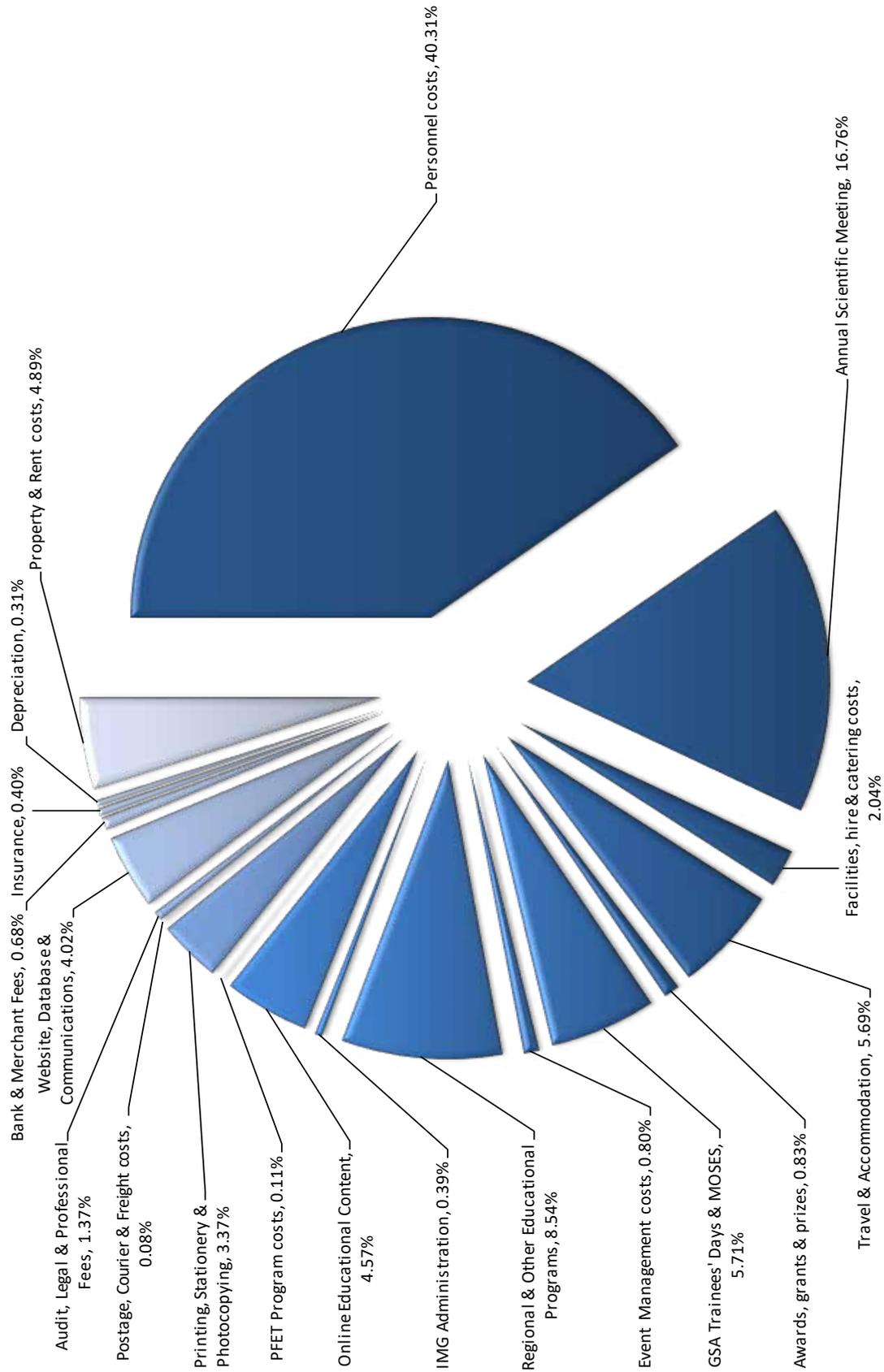
# TOTAL REVENUE

2016 | \$2,575,540



# TOTAL EXPENDITURE

2016 | \$2,113,174



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*President*

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Mr Michael Donovan

*Vice President*

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Mr Trevor Collinson

*Treasurer*

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Mr Akhtar Sayed-Hassen

*Directors*

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Mr Andrew Hughes

Mr Graeme Clarke

Mr Gamini Premaratne

Mr Alan Saunder

Prof Richard Turner

# President

*Mr Michael Peter Donovan*

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**MBBS, FRACS.**

General Surgeon with sub-specialist interests in Endocrine, Laparoscopic, Upper-Gastrointestinal, and Bariatric Surgery. Member of Executive, Sunshine Coast Local Medical Association from 2005-2011. SMO, General Surgery at Nambour Hospital since 2002. VMO at Nambour Selangor Private Hospital since 2006. VMO Noosa Private Hospital since 2002. RACS Basic Surgical Training Supervisor (Queensland) from 2006-2007. Surgical Supervisor SET Program in General Surgery, Nambour General Hospital, from 2007-2014. Member of RACS Queensland Regional Subcommittee of the Board in General Surgery 2007-2014. Member of RACS Court of Examiners in General Surgery since 2012. Coopted GSA ASC Brisbane 2010 Representative from 2007-2010. GSA Secretary/Treasurer June 2010-June 2012. GSA Vice President June 2012-May 2014. President since May 2014. Elected May 2010.



# Vice President

*Mr Trevor Graham Collinson*

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**B Arch (Hons), BM BS, MS, FRACS.**

General Surgeon with sub-specialist interests in Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery, Breast and Endocrine Surgery, Endoscopy & Colonoscopy. Research interests include Sentinel node biopsy, laparoscopic procedures, and abdominal wall reconstruction. Visiting General Surgeon St Andrews Hospital, Stirling, Mt. Barker, Murray Bridge since 1997. General Surgery Convener ASC Adelaide 2011; co-opted member of GSA Board of Management 2010-2011. Member Binational Colorectal Cancer Audit Steering Committee 2015-; Vice President since May 2014. Elected May 2012.



# Treasurer

## *Mr Akhtar Sayed-Hassen*

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**MBChB, BA, FRCS, FRACS.**

General Surgeon with sub-specialist interest in Upper Gastrointestinal and HPB Surgery. Member of RACS Section of Upper GI/HPB Surgery. Member of RACS Victorian State Committee 2006-2010. Member and former Chair of RACS Victorian Board in General Surgery. Coopted GSA ASC Hong Kong Convener 2006-2008. Scientific Convener, 2014 Singapore ASC. Director of General Surgery, Eastern Health since 2012. Chairman, SEAM Working Party. Treasurer since June 2012. Elected May 2012.

# Director

## *Mr Andrew S Hughes*

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**MBBS, FRACS.**

• General Surgeon with sub-specialist interests in Laparoscopic Gastrointestinal, Hernia, Endocrine, Melanoma Surgery, and Endoscopy/Colonoscopy • Research interests include Surgical Education and Data Collection for Clinical Trials • Senior Staff Specialist, The Prince Charles Hospital (TPCH) since 2007 • Lecturer in Surgery, University of Queensland • VMO Northwest Private/Holy Spirit Northside Private Hospital since 2007 • Trauma/Transplant Fellowship at Princess Alexandra Hospital in 2006 • Advanced General Surgery Trainee at Princess Alexandra Hospital, Gold Coast Hospital, Nambour Hospital, and Mater Health Services 2002-2005 • Surgical Supervisor TPCH and Member of RACS Board in General Surgery - Queensland Training Committee 2007-2017 • Convenor, Queensland Core Course for SET Program in General Surgery 2007-2017. • RACS ASC General Surgery Convenor Brisbane 2016 • Elected May 2016.



# Director

## *Mr Graeme Wayne Clarke*

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**MBBS, FRACS, FRCS (Ed).**

• General Surgeon with sub-specialist interest in Colorectal Surgery and Research interest in Hernia Surgery • General Surgeon St John of God Mt Lawley Hospital since 1992 and General Surgeon St John of God Midland Public and Private Hospital since its inception 24 November 2015 • General and Colorectal Surgeon, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital from 1992-2011 • General Surgeon at Swan District Hospital 1992 to 2015 • Chair, MAC Swan District Hospital 1994 to 2015 • Member, RACS Western Australian State Committee from 1993-1999; Chair from 1999-2001 • Member of RACS Court of Examiners in General Surgery from 2003-2011 • Elected May 2015.



# Director

## *Mr W Gamini Premaratne*

**MBBS, FRCS (Eng), FRACS. Masters of Surgery,**  
University of Colombo (Sri Lanka).

General Surgeon with sub-specialist interests in Thyroid and Parotid Surgery, Advanced Laparoscopy, and Colonoscopy / Endoscopy. Research interests in Acute Diverticulitis and primary healing of abdominal incisions. Head of the Academic Department of Surgery Caboolture clinical school since 2009, Director of surgery since 1993. External Examiner for MD Part 1 & 2 Examination, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka since 1994. Member of RACS Queensland Regional Subcommittee of the Board in General Surgery from 2005-2013. Elected May 2012.



# Director

## *Mr Alan Charles Saunder*

**MBBS, FRACS.**

General and Vascular Surgeon with sub-specialist interest in Transplant Surgery. Unit Head, Vascular/Transplantation Surgery at Monash Medical Centre, and Supervisor of training. Member of AusAID General Surgery service at Dili National Hospital, East Timor in 2002 and 2004; Nauru AUSAID Surgeon 2005-2014. Member of RACS Section of Transplantation Surgery. Member of Australian & New Zealand Society of Vascular Surgery. Member of RACS IMG Interview Committee 2008-2010. Member of RACS Victorian State Committee from 2004-2006. Chair, Victorian Regional Subcommittee, Board in General Surgery from 2005-2007. Member of RACS Board in General Surgery since 2003; Chair 2010-2011. GSA Board in General Surgery Representative (Ex-officio) 2010-2011. GSA Transplantation Representative May 2011-June 2012. Member of GSA Transplantation Training Committee since 2014. RACS Specialty Elected Councillor for General Surgery since February 2012. Elected May 2009.



# Director

## *Prof Richard Clive Turner*

**MBBS, B Med Sc, PhD, FRACS.** General surgeon with sub-specialist interests in Rural, Trauma, Upper GI/HPB, Colorectal and Minimally Invasive Surgery, and High Resolution Anoscopy. Multi-disciplinary interests include Academic Surgery, Surgical Audit, Professional Development and Research. Interest in epidemiology, as it relates to surgical diseases and procedures. Professor of Surgery and Director of Hobart Clinical School, University of Tasmania School of Medicine since 2009. Previous Associate Professor in Surgery at James Cook University, Cairns. Member of RACS Queensland Regional Subcommittee of the Board in General Surgery from 2005-2008. Member of RACS Rural Trauma Committee since 2006. Chair, Northern Australia Surgeons Network Steering Committee from 2007-2010. Deputy Chair of RACS Physiology Bank Subcommittee 2008-2016. Member of RACS Examinations Committee 2008-2016. Member of RACS Court of Examiners in General Surgery 2008-2016. Member of RACS Board in General Surgery 2007-2016. Member of Tasmanian Audit of Surgical Mortality (TASM) Committee since 2011. Member of Operating with Respect (OWR) faculty since 2017. Member of RACS Surgical Audit Committee since 2017. Elected May 2010.

