



**March 2015 – March 2017  
ANNUAL REPORT**

**Stroke Recovery Trial Fund LTD**

**ABN: 47 604 632 582**

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## ABOUT US

### **Our mission**

The Stroke Recovery Trial Fund LTD's activities will be, amongst other things, to educate the community about how to protect the brain from avoidable injury, and to educate people who experience brain injury and their families on how to ease suffering and distress from the symptoms of the brain tissue injury. In addition to providing online information about prevention, symptom management, and carer support, the SRTF will, amongst other things, provide community education programs in person or in the media, and will engage in raising funds to support fully pre-approved medical clinical trials of medication including but not limited to Etanercept administered by Perispinal route to treat brain inflammation as a result of stroke and brain injury (traumatic or acquired injury) including but not limited to adults adolescents (13 years and over).

Although individuals and their families will be a focus, ultimately the public stands to gain from increased public awareness, but also potentially a reduction in the financial implications of the provision of care and services for this group of people.

### **Our History**

The SRTF was formed on 9 March 2015 in response to a need to support the unmet needs of the community in relation to both public education about brain injury and stroke, but also to fund innovate research. SRTF became an Australian Health Promotion charity in

Exciting new scientific developments have been made in the past few years identifying that many of the chronic deficits of stroke and brain injury (and some other neurological conditions) are as the result of neuro-inflammation. It has also been identified, that in line with this groundswell of scientific literature that many scientists in the research area are making recommendations of the potential for the use of medication that uses medications that could potentially decrease this inflammation. Interestingly doctors at Institute of Neurological Recovery in the USA had made this link and have been successfully treating brain injury and stroke patients with a drug that reduces neuro-inflammation and reduces and reverses some of the chronic and disabling effects of the original injury – even many years after the injury.

OUR SUPPORTERS



## STRUCTURE & MANAGEMENT

Stroke Recovery Trail Fund Ltd is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC). ABN: 47 604 632 582

### OUR PEOPLE

Name	Position
Coralie Graham	Managing Director
Robyn Cavanagh	Director
Rebecca Darr	Director
Susan Ryan	Director
Melissa Taylor	Director
Juanita Ryan	Secretary/ Treasurer

### MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT



**Dr Coralie J Graham RN, BSc (Hons) Psych, PGTT, PhD**

Coralie is dually registered as a Registered Nurse and Psychologist, having also completed a PhD and Post-Graduate Certificate in Tertiary Teaching and has worked in a number of roles in both professional capacities. She works as a Senior Lecturer in the School of Nursing & Midwifery at the University of Southern Queensland where she teaches courses related to rehabilitation and disability. Coralie was one of the founding members of, and has fulfilled the role of SRTF Managing Director I since its inception.

#### **MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Since the SRTF was formed in March 2015, we have continued to work hard, holding a number of fund-raising activities in the Toowoomba and Townsville areas. In our role as an Australian Health promotion charity the SRTF, we have presented information about Stroke prevention and how to recognise stroke at a number of community meetings at various Rotary and other community organisations. We have also done a number of media interviews for both Television and radio about our work.

In the 2 years since our inception, we have raised sufficient money to fund the majority of the world first clinical trial using the innovative Perispinal Etanercept treatment for stroke which is having unprecedented improvements in stroke and brain injury patients, even many years after their initial injury.

We are now recognised in the wider community as a valued source of information and continue to receive enquiries from patients and family members both in Australia and internationally.

## OUR OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Community Education about Stroke Prevention

One of the roles as an Australian Health promotion charity, is around education about stroke prevention and avoidable brain injury and support and information following these injuries. Since our inception, Coralie Graham (SRTF Managing Director) has delivered information sessions to more than 10 community organisations.

### Fundraising Activities

Since we were established in March 2015 we have held the following events and fundraising activities:

Event	Date
Easter Pick a Box	April 2015
Toowoomba Charity Launch	August 2015
Christmas Trailer raffle	December 2016
Bendigo Bank Golf Day Toowoomba	September 2016
Bendigo Bank Golf Day Toowoomba – Raffles	September 2016
Christmas Trailer raffle	December 2016
Townsville Family Fun Day	March 2017
Mother's Day Pick a Box	May 2017



**Paul Harris, Ian Clark, and Krystal Reynolds – SRTF Charity Launch**



**SRTF Charity Launch – Emenjae August 2015**



**Townsville Gala – June 2016 (Back: Suzi Ryan, Paul Harris, Krystal Reynolds, Ian Clark. Front: Glen Mintern, Coralie Graham)**



**Townsville Family Fun Day Helpers 2017**

## **Planning Ahead**

**Health Promotion:** Free Community Information Sessions on how to avoid and recognise stroke, as well as about Perispinal Etanercept Treatment.

If you are a member of a community group or organisation, our Managing Director Coralie Graham is happy to come total to your members either in person if you are in the Toowoomba or surrounding areas or via online technologies if you are some distance away.

Please contact us at: [strokertf@gmail.com](mailto:strokertf@gmail.com) to make a suitable time.

## **Fund Raising**

We are planning further raffles in 2016 and other major events including another Bendigo Bank Golf Day in 2018.

We welcome any suggestions and assistance from SRTF supporters and members regarding fund-raising.

**STROKE RECOVERY TRIAL FUND LTD  
STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

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

In the opinion of the committee the financial report

- (a) presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Stroke Recovery Trial Fund Ltd as at 30 June 2016 and its performance for the year ended on that date
- (b) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Stroke Recovery Trial Fund Ltd will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee

 06.06.17

Coralie Graham

**Basis of Accounting**

Without further modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the management committee's reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

**Name of Firm:** Horizon Accounting Group

**Name of Director:**

  
TIM DAVIS

**Address:** 21 Russell Street Toowoomba

**Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 2017**

**AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

Tim Davis

Horizon Accounting Group (Partner)

**STROKE RECOVERY TRIAL LTD  
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

2015		2016
	<b>INCOME</b>	
20,571.21	Donations	124,457.57
0.83	Interest	490.73
<u>20,572.04</u>		<u>124,948.30</u>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
435.60	Advertising	495.16
249.14	Bank Charges	0.30
	Donations	25,000.00
	Fundraising - Function Costs	24,022.27
	Fundraising - Raffle Costs	1,987.95
234.40	Printing and Stationery	3,347.61
	Travel	630.48
<u>919.14</u>		<u>55,483.77</u>
<u>19,652.90</u>	<b>SURPLUS FOR YEAR</b>	<u>69,464.53</u>

**STROKE RECOVERY TRIAL FUND LTD  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2016**

2015		2016
	<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	
0	Balance at beginning of year	19,652.90
19,652.90	Net Surplus for Year	69,464.53
<u>19,652.90</u>	<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>	<u>89,117.43</u>
	Represented by	
	<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	
18,546.00	Cash at Bank - Bendigo	89,091.84
25.09	Cash at Bank	25.59
1,081.81	Paypal	0.00
<u>19,652.90</u>	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>89,117.43</u>
	<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	
<u>0.00</u>	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>0.00</u>
<u>19,652.90</u>	<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>89,117.43</u>

**STROKE RECOVERY TRIAL FUND LTD  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

	Accumulated Surplus	Reserves	Total
Balance at 1 July 2015	19,652.90		19,652.90
Operating Result	69,464.53		69,464.53
Balance at 30 June 2016	<u>89,117.43</u>	-	<u>89,117.43</u>
Balance at 1 July 2014	-		-
Operating Result	19,652.90		19,652.90
Balance at 30 June 2015	<u>19,652.90</u>	-	<u>19,652.90</u>

**STROKE RECOVERY TRIAL FUND LTD  
CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

2015		Note	2016
	<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>		
20,571.21	Receipts from customers		124,457.57
0.83	Interest received		490.73
- 919.14	Payment to suppliers		- 55,483.77
-	Payment to employees		
<u>19,652.90</u>	<b>Net Cash Provided (used in) operating activities</b>	2(a)	<u>69,464.53</u>
	<b>Cash flow from Investing Activities</b>		
0	Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		0
0	Payments for property, plant and equipment		0
<u>0</u>	<b>Net Cash Provided (used in) Investing Activities</b>		<u>0</u>
	<b>Cash flow from Financing Activities</b>		
<u>0</u>	<b>Net Cash Provided (used in) Financing Activities</b>		<u>0</u>
19,652.90	Net increase (decrease) in cash held		69,464.53
0	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		19,652.90
<u>19,652.90</u>	<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year</b>	2(b)	<u>89,117.43</u>

**STROKE RECOVERY TRIAL FUND LTD  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

**NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use by the Committee. The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, such as cash on hand and deposits held at call with banks.

**Revenue Recognition**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable. Interest revenue is recognised on receipt.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally on receipt.

**Receivables**

Receivables are recognised at the nominal amounts due at the time of sale or service delivery.

**Trade Creditors and Other Payables**

Trade creditors and other payables are recognised on receipt of goods and services and are measured at costs.

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING RESULT TO NET CASH FROM OPERATING		2016	2015
NOTE 2(a)	ACTIVITIES		
	Operating Surplus (deficit)	69,464.53	19,652.90
	<b>Non Cash Flows in Surplus (deficit) from operations</b>		
	<b>Changes in Assets and Liabilities</b>		
	Net Cash Provided From Operating Activities	<u>69,464.53</u>	<u>19,652.90</u>
Note 2(b)	Cash for Cash flow Purposes		
	Cash	89,117.43	19,652.90
		<u>89,117.43</u>	<u>19,652.90</u>

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE STROKE RECOVERY TRIAL FUND LTD

#### Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the Stroke Recovery Trial Fund Ltd (the company) which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the Management Committee declaration.

#### Management Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The management Committee of the registered entity is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act), and the needs of the members. The management committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the management committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have 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 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 auditors' judgment, 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 management committee's preparation that gives a true and fair view 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 management committee's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the management committee, 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.

#### Basis of Qualified Opinion

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the entity to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, subscriptions and other contributions until their initial entry in the accounting records.

#### Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis of Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report of the Stroke Recovery Trial Fund Ltd is prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2016 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

**STROKE RECOVERY TRIAL FUND LTD**

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2016 there have been no contraventions of any applicable code or professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Tim Davis  
31 May 2017

21 Russell Street  
Toowoomba

**SRTF TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Juanita Ryan SRTF Secretary/ Treasurer**

During the reporting period, the SRTF hold regular Director meetings and the minutes are audited by our accountants as part of the annual tax auditing process. A clear auditable process of written communication is made for all SRTF decisions.

**Account Balances 8 June 2017**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance</b>
154398572 – Investment account	\$91,483.98
154398507 Trading Account	\$11,321.43
159787969 – Debit Card	\$2991.00

In addition to the above balances, the SRTF donated \$25,000 in September 2015 to Griffith University to be used for the sole purpose of conducting the Perispinal Etanercept Clinical Trial for Stroke patients at the School of Medical Sciences. This clinical trial is now in the preliminary preparation stages with patient selection about to commence, and the clinical trial formally underway by the end of June 2017. Additional funds will be distributed from SRTF to Griffith University as the clinical trial progresses. Although we have considerable funds (above) additional funds are needed to complete the clinical trial.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & THANK YOU**

Thank you to our Directors & Secretary who have worked so hard in the 2 years since setting up the SRTF and putting all of the things in place needed to successfully operate.

**Donors**

Thank you to all who have donated money, time or effort in supporting the work of the SRTF

**Corporate & community partners**

The SRTF would like to thank Bendigo Bank, Horizon Accounting, Signarama, and MacDonald Law for donating their services and expertise in helping to make the SRTF successful.

**Members**

Luke Darr	Debbie O'Keefe-Reynolds
Brenda Griffin	Ruth Perrin
Mary-Ann Georg	Pam Baker
Greg Stephan	Kris Shepherd
Krystal Reynolds	Mary McGilvray
Shannon Tippett	Jessie Berryman
Jim Berryman	

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

### **Become a member**

Please contact us at: [strokertf@gmail.com](mailto:strokertf@gmail.com) and we will email you an application form.

### **Volunteer your time**

Please help by sharing information about the SRTF and our work with your contacts. If you would like to help us with our fundraising, please email to let us know what skills you have that we can utilise your help in the best way possible. If you would like to be contacted to help sell raffle tickets when we have our fundraisers that would be a great help.

### **Make a donation**

All donations \$2 and over are tax-deductible so please make your generous donation on our website : <http://strokerecoverytrialfund.org/> and your receipt will automatically be emailed to you.

### **Leave a bequest**

Please contact us at: [strokertf@gmail.com](mailto:strokertf@gmail.com) for more details

### **Support an event or fundraising activity**

Please watch our website for details for upcoming events.

### **Become a corporate partner**

We are very grateful to our major Sponsors and welcome new sponsors to join us. This is a wonderful opportunity for your business to be recognised of being part of the work to get the Perispinal Etanercept Treatment available here in Australia (and other parts of the world).

### **Other ways you can help our cause**

Please make all of your contacts aware of the work of the SRTF by sharing information about our work and supporting our fundraising efforts.

## LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As this Annual Report is being written, there are a number of exciting developments in relation to the much needed research into the Perispinal Etanercept treatment.

- Griffith University School of Medical Science Perispinal Etanercept Clinical Trial for Stroke funded by the SRTF has just commenced and will be completed by November 2017.
- A number of applications are currently being prepared by research groups to seek other main stream medical research funding for clinical trials for other population groups using the Perispinal Etanercept treatment.
- The groundswell of independent international scientific publications continues showing that neuro-inflammation following brain injury and stroke is not only occurring but is responsible for a number of chronic deficits that continue well after the initial injury. Many of these publications identify reducing this neuro-inflammation as a research priority.
- The SRTF will continue to provide information and support about brain injury and stroke, but also to raise funds for and support vital research in this area.

## CONTACT US

Stroke Recovery Trial Fund LTD  
PO Box 478,  
Darling Heights 4350

### **Please see our websites:**

- Perispinal Etanercept Advocacy Group website: [www.pseag.com](http://www.pseag.com)
- Stroke Recovery Trial Fund website : <http://strokerecoverytrialfund.org/>
- Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/StrokeRecoveryTrialFund?ref=hl>

Email: [pseag1@gmail.com](mailto:pseag1@gmail.com) or [strokertf@gmail.com](mailto:strokertf@gmail.com)

## **Stroke Facts: Your risk of having a stroke is influenced by a number of factors.**

The more risk factors you have - the higher your chance of having a stroke.



### **Risk factors you can't control**

There are some risk factors you cannot do anything about.

These include:

- Age, as the older you get the greater your risk of stroke.
- Gender, as stroke is more common in men.
- A family history of stroke.
- Previous stroke or transient ischaemic attack (TIA).

### **Modifiable Risk factors**

However, there are a number of other risk factors for stroke or further stroke that you can do something about.

These modifiable risk factors can include:

- High blood pressure.
- Irregular pulse (atrial fibrillation or AF).
- High cholesterol.
- Diabetes.
- Smoking.
- Poor diet and lack of exercise.
- Being overweight.
- Excessive alcohol intake.

### **6 steps you can take to help reduce your risk of having a stroke**

There are six steps you can take to help reduce your risk and the danger of having a stroke:

1. Make sure your blood pressure, blood cholesterol or diabetes is well managed.
2. Be physically active and exercise regularly.
3. Avoid being overweight by keeping to a healthy diet.
4. Limit alcohol consumption.
5. Avoid cigarette smoke. If you smoke, seek help to stop now.
6. Learn to recognise the warning signs of a stroke and act F.A.S.T.

## How do you know if someone is having a stroke?

### Think... F.A.S.T.

The F.A.S.T. test is an easy way to remember and recognise the signs of stroke.



Using the F.A.S.T. test involves asking these simple questions:

1. **Face.** Check their face. Has their mouth drooped?
2. **Arms.** Can they lift both arms?
3. **Speech.** Is their speech slurred? Do they understand you?
4. **Time.** Is critical. If you see any of these signs call 000 straight away.

**Stroke is always a medical emergency**

**Call 000 immediately, even if the symptoms don't  
cause pain or go away quickly.**

The longer a stroke remains untreated, the greater the chance of stroke related brain damage. Emergency medical treatment soon after stroke symptoms begin improves the chances of survival and successful rehabilitation.

**For more information go to the:**

Stroke Recovery Trial Fund: <http://strokerecoverytrialfund.org/education/>

Stroke Foundation: <https://strokefoundation.com.au/>