



**June 2017 – June 2018
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 a registered Australian Health Promotion charity in 2015. 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 Trial 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 the SRTF, and has fulfilled the role of Managing Director 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 has 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 3 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. This world first clinical trial is currently underway.

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 close to 20 community organisations.

Gambling Grant Success

SRTF made an application to Gambling Community Benefit Fund to purchase some equipment to use for presentations / events and we were notified of our success in February 2018. We received a total of \$3229.00 and we were able to purchase a computer laptop & case, Mobile Projector, and Audio system (with microphones).

Meeting with Federal Health Minister

A meeting with the Honourable Greg Hunt MP (Federal Minister for Health) was organised on 7 September 2017. Associate Professor Steve Ralph (Griffith University School of Medical Science) and Dr Coralie Graham (SRTF) flew to Canberra (at their own personal expense) and met with Minister Hunt to discuss the urgent need for additional financial support for the Griffith University Clinical Trial currently funded entirely by SRTF. This was followed by a meeting with members of the Health Department and the Therapeutic Goods Administration. They were joined by Professor Ian Clark (Emeritus Professor ANU) whose principle area of research is neuro-inflammation as a result of elevated Tumor Necrosis Factor and the chronic impacts on stroke/brain injury patients. There continues to be a dialogue with Minister's office and we are hopeful of some additional support.



L-R: Dr Coralie Graham, Minister Greg Hunt, and Associate Professor Steve Ralph at Parliament House in Canberra



L-R: Professor Ian Clark, Dr Coralie Graham, and Associate Professor Steve Ralph at Parliament House in Canberra

Townsville 102.3 4TOFM Christmas Street Party

Thanks to the amazing team of volunteers who helped add money to the kitty, and raise awareness of our charity.



Director Susan Ryan and volunteer Blayke Caruana firing up the barbecue at the 102.3 4TOFM Christmas Street Party

Grill'd Local Matters Competition

SRTF was the August monthly winner of the Toowoomba *Local Matters* Competition held at Grill'd. *Local Matters* is a Grill'd initiative which supports local community groups with the winner voted by the diners for the \$300 first prize and was gratefully received.

Fundraising Activities in 2017/18

Event	Date
Townsville Christmas BBQ	December 2017
Easter Pick a Box	April 2018
Mother's Day Pick a Box	May 2018

Stroll 4 Stroke

During 2017 SRTF were approached by Sam Tee –who had suffered a stroke at the age of 29 but has made a full recovery. To give back to the community Sam decided to walk around Australia to raise money for Stroke awareness and research and approached SRTF and we are delighted to have him support our work. Sam initiated regular Payroll deductions from his workplace through Good 2 Give which have raised \$3762.13 for SRTF in the current financial year. Sam and his support team commenced his Stroll 4 Stroke on 23rd November 2017 from Brighton Beach in Melbourne and have covered close to 900km to date. Sam and his team have made a number of presentations in the various communities that they have walked as well as holding a number of fundraisers with their total raised currently in excess of \$10,000. We are very proud be associated with such an inspirational young-man and we look forward to being involved as the journey continues. Thank you Sam and team!

For more information see: stroll4stroke.com.au or Facebook: www.facebook.com/stroll4stroke/

Stripes for Stroke

SRTF ran the first Stripes for Stroke in September 2017 which was a great success and raised both awareness and some finances.



**STRIPES
4
STROKE**

Wear your stripes on
Friday 8 September 2017
& make a donation to the SRTF

SRTF
STROKE RECOVERY
TRIAL FUND

National Stroke Week (4-10 September 2017)

twitter@strokertf: #Stripes4Stroke Facebook: Stroke Recovery Trial Fund

Stroke Recovery Trail Fund (SRTF) <http://strokerecoverytrialfund.org>
(Donations \$2 and over are tax deductible)

Planning Ahead

Health Promotion: For Community Information Sessions (offered free of charge) on how to avoid and recognise stroke, as well as about Perispinal Etanercept Treatment please contact us. If you are a member of a community group or organisation, our Managing Director Dr Coralie Graham is happy to come talk to your members either in person if you are in the Toowoomba or surrounding areas or via video conferencing if you are some distance away. Please contact us at: strokertf@gmail.com to make a suitable time.

Fundraising

We are planning further raffles in 2018 and other major events including another Bendigo Bank Golf Day on 9 November 2018.

We welcome any suggestions and assistance from SRTF supporters and members regarding fundraising.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Tim Davis Horizon Accounting Group (Partner)

**STROKE RECOVERY TRIAL FUND LTD
STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

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 2017 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

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Coralie Graham

**STROKE RECOVERY TRIAL LTD
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

2016		2017
	INCOME	
124,457.57	Donations	17,894.47
490.73	Interest	1,102.43
<u>124,948.30</u>		<u>18,996.90</u>
	EXPENDITURE	
495.16	Advertising	264.00
0.30	Bank Charges	9.00
25,000.00	Donations	
24,022.27	Fundraising - Function Costs	648.42
1,987.95	Fundraising - Raffle Costs	
3,347.61	Printing and Stationery	109.00
630.48	Travel	
	Website	310.20
<u>55,483.77</u>		<u>1,340.62</u>
<u><u>69,464.53</u></u>	SURPLUS FOR YEAR	<u><u>17,656.28</u></u>

**STROKE RECOVERY TRIAL FUND LTD
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2017**

2016		2017
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS	
19,652.90	Balance at beginning of year	89,117.43
69,464.53	Net Surplus for Year	17,656.28
<u>89,117.43</u>	Total Accumulated Funds	<u>106,773.71</u>
	Represented by	
	CURRENT ASSETS	
89,091.84	Cash at Bank - Bendigo	11,998.73
25.59	Cash at Bank - Bendigo	91,783.98
0.00	Cash at Bank - Bendigo	2,991.00
<u>89,117.43</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>106,773.71</u>
	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
<u>0.00</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>0.00</u>
<u>89,117.43</u>	NET ASSETS	<u>106,773.71</u>

**STROKE RECOVERY TRIAL FUND LTD
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

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			
NOTE 2(a)	OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2017	2016
	Operating Surplus (deficit)	17,656.28	69,464.53
	Non Cash Flows in Surplus (deficit) from operations		
	Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
	Net Cash Provided From Operating Activities	<u>17,656.28</u>	<u>69,464.53</u>
Note 2(b)	Cash for Cash flow Purposes		
	Cash	106,773.71	89,117.43
		<u>106,773.71</u>	<u>89,117.43</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 2017, 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 2017 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.

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 18th day of April 2018

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 06 June 2018

Account	Balance
Trading Account	\$ 21,172.33
Debit Card Account	\$ 1,239.57
Statement Account	\$ 12,782.32

In addition to the above balances, the SRTF donated \$50,000 in October 2017 and a further \$30,000 in February 2018 to Griffith University School of Medical Science to be used for the sole purpose of conducting the Perispinal Etanercept Clinical Trial for Stroke patients at the School of Medical Sciences Clinical Trials Unit. This clinical trial is now underway. 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 3 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

Stroll 4 Stroke

Thank you to Sam Tee and his Stroll 4 Stroke Team who continue to walk on their walk around Australia to support our walk.

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 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 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 commenced in December 2017 and is currently underway
- 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, and also to raise funds for and support vital research in this area.

CONTACT US

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Please see our websites:

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

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/>