

NEW ZEALAND MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS RESEARCH TRUST

Performance Report

For the year ended
31 March 2017

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Approval of Performance Report

For the year ended
31 March 2017

The Board of Trustees hereby approve and adopt the Performance Report of New Zealand Multiple Sclerosis Research Trust for the year ended 31 March 2017.

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| Sign |  | Sign |  |
| Name | Timothy John Preston | Name | Peter Morris Wood |
| Title | Chairman | Title | Trustee |
| Date | 19 September 2017 | Date | 19 September 2017 |

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Entity Information

"Who are we?", "Why do we exist?"

For the year ended
31 March 2017

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| Legal Name of Entity: | New Zealand Multiple Sclerosis Research Trust |
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| Other Name of Entity (if any): | |
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| Type of Entity and Legal Basis (if any): | Charitable Trust |
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|----------------------|---------|
| Registration Number: | CC51849 |
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Entity's Purpose or Mission:
To stimulate, co-ordinate and support New Zealand based research into the cause, prevention, treatment, alleviation and cure of Multiple Sclerosis and to obtain and disseminate research findings.

Entity Structure:
A Trust registered under the Charitable Trust Act 1957 and registered with Charities Services.

Main Sources of the Entity's Cash and Resources:
The main sources of cash and resources are from donations, bequests and investment income.

Main Methods Used by the Entity to Raise Funds:
By publishing and promoting the objectives of the Trust on it's website and in brochures, and championing its aims and work in the media and industry specific publications.

Promoting the Trust through a dedicated Give A Little page and through the Include A Charity service.

By generating public awareness of the Trust and the research that it is undertaking through presentations at seminars, one on one meetings with corporates and potential funders and canvassing key decision makers in the health sector.

Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services:
The trustees have provided services free of charge in connection with the administration of the Trust, the ongoing maintenance of the Trust website, news releases and other marketing materials.

Additional Information:
N/A

Contact details

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|-------------------|--|
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NEW ZEALAND MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS RESEARCH TRUST

Statement of Service Performance

"What did we do?", When did we do it?"

For the year ended
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Description of the Entity's Outcomes:

The Trust was established on 08 May 2015 to bring under one organisation the funding and co-ordination of New Zealand based research into Multiple Sclerosis. Having one central entity provides:

- A co-ordinated fund raising approach;
- Consistency and transparency in targeting and prioritising MS Research;
- Good governance and oversight to ensure quality outcomes; and
- The development of short and long term strategies to ensure the Trust delivers on its mission to make a real difference through research to people in New Zealand with Multiple Sclerosis.

| Description and Quantification (to the extent practicable) of the Entity's Outputs: | Actual | Budget | Actual |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | This Year | This Year | Last Year |
| Networking with other health research funders to establish ongoing relationships towards partnership funding resulting in the assistance with the national registry project | | | |
| Networking with existing MS Researchers to establish research priorities resulting in the decision to commence the national registry project. | | | |
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Additional Output Measures:

Nil

Additional Information:

Nil

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Statement of Financial Performance "How was it funded?" and "What did it cost?" For the year ended 31 March 2017

| | Note | Actual This Year \$ | Budget This Year \$ | Actual Last Year \$ |
|--|------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Revenue | | | | |
| Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue | 1 | 59,577 | | 1,056,357 |
| Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members | 1 | - | | - |
| Revenue from providing goods or services | 1 | - | | - |
| Interest, dividends and other investment revenue | 1 | 71,632 | | 112,474 |
| Other revenue | | - | | - |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Total Revenue | | 131,209 | - | 1,168,831 |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Expenses related to public fundraising | 2 | - | | - |
| Volunteer and employee related costs | 2 | - | | - |
| Costs related to providing goods or services | 2 | 3,629 | | 7,899 |
| Grants and donations made | 2 | 1,100 | | - |
| Other expenses | 2 | 24,096 | | 4,654 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Total Expenses | | 28,825 | - | 12,553 |
| | | | | |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year | | 102,384 | - | 1,156,278 |

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Statement of Financial Position

"What the entity owns?" and "What the entity owes?"

As at

31 March 2017

| | Note | Actual This Year \$ | Budget This Year \$ | Actual Last Year \$ |
|---|------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Assets | | | | |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| Bank accounts and cash | 3 | 50,201 | | 10,661 |
| Debtors and prepayments | 3 | - | | - |
| Inventory | 3 | - | | - |
| Other current assets | 3 | 3,905 | | 2,434 |
| Total Current Assets | | 54,106 | - | 13,095 |
| Non-Current Assets | | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | | - | | - |
| Investments | 3 | 1,210,306 | | 1,147,243 |
| Other non-current assets | | - | | - |
| Total Non-Current Assets | | 1,210,306 | - | 1,147,243 |
| Total Assets | | 1,264,412 | - | 1,160,338 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Current Liabilities | | | | |
| Bank overdraft | | - | | - |
| Creditors and accrued expenses | 3 | 5,740 | | 4,050 |
| Employee costs payable | | - | | - |
| Unused donations and grants with conditions | | - | | - |
| Other current liabilities | | - | | - |
| Total Current Liabilities | | 5,740 | - | 4,050 |
| Non-Current Liabilities | | | | |
| Loans | | - | | - |
| Other non-current liabilities | | - | | - |
| Total Non-Current liabilities | | - | - | - |
| Total Liabilities | | 5,740 | - | 4,050 |
| Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets) | | 1,258,672 | - | 1,156,288 |
| Accumulated Funds | | | | |
| Capital contributed by owners or members | | 10 | | 10 |
| Accumulated surpluses or (deficits) | 5 | 1,217,234 | | 1,156,278 |
| Reserves | | 41,428 | | - |
| Total Accumulated Funds | | 1,258,672 | - | 1,156,288 |

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Statement of Cash Flows

"How the entity has received and used cash"

For the year ended
31 March 2017

| | Actual This Year \$ | Budget This Year \$ | Actual Last Year \$ |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities | | | |
| Cash was received from: | | | |
| Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts | 59,577 | | 1,056,357 |
| Fees, subscriptions and other receipts from members | - | | - |
| Receipts from providing goods or services | - | | - |
| Interest, dividends and other investment receipts | 65 | | 3 |
| Net GST | | | |
| Cash was applied to: | | | |
| Payments to suppliers and employees | 19,002 | | 5,699 |
| Donations or grants paid | 1,100 | | |
| | | | |
| Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities | 39,540 | - | 1,050,661 |
| Cash flows from Investing and Financing Activities | | | |
| Cash was received from: | | | |
| Receipts from the sale of property, plant and equipment | | | |
| Receipts from the sale of investments | | | |
| Proceeds from loans borrowed from other parties | | | |
| Capital contributed from owners or members | | | |
| Cash was applied to: | | | |
| Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment | | | |
| Payments to purchase investments | - | | 1,040,000 |
| Repayments of loans borrowed from other parties | | | |
| Capital repaid to owners or members | | | |
| Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities | - | - | (1,040,000) |
| | | | |
| Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash | 39,540 | - | 10,661 |
| Opening Cash | 10,661 | | |
| Closing Cash | 50,201 | - | 10,661 |
| | | | |
| This is represented by: | | | |
| Bank Accounts and Cash | 50,201 | - | 10,661 |

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Statement of Accounting Policies

"How did we do our accounting?"

For the year ended
31 March 2017

Basis of Preparation

NEW ZEALAND MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS RESEARCH TRUST has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not-For-Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of equal to or less than \$2,000,000. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

NEW ZEALAND MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS RESEARCH TRUST is not registered for GST. Therefore amounts recorded in the Performance Report are inclusive of GST (if any).

Income Tax

NEW ZEALAND MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS RESEARCH TRUST is a registered charity under the Charities Act 2005 and is exempt from income tax pursuant to sections CW41 of the Income Tax Act 2007.

Bank Accounts and Cash

Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less.

Investments

Investments are valued at fair value.

Revenue Recognition

- Donations, bequests and grants are recorded as income in the year that they are received unless the funding is received for an authorised purpose and the unspent funds at the end of the financial year had a contractual right of return. In this case the donation, bequest or grant is carried over to the next financial year and recognised as income once the contractual requirements of the donation, bequest or grant is fulfilled.

- Interest and dividend income is recognised on an accrual basis

Accounts payable

Accounts payable are stated at expected realisable values.

Tier 2 PBE Accounting Standards Applied (if any)

The entity has decided to apply standard IPSAS 29, and accordingly investments are recorded as a financial asset at fair value through surplus and deficit in the statement of financial performance.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There has been no change in accounting policies. All policies are consistent with those applied last year.

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Notes to the Performance Report

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Note 1 : Analysis of Revenue

| Revenue Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Fundraising revenue | | - | - |
| | | | |
| | Total | - | - |

| Revenue Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Donations and other similar revenue | Bequests | - | 154,224 |
| | Contributions received | - | 900,000 |
| | Donations received | 6,226 | 2,133 |
| | Donations for National Registry project | 53,351 | - |
| | Total | 59,577 | 1,056,357 |

| Revenue Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|--|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members | | - | - |
| | | | |
| | Total | - | - |

| Revenue Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|--|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Revenue from providing goods or services | | - | - |
| | | | |
| | Total | - | - |

| Revenue Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Interest, dividends and other investment revenue | Dividends Received | 30,575 | 14,630 |
| | Interest Received | 27,778 | 15,628 |
| | Gain on investments | (17,504) | (5,400) |
| | Revaluation of investments | 30,783 | 87,616 |
| | Total | 71,632 | 112,474 |

| Revenue Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Other revenue | | - | - |
| | | | |
| | Total | - | - |

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Note 2 : Analysis of Expenses

| Expense Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|--|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Expenses related to public fundraising | | - | - |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Total | | - | - |

| Expense Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Volunteer and employee related costs | | - | - |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Total | | - | - |

| Expense Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Costs related to providing goods or services | Bank fee | 123 | 80 |
| | Insurance charges | 1,782 | 1,782 |
| | Launch costs | - | 4,500 |
| | Promotion & publicity costs | - | 496 |
| | Subscriptions | 1,310 | - |
| | Travel expenses | - | 1,041 |
| | Website costs | 414 | |
| Total | | 3,629 | 7,899 |

| Expense Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Grants and donations made | MS Auckland Research Day | 1,100 | - |
| | | | - |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| Total | | 1,100 | - |

| Expense Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|----------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Other expenses | Audit fees | 5,140 | 1,850 |
| | Portfolio costs | 7,033 | 2,804 |
| | Feasibility study National Registry project | 11,923 | |
| | | | |
| Total | | 24,096 | 4,654 |

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Note 3 : Analysis of Assets and Liabilities

| Asset Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bank accounts and cash | Bank Account | 50,201 | 10,661 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | Total | 50,201 | 10,661 |

| Asset Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Debtors and prepayments | | - | - |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | Total | - | - |

| Asset Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Inventory | | - | - |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | Total | - | - |

| Asset Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Other current assets | Accrued Interest | 3,905 | 2,434 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | Total | 3,905 | 2,434 |

| Asset Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Investments | Craig investment partners | 1,210,306 | 1,147,243 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | Total | 1,210,306 | 1,147,243 |

| Asset Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Other non-current assets | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | Total | - | - |

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Note 3 : Analysis of Assets and Liabilities

| Liability Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Creditors and accrued expenses | Accounts payable | 5,740 | 4,050 |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | Total | 5,740 | 4,050 |

| Liability Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Employee costs payable | | - | - |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | Total | - | - |

| Liability Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|---|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Unused donations and grants with conditions | | - | - |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | Total | - | - |

| Liability Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Other current liabilities | | - | - |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | Total | - | - |

| Liability Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Loans | | - | - |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | Total | - | - |

| Liability Item | Analysis | This Year \$ | Last Year \$ |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Other non-current liabilities | | - | - |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | Total | - | - |

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Note 4 : Property, Plant and Equipment

| This Year | | | | | | PPE7 - PPE8 | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Asset Class | Opening Carrying Amount | Purchases | Sales / Disposals | Current Year Depreciation & Impairment | Closing Carrying Amount | Current Valuation | Source and Date of Valuation |
| Land | - | | | - | - | | |
| Buildings | - | | | | - | | |
| Motor Vehicles | - | | | | - | | |
| Furniture and fixtures | - | | | | - | | |
| Office equipment | - | | | | - | | |
| Computers (including software) | - | | | | - | | |
| Machinery | - | | | | - | | |
| Heritage assets | - | | | | - | | |
| Total | - | - | - | - | - | | |

| Last Year | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Asset Class | Opening Carrying Amount | Purchases | Sales / Disposals | Current Year Depreciation & Impairment | Closing Carrying Amount |
| Land | | | | - | - |
| Buildings | | | | | - |
| Motor Vehicles | | | | | - |
| Furniture and fixtures | | | | | - |
| Office equipment | | | | | - |
| Computers (including software) | | | | | - |
| Machinery | | | | | - |
| Heritage assets | | | | | - |
| Total | - | - | - | - | - |

| Significant Donated Assets Recorded - Source and Date of Valuation | |
|--|-----|
| | Nil |
| | |
| | |
| | |

| Significant Donated Assets - Not Recorded | |
|---|-----|
| | Nil |
| | |
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Note 5: Accumulated Funds

| This Year | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Description | Capital Contributed by Owners or Members | Accumulated Surpluses or Deficits | Reserves | Total |
| Opening Balance | 10 | 1,156,278 | - | 1,156,288 |
| Capital contributed by owners or members | - | | | - |
| Capital returned to owners or members | - | | | - |
| Surplus/(Deficit)* | | 102,384 | | 102,384 |
| Distributions paid to owners or members | | - | | - |
| Transfer to Reserves | | (41,428) | 41,428 | |
| Transfer from Reserves | | - | - | |
| Closing Balance | 10 | 1,217,234 | 41,428 | 1,258,672 |

| Last Year | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|----------|------------------|
| Description | Capital Contributed by Owners or Members | Accumulated Surpluses or Deficits | Reserves | Total |
| Opening Balance | - | - | - | - |
| Capital contributed by owners or members | 10 | | | 10 |
| Capital returned to owners or members | | | | - |
| Surplus/(Deficit)* | | 1,156,278 | | 1,156,278 |
| Distributions paid to owners or members | | - | | - |
| Transfer to Reserves | | - | - | |
| Transfer from Reserves | | - | - | |
| Closing Balance | 10 | 1,156,278 | - | 1,156,288 |

Breakdown of Reserves

| Name | Nature and Purpose | Actual | Actual |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------|-----------|
| | | This Year | Last Year |
| | | \$ | \$ |
| National MS Patient Registry Reserve | Establishment of a national registry for all persons with MS in NZ | 41,428 | - |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| | Total | 41,428 | - |

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Note 6 : Commitments and Contingencies

Commitments

There are no commitments as at balance date (last year \$nil)

Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees

There are no guarantees as at balance date. There is a contingent liability for the Database Project of \$8,077 (last year \$nil)

Note 7: Other

Significant Grants and Donations with Conditions which have not been Recorded as a Liability

| Description | Original Amt | Not Fulfilled Amt | Purpose and Nature of the Condition(s) |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------|--|
| | Nil | Nil | |

Goods or Services Provided to the Entity in Kind

Goods or Services Provided to the Entity in Kind in the current year \$Nil (last year \$nil)

Assets Used as Security for Liabilities

Assets Used as Security for Liabilities during the current year \$Nil (last year \$nil)

Note 8: Assets Held on Behalf of Others

Assets Held on Behalf of Others \$Nil (last year \$nil)

Note 9: Related Party Transactions

| Description of Related Party Relationship | Description of the Transaction (whether in cash or in kind) | This Year | Last Year | This Year | Last Year |
|--|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| | | Value of Transactions | Value of Transactions | Amount Outstanding | Amount Outstanding |
| MS Auckland Region Trust - Neil Woodhams and Peter Wood are trustees | Donation received | 23,000 | 300,000 | - | |
| Multiple Sclerosis NZ - Malcolm Rickerby and Neil Woodhams are committee members | Donation received | - | 600,000 | - | |
| MS Auckland - Neil Woodhams and Peter Wood are committee members | Grant for Research Day | 1,100 | - | - | - |
| Doug Haines | Travel Expenses | - | 595 | - | - |

Events After the Balance Date:

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report. (Last Year Nil)
(Last year \$nil)

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Note 11: Ability to Continue Operating

New Zealand Multiple Sclerosis Research Trust (NZMSRT) has adequate resources to continue operations for the foreseeable future. For this reason the board of trustees continue to adopt the going concern assumption in preparing the performance report for the year ended 31 March 2017. This conclusion was reached after making enquiries and having regard to circumstances which are likely to affect NZMSRT during the period of one year from the date the board of trustees approve the Performance Report, and to circumstances which will occur after that date which could affect the validity of the going concern assumption.

Note 12: Additional Information

The trust was formed on 08 May 2015.

Note 13: Acknowledgement

This performance report is an unaltered reproduction of the PBE SFR-A (NFP) template provided by the External Reporting Board.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NEW ZEALAND MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS RESEARCH TRUST

Report on the performance report

Opinion

We have audited the performance report of New Zealand Multiple Sclerosis Research Trust on pages 2 to 15, which comprises the entity information, the statement of service performance, the statement of financial performance and the statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 March 2017, the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2017, and the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion:

- a) The reported outcomes and outputs, and quantification of the outputs to the extent practicable, in the statement of service performance are suitable;
- b) The accompanying performance report presents fairly, in all material respects:
 - The entity information for the year then ended;
 - The service performance for the year then ended; and
 - The financial position of New Zealand Multiple Sclerosis Research Trust as at 31 March 2017, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit of the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and note to the performance report in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)), and the audit of the entity information and statement of services performance in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Performance Report section of our report. We are independent of New Zealand Multiple Sclerosis Research Trust in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as an auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, New Zealand Multiple Sclerosis Research Trust.

Responsibilities of the board of trustees for the performance report

The board of trustees is responsible for:

- (a) Identifying outcomes outputs, and quantifying the outputs to the extent practicable, that are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable, to report in the statement of service performance;
- (b) The preparation and fair presentation of the performance report on behalf of the entity which comprises:
 - The entity information;
 - The statement of service performance; and
 - The statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report

in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued in New Zealand by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board, and

- (c) For such internal control as the board of trustees determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the performance report, the board of trustees is responsible on behalf of New Zealand Multiple Sclerosis Research Trust for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the board of trustees either intends to liquidate New Zealand Multiple Sclerosis Research Trust or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the performance report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the performance report is free for material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this performance report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the performance report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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;
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management;
- Conclude on the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management;
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the board of trustees and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the performance report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the performance report, including the disclosures, and whether the performance report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Perform procedures to obtain evidence about and evaluate whether the reported outcomes and outputs, and quantification of the outputs to the extent practicable, are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable.

We communicate with the board of trustees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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