



2022 Impact Report

Message from the CEO

I am always grateful and inspired by our donors and community, but never more than this past year.

This year we have continued to feel the impact of Covid restrictions but are slowly seeing the return to some face-to-face meetings, and community events. The changes we have adopted during these times have helped to not only strengthen but broaden our organisation's reach for the future. Your support enabled us to provide a greater level of service than we ever have before.

Our regular giving program has helped sustain us through difficult times and they have continued to support us every step of the way.

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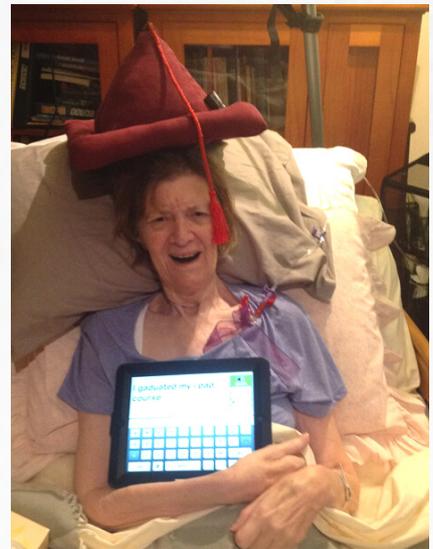


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Bequest income has been a major contributor to this growth and is increasingly more important in supporting MND NSW to deliver our services and equipment.

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“Herewith a precious memory of my dear wife Wendy a week before she passed away. It was her own sense of humour that came up with the idea. The iPad was on loan from MND and while reluctant to use it at first it became indispensable in the end. Let me express on behalf of my daughters Heather, Allison and myself our thanks and gratitude to the Association for equipment, help and training during this difficult time.”



Bequests also play a key role in education programs such as Link & Learn and more recently our communication device education to Health professionals in regional areas. These education programs help increase the knowledge of MND to health professionals and help create a more confident and knowledgeable workforce. Link & Learn attendee Margot said

"I have been reflecting on the amazing support and information provided on the weekend. Great food for thought as we carers navigate the roller-coaster ride of emotions and challenges with our loved ones. The sessions on carer support and the grief and counselling were thought-provoking and valuable "tools" for our journeys. The social side and networking opportunities added to the weekend. Grateful thanks to everyone involved."

Thank you for your continued support.

- Graham Opie, MND NSW CEO



FlexEquip



One of the core pillars of MND NSW, FlexEquip allows people with MND to access life-altering equipment from our library at no cost to their families. In our current climate, this access seems more important than ever, allowing people with MND to stay connected to their loved ones and their community. Whether it be an iPad to help with communication or something as simple as a raiser recliner armchair to be able to sit comfortably and be part of household life.

Donations and bequests have allowed us to embark on a state and territory wide education program to allied health professionals. Helping to increase the knowledge and confidence of those professionals particularly when it comes to high tech devices such as eye gaze machines. FlexEquip's role as an educator has grown recently with the rapid advance of technology, particularly in communication devices.

-Alicia Gibb, FlexEquip Team Leader



Info Line

Info Line has been busier than ever. This year we've had 1235 calls. It shows how important InfoLine really is, especially when the experiences of people touched by MND are compounded by the situation we are now living in.

-Andrew Collins, Support Services Manager

Fundraising

2022 saw the return of Walks, with supporters keen to participate and enjoy the wonderful atmosphere of Walking with lots of families and friends who are on the same journey.

"To me and my family Walk to d'Feet is a way of honouring a husband and father. People living with MND are such brave, amazing people, and we need to do all we can to help find a cure and support the wonderful people who provide vital resources to help those living with MND"

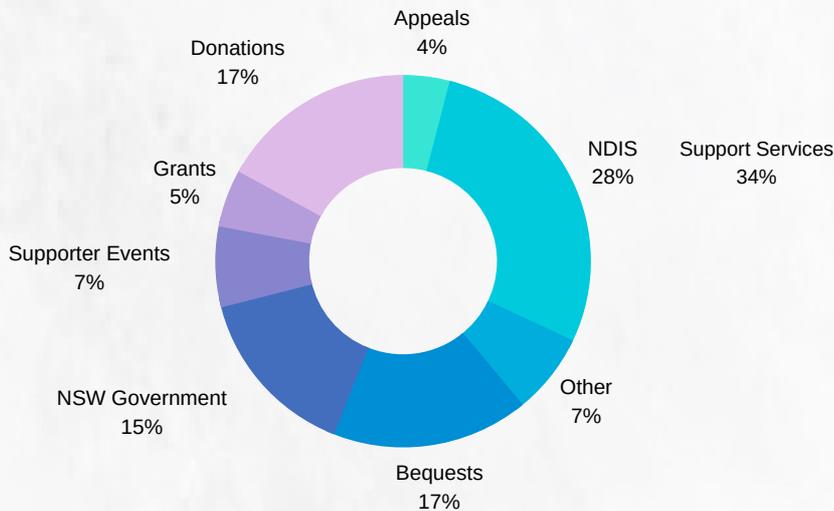
—Pat O'Hara

-Kym Nielsen, Fundraising Manager

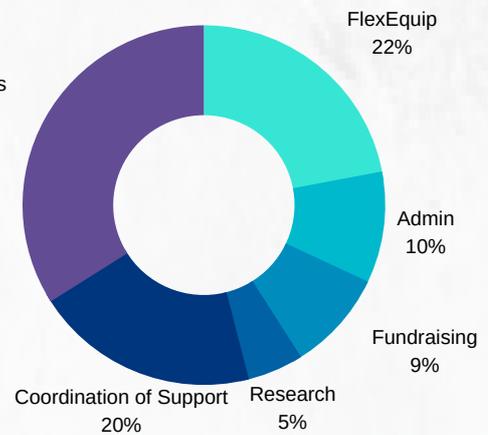


The Importance of Your Support

Income



Expenditure



We Need Your Support

We have been assisting people with motor neurone disease and their families for over 40 years. We have not and cannot do what we continue to do without your donations, bequests and assistance, particularly with COVID-19 adding extra challenges for our MND community in 2021-2022. Combined with increasing demand for our support and services. If you would like to help people living with MND and their families, please consider making a bequest, becoming a community fundraiser, a volunteer, a public awareness ambassador or make a life enhancing donation.

Make a Donation

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