



**A YEAR OF  
CARE, GROWTH & RESILIENCE**

**2023**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

250,000

Australians impacted by ME/CFS

25%

are house/bedbound

\$14.8b

Australian economic  
impact of ME/CFS  
annually

73%

report lack of health  
professional knowledge as a  
key barrier to access care

75%

are women

There is the illness and there's the social impacts - the loss of your life, your career - the grief - you've got to find a new life. I found my way through writing - and photography - I was trying to work out how to recover from this illness.

**Amanda Canzurllo, Emerge Australia Ambassador,** known to us as Bloom, international touring artist living with ME/CFS

[www.bloomofficial.com.au](http://www.bloomofficial.com.au)

[www.facebook.com/bloomofficialmusic](https://www.facebook.com/bloomofficialmusic)



I want to thank from the bottom of my heart those who have had ME/CFS and have been rattling the cage, using up their precious spoons of energy, to tell the world this is real.

**Tracey Spicer AM Emerge Australia Ambassador,** multiple Walkley Award winning author, journalist and broadcaster

- NSW Premier's Woman of the Year, 2019
- Agenda Setter of the Year, Women's Agenda, 2018
- Recipient Sydney Peace Prize - Me Too Movement
- Winner Social Enterprise category, 100 Women of Influence

<https://tinyurl.com/yxvzjc8d>

<https://youtu.be/PENkzh0tWJs>

# Mission

- Every Australian diagnosed with ME/CFS receives effective medical and other services without stigma or discrimination.

# Vision

- Australians with ME/CFS achieve the highest quality of life possible

# Values

- We are committed to understanding and supporting our community with empathy, compassion and integrity.
- Our ethical leadership, knowledge and communication builds awareness, credibility and trust.
- We are evidence based, results orientated, transparent and accountable.

# Strategy

- Emerge Australia is the only national patient organisation delivering professional services across clinical education, patient support and patient education, advocacy and biomedical research for those with ME/CFS and Long COVID in Australia.

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# Inspiring Success



## Message from the Chair

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The 2023 financial year (FY23) was a year of consolidation, progress, achievement and change for Emerge Australia, although not without material impacts caused by the shadow of the pandemic and a tight operating environment for NGOs.

Despite these challenges progress was made in advancing our vision that Australians with ME/CFS achieve the highest quality of life possible. We made significant contributions to public discourse about ME/CFS and Long COVID and showed leadership in calling for a national post-infection disease strategy.

We welcomed important contributions and support from our new Ambassadors Tracey Spicer and Amanda Canzuro (Bloom) and continue to enjoy the support of all our individual and philanthropic donors as well as State and Commonwealth Governments.

Significant new revenue and awareness raising lines were initiated and strengthened and these will grow the untied funds that we need to continue to build and expand our services.

To support these services several large projects commenced during the year to:

- Rebuild our website, finalise implementation of our new CRM and provide contemporary branding. These deliver a step change in our ability to reach out to the community, to governments and to decision-makers at all levels.
- Expand our Biobank to include those with Long COVID and to build the Biobank's AusME Registry, transferring all Australian data from the previous USA based You + Me Registry.
- Strengthen our direct support for those living with ME/CFS and their supporters and expand support for those with Long COVID.

- Secure a significant number of print and media interviews and online presentations.
- Deliver training by our Medical Director to GPs across most states on ME/CFS and Long COVID diagnosis management and treatment options.

Importantly the Board finalised its Governance Review of our practices particularly to structure the Board to be effective and to add value. We strengthened our Risk Management framework and involved a more diverse range of people in the governance of the organisation. We welcomed three new Board members, Nicolas Porter, Roseda Campbell and Kerry Simons who have contributed strongly to the organisation. The Board and staff collaborated on a Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning framework to strengthen accountability and organisational learning.

The Board offers its sincere thanks to all our supporters, to those who give their time to us, to all our corporate and philanthropic donors and individual givers, and to our Ambassadors. We need your ongoing help and support and thank you on behalf of the people we serve.

I congratulate CEO Anne Wilson for her leadership and drive to make Emerge Australia the important and influential organisation that it is today and I sincerely thank all staff, contractors and volunteers who directly contribute to making this happen.

**Mark Clisby**  
Chair

# Leading with Vision



## Message from the Chief Executive Officer

# 250,000

Australians impacted by ME/CFS

The need for Emerge Australia - the national patient organisation for those with ME/CFS and Long COVID - has never been greater or more challenging.

Despite uncertainties surrounding funding, we have managed to maintain services thanks to the support of loyal philanthropic donors, the ME/CFS community, and dedicated staff. All our programs have continued to operate, advocacy efforts have thrived, biomedical research has resumed blood collections, GP education has continued, and patients have received support through telehealth and patient support services.

We express gratitude to Minister Mark Butler and the Department of Health and Aged Care for such valuable guidance and communication, which has led to successful critical funding in 2023.

A focus on raising greater awareness this past year has resulted in the appointment of two additional Ambassadors, Amanda Canzuro (Bloom) and Tracy Spicer AO, both of whom have lived experience with ME/CFS and Long COVID and have generously supported Emerge Australia.

We are very grateful to Sophie Scott OAM for facilitating the new Parliamentary Friends of ME/CFS bipartisan group meeting in Canberra, with the support of Senator Jordan Steele-John. These meetings aim to improve health outcomes and government investment in ME/CFS and Long COVID, and we are looking forward to our meetings in Q1 of 2024.

This year we have propelled high levels of public awareness and engagement through digital communications via social and mass media. Our Business Development team is working on achieving financial sustainability through online campaigns, events, and expanding World ME/CFS Day; and our refreshed website and brand is enhancing connection and engagement.

Clinical education remains a core focus, as many ME/CFS patients struggle to find GPs with the necessary experience and knowledge to accurately diagnose and manage our patient cohort. Additionally we have made great progress in reaching out to allied health professionals to ensure patients are supported to better manage their daily lives.

Despite the pressures on our small but skilled team, we have increased our advocacy work and engagement with members of parliament and the media. We have responded to inquiries such as from the Disability Royal Commission and Long COVID Inquiry, and we have responded to various reviews; and joined alliances to strengthen our advocacy impact.

Our telehealth patient support and information service continues to be funded, with ongoing growing demand and a plan to add a social worker in the upcoming financial year and to expand the service, subject to funding.

On behalf of all at Emerge Australia I express my sincere gratitude to our generous donors, philanthropic trusts, and individuals who support our work. My sincere thanks to our dedicated staff and volunteers whose passion and loyalty deliver day in day out.

Finally, it is my pleasure to acknowledge the unwavering support of the Emerge Australia Board, led by our inspiring Chair Mark Clisby. Together we are committed to improving outcomes for people with ME/CFS and Long COVID.

**Anne Wilson**  
Chief Executive Officer

# The Year in Numbers

## 305,552

Website visits - page views,  
by 100,969 individual users

## 3,206

Biosamples collected  
from nearly 100 donors

## 630+

Engaged with ME/CFS  
Awareness Week symposium

## 741,316

People reached through  
Facebook

## 1,126

Registry participants

## 50

Posters submitted sharing  
ME/CFS lived experiences

## 11,960

Social media followers -  
Facebook, Instagram,  
Twitter, LinkedIn

## 11

Approved ME/CFS research  
projects currently utilising  
the Biobank/Registry data

## 5,955

E-newsletter subscribers



*"I fell to the bottom of the ladder that night I spoke to Emerge Australia. But the staff did a great job. They took my call, then organised a follow up call from a telehealth nurse. From there, I started to assess the damage and realised I was really hurt - I was someone living with severe ME/CFS ..... Everything positive I have today is from Emerge Australia. They gave me confidence; they gave me purpose. And with that, I could adapt and find meaning in my life again."*

Chris living with ME/CFS

# The Year in Numbers

857

GPs and allied health professionals attended plenary and education sessions at GPCE events during the year

200+

Attendees Parliamentary Friends of ME/CFS launch with Emerge Australia presenting

1,848

Telehealth patient support calls during the 2022/3 term

578

Health professional connections at GPCE events during the year

14

Submissions for notable inquiries and advocacy letters

35

Average telehealth call duration in minutes

404

Allied health professionals engaged in educational events during the year

57

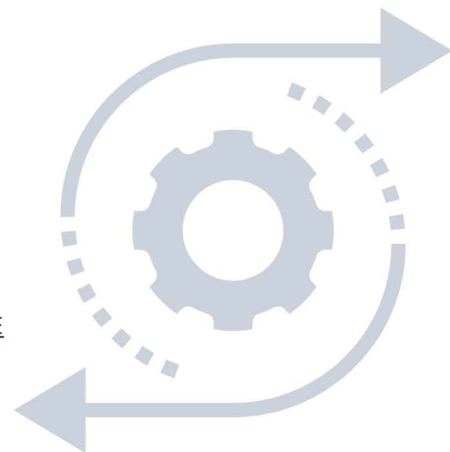
Meetings held with MPs, government officials and key stakeholders

15+

National news articles, TV appearances and interviews spotlighting ME/CFS and Long COVID

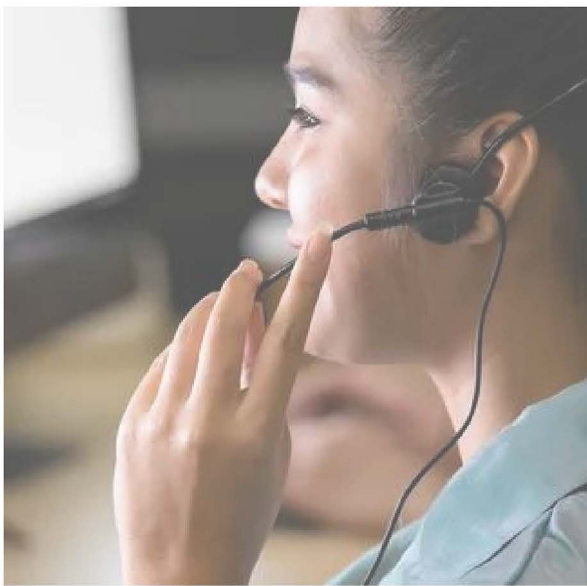
## Theory of Change

This year we developed our Theory of Change. See details [HERE](#)



# Patient Services

**25%**  
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## Infoline Transformation

In 2022, continued federal government funding represented a significant milestone for our service, demonstrating the government's trust in our critical support. The Telehealth Nurse Patient Pathways pilot project and the Emerge Australia Infoline have therefore evolved into a more comprehensive patient support and telehealth service.

This transformation has allowed us to offer more tailored nursing and social work support to those who need it most. As a fully funded and internally managed service, we can now provide more comprehensive care to a greater number of patients. This has led to an increase in patient care calls, reflecting the funding's positive impact on our ability to serve our patients.

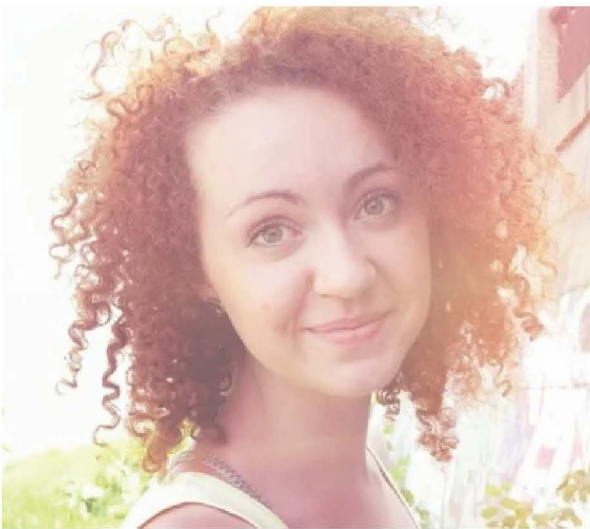


*"I really value Emerge Australia and all that they have helped me with both on an individual level, helping me with someone to talk with who understands applying for the pension and the NDIS, and also I appreciate the advocacy and community awareness and GP education. I know that even on the days when I am stuck in bed not able to do anything that the Emerge team is still there fighting for me every day"*  
Telehealth Patient

*"I am so grateful to you both, I actually don't know where I would be had I not found Emerge."*  
Telehealth Patient



# Patient Services



## Building Patient Capacity

Our website plays a key role in supporting Australians affected by ME/CFS and Long COVID. Rebuilt in 2023, our new website ensures crucial information is accessible, empowering patients to implement self-management strategies such as energy management, forming healthcare teams, and navigating disability support systems. We are driven to provide patients with the knowledge and resources required to take control of their own health and well-being. In the 2022/2023 term much of our focus was directed to enhancing our patients' capacity for self-advocacy and management.



*"ME/CFS has so many symptoms, and having multiple additional comorbidities can make it overwhelming to classify and communicate these symptoms. The process of working with Emerge really helped me in this area and was an invaluable support."*  
Telehealth Patient

# Research

# 75%

of those with  
ME/CFS are women



## The Quest for Answers

We understand that behind every datapoint, there's a person, a story, and a chance for a better tomorrow. Throughout this term, our Research team made significant progress and expansion in key areas, reflecting our commitment to encouraging and supporting high-quality ME/CFS and Long COVID research, and facilitating better outcomes for those living with these conditions.

## Biobank Keeps Growing

Our dedicated team have worked tirelessly to expand the ME/CFS Biobank, with blood collections now occurring in both Melbourne and Sydney and plans afoot to expand this nationally in 2024. With 3,206 stored samples from close to 100 donors, we have already been contributing to critical research thanks to our generous donors.

## A Thousand Participants Strong!

Established in 2021, our ME/CFS Registry has steadily grown, now boasting a thriving database of 1,126 participants, with approximately 400 new additions in the past year alone. Our robust dataset, comprising more than 900,000 data points, offers valuable insights into the lived experiences of individuals with ME/CFS, allowing us to help facilitate in-depth research into the condition's impact on various aspects of life over time.

The Registry and Biobank now currently supports 11 critical research studies nationwide, including projects in Western Australia, Queensland, and Victoria, with all meticulously reviewed and approved by Emerge Australia's Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee (MSAC).

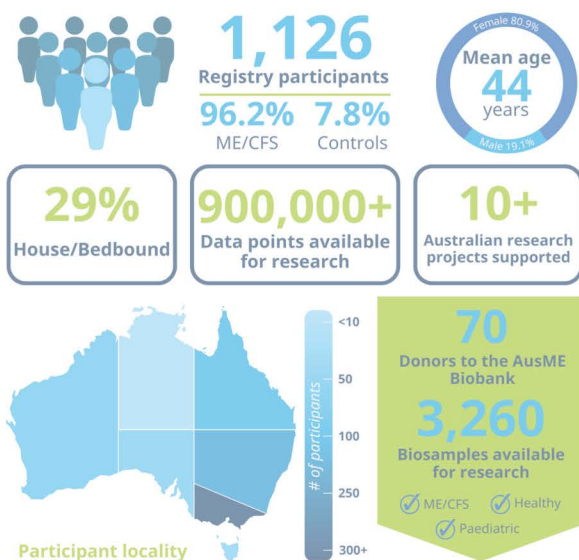
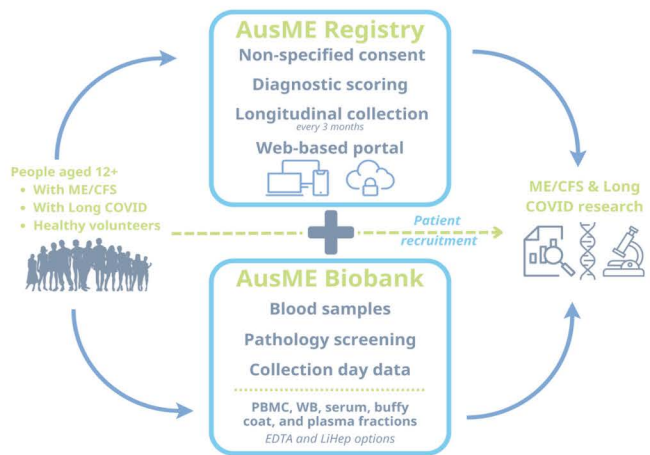


# Research

## AusME Launch

During the reporting term much work has been conducted into the expansion and rebranding of the Australian ME/CFS and Long COVID (AusME) Registry and Biobank, with an aim for launch later in 2023.

This expansion to the ME/CFS Registry and Biobank is essential, to reflect recent evidence highlighting significant overlap between both ME/CFS and Long COVID. The new platform will make it easier for Australian researchers to compare and contrast the two conditions.



The name change also signifies our commitment to inclusivity, as we now not only welcome those with ME/CFS but also those with Long COVID and adolescents living with these conditions. By broadening our scope and fostering a more comprehensive understanding of these overlapping diseases, we hope to facilitate the efficient development of targeted interventions and personalised medicine for both diseases.

We are excited about the opportunities that this expansion brings and look forward to sharing the innovative research and discoveries, that will undoubtedly result in the future.

# Education

# 73%

of those with ME/CFS report a lack of health professional knowledge as a key barrier to access care



## General Practitioner Conference and Exhibition (GPCE)

This year we expanded our GP Education program to include face-to-face teaching at the General Practitioner Conference and Exhibition (GPCE) held each year in capital cities around Australia. In the term, our Medical Director Dr Richard Schloeffel OAM, presented the keynote address at three GPCE events, with overwhelming positive feedback received from three plenary sessions at which we reached 857 participants.



*"I will be more alert to look out for these diagnoses. I will be more sympathetic but also more willing to take some ME/CFS patients on. It has given me the confidence to actually TREAT them. I plan to share my knowledge with my colleagues."*

Participant GP

## Delivering Advanced Education

In 2023 we returned to GPCE to deliver an advanced clinical education course titled *Long COVID and ME/CFS – a deep dive into diagnosis, treatment and management*. With such high demand at GPCE, we have been encouraged to develop an ME/CFS and Long COVID Aware GP Practice Directory which will be launching in October 2023 enabling patients to access much-needed clinical support in the community.



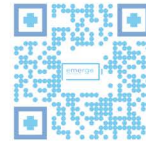
The course involved three, one-hour face-to-face lectures, and a further two hours of case studies for GPs to complete at home to receive their RACGP accredited points. Our aim with these sessions is to empower GPs to recognise, diagnose and safely manage patients with ME/CFS and Long COVID. Feedback showed that participating GPs are now open to supporting these patients, and are more likely to be looking for PEM, encourage pacing, and exploring potential co-morbidities.

# Education



## Community Education Symposium

After the success of the ME/CFS Awareness Day symposium and with an overwhelming number of questions received from the community, we hosted a follow-up Q&A session, with Medical Director Dr Richard Schloeffel OAM. Joined by Emerge Australia's CEO Anne Wilson, Dr Schloeffel and Anne answered questions that were from the community. You can scan the QR Code here to watch the recording!



## Expanding into Allied Health

Our engagement with allied health practitioners has only grown during the term, to support upskilling, knowledge and understanding of ME/CFS. Our Back to Basics webinar has been popular, with our Nurse Educator, often accompanied by one of our telehealth nurses, presenting to a range of disciplines.

In these sessions, participants have been encouraged to help patients with ME/CFS by adapting usual approaches, supporting and teaching pacing and referring to our telehealth service as both a patient and professional resource.

At the ANMF Tasmanian acute care nurses conference in October 2022 many nurses commented they had never heard of ME/CFS or of medications such as low dose naltrexone, highlighting the importance of reaching acute care practitioners, given how difficult it is for people with ME/CFS to manage an admission to hospital. We are delighted to have reached approximately 500 allied health professionals across six online in-services, one in person conference and one online conference.



# Advocacy

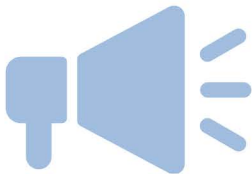
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Our advocacy efforts have been focussed on several fronts during the reporting term. We have continued to lobby for updated clinical guidelines, equitable access to NDIS for people with ME/CFS, increased funding for biomedical research into ME/CFS, enhanced education for healthcare professionals and greater awareness of the challenges faced by people living with ME/CFS. We have also been advocating for the development of a national post-infection disease strategy.

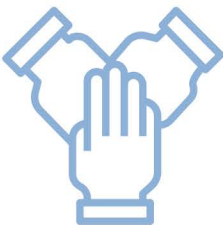


### Critical Advocacy for You



Our Advocacy team has prepared several key submissions for government inquiries and reviews with much work focused on advocating with regard to Long COVID, Disability Royal Commission, Disability Support Pension Impairment Tables, NDIS and RACGP HANDI guide.

### Prioritising Collaboration



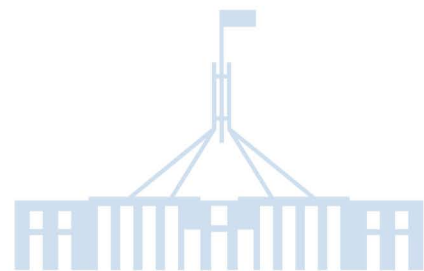
We're also continuing to build our network through Australian and international alliances, recognising that being part of louder, stronger voices allows us to wield more influence. Our affiliations now include Neurological Alliance Australia, Post-Infection Disease Alliance, the Australian COVID Alliance, the Australian Self-Care Alliance and, internationally we are a member of the Long COVID Alliance. We remain committed to exploring new partnerships and progressing efforts with the World ME Alliance, to enable us to better advocate for the needs and concerns of Australians with ME/CFS and Long COVID.

# Advocacy

## Parliamentary Friends of ME/CFS Group

Emerge Australia along with members of the ME/CFS community and key stakeholders met for the much awaited launch of the Parliamentary Friends of ME/CFS Group. The cross-party group, co-chaired by Senator Jordon Steele-John and Maria Vamvakinou MP, will provide a non-partisan forum for MPs to speak with advocates, researchers and patients to further the interests of people living with ME/CFS.

The launch at Parliament House had one of the largest attendances for any Parliamentary Friends group, with over 200 people in attendance, both in person and online. Members of Parliament who were in attendance included the co-chairs Senator Jordon Steele-John and Maria Vamvakinou MP, Hon Ged Kearney MP - Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care, Dr Michelle Ananda-Rajah MP, Steve Georganas MP, Kylea Tink MP, Russell Broadbent MP among others. Several other MPs who were unable to attend sent their ministerial advisors to the event. Departmental representatives representing the area of Chronic and Complex Conditions were also in attendance. We look forward to representing the ME/CFS community at many more of these forums.



*A couple of years ago Jenny Calder in Tasmania took a trip to the beach. Since developing ME/CFS in 2016 she is mostly bedbound. After Jenny returned from her trip she wrote a post on Facebook. Lu Baker in NSW who also lives with ME/CFS, was so inspired, that with Jenny's permission, she spent two years slowly creating illustrations and together they created a picture book, as energy allowed. Thank you Jenny and Lou - we are so very grateful for your awareness raising.*



# Building Our Capacity

## Growth and Resilience

This has been a vibrant period of growth and development as we have extended operations and further focused on ensuring that anyone impacted by ME/CFS or Long COVID has access to support, information and advocacy that empowers them with the knowledge and skills to make their lives more liveable.

### Refreshing our Brand

In April 2023, we undertook an exercise to reinvigorate the Emerge Australia brand. This involved surveying our community to help develop a refreshed look and feel, informed by the people we support. The battery concept evolved as a clear and identifiable connection to the everyday struggles faced by individuals with ME/CFS, enabling us to create a more meaningful and impactful brand identity that reflects our wider community's needs and aspirations.

### Digital Transformation

Optimising our efficiency and effectiveness has been a high priority this year with a focus on developing improved operations including technical systems and cybersecurity, for scaling and capacity building. New systems for relationship management, telehealth services, research and fundraising are helping to strengthen our sustainability.

### Fundraising and Financial Stability

To sustain our operations and expand our reach, we have focused our fundraising efforts and are extremely grateful for our generous community's support. In addition to our valued federal and state government support, our community has successfully organised fundraising events, we have secured grants, and engaged in mission-aligned collaborations to further financial stability and raise awareness about ME/CFS.



*"I'm amazed at how much Emerge Australia has achieved in so short a time. Whenever I hear a spokesperson on the radio, I feel so proud to hear them speak with clarity, intelligence and empathy, even though I have no formal ties with the organisation.*

*It gives me and other patients a feeling of dignity."*  
Community Feedback



# Building Our Capacity

## Growth and Resilience



### 2022 Christmas Appeal

At Christmas time many people can struggle with the challenges of living with ME/CFS, grief, loss, and/or isolation. Through our Christmas appeal, we shared the story of Laura, whose vibrant life as a primary school teacher and theatre director has been broken apart. After connecting with Emerge Australia, Laura discovered a wealth of evidence-based information. With the help of her mum, Robyn, she learned strategies to help manage and live with ME/CFS and receive free access to our qualified telehealth nurse. She also joined our online peer support groups. Above all, Laura became part of a community, finally feeling supported and seen. Laura experienced many incidents where people didn't believe her. Now she feels validated and less alone.



*"We have somewhere to turn, and someone to ask."*  
Laura living with ME/CFS

### 2023 End of Financial Year Appeal

We enlisted the help of Chris, a telehealth patient who relied on our service to have a chance at a better quality of life. He is now following proven ME/CFS protocols having learnt to pace, while his communication skills have also significantly improved. Most importantly, he's now feeling more comfortable asking others for the help he needs.

Because of your generous support, we reached our target of \$58,000 (and a little bit more) and look forward to being able to provide the help and support so desperately needed.



*"Emerge Australia gave me confidence and purpose."*  
Chris living with ME/CFS

# Treasurer's Message

## Growth and Resilience

In the 2022/23 Financial Year, Emerge Australia managed to enhance the services it provided while achieving a significantly improved financial result than in the previous financial year – posting a \$27k (2%) deficit in FY23 compared to a \$205k (21%) deficit in FY22 (% relative to total revenue).


Total revenue grew by 27% year on year, going from \$994k in FY22 to 1.27m in FY23 – mostly due to a 75% increase in donations received – a testament to the perseverance, drive, and tenacity of management as well and the commitment and generosity of donors and supporters.

In contrast, overall expenses grew by only 8% - mostly in employment costs - which allowed us to extend reach and impact while continuing to build a more robust platform and infrastructure from which to operate.

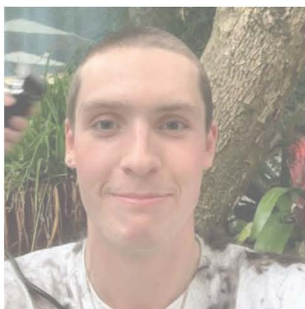
A modest, but positive, cash flow from operating activities was another welcome feature of FY23 in contrast to a much larger negative cash flow for FY22.

With a Current Ratio of 1.8 and Net Assets of \$471K at 30 June 2023, Management and Directors are vigilant and focused on building on the improved financial result of FY23 and towards a reliably sustainable economic model for Emerge Australia.

A big thank you to our donors, supporters, members, staff, and volunteers who make a difference in our community.



**Nicolas Porter**  
Treasurer



*On a blustery autumn day in March, Tom reached out to tell us he would be shaving his head. Tom's older brother Zach has been suffering with ME/CFS since he was 12 years old. He is now 20 and is bedbound. Tom decided to shave his head to raise awareness about the impacts of ME/CFS. Not only did Tom's fundraising efforts succeed, he smashed it out of the park reaching nearly \$2,500! Thank you Tom and the Nicoll family for your incredible support!*

# Auditor's Statement

Growth and Resilience



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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
AUDIT & ASSURANCE SERVICES

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**Auditor's Independence Declaration under  
The Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012**

**To the Committee Members of Emerge Australia Inc.  
ABN: 22 385 438 041**

In accordance with Subdivision 60-C of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, I am pleased to provide the following declaration of independence to the Committee Members of Emerge Australia Inc. As the lead audit partner for the audit of the financial report of Emerge Australia Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2023, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2023 there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) The auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

**McBain McCartin & Co**  
Chartered Accountants

**Simon Aukstin (CA)**  
Partner

Melbourne  
20<sup>th</sup> November 2023

# Financial Reporting

## Growth and Resilience

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

Emerge Australia Inc.  
For the year ended 30 June 2023

	NOTES	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>Income</b>			
Interest Income		5,698	113
Donations		731,754	417,748
Grants		517,193	561,507
Membership Income		9,020	14,530
Other Income		1,900	445
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>1,265,564</b>	<b>994,343</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Direct Program Costs		530,048	583,588
Employment Cost		561,504	392,370
Communication		84,221	94,276
Administration		82,959	91,110
Audit Fees		6,000	8,060
Depreciation		6,203	1,901
Rent Costs		21,935	28,194
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>1,292,870</b>	<b>1,199,499</b>
<b>(Deficit) before income tax expense</b>		<b>(27,306)</b>	<b>(205,156)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year net of income tax</b>		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive (loss) / income after income tax for the period</b>		<b>(27,306)</b>	<b>(205,156)</b>

During this year Sue Price, one of the wonderful community leaders in Geelong, Victoria, teamed up with Kenshi Life Changing Candles and generated valuable funds to support our services. Thank you so very much Sue and team!



# Financial Reporting

## Growth and Resilience

### Statement of Financial Position

Emerge Australia Inc.  
As at 30 June 2023

	NOTES	30 JUN 2023 \$	30 JUN 2022 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	1,026,525	999,606
Trade and other receivables	3	6,387	33,152
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>1,032,912</b>	<b>1,032,758</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Plant and Equipment	4	-	4,373
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>4,373</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>1,032,912</b>	<b>1,037,131</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	5	93,951	158,934
Contract Liabilities	8	434,185	352,737
Provisions	6	33,346	26,724
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>561,481</b>	<b>538,395</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>561,481</b>	<b>538,395</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>471,430</b>	<b>498,736</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained surplus		471,430	498,736
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>471,430</b>	<b>498,736</b>

Complete Audited Financial Statements are available on request at  
information@emerge.org.au

## Board of Management

Mark Clisby	<i>President</i>
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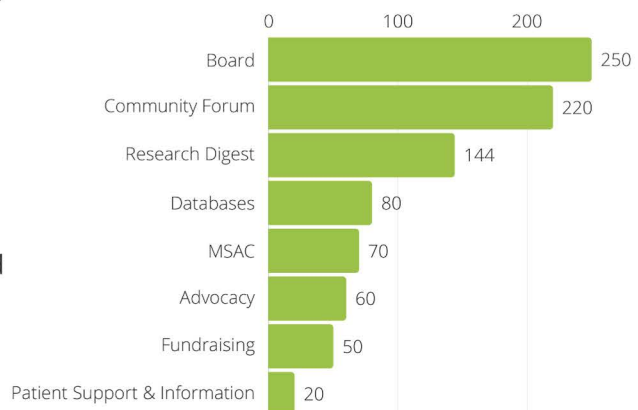
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#### Join our Socials

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