

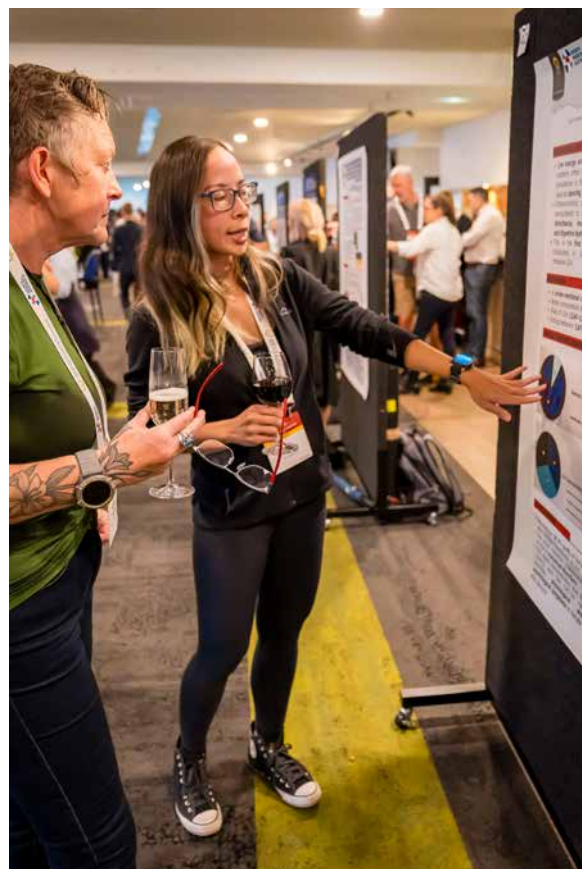
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Dr Kay Copeland

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The past year has been one of meaningful progress and renewed ambition for Sports Medicine Australia. Building on the momentum of our 60th anniversary celebrations, we entered FY25 focused on delivering tangible outcomes for our members and strengthening SMA's position as the peak body for sports medicine and sports science.

The launch of our 2024–2027 Strategic Plan has already guided key initiatives. Our national concussion management campaign reached over 40,000 clubs, schools and health professionals with practical, evidence-based education resources. The overwhelming response reinforced SMA's leadership in safeguarding athletes and the community, and highlighted the impact of partnerships across government, sport and health.

We also continued to develop and improve our professional development offerings. The 2024 SMA & ACSEP Conference at the MCG drew more than 850 delegates and was widely acclaimed for its breadth of learning and networking opportunities. Our Committees, State Councils and new Member Groups have worked tirelessly to expand tailored opportunities, from the Student Network to the Sports Doctors, ensuring every member can find value and connection.

We continue to invest in our Safer Sport Program, actively exploring partnerships with national sporting organisations, state and federal government, and the tertiary education sector, creating new avenues to extend our influence and share our expertise. These collaborations build on SMA's strong reputation and highlight the value our multidisciplinary membership.

We were also proud to recognise excellence across our community. The induction of new ASMF Fellows, the presentation of the ASICS Medal and 'Best of the Best' awards, and the outstanding calibre of Conference abstracts underscored the depth of expertise within SMA. Our flagship journals, JSAMS and JSAMS Plus, continue to set the global

benchmark for research in sports medicine, thanks to the leadership of their editorial teams.

Lastly, we have commenced a review of the 2013 SMA Constitution. Member forums were held throughout the year to invite feedback and ensure that a revised Constitution reflects contemporary governance practices and supports the long-term sustainability of the organisation. This important reform will enable SMA to continue evolving with confidence and clarity.

These achievements and initiatives have been underpinned by sound financial management, ensuring we can reinvest in member services and future priorities.

On behalf of the Board, I extend my gratitude to CEO Jamie Crain and the dedicated SMA staff, whose hard work and vision make these achievements possible. I also thank my fellow Directors for their stewardship and strategic insight, and our valued partners - ASICS, Strapit, and Elsevier - for their commitment to our shared goals.

Finally, I thank our members. Your expertise, passion and dedication to advancing sports medicine inspire everything we do. Together, we are shaping a safer, healthier and more active Australia.

Dr Kay Copeland
Chair, Board of Directors
Sports Medicine Australia



Jamie Crain

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

FY25 has been a year of connection, growth and purpose for Sports Medicine Australia. Guided by Strategic Plan, we have continued to strengthen our role as the leading multidisciplinary organisation for sports medicine and science in Australia, while also investing in initiatives that extend our impact to the broader community.

A major highlight was the joint SMA/ACSEP Conference, held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. This event showcased the extraordinary depth of expertise within our community. The success of this collaboration with ACSEP reinforces the importance of partnerships within our industry. Through events like this, we are actively delivering world-class education and networking opportunities for our members.

Our national Concussion Awareness Poster Project continued to expand its reach, with tens of thousands of posters distributed to schools and community sporting clubs across the country. This campaign, building on the 2024 Australian Concussion Guidelines for Youth and Community Sport, has become a visible reminder of the need to proactively manage this injury and safeguard the wellbeing of athletes at all levels, but particularly in community sport.

The launch of a new partnership with AUSactive marked another milestone for our Safer Sport Program. Through this collaboration, SMA will deliver accredited First Aid and CPR courses to fitness professionals nationwide, keeping quality education at the forefront of the fitness industry. This initiative forms part of SMA's broader strategy as a Registered Training Organisation, positioning us to deliver quality education that supports health and wellbeing to organisations and industries working in or alongside sport.

Beyond these initiatives, SMA made a significant philanthropic contribution through the donation of our legacy Building Fund to Studio Schools Australia. This unique organisation provides on-country education opportunities for Indigenous children in remote Western Australia. Our contribution is helping to deliver new sporting facilities and equipment that support both education and participation, reflecting SMA's long-standing commitment to building healthier,

stronger communities. Please visit www.studioschools.edu.au to discover more of the important work that Studio Schools Australia does.

Our Professional Development program also continued to thrive, with a broad suite of events providing members with access to cutting-edge knowledge and practical expertise. We continue to enjoy industry-leading feedback from attendees, and it is rewarding to see the tangible value that these opportunities bring to members at all career stages.

We close the year with a strong underlying financial foundation, enabling us to continue investing in initiatives that deliver value to our members and partners. None of this would be possible without the commitment of our dedicated staff, volunteers, committees, and State Councils, whose efforts underpin SMA's success. I extend my gratitude also to our partners: ASICS, Strapit, and Elsevier, for their support, and also to the many other organisations that have collaborated with SMA throughout the year.

Looking ahead, SMA will continue to build on these achievements by expanding partnerships, strengthening education and training pathways, and investing in services that meet the evolving needs of our members and the community. Together, we continue to push our industry forward to new heights for the benefit of our members and the community.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our work..

Jamie Crain
Chief Executive Officer
Sports Medicine Australia

ABOUT SMA

Sports Medicine Australia is the nation's peak body for sports medicine and sports science. We champion the collective expertise of a multidisciplinary community committed to making sport and physical activity safer, healthier and more inclusive for all Australians.

We drive safer sport, advance evidence-based practice, and promote the integrity of our professions. Our members include surgeons, physicians, doctors, physiotherapists, public health specialists, accredited exercise physiologists, dietitians, sport and exercise scientists, podiatrists, psychologists, chiropractors, osteopaths, academics, teachers and many more. We also educate, accredit and support Sports Trainers, students and community members who play a vital role in keeping Australians active.

Since 1963, SMA has been a trusted voice nationally and internationally. We provide expert resources on concussion, heat, injury management and other critical issues in sport and exercise. Our commitment is to ensure every Australian can enjoy the benefits of safe, lifelong participation in sport and physical activity.

OUR MISSION

To be Australia's leading multidisciplinary authority for sports medicine, sports science and physical activity

OUR VISION

Enhanced health outcomes for all Australians through knowledge, training and safe participation in sport, exercise and physical activity.

OUR BEHAVIOURS

BE BOLD

CONSIDER WHAT'S POSSIBLE

THINK COMMERCIALY

HASTEN SLOWLY

ADAPT AND LEARN



SMA BOARD

SMA is a public company limited by guarantee and is governed by a Board that is comprised of elected member Directors and Board appointed Directors.

Sport's Medicine Australia's Board of Directors for the 2024-25 financial year



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Exercise Physiotherapist, Vic)



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Psychologist, Clinical
Health Psychologist, Vic)



Director

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(Podiatrist, Tas)



Director

Dr Ebonie Rio
(Sports Physiotherapist,
Academic, Vic)

Thank you to Michael Kenihan, Professor Gregory Kolt, Dr Laura Lalleneec, and Gary Nicholls, who served on the SMA Board at the start of this reporting period.

SMA continues to strengthen its membership offerings, with a focus on ensuring value is tailored to the needs of specific cohorts. Enhancing services and benefits remains a central priority, with ongoing refinements to ensure members feel supported throughout every stage of their professional journey.

As at 30 June 2025, SMA had 1,093 Members (including SMA Members, Fellows, Doctors and Recent Graduates) reflecting a 7% increase in membership on the previous financial year, and 1,764 Associates. Sport Trainer Associate subscriptions increased by 5% on the previous year thanks to our bundles course and membership package and the continued growth of Safer Sport Program course delivery.

Student membership is also growing rapidly with 107 PhD Student Associates and 675 Student Associates at 30 June 2025, an increase of nearly 20% on the previous year. The SMA Student Network has supported this growth by delivering events and initiatives designed to support students in their career development and help them connect across our membership.

In 2024, significant work was undertaken to better understand the profile of our members, how they interact with SMA, and how we can best enhance their overall experience. This work, alongside our personalised retention strategies and Annual Member Survey, continues to guide the development of programs and services.

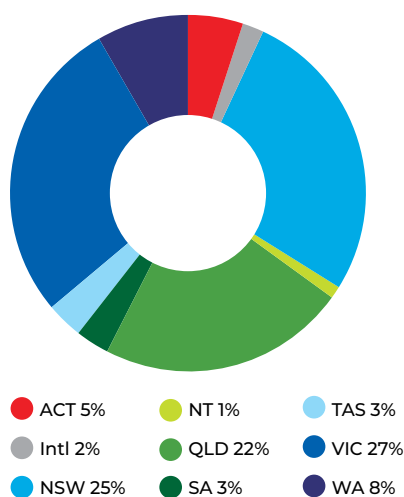
The 2025 Member Survey confirmed strong confidence in SMA, with 97% of respondents reporting performance as the same or better than the previous year. Professional development, credibility, and the benefits of belonging to a multidisciplinary community were highlighted as the most valued aspects of membership. More than 82% of respondents agreed that SMA membership adds credibility to their professional status, with 38% stating it “definitely” enhances how they are perceived in the field.

Core inclusions such as CPD opportunities, insurance, publications, and access to a national network remain highly regarded. Members also acknowledged SMA’s important role in advocacy, particularly in public education, safe sport and injury prevention. Professional development continues to be a key driver of member value, with the quality of education and the annual Conference consistently cited as strengths.

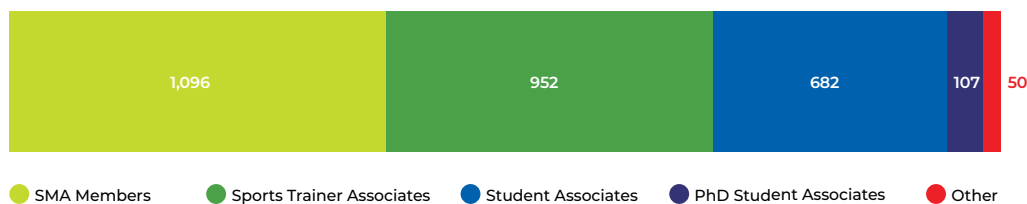
Feedback also highlighted the need for improved access to services and more intuitive digital tools. SMA has responded by broadening the professional development event program, offering greater CPD choice and more face-to-face opportunities for connection. The membership renewal process has been further streamlined, and the member portal refreshed to provide easier access to benefits, with additional enhancements scheduled for FY26.

SMA remains committed to initiatives that deliver tangible value and support our members in their professional and career development, ensuring the organisation continues to grow as the trusted voice of sports medicine in Australia

MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES BY REGION



MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES BY CATEGORY



STRATEGIC PLAN

In July 2024, we launched our new Strategic Plan, setting a clear direction for the future of SMA.

The Plan is guided by respect for the contribution of our members, employees and volunteers, and by a commitment to being an open, accountable and approachable organisation. It reinforces SMA's belief that science and research must underpin best practice in sports medicine and physical activity. As a not-for-profit, financial sustainability remains essential, supported by strong, long-term relationships with our stakeholders.

Our culture is shaped by five core behaviours: *Be Bold*; *Consider what's possible*; *Think commercially*; *Hasten slowly*; and *Adapt and learn*. These behaviours drive the way we work and ensure that our decision-making remains forward-looking and balanced.

The Plan is guided by three strategic pillars, with work underway across each:

MEMBERS FIRST

This year, SMA delivered a national concussion management campaign, distributing resources to more than 40,000 clubs, schools and health professionals. We also expanded professional development opportunities, including a diverse event program and early planning for the 2025 ASICS SMA Conference in Hobart. The launch of the SMA Student Network supported the next generation of practitioners with career-focused events and initiatives, while updates to the member portal and renewal process have improved access to core benefits.

COMMERCIAL MINDFULNESS

SMA sustained growth in Sports Trainer Associate membership, driven by bundled course-and-membership packages and an expanded delivery of Safer Sport



Program courses. Enhancements to digital systems, including course registrations and member services, have streamlined the customer experience and laid the foundation for further improvements in FY26.

ACTIVE LEADERS

SMA strengthened its national profile through advocacy and collaboration. Deeper engagement with government stakeholders, and a strategic partnership with AUSactive to broaden impact across health and active living sectors. The 2024 SMA & ACSEP Conference at the MCG drew more than 820 delegates and reinforced SMA's role as a convenor of expertise and knowledge-sharing across disciplines.

MEDIA

In the 2024/25 financial year, SMA achieved over 250 media mentions, reaching a total audience of 603,904 and generating 3.9 million views. Coverage included key features across NewsCorp platforms such as news.com.au, the Herald Sun and The Australian. SMA also secured strong radio exposure, particularly through ABC Radio, with CEO Jamie Crain interviewed on concussion and safe return-to-play.

EMAIL NEWSLETTERS AND UPDATES

SMA uses email marketing as its primary channel to keep members and the wider sports medicine community informed and connected. Regular updates share professional development and conference news, member newsletters, event invitations, and Safer Sport Program information, ensuring the community stays up to date with SMA activities and resources.

SMA X

@SMA_News

Audience – 9,860
 Posts – 400
 Engagement – 854

LINKEDIN

@Sports-Medicine-Australia

Audience – 22,568
 Posts – 387
 Page/Profile Views – 3,355
 Engagement – 4,053

FACEBOOK

@SportsMedicineAustralia

Audience – 21,081
 Posts – 466
 Impressions – 5,815,395
 Reach – 4,852,914
 Page/Profile Views – 23,622
 Engagement – 7,553

INSTAGRAM

@Sports_Medicine_Australia

Audience/Followers – 6,332
 Posts – 386
 Reach – 508,332
 Engagement – 6,335

SMA WEBSITE

www.sma.org.au

Sessions – 361,137
 Page views – 642,517



TACKLING CONCUSSION – SMA CONCUSSION POSTER CAMPAIGN

Concussion is a major issue in Australian sport, with around 100,000 cases each year, mostly in community and school settings. In February 2025, SMA launched a national campaign to improve awareness and management of concussion.

Central to the campaign was distributing SMA's concussion management poster to 38,000+ schools and clubs. The poster simplifies the Concussions Guidelines for Youths and Community Sport into four clear steps, supporting safer return-to-play decisions.

Campaign outcomes included 4,000 poster downloads, 900 Guideline downloads, coverage on 15 news sites, and national radio interviews with SMA CEO Jamie Crain.

Thanks to campaign supporters Elite Partner ASICS, along with Community Partners Elastoplast and Gallagher, and Government Partners VicSport, Sport West, and the NT and Tasmanian Governments.

"If in doubt, sit them out"

AUSTRALIAN CONCUSSION GUIDELINES

A QUICK GUIDE TO MANAGING CONCUSSION IN COMMUNITY AND YOUTH SPORT

Follow these simple steps to ensure athletes with suspected concussion get the treatment and recovery time they need.

NO CONTACT OR HIGH-RISK ACTIVITIES	1 RECOGNISE & REMOVE	Incident – Day 0 > Recognise, remove from play, rest for 24-48 hours. > No contact. Avoid training environment temporarily. > Diagnosis of concussion by a healthcare practitioner.
	2 RESUME	Resumption of activities of daily living and light aerobic exercise > Healthcare practitioner review recommended at day 3-4. > Gradual increase in activity duration that does not exacerbate symptoms.
	3 REVIEW	Symptom free > When symptom free for 14 days, review by a healthcare practitioner.
	4 RETURN	Return to competition > Not before day-21 post-concussion AND must have remained symptom free for at least 14 days.

"If in doubt, sit them out"

Get the Concussion Guidelines for Youth and Community Sport

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 PHYSICIANS

Concussion campaign launched

SPORTS Medicine Australia (SMA) is launching a nationwide campaign to help coaches, teachers, and sport medicine professionals safely manage the 100,000 sport-related concussions in Australia each year.

Concussion is a serious condition that concerns parents and young athletes across Australia.

More than 38,000 schools and community sports clubs across the country will receive SMA's concussion-management poster in the coming weeks.

SMA Chief Executive Jamie Crain said that concussion management remained a confusing topic for many Australian parents, coaches, and teachers.

"Concussion is a major issue and it is imperative that all in-

volved in community sport and school sport, especially those in rural, regional, and remote areas with no or limited access to team doctors, understand how to manage concussion properly for a safe return to play," he said.

"The long-term impact of repetitive head trauma is not fully understood, so we must move forward with caution."

Mr Crain said it was important that fears about concussion don't prevent children and young people accessing the tremendous social, personal, physical, and mental health benefits that sport provides.

"When concussion is managed properly, the benefits of sport to the individual, teams,

and families far outweigh the risks," he said.

"The poster will help give all involved in or around sport, including parents, coaches, and teachers, the confidence to manage concussion safely."

"It has four easy-to-follow steps, with an emphasis on the health of the athlete and a return-to-play only after the recommended time."

The four steps include:

- 1) Recognise that concussion has occurred and remove the athlete from play.
- 2) Resume light activities on the advice of a healthcare practitioner.
- 3) Review by a healthcare practitioner after athlete is symptom-free for 14 days.
- 4) Return to competition but not before day 21 post-concussion, only if the athlete has remained symptom-free for at least 14 days.

The poster is based on the 'Concussion and Brain Health Position Statement 2024' and the 'Australian Concussion Guidelines for Youth and Community Sport' documents, and was developed and fully funded by SMA and developed in collaboration with the Australian Institute of Sport, the Australasian College of Sport and Exercise Physicians, and the Australian Physiotherapy Association.

"The poster condenses the best contemporary evidence-based information on concussion," Mr Crain said.

Mr Crain said a government-backed national concussion-awareness multimedia campaign would further raise awareness among athletes, coaches, and parents about how best to manage concussion.

"At SMA we are aware that our efforts can only go so far," he said.

"We would be delighted to help state, territory, and federal governments deliver a fully resourced concussion awareness campaign to ensure that every young Australian's health is protected."



MORE THAN JUST A BUMP: With more than 100,000 Australians suffering concussions each year, Sports Medicine Australia has launched a new concussion campaign to raise awareness of the injury.

2024 SMA ACSEP CONFERENCE

The 2024 SMA ACSEP Conference, co-convened with the Australasian College of Sport and Exercise Physicians (ACSEP), marked a major milestone, bringing together more than 820 delegates at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Across four days, delegates engaged with a multidisciplinary program that combined academic excellence, clinical expertise and networking opportunities, and set a new benchmark for our annual Conference.

The scientific program featured world-class research and practice across sports medicine, sports science and physical activity. Highlights included the prestigious Refshaug Lecture, delivered by A/Prof Clare Minahan on advancing athletic performance in women, and the Vince Higgins Lecture by Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM, who inspired delegates with his call to embrace innovation and inclusion. Symposia and workshops explored concussion, ADHD in sport, paediatric sports medicine, para sport, acute knee injury management, and surgical versus non-surgical approaches to shoulder instability. Delegates praised the breadth and depth of sessions, the collegial atmosphere, and the opportunities to learn and connect across disciplines.

The program was complemented by a vibrant social calendar, including the Welcome Cocktail Party, Student Networking Drinks, Poster Session, Gala Dinner and ACSEP's Women



CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

837
Registrations

8
Keynote Presentations

34
Exhibitors

13
Workshops

6
Session Sponsors

147
Free Papers Presented

50
Posters Presented

7
Social Events

2024 SMA ACSEP CONFERENCE

in SEM event. At the ASMF Fellows Dinner, new Fellows were welcomed: Prof Eugene Aidman, Dr Susan Keays, Dr Donald Kuah, Simone Muscat, Luke Nelson, Kurt Robertson and Prof Anthony (Tony) Schneiders.

Congratulations to all SMA 'Best of the Best' award winners, including Dr Myles Murphy, recipient of the prestigious ASICS Medal for Best Paper Overall, and Melissa Haberfield, winner of the Wendy Ey Award for Best Paper – Women in Sport.

We thank our valued partners ASICS, Strapit, JSAMS and JSAMS Plus, along with exhibitors and sponsors whose presence contributed greatly to the success of the event. We also acknowledge the dedication of SMA and ACSEP staff and the organising committees, led by Conference Chairs Dr Ebonie Rio, Dr Luke Kelly, Dr Laura Lallene and Dr Liam West.

We look forward to partnering again with ACSEP for another joint Conference in 2026, building on the momentum of this landmark event.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EVENTS

SMA delivered 33 professional development events, symposia and workshops, with 22 held online and 11 in person. Together, these sessions attracted 1,615 registrations.

Throughout the year SMA worked closely with our State Councils to deliver a strong professional development program. Member feedback helped shape the content, showcasing local expertise through a mix of virtual events for national audiences and targeted in-person sessions.

Participant feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with an average rating of 4.61 out of 5 across all events. Topics reflected the breadth of contemporary issues in sports medicine and science, including epilepsy in sport, sudden cardiac events, ACL injury prevention, hamstring injuries, shoulder health, concussion management, footwear technology, supporting the LGBTQIA+ community in sport, pressure plate analysis, and more.

Our Member Education Advisory Committee also provided valuable input, shaping specialist sessions on areas such as epilepsy in sport, abuse in sport and navigating diagnostic challenges.

The program included two in-person symposia: the *Triathlete Peak Performance Symposium* (Vic Council) and the *Hamstring Symposium* (Qld Council). The Vic State Council delivered an event in Geelong, and the NT Council brought their professional development program to Alice Springs and Katherine. The newly formed SMA Student Network delivered two events during the year, supporting students looking to build a career in sports medicine.

We partnered on events with the College of Sport and Exercise Psychologists, Sports Exercise Podiatry Australia, Pro Feet Podiatry and the Australian Chiropractic Association.

Our sincere thanks to our event sponsors ASICS and Strapit, and to the many presenters who generously shared their time, knowledge and passion. Their contributions ensured a high-quality program that supported the professional development needs of our members and wider sports medicine profession.



EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	FORMAT	EVENT TITLE
Jul 3	Online (NSW)	Footwear dynamics for injury prevention
Jul 10	Online (National)	Epilepsy in sport
Jul 17	Online (NSW)	Point-of-care ultrasound: A sixth sense in sports medicine
Jul 24	Online (Qld)	Risk management for Sports Trainers
Aug 14	Online (National)	Career in Sports Medicine and Sports Science
Aug 22	In Person (Vic)	The science of sport footwear
Aug 28	Online (National)	Tips for an impressive presentation
Sep 11	In Person (NT)	Mastering breath for peak performance
Sep 12	In Person (Vic)	Chronic ankle injuries
Sep 18	Online	Sudden cardiac events in sport
Oct 28	In Person (NT)	Concussion: Understanding the risks and realities
Nov 13	Online (National)	Sport psychology: Collaborative relationships and rapport building within high performance teams
Nov 23	In Person (WA)	Become Untouchable - Sidestepping between science and fiction in ACL injury prevention
Nov 26	Online (Vic)	Inclusive care in sports medicine: Supporting the LGBTQIA+ Community
Nov 28	Online (National)	'But my MRI says...' Communicating musculoskeletal imaging findings...
Feb 8	In Person (Vic)	Triathlete peak performance symposium
Feb 12	Online	Chronic leg injuries in athletes: Diagnosis, treatment and recovery
Feb 15	In Person (National)	Hamstring Symposium: Research, treatment and prevention
Feb 20	Online (Student Network)	Career growth and opportunities for women in sports medicine
Feb 26	Online (NSW)	Pressure Plate Analysis: Insights into lower limb injuries and foot pain
Mar 3	Online (Student Network)	Concussion management for students
Mar 12	Online (Qld)	Optimising shoulder health in sport
Mar 13	In Person (Tas)	Hamstring injuries in high-speed running: Anatomy, biomechanics and rehabilitation
Mar 20	Online (JSAMS)	The art of reviewing scientific manuscripts
Mar 21	Online (JSAMS)	The art of reviewing scientific manuscripts
Mar 27	In Person (NT)	Running Injuries
Mar 29	In Person (Vic)	Running Strong - A guide to the assessment of runners
Apr 16	Online (WA)	Get control of shoulder instability
May 7	Online (National)	Abuse in sport
May 13	In Person (WA)	Syndesmosis injury management
May 28	Online (National)	Navigating diagnostic challenges
Jun 4	Online (VIC)	Sports trauma
Jun 11	Online (NSW)	Concussion in adolescents



2024 SMA CONFERENCE AWARD WINNERS



Conference Co-Chairs Dr Luke Kelly and Dr Ebonie Rio, with Michael Kenihan and 2024 Conference Award recipients.

BEST PAPER AWARDS

ASICS Medal for Best Paper Overall

Dr Myles Murphy

The efficacy of transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS) during rehabilitation following Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) reconstruction: a double-blind randomised controlled proof-of-concept trial

Wendy Ey Award for Best Paper – Women in Sport

Melissa Haberfield

Women's rehabilitation following anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction – what factors should be considered? A concept mapping approach

EARLY CAREER RESEARCH AWARDS

Ken Maguire Award for Best Paper - Clinical Sports Medicine

Dr Joshua Heerey

Labral pathology predicts cartilage

loss over 2 years in young adult football players: findings from the femoroacetabular impingement and hip osteoarthritis cohort study"

John Sutton Award for Best Paper in Sports and Exercise Science

Dr Myles Murphy

The efficacy of transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS) during rehabilitation following Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) reconstruction: a double-blind randomised controlled proof-of-concept trial

ASICS Best Paper – Sports Injury Prevention

Sam Pietsch

Imaging and clinical factors associated with return to play following quadriceps muscle strain injury

ASICS Best Paper – Physical Activity and Health Promotion

Dr Free Coulston

Participation experiences of young people with limb difference in sports and recreation in Australia: a qualitative study

SENIOR CAREER RESEARCH AWARDS

ASICS Best Paper – Clinical Sports Medicine

Dr Jay Ebert

A randomized controlled trial assessing the safety and efficacy of a brace-free and accelerated weight-bearing protocol after surgical repair of acute proximal hamstring tendon avulsions

ASICS Best Paper – Sports and Exercise Science

Prof Anthony Leicht

Effect of aerobic cycling on resistance-induced changes in arterial reflection/stiffness

ASICS Best Paper – Physical Activity and Health Promotion

Prof Belinda Beck

Real world effectiveness of targeted supervised high-intensity exercise for osteopenia and osteoporosis

AWARD RECIPIENTS

POSTER AWARDS

ASICS Best Poster – Clinical Sports Medicine

Meike van Haeringen

Healing of acute Anterior Cruciate Ligament rupture on 3-month MRI in 235 people managed with the cross bracing protocol

ASICS Best Poster – Sports and Exercise Science

Isabel Martinez

The effect of gut-training with fat or carbohydrate on fuel kinetics, gastrointestinal function and symptoms in response to endurance exercise

ASICS Best Poster – Sports Injury Prevention

Jessica McDonald

Does a targeted exercise program reduce ankle injuries at the elite junior AF level?

ASICS Best Poster – Physical Activity and Health Promotion

Dr Jonathan Connor

Concussion reporting and knowledge of Australian semi-professional female rugby league players

People's Choice Award for Best Poster

Matthew Savage

Do altered biomechanics after knee surgery for a traumatic injury increase the risk of osteoarthritis? A systematic review of longitudinal studies



Recipients of the 2024 SMA Poster Awards

REGIONAL AWARDS

NORTHERN TERRITORY SPORTS AWARDS

2025 Karen Schneider SMA Safer Sport Award

Sharyn Morcom

A dedicated medic and trainer across multiple sports, from AFL and Athletics to Swampdogs Rugby, Sharyn plays a vital role in supporting both junior and adult athletes in the NT.

THE JOURNAL OF SCIENCE AND MEDICINE IN HEALTH (JSAMS)

JSAMS is the official journal of Sports Medicine Australia and an international refereed research publication.

JSAMS has maintained its Q1 ranking and now ranks 21 among the 133 journals in Clarivate's sports science citation index category. The 2024 Impact factor is 3.4, an increase from 3 (2023 Impact Factor). According to Clarivate it had a total of 853 citations in 2024 to papers published in 2022 and 2023.

In addition, the journal also received a 2024 Cite Score of 6.9 and had 4,111 citations between 2021 and 2024 to 596 papers, seeing JSAMS rank 20th out of 254 journals in the 'Physical Therapy, Sport Therapy and Rehab' category. BJSM and Journal of Sport and Health Science lead the category at 21 and 19.1 respectively.

Usage of the journal was strong and consistent throughout the year with 1,404,647 full text downloads in 2024, compared to 1,136,553 full text downloads in 2023.

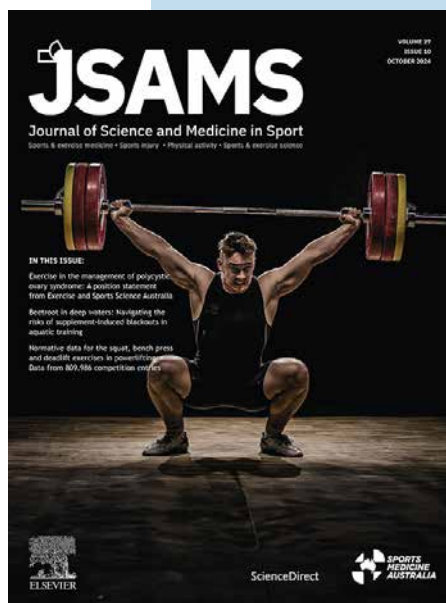
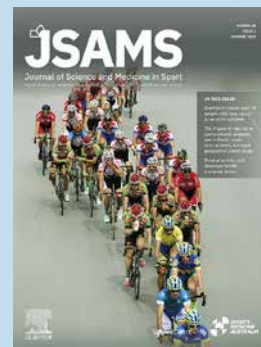
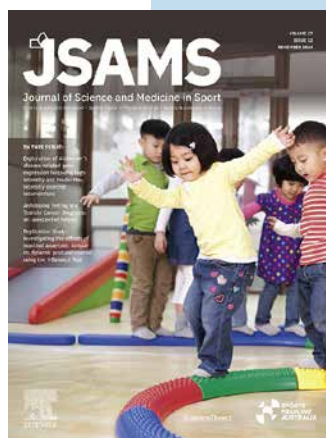
JSAMS PLUS

Launched in November 2022, JSAMS Plus is the companion title to JSAMS, led by Editor-in-Chief, Jessica Orchard, PhD since April 2023. It's an online, open access scientific journal that focuses on quick publication of high-quality research and on facilitating rapid scientific exchange about published results and their meaning.

The journal was recently accepted for coverage in Scopus and was awarded its first CiteScore of 1.8 in 2024. Applications for coverage in Clarivate's Web of Science and PubMedCentral have recently been submitted.

To date, the journal has published six volumes, featuring a combination of research articles, review articles and case studies. The journal also features special issues including one on *Exercise Oncology* in 2024 and one on *Physical activity for people living with disability* in 2025.

JSAMS Plus had 3,831 full text downloads in 2022, 26,326 in 2023 and 63,340 in 2024.



SPORT HEALTH

Sport Health is Sports Medicine Australia's quarterly magazine and a key member resource. Each issue explores topical health issues and showcases the interests and activities of the diverse discipline groups that make up Australia's sports medicine and health promotion community. The publication also highlights the latest SMA initiatives, resources and events, helping members stay informed and connected.

In 2024/25, Sport Health was delivered in both print and digital formats for members, with Associates enjoying online access to each quarterly issue. The magazine continued to feature expert commentary, case studies and practical insights, reinforcing its role as a trusted source of knowledge and professional connection.

2024/25 ISSUES



Volume 42, Issue 3

This issue features articles on mitochondrial adaptations in skeletal muscle, the Tidda Talk Train-the-Trainer program, extreme heat policy in distance running, promoting sun-safe activity, and new approaches to Greater Trochanteric Pain Syndrome. It also includes conversations with Dr Brendan de Morton, Dr Joshua Heerey, and Danielle Sutherland, plus a preview of the 2024 SMA & ACSEP Conference, SMA's new Strategic Plan, and a feature on sports medicine in Mexico.



Volume 42, Issue 4

This edition showcases research on a circus-based intervention for preschoolers born prematurely, the legacy of the Essendon supplements scandal, and exercise training for metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease. Readers can also explore SMA members' Paris 2024 experiences, reflections from the joint SMA & ACSEP Conference, a technical feature from ASICS, and interviews with Matthew Hotchkis, Prof Julie Steele, and Caitlin Risstrom.



Volume 43, Issue 1

Featured in this edition are articles examining post-traumatic knee osteoarthritis in young adults, gut training with heavier foods, and approaches to acetabular labral tear management. Other highlights include SMA's national concussion campaign, commentary from JSAMS Editor-in-Chief Prof Tim Meyer, insights into European sports medicine, and interviews with Prof Anthony Leicht, A/Prof Kathryn Mills, A/Prof Ryan Timmins, and Maithree Wijayasekara.



Volume 43, Issue 2

This issue presents research on women's rehabilitation after ACL reconstruction, current evidence on rectus femoris injuries, and strengthening the neck to lower concussion risk. Additional features cover ASICS' latest Work Boot, findings from the 2025 SMA Member Survey, keynote announcements for the 2025 ASICS SMA Conference, and a spotlight on sports medicine in Finland, alongside interviews with Dr Trevor Law, Prof Dara Twomey, and Liesl Turley.



Michael A R Kenihan

I hope the past year has been a productive and rewarding one for all SMA staff, stakeholders and colleagues.

It has been another year of steady progress and meaningful engagement across the SMA community. Under the leadership of CEO Jamie Crain and Board Chair Dr Kay Copeland, SMA continues to strengthen its strategic direction and deliver value to members.

ASMF Fellows remain closely involved in this work, contributing to several key committees including the Conference Committee, Scientific Advisory Committee, Strategic Investment Committee and Member Education Advisory Committee. We are proud of the continued involvement of Fellows in shaping the future of the organisation.

We're looking forward to gathering in person at the ASMF Fellows Dinner at the Hobart Conference in October. The Conference is always a highlight and an opportunity to reconnect and celebrate shared achievements.

The Fellows Committee has commenced working with the SMA Board to make some changes to the structure and operations of ASMF Order of Fellows and I will provide more information in the Annual report 2025. The importance and relevance of the Fellows to SMA will remain unchanged, but changes will allow a greater ease of operations and Governance

Thank you to all Fellows for your ongoing support and contributions to SMA.

FELLOWS ACTIVITY UPDATE

This year, the Fellows Executive has continued its efforts to enhance our visibility and engagement within SMA. Strengthening our role and relevance remains a priority, and we're excited to see this work gaining traction across a number of initiatives.

Refshaug Lecture

The 2024 Refshaug Lecture was delivered by Associate Professor Clare Minahan on "Why the advancement of athletic performance in women

is essential." Clare is an applied Sports Scientist committed to improving performance outcomes for female athletes. She leads GAPS, an inclusive sport development program for emerging and para-athletes in the Pacific. GAPS is now the Commonwealth Games Federation's flagship initiative for women in developing countries.

Her lecture highlighted the critical gap in sport performance research for women, with only 3 percent conducted exclusively in female athletes. Clare outlined her mission to reshape our understanding of human potential by advancing research that supports high performance in women's sport.



ASMF Fellows President Michael Kenihan with 2024 Refshaug Keynote Speaker Dr Clare Minahan

Education

As outlined above, the SMA Board continues to prioritise professional development and multidisciplinary education for members. SMA's education program remains of a high standard, offering an expanded range of topics and greater representation across the many disciplines within the organisation. Fellows continue to contribute significantly as speakers and facilitators, and we thank them for their ongoing involvement.

Fellows Careers in Sports Medicine and Sports Science event

In August 2024, the Fellows hosted an expert panel for the online event *Careers in Sports Medicine and Sports Science*. This session is now a key fixture in the SMA education calendar. Thank you to all the speakers for generously sharing their insights and experiences.

Mentoring

Professor Ian Gillam and Associate Professor Deirdre McGhee are working with SMA to explore how Fellows can support younger members through mentoring, networking, and career advice. This initiative featured at the 2024 SMA ACSEP Conference, with a well-attended session on *Building Your Career in Sports Medicine*, where Fellows from a range of professions shared their career journeys. A similar event is planned for the 2025 Conference.

CURRENT FELLOWS COMMITTEE

Your current Fellows Committee is as follows:

President Mr Michael Kenihan
Secretary Dr Anita Green
Treasurer Mr Mark Brown
Censor in Chief A/Prof Dierdre McGhee
Vice President Medicine Dr Grace Bryant
Vice President Physiotherapy Dr Kay Copeland
Vice President Science Prof Ian Gillam

NEW FELLOWS

I am very pleased to advise that we inducted seven new Fellows at the AGM and Dinner in 2024.

These new Fellows are:

Prof Eugene Aidman Psychologist/Academic (NSW)
Dr Susan Keays Physiotherapist/Academic (QLD)
Dr Donald Kuah Sports and Exercise Physician (NSW)
Simone Muscat APA Sports & Exercise Physiotherapist (VIC)
Luke Nelson Chiropractor (VIC)
Kurt Robertson Sports Podiatrist (NSW)
Prof Anthony (Tony) Schneiders Physiotherapist/Academic (QLD)



Michael A R Kenihan
President ASMF Order of Fellows

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

In 2024/25, SMA strengthened its national presence through a number of new strategic partnerships. These collaborations have expanded the reach of SMA's education and training programs, increasing accessibility and enhancing brand visibility across diverse sporting communities.

Key partnerships included:

- AUSactive – Appointed SMA as the preferred provider of HLTAID011 Provide First Aid and HLTAID009 Provide CPR. All AUSactive members now benefit from a 15% discount on these qualifications, supporting industry-wide upskilling and safety standards.
- Pickleball Australia – One of Australia's fastest growing sports engaged SMA as its preferred provider of injury prevention and management education. Members and affiliated clubs receive discounted access to Safer Sport training, embedding best practice as the sport expands nationally.
- Richmond Football Club – Through a delivery partnership, Richmond FC has integrated SMA programming into its education arm of business activity. Richmond FC now regularly delivers Level 1 Sports Trainer, HLTAID009 Provide CPR, and HLTAID011 Provide First Aid programming, promoted through its extensive communication channels.
- Western Bulldogs Football Club – SMA partnered with the Western Bulldogs, entering an agreement which would see Western Bulldogs act as a host and promotional partner of the SMA Sports Trainer accreditation. Courses are hosted at the club's high-performance facilities, with promotional support from the Bulldogs' communication networks, further embedding SMA training within elite AFL environments.

GOVERNMENT FUNDED ACTIVITIES

SMA received \$130,000 in State and Territory Government Grants during the 2024/25 financial year. These funds supported the delivery of education programs, community outreach initiatives, and capacity building across Australia. Securing and expanding government-funded activities remains a key organisational focus for FY26 and beyond.



The Department of State Growth provided \$30,000 to deliver a range of subsidised training opportunities for local clubs and organisations, aimed at improving safety in sport. This funding enabled the delivery of the Safer Sport Program across Tasmania, assisted with the development of ongoing relationships with sporting clubs and associations and supported the recruitment and training of new local presenters.



The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities contributed \$100,000 to enhance the accessibility of the Safer Sport Program within regional and remote communities. Programs were delivered in Alice Springs, Nhulunbuy, Katherine, and Darwin, extending reach to areas where access to training opportunities can be limited. The funding also supported specialist professional development, including a Concussion seminar in Alice Springs and a Running Injuries workshop in Katherine, both of which received excellent feedback and demonstrated strong demand for future regional delivery.

The 2024/25 financial year marked a period of modernisation for SMA's education division. We transitioned from a generalist staffing model to one built on functional specialisation, allowing staff to develop deeper expertise, streamline processes, and set the foundation for scalable growth.

A major milestone was the rollout of aXcelerate as SMA's student Learning Management System, enabling contemporary, flexible learning experiences and providing robust reporting and analytics to support better decision-making.

We sharpened our understanding of customer needs through detailed student research and an enhanced Net Promoter Score framework, capturing richer insights to drive continuous improvement. Engagement with non-student customers also grew through strengthened relationships with national sporting organisations, governments, and the tertiary sector.

These developments signal the start of an ambitious new chapter. With strong brand recognition, a highly engaged membership, and alignment with the Australian Sports Commission's Play Well strategy, SMA is well positioned to deliver greater impact across Australia's sporting landscape in the years ahead.

COURSE DELIVERY

The 2024/25 financial year reaffirmed SMA's position as the leading provider of best practice injury management and prevention education, with the Safer Sport Program continuing to deliver accessible, high-quality learning opportunities for all involved with sport across Australia.

A total of 632 courses were delivered during the year, with student participation remaining strong at 6,117 completions.

While Sports Trainer accreditation is often transient - many individuals maintain their credential for only a



single three-year cycle – we saw a notable increase in reaccreditation. A total of 367 Sports Trainers renewed their accreditation, representing a 25% increase on the 292 renewals in the previous year. This outcome strengthens community sport by ensuring experienced Sports Trainers remain actively involved and continue contributing to safe sporting environments.

Delivery of SMA's flagship Sports Trainer accreditation also remained steady, with 3,175 individuals attaining either Level 1 or Level 2 Sports Trainer accreditation, compared with 3,255 in the previous year - a modest 2.5% decrease.

As a Registered Training Organisation, SMA issued 1,305 Statements of Attainment, highlighting ongoing, consistent demand for nationally recognised training.

Short education offerings also proved popular, with 1,637 participants completing practical courses such

as Introduction to Sports Taping, Advanced Sports Taping and Introduction to Sports Massage.

These outcomes reflect SMA's ongoing commitment to strengthening the safety, capability and confidence of those involved in sport, ensuring athletes and communities benefit from skilled, well-educated support.

Education Delivery with Key Collaborators

Throughout the reporting year, the Safer Sport Program reinforced SMA's reputation across the tertiary education and elite sporting sectors. The program partnered with leading universities and sporting organisations, strengthening its role in promoting safe practice and shaping education within sport.

Tertiary Institutions

- University of Canberra
- Federation University Gippsland
- University of Technology Sydney
- La Trobe University

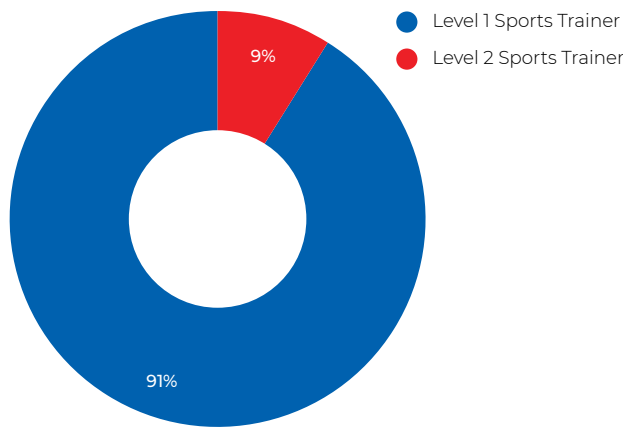
SAFER SPORT PROGRAM

- Macquarie University
- University of New South Wales
- Australian Catholic University (QLD, NSW, VIC)
- University of Newcastle
- University of Melbourne
- University of Queensland
- Southern Cross University
- James Cook University
- Victoria University

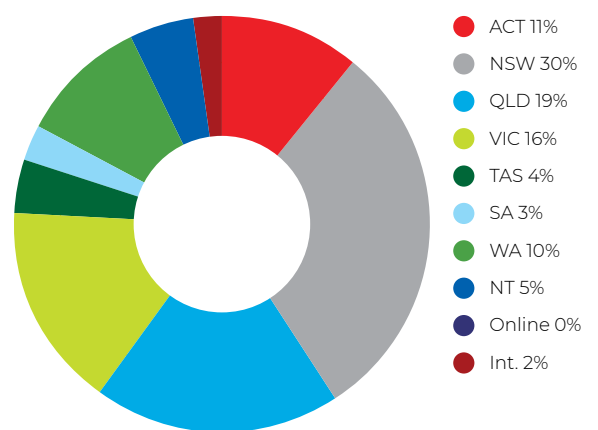
Elite Sporting Organisations

- AFL Victoria
- AFL Queensland
- Touch Football Queensland
- Football Northern NSW
- Australian Institute of Sport
- St George Illawarra Dragons (NRL)
- Canberra Raiders (NRL)
- Wests Tigers (NRL)
- Sydney Roosters (NRL)
- Melbourne Storm (NRL)
- Manly Sea Eagles (NRL)
- Parramatta Eels (NRL)
- Fremantle Dockers (AFL)
- Western Bulldogs (AFL)
- Richmond FC (AFL)
- Collingwood FC (AFL)
- Carlton FC (AFL)
- West Coast Eagles (AFL)

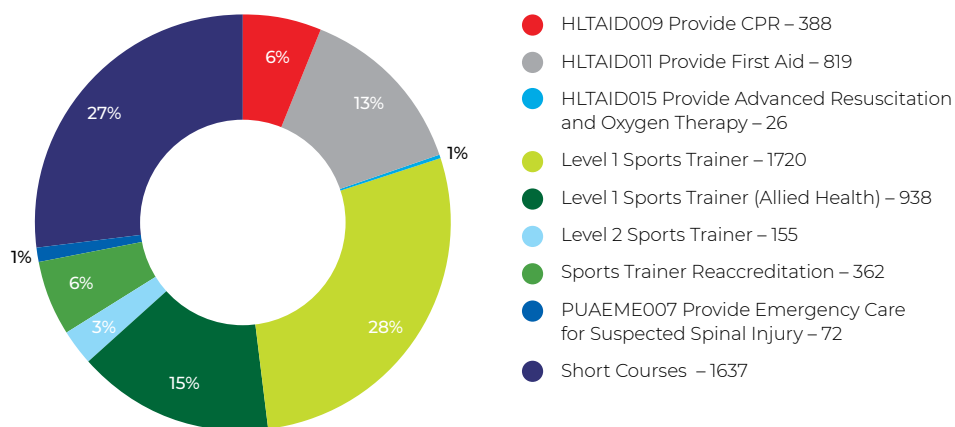
ACCREDITATION TYPE



2024/25 REGIONAL COURSE VOLUME



2024/25 STUDENT ENROLMENTS



SPORTS TRAINER EVENT COVERAGE SERVICE

In 2024/25, SMA continued to provide accredited Sports Trainers with valuable opportunities to apply their expertise across several major national sporting events, including:

- 2024 School Sport Australia Nationals (Gold Coast)
- 2024 UniSport Nationals (Canberra)
- 2025 UniSport Indigenous Nationals (Perth)
- 2025 UniSport T20 Cricket National Championships (Sunshine Coast)
- 2025 UniSport Athletics Nationals (Gold Coast)

Across these competitions, SMA Sports Trainers contributed more than 2,000 hours of injury prevention and management services. Their presence was instrumental in safeguarding athlete wellbeing and enhancing the overall quality of these events through the delivery of expert on-field care.

From a financial perspective, SMA closed the year broadly in line with



expectations, recording only a 2% variance below the budgeted forecast. This outcome reflects the strength of our ongoing partnership with UniSport Nationals, where SMA continues to be recognised as the Sports Trainer provider of choice for large-scale events nationwide.



PARTNERS

SMA extends its sincere gratitude to our partners for their commitment and support throughout the year. Our long-term partnership with ASICS Oceania, established in March 2022, continues to go from strength to strength. Together, we delivered the 2023 ASICS SMA Conference, they supported our Concussion Poster Campaign as an Elite Partner, and we are now collaborating on future events, including the ASICS SMA Conferences in 2025 and 2027.

Our thanks goes to Strapit, our exclusive taping partner, whose taping products continue to support the Safer Sport Program.

We acknowledge Mentholatum, our Safer Sport Partner until January 2025, for their sponsorship of the 2024 SMA Conference Gala Dinner and their support of other initiatives.

Finally, we recognise Elsevier for their ongoing contributions and valued support of SMA's work.



NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Thank you to the following individuals who have generously volunteered their time and expertise to SMA across our National Committees, Working Groups and State Councils.

Conference Committee (2024)

Dr Luke Kelly (Co-Chair), Dr Ebonie Rio (Co-Chair), Professor Dara Twomey (Judging Chair), Dr Kathryn Mills, Dr Ryan Timmins, Professor Evert Verhagen.

Scientific Advisory Committee

Professor Anthony Schneiders (Chair), Professor Eugene Aidman, Dr Donald Kuah, Professor Tim Meyer, Professor Rhonda Orr, Professor Dara Twomey, Professor Belinda Beck (Board Representative).

SMA Sports Doctors Advisory Committee

Dr Sharon Stay (Chair), Dr Kelly Collins, Dr Trevor Law, Dr O'Neil Maharaj, Dr Mark Moussad

Member Education Advisory Committee

Associate Professor Julie Cooke, Dr Hamish Evans, Associate Professor Deirdre McGhee, Dr Kade Paterson, Dr Kerry Peek, Leanne Rath, Dr Carlee Van Dyk, Dr Kay Copeland (Board Representative).

Journal of Science and Medicine in Sport (JSAMS) Editorial Committee

Professor Tim Meyer (Editor -in-Chief), Professor Gregory Kolt (Consulting Editor), Professor Gordon Waddington (Consulting Editor), Professor Dennis Taaffe (Deputy Editor, Exercise Therapy), Professor Jo Salmon (Deputy Editor, Physical Activity & Public Health), Associate Professor Fiona Wilson (Deputy Editor, Sports Injury), Professor Toomas Timpka (Deputy Editor, Sport and Exercise Medicine), Associate Professor Jason Siegler (Deputy Editor, Sport Science), Archie Veera and Kate Yung (Social Media Editors). Visit the JSAMS website for the full Editorial Board list.

JSAMS Plus Editorial Committee

Dr Jessica Orchard (Editor-in-Chief), Dr Angelo Sabag (Deputy Editor), Professor Toomas Timpka (Deputy Editor). Visit the JSAMS Plus website for the full Editorial Board list.

SMA Student Network Committee

Siobhan Brodrick (Chair), Daniel Broadbridge, Yuki H-o, Harrison Lubeck, Francis Nguyen, Darbi Moody, Gracie Redden, Renee Shaw, Rachel Solway, Matthew Wong.

STATE COUNCILS

● Australian Capital Territory

Alex Murray (Chair)

Dr Andrea Mosler

Dr Jaquelin Bousie

Patrick Doan

● New South Wales

Dr Anna Harrison

Anthony Nasser

Harriet Thurlow (Chair to Mar 25)

Dr Joshua Mattock

Kieren Morgan

Kurt Robertson

Lorenzo Campagna

A/Prof Mandy Plumb

Melissa Tan (Chair from Mar 25)

A/Prof Robert Mitchell

● Northern Territory

Bridie Duggan

Dorianne Sherry (Chair)

Jane Marshall

Kylie Morrisroe

● Queensland

Benji Dutailis

Elizabeth Turley

Manuela Besomi

A/Prof Melanie Hayman

Dr Ryan Timmins (Chair)

Dr Stephen Duhig

Dr Susan Keays

● Tasmania

Roger Morgan (Chair)

Stuart Imer

● Victoria

Dr Andrew Lu

Aspasia Kazantzis

Brooke Bakaric

John Osborne

Louise Bibby (Co-Chair)

Luke Nelson

Michael Lewis

Pinakin Godse (Co-Chair)

Samual Kayll

Thihan Chandramohan

● Western Australia

Aisling Dempsey

Dr Brady Green (Chair)

Dr Brock Freeman

Dr Colin Sylvester





FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Australian Sports Medicine Federation Ltd
ABN 54 002 794 998

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Board of Directors presents their report on the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2025.

Directors

The names of members of the Board of Directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Name	Background	Board Position	Date Of Change
Dr Kay Copeland	Physiotherapist (VIC)	Director, Chair from 17 Nov 2022	Elected 27 Oct 2021 Re-elected 12 Oct 2023
Professor Garry Allison	Academic (WA)	Director (Finance & Risk Management Committee)	Elected 27 Oct 2021 Re-elected 12 Oct 2023
Dr Samantha Mcleod	Psychologist (VIC)	Director (Finance & Risk Management Committee)	Elected 12 Oct 2023
Mr Gary Nicholls	Physiotherapist (VIC)	Director	Elected 17 Nov 2022 – 6 Nov 2024
Professor Belinda Beck	Academic (QLD)	Director	Elected 17 Nov 2022 Re-elected 6 Nov 2024
Ms Ebonie Rio	Physiotherapist (VIC)	Director	Elected 6 Nov 2024
Associate Professor Luke Kelly Phd	Academic (QLD)	Director	Elected 6 Nov 2024
Mr Tim Pain	Podiatrist (TAS)	Director	Elected 17 Nov 2022 Appointed 6 Nov 2024
Professor Anthony Leicht	Academic (QLD)	Director (Finance & Risk Management Committee)	Appointed 26 Oct 2023 Re-appointed 6 Nov 2024
Professor Gregory Kolt	Academic (NSW)	Director (Finance, Audit & Risk Committee to Nov 2024)	Elected 27 Oct 2021 – 12 Oct 2023 Appointed 26 Oct 2023 – 6 Nov 2024
Mr Michael Kenihan	Physiotherapist (VIC)	Director	Appointed 12 Oct 2023 – 6 Nov 2024
Dr Laura Lallanec	Medical Practitioner (VIC)	Director	Appointed 12 Dec 2022 – 12 Oct 2023 Re-appointed 6 Nov 2024 (Resigned early 2025)

The Board of Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Company Secretary

The following person held the position of the Company Secretary at the end of the financial year: Mr Jamie Crain.

Directors' Commentary on Financial Result

The FY25 financial results reflect the strength of SMA's strategy and the Board's commitment to investing in the organisation's future. The overall reported deficit of \$326,334 includes the planned \$243,299 donation of the WA Building Fund to Yiramalay Studio Schools, an Indigenous foundation reimagining on-Country education. As this amount had previously been recognised as income in FY23, it does not affect SMA's underlying financial performance.

Our underlying operating result was a modest deficit of \$83,035, and is fully aligned with the Board's expectations and budget. This result incorporates \$99,400 of strategic investments to support SMA's growth and long-term impact. These included the successful launch of a national concussion awareness program and initiatives to reposition SMA's brand as a leader in sport, health, and education.

The change in accounting treatment for Safer Sport courses also contributed to the result, with income deferred into the new financial year, but ensuring greater transparency going forward.

Importantly, SMA continues to build positive momentum. Membership is growing steadily, supported by a professional development program that remains the benchmark for quality in the industry. Our joint conference with ACSEP was a major success and will return in 2026. Our public and private education and training business, along with SMA's journal, JSAMS, continues to achieve growth and provide steady financial dividends back to the organisation in support of member services.

Principal Activities

Sports Medicine Australia is a true multidisciplinary organisation focused on providing the best professional development opportunities for our members, who represent many different medical, academic, and allied health professions. We also provide education across a range of courses under our Safer Sport Program, including our industry-leading Sports Trainer Level 1 and 2 courses.

There were no significant changes in the principal activities of the Company during the year.

Objectives of the Company

The objects for which the Company is established are to seek to achieve its Vision and Mission in accordance with its Values.

Vision Statement

Enhanced health outcomes for all Australians through knowledge, training and safe participation in sport, exercise and physical activity.

Mission Statement

To act as Australia's peak multidisciplinary authority for sports medicine, sports science and physical activity.

Our Organisational Culture and Values

SMA values all of its members and recognises the contribution each member makes to its continued success. SMA will seek to build relationships that are respectful and value the contribution made by its members, employees and volunteers. SMA will strive to be an open, accountable and approachable organisation, encouraging the sharing of information and knowledge. SMA believes in the application of science and research to underpin and steer best practice in sports

medicine and physical activity. As a not-for-profit organisation, ongoing financial sustainability must be ensured. SMA will work to build strong and valuable, long-term relationships with stakeholders, while delivering on its vision and mission.

The key values that define our culture and are drivers for our behaviour are:

- Be Bold
- Consider what's possible
- Think commercially
- Hasten slowly
- Adapt and learn

Strategy for achieving objectives

SMA's Vision is underpinned by three strategic pillars:

Members First – Attain 90% Membership satisfaction / NPS 50+

1. Increase the range, accessibility, relevance and value of PD for all member categories.
2. Connect our members to support career growth.
3. Tailor services and grow value for each category throughout their membership.

Commercial Mindfulness – Obtain an Operating Margin of >5%

1. Leverage our assets to deliver relevant and quality member services.
2. Streamline our processes to enhance the customer journey and optimise efforts.
3. Sustain our relationship with course participants and grow lifetime value.

Active Leaders – Net Membership growth is positive in all categories

1. Lead and advocate for the industry on matters of importance in sport in our region.
2. Leverage our multidisciplinary nature to set us apart.
3. Identify and invest in new products, services, technology, and profile-building activities.

Meetings of Directors

During the financial year, 7 (seven) meetings of Directors were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

Director	Tenure	Eligible	Present
Dr Kay Copeland (Chair)	Elected 27 Oct 2021 Re-elected 12 Oct 2023	7	6
Professor Garry Allison	Elected 27 Oct 2021 Re-elected 12 Oct 2023	7	6
Mr Gary Nicholls	Elected 17 Nov 2022 – 6 Nov 2024	3	1
Mr Tim Pain	Elected 17 Nov 2022 Appointed 6 Nov 2024	7	6
Professor Belinda Beck	Elected 17 Nov 2022 Re-Elected 6 Nov 2024	7	7
Professor Gregory Kolt	Elected 27 Oct 2021 – 12 Oct 2023 Appointed 26 Oct 2023 – 6 Nov 2024	3	3
Professor Anthony Leicht	Appointed 26 Oct 2023 Re-appointed 6 Nov 2024	7	7
Mr Michael Kenihan	Appointed 12 Oct 2023 – 6 Nov 2024	3	3
Dr Samantha Mcleod	Elected 12 Oct 2023	7	6
Dr Laura Lallenec	Appointed 12 Dec 2022 – 12 Oct 2023 Re-appointed 6 Nov 2024 (Resigned early 2025)	3	2 (Parental Leave from Nov 2024)
Ms Ebonie Rio	Elected 6 Nov 2024	4	4
Associate Professor Dr Luke Kelly	Elected 6 Nov 2024	4	3

After balance day events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

Contribution in Winding Up

Australian Sports Medicine Federation Ltd is a Company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$10.00 towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the Company.

At 30 June 2025 there were 1,093 (2024: 1,024) voting members and 1,764 (2024: 1,610) non-voting members.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 is set out on page 4 and forms part of the Directors' report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors:



Director: _____

Kay Copeland (Chair)



Director: _____

Garry Allison (Chair of Finance and Risk Management Committee)

Dated this 16th of September 2025

Under S 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012

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audit services



To the Directors of Australian Sports Medicine Federation Ltd

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2025 there have been no contraventions of:

- i. the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 60-40 of 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.

DFK BKM Audit Services

Kevin Adams

Kevin P Adams

Director

Richmond, Victoria

16 September 2025

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenue	2	2,998,662	3,044,171
COST OF SALES			
Membership Costs		–	165
Events & Merchandise Costs		22,435	26,213
Safer Sports Program Costs		300,463	277,406
Coverage Costs		68,047	73,669
Publication Costs		131,918	138,482
Conference Costs		377,462	363,544
TOTAL COST OF SALES		<u>900,325</u>	<u>879,479</u>
GROSS SURPLUS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		<u>2,098,337</u>	<u>2,164,692</u>
OPERATING EXPENDITURE			
Administration Expenses		50,664	150,760
Computer & IT Expenses		182,057	127,132
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	3	60,311	44,470
General Expenses		161,281	51,701
Finance Charges on Lease Liability		3,016	3,363
Insurance Expenses		64,360	85,623
Payroll Expenses		1,513,681	1,328,535
Professional Subscriptions		1,919	2,324
Publication Expenses		5,820	3,495
Rental Expenses		76,411	66,426
Staff Expenses		48,863	51,558
Travel & Accommodation Expenses		12,989	14,445
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE		<u>2,181,372</u>	<u>1,929,832</u>
NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURE			
Education Facility Building Fund donation		243,299	–
TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURE		<u>243,299</u>	<u>–</u>
Surplus attributable to the Company		(326,334)	234,860
Other comprehensive income for the year			–
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>(326,334)</u>	<u>234,860</u>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	949,152	1,576,227
Term deposits	5	1,475,304	1,044,953
Trade and other receivables	6	63,769	68,409
Inventory		5,410	7,720
Other current assets	7	107,283	151,741
Total Current Assets		<u>2,600,918</u>	<u>2,849,050</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	8	67,473	57,675
Right-of-use assets	9	69,204	54,059
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>136,677</u>	<u>111,734</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>2,737,595</u>	<u>2,960,784</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	682,742	591,168
Provisions	11	77,397	91,117
Lease liabilities	12	39,348	28,168
Total Current Liabilities		<u>799,487</u>	<u>710,453</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	11	62,071	45,392
Lease liabilities	12	27,041	29,609
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>89,112</u>	<u>75,001</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>888,599</u>	<u>785,454</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,848,996</u>	<u>2,175,330</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Funds		1,848,996	1,934,140
Reserves	17	–	241,190
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>1,848,996</u>	<u>2,175,330</u>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Accumulated Funds \$	Sports Medicine Education Facility Building Fund \$	Total \$
BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2023	1,710,103	230,367	1,940,470
Surplus attributable to the Company	234,860	–	234,860
Transfer to/ (from) Reserves	(10,823)	10,823	–
BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2024	1,934,140	241,190	2,175,330
Surplus attributable to the Company	(326,334)		(326,334)
Transfer to/ (from) Reserves	241,190	(241,190)	–
BALANCE AT 30 JUNE 2025	1,848,996	–	1,848,996

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from Membership Fees		381,315	348,919
Receipts from Programs, Grants, Sponsorship and Project Fees		1,337,226	1,356,863
Other Receipts		1,287,498	1,182,456
Payments to Employees & suppliers		(2,970,502)	(2,678,706)
Interest paid		(3,016)	(3,363)
Interest received		89,498	52,426
Interest received on Sports Medicine Education Facility Building Fund		1,198	10,823
Net Cash Generated from Operating Activities	13	123,217	269,418
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payment for plant and equipment		(43,079)	(30,051)
Receipt of/(payment for) term deposits		173,944	(1,649,249)
Donation of Sports Medicine Education Facility Building fund		(243,299)	–
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities		(112,434)	(1,679,300)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of lease liabilities (principal)		(33,563)	(24,621)
Net cash used in financing activities		(33,563)	(24,621)
NET INCREASE IN CASH HELD		(22,780)	(1,434,503)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		971,932	2,406,435
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	4	949,152	971,932

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

NOTE 1: MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICY INFORMATION

The financial report covers Australian Sports Medicine Federation Ltd as an individual entity. Australian Sports Medicine Federation Ltd is a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The functional and presentation currency of Australian Sports Medicine Federation Ltd is Australian dollars. The financial report was authorised for issue by the directors on 12 September 2025.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

The company has adopted the amendments to AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements* which require only the disclosure of material accounting policy information.

Accounting Policies

(a) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(b) Revenue Recognition

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue from contracts with customers is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the company expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

Membership income is recognised net of expected cancellations the company is entitled to it. In accordance with the constitution where memberships are unpaid, they are cancelled after 60 days.

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the company is entitled to it. Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

(c) Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are carried at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The depreciable amount of the plant and equipment is depreciated on straight-line and diminishing value methods over the asset's useful life to the company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Plant and equipment	13.33% - 66.67%

(d) Financial Instruments

The company's financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise cash and cash equivalents, term deposits and trade and other receivables.

The company's financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade and other payables and lease liabilities.

(e) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements

The directors evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the company.

Key assumptions and major sources of estimation uncertainty

The key assumptions about the future, and other major sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that may have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are outlined below:

- Estimating the useful lives of plant and equipment.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

(f) Lease accounting

The company recognises a right-of-use assets and associated lease liabilities for the lease term.

The right-of-use asset is measured using the cost model where cost on initial recognition comprises of the lease liability.

The right-of use asset is depreciated over the lease term on a straight-line-basis and assessed for impairment in accordance with the impairment of assets accounting policy. The right-of-use asset is assessed for impairment indicators at each reporting date. The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments at the commencement of the lease. The discount rate is the company's incremental borrowing rate.

Subsequent to initial recognition, the lease liability is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
NOTE 2: REVENUE		
Operating Activities		
Memberships	380,849	351,781
Events & Merchandise	47,126	73,086
Safer Sports Program	795,369	910,710
Coverage	126,351	131,798
Publications	541,682	544,201
Conference	571,491	481,927
Grants and sponsorships	438,488	463,773
Sundry Income	848	2,715
	<u>2,902,204</u>	<u>2,959,991</u>
Non-Operating Activities		
Interest Received	95,260	73,357
Interest received on Sports Medicine Education Facility Building Fund	1,198	10,823
	<u>96,458</u>	<u>84,180</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u><u>2,998,662</u></u>	<u><u>3,044,171</u></u>
NOTE 3: OPERATING ACTIVITIES: EXPENSES		
Depreciation of Non-current assets	33,281	19,787
Amortisation of right-of-use asset	27,030	24,683
	<u>60,311</u>	<u>44,470</u>
NOTE 4: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at Bank - Australian Sports Medicine Federation Ltd	323,632	566,740
Cash at Bank - Australian Sports Medicine Federation Ltd Short-Term Deposits	625,459	404,986
Cash at Bank - Sport Medicine Education Facility Building Fund	61	206
	<u>949,152</u>	<u>971,932</u>
NOTE 5: TERM DEPOSITS		
Term deposits - Australian Sports Medicine Federation Ltd	1,475,065	1,411,400
Term deposits - Sports Medicine Education Facility Building Fund	239	237,848
	<u>1,475,304</u>	<u>1,649,248</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
NOTE 6: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Trade Receivables net of expected cancellations	32,459	42,860
Accrued interest	30,410	21,513
Accrued interest - Sports Medicine Education Facility Building Fund	-	3,136
Other Receivables	900	900
	<u>63,769</u>	<u>68,409</u>
NOTE 7: OTHER CURRENT ASSETS		
Prepayments	64,930	78,415
Prepaid Conference Expenses	42,353	73,326
	107,283	151,741
NOTE 8: PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Plant and equipment – at cost	127,498	84,419
Less: accumulated depreciation	(60,025)	(26,744)
	<u>67,473</u>	<u>57,675</u>
Movements in Carrying Amounts		
Movements in the carrying amounts for plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:		
Balance at the beginning of the year	57,675	47,411
Additions	43,079	30,051
Depreciation expense	(33,281)	(19,787)
Balance at the end of the year	<u>67,473</u>	<u>57,675</u>
NOTE 9: RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS		
Office premises	170,237	128,063
Less: accumulated amortisation	(101,033)	(74,004)
	<u>69,204</u>	<u>54,059</u>
Balance at the beginning of the year	54,059	74,005
Lease modification	42,175	4,722
Depreciation expense	(27,030)	(24,668)
Balance at the end of the year	<u>69,204</u>	<u>54,059</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
NOTE 10: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Current		
Trade Payables	15,598	43,315
Other Payables	89,732	73,723
Conference & Other Income Received in Advance	476,651	383,217
Superannuation Payable	24,165	11,489
GST Payable	26,195	19,306
PAYG Withholding Tax Payable	50,401	60,118
	<u>682,742</u>	<u>591,168</u>

Trade and other payables are unsecured and non-interest bearing. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term

NOTE 11: PROVISIONS

Current		
Annual Leave	53,748	69,946
Long Service Leave	23,649	21,171
	<u>77,397</u>	<u>91,117</u>
Non-Current		
Long Service Leave	62,071	45,392

NOTE 12: LEASE LIABILITIES

Current		
Lease liabilities – office premises	39,348	28,168
Non-Current		
Lease liabilities – office premises	27,041	29,609

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025 \$	2024 \$
NOTE 13: CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with operating surplus		
Operating Surplus/(loss)	(326,034)	234,860
Non-cash flows in surplus		
Depreciation	60,311	51,770
Building fund donation	243,299	–
Changes in Assets and Liabilities (Increase)/Decrease		
(Increase)/Decrease in trade and other receivables	4,640	(3,305)
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Current Assets	44,458	(3,489)
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventory	2,310	(7,720)
Increase/(Decrease) in Trade and Other Payables	(1,860)	50,776
Increase/(Decrease) in Conference and Other Income in Advance	93,434	(89,920)
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	2,959	43,746
Cash Flow from Operations	123,217	269,418
NOTE 14: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT		
Financial assets		
Held at amortised cost		
Cash and cash equivalents	949,152	1,576,227
Term Deposits	1,475,304	1,649,248
Trade and other receivables	63,769	68,409
	<u>2,488,225</u>	<u>3,293,884</u>
Financial liabilities		
At amortised cost		
Trade and other payables	105,330	117,038
Lease liabilities	66,389	57,777
	<u>171,719</u>	<u>174,815</u>
NOTE 15: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS		
There are no transactions with any related party (2024: Nil).		
NOTE 16: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION		
The total remuneration paid to key management personnel of the entity	<u>655,857</u>	<u>629,984</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
NOTE 17: RESERVE FUND		
a) Sports Medicine Education Facility Building Fund		
This comprises funds transferred from the ex-WA State Branch bank account during 2023 to Australian Sports Medicine Federation Ltd, in accordance with the SMA Constitution, and as per the Building Fund remit which requires the Fund to be used for the acquisition, construction or maintenance of a building used as a school. This fund also includes any interest earned on the funds transferred. During the 2025 financial year, a donation has been made from this fund of \$243,299 to Studio Schools Australia in line with ATO rules for Building Funds.		
NOTE 18: REMUNERATION OF AUDITOR		
Auditing the financial report	13,900	13,250

NOTE 19: COMPANY DETAILS

The registered office of the company is:

Melbourne Sports Centre
10 Brens Drive
Parkville VIC 3052

The principal place of business is:

Melbourne Sports Centre
10 Brens Drive
Parkville VIC 3052

Directors' Declaration

In the opinion of the Directors of Australian Sports Medicine Federation Ltd:

- a) The financial statements and notes, set out on pages 5 to 17, are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:
 - i. Giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
 - ii. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*; and
- b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that Australian Sports Medicine Federation Ltd is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulations 2022*.



Director: _____
Kay Copeland (Chair)



Garry Allison (Chair of Finance and Risk Management Committee)

Dated this 16th of September 2025

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN SPORTS MEDICINE FEDERATION LTD

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Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Australian Sports Medicine Federation Ltd (the company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025 and statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Australian Sports Medicine Federation Ltd has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and of its performance for the year then ended; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2022*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable

the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Directors are responsible for overseeing the company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from 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 the Australian Auditing Standards 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 financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Independence

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the ACNC Act, which has been given to the Directors of Australian Sports Medicine Federation Ltd, would be in the same terms if given to the Directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

DFK BKM Audit Services

Kevin P Adams

Director
Richmond Victoria
16 September 2025