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annual report

2020 - 2021



a year **in** reports

President – Professor George Mellick



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There is no doubt that 2021 has been a challenging year world-wide and in Australia. Here in Queensland, we have fared remarkably well, although many remain separated from loved ones and the economic impacts of the pandemic are for all to see. Health care systems, showing strain under normal circumstances, are being stretched and tested. Uncertainty and anxiety remain a constant concern to all. For our organisation, Parkinson’s Queensland (PQI), the leading voice for people whose lives are affected by Parkinson’s disease, it is doubly critical that we connect and support our Parkinson’s community at this difficult time. It is an absolute honour to serve as the President of the Management Committee of PQI. The organisation is blessed to have a small band of dedicated paid staff, under the innovative and collaborative leadership of CEO, Miguel. We have many excellent volunteers – our thanks go to them for their efforts. Without volunteers our organisation would really struggle. The PQI management committee is also made up of hard-working volunteers with an excellent mix of skills and experience and it is great to see how this team is bringing a very solid professional approach to our mission “to improve the lives of those impacted by Parkinson’s”. Despite the trying circumstances, 2021 has seen many positive achievements that PQI should be proud of. From my perspective, foremost of these has been our increasing community engagement and communication. Regular video updates from Miguel, the Virtual Seminar Program, the continuation of funding of our telephone peer support training program and active lobbying and advocacy across the State have given us voice and provided us steppingstones for future progress. Our new office HQ is working well. We

had the excellent “Really Big Walk” event and the first “Picasso Project” which was a fabulous success. We have had successful strategic discussions as a Management Committee to really reflect on how we can best meet our goals. Future success will require us to operate with a solid financial base, strong governance principles, and with better systems to support our small team of paid employees. We are working hard on these issues. As an organisation we also need to better understand the people we serve, to determine the things that are most important to them and to work out how to meet their needs. We also need to bring these things to the attention of the general community, to have the needs of our Parkinson’s community better realised. There is still much to do. I look forward to 2022 with optimism and with the hope that the world and Australia will start to emerge from a difficult period into better times.



Farewell from Committee Member Daniel Sullivan

Over the last five years I have been honoured to serve on the Management Committee of PQI, three of those as Treasurer. Over that period, many challenges have been faced and goals have been pursued which hopefully have made PQI even more effective in its function of helping people living with Parkinson’s. I thank the membership and past and present members of the committee for their support, knowledge and friendship, and wish PQI all the best in the years ahead.

your team

Management Committee



Professor George Mellick –
President



William Ulyate –
Vice President



Marion Koster –
Treasurer



Paulette Montaigne –
Secretary



Ruth Coleman –
Member



Dr John Edgar –
Member



Paul Judge –
Member



Judy Learmonth –
Member



Daniel Sullivan –
Member

Head Office



Miguel A. Diaz –
CEO



Lea-Anne Smith –
Business Services Officer



Michelle Stafford –
Community Engagement
Officer



Vanessa Codling –
Fundraising and Marketing
Manager



Fiona Webb –
Administration Support Officer

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CEO – Miguel A. Diaz



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It has certainly been a whirlwind 12 months and while the COVID pandemic is still with us and impacting our organisation, we have still managed to move forward positively.

I am pleased to say that PQI continues to punch well above its weight and the last 12 months are certainly a reflection of that.

On July 1 last year we officially launched the Telephone Peer Support Program, which has received a 100% satisfaction rating from participants. We are grateful to the Queensland Government through the Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships for agreeing to fund the program for further 12 months.

We were also able to run a few major events in the midst of a pandemic including our Parkinson’s Picasso Project and the Really Big Walk. Our education and information webinars are now regular monthly occurrences and our Connections Newsletter continues to evolve. I hope you have also noticed the improvement to our website which is now easier to navigate.

We continue to look for ways to raise awareness of Parkinson’s and in March we visited Parliament House to speak to Members of Parliament about Parkinson’s disease and its impacts. We continue to advocate for better support and access to services and continue our dialogue with the Health Minister and other members of Parliament.

The other notable event of the past 12 months has been our office move which saw us relocate

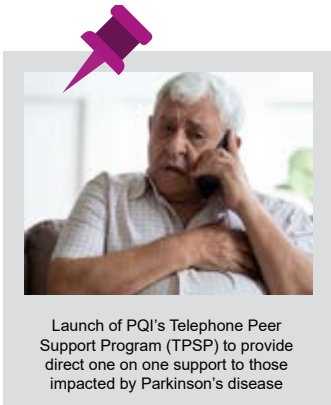
to the Brisbane Technology Park.

On a personal note I’ve really enjoyed my visits to Support Groups as well as continuing to receive member feedback. I’m looking forward to getting to more groups over the next 12 months.

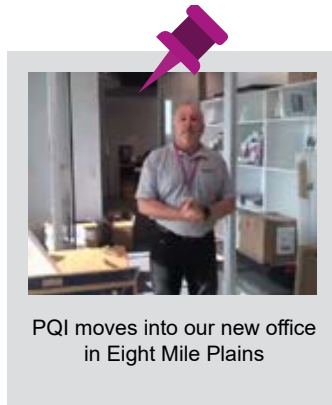
A huge thank you to my team at PQI, we may be few in number but we pack a punch. Thank you to the PQI Management Committee for their dedication and commitment to the growth of our organisation and for their support. Bigger things to come over the next 12 months.



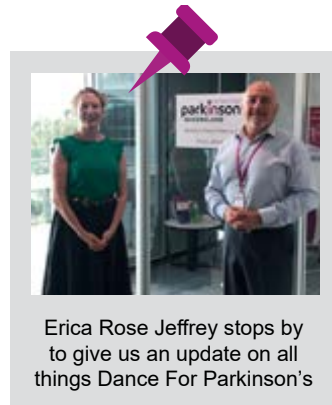
a year **in** pictures



Launch of PQL's Telephone Peer Support Program (TPSP) to provide direct one on one support to those impacted by Parkinson's disease



PQL moves into our new office in Eight Mile Plains



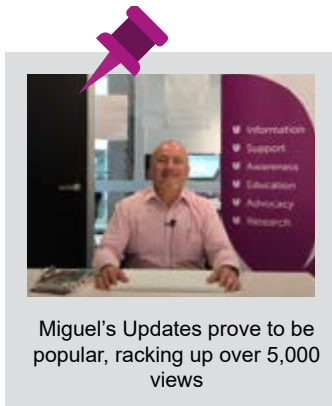
Erica Rose Jeffrey stops by to give us an update on all things Dance For Parkinson's



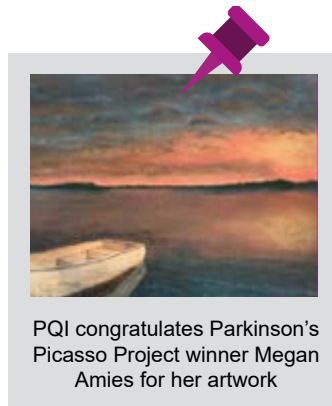
PQL continues to share the inspiring stories of people impacted by Parkinson's



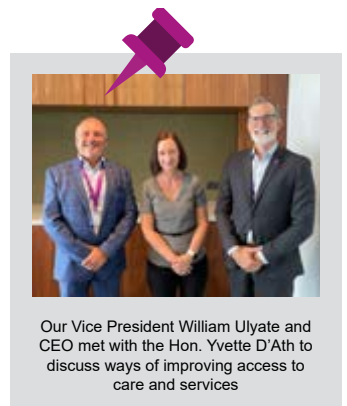
#MakeParkinsonsPriority advocacy campaign to the Queensland Government highlights the needs of the Parkinson's community



Miguel's Updates prove to be popular, racking up over 5,000 views



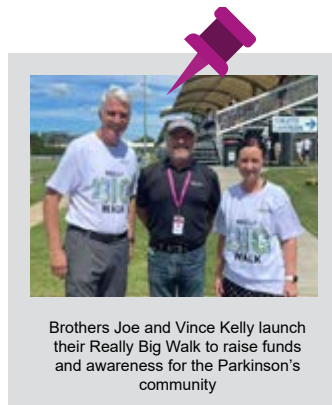
PQL congratulates Parkinson's Picasso Project winner Megan Amies for her artwork



Our Vice President William Ulyate and CEO met with the Hon. Yvette D'Ath to discuss ways of improving access to care and services



Olympian Naomi McCarthy donates a piece of Queensland sporting history



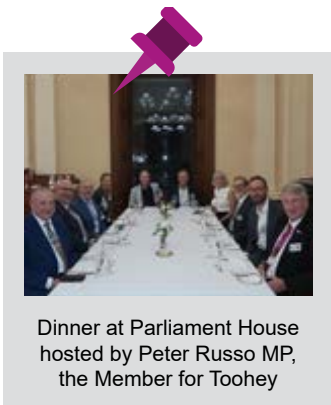
Brothers Joe and Vince Kelly launch their Really Big Walk to raise funds and awareness for the Parkinson's community



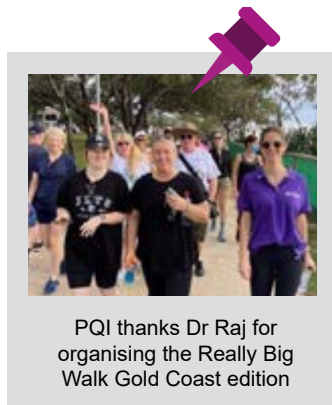
Really Big Walk finish line - \$67,771 raised, 9 days, 241km, 339 966 steps



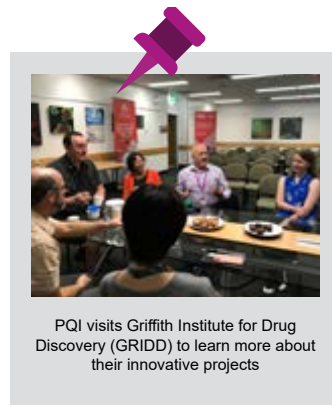
Pharmacy Guild of Australia presents PQL with a \$3,000 cheque in support of the Really Big Walk



Dinner at Parliament House hosted by Peter Russo MP, the Member for Toohey



PQL thanks Dr Raj for organising the Really Big Walk Gold Coast edition



PQL visits Griffith Institute for Drug Discovery (GRIDD) to learn more about their innovative projects



PQL shows gratitude to our amazing volunteers during National Volunteer Week

a year **in** stats

Information and referrals



905

Support calls answered



1,865

Info and referral emails sent



71

Outreach visits



2,987

Education packs sent

Newly Diagnosed Packs



Newly Diagnosed Packs were sent in 2021

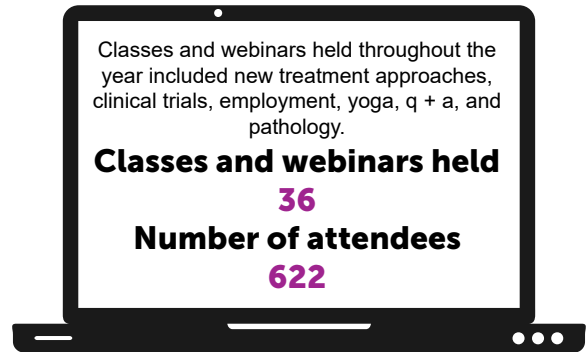
Telephone Peer Support Program



29

referrals were made to help people navigate their Parkinson's journey

Classes and webinars



Support Groups



3,301
people attended support groups

Coordinators made **976** phone calls, **1,790** emails, **227** letters and **48** visits

Library

In 2020 - 2021, books from the Maureen Platt Library were on loan for

610 days!



a year **in** finance

Treasurer – Marion Koster



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I’m pleased to present the Treasurer’s Report for the 2020-21 financial year which saw a welcome return to fundraising activities despite the continuing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, while pandemic-related government funding and efficient use of funds assisted PQI to maintain its financial status.

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Spending in the 2020-21 financial year has remained in line with the previous year and reflects PQI’s continued move towards improving engagement with its community through technology.

Your management team continues to foster relationships and canvass for ongoing government support for PQI’s activities, and we are delighted that Queensland Government funding for the Telephone Peer Support Program has been extended for a further 12 months, and that the modest Federal Government grant also remains in place. We benefitted again in the 2020-21 financial year from COVID-19-related government support in various forms including Job Keeper and grants. However, as the

pandemic has receded, these funding sources have also ended, and current government support falls short of requirements to support the organisation’s goals in the long term.

In line with its strategic goal of financial sustainability, PQI will seek to further diversify its revenue streams. As we work to implement this strategy, the pillars of government funding, donations and fundraising remain essential for the organisation’s continued viability.

I am pleased to commend this Treasurer’s Report and the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 for adoption by the members.





Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Parkinson's Queensland Incorporated

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Parkinson's Queensland Incorporated ("the Association") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the declaration by those charged with governance.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2021, and its financial performance and its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial statements.

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 Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* ("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.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Association meet the requirements of Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) 1981. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Emphasis of Matter – Impact of COVID-19

We draw attention to Note 1(a) to the financial statements, which describes the uncertainties and possible effects on the Association arising from its management of the on-going issues related to COVID-19. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and the Committee for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the special purpose financial report in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial statements and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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The Committee are responsible for overseeing the Association'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 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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

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

HLB Mann Judd

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Chartered Accountants

Brisbane
12 November 2021

Adrian
A B Narayanan
Partner

Parkinson's Queensland Incorporated

ABN 69 838 771 233

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Revenue	2	465,430	166,279
Other income	2	315,514	178,230
Employee benefits expense		(382,776)	(363,133)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	3(a)	(41,087)	(18,816)
Lease expenses	3(a)	(21,388)	(46,957)
Computer expenses		(31,471)	(20,027)
Event expenses		(29,341)	(56,755)
Printing and stationery		(24,469)	(38,423)
Insurance expense		(7,651)	(7,313)
Motor vehicle expense		(3,631)	(2,102)
Finance costs		(1,216)	(709)
Other operating expenses	3(b)	(76,113)	(63,616)
Surplus / (Deficit) before income tax		161,801	(273,342)
Income tax expense		-	-
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		161,801	(273,342)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		161,801	(273,342)

The accompanying notes forms part of these financial statements.

Full financial statements are available by contacting our office.

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Statement of Financial Position
As at 30 June 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	364,073	385,924
Trade and other receivables	5	6,060	-
Financial assets	6	25,483	-
Other assets	7	9,594	4,554
Total current assets		405,210	390,478
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	8	17,600	37,411
Right-of-use assets	9	297,965	-
Total non-current assets		315,565	37,411
Total assets		720,775	427,889
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	10,106	31,408
Payment in advance	11	-	166,283
Provisions	12	9,549	8,598
Lease liability	14	25,380	-
Total current liabilities		45,035	206,289
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred income	13	80,000	80,000
Lease liability	14	292,339	-
Total non-current liabilities		372,339	80,000
Total liabilities		417,374	286,289
Net assets		303,401	141,600
Equity			
Retained surpluses		303,401	141,600
Total equity		303,401	141,600

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COMMITTEE'S DECLARATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

As stated in Note 1 to the financial statements, in the committee's opinion the Association is not reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial reports. This is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared to meet the requirements of the accounting policies outline in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the members of the committee's opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes set out on pages 1-15 present fairly the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) 1981, and
- (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee by:



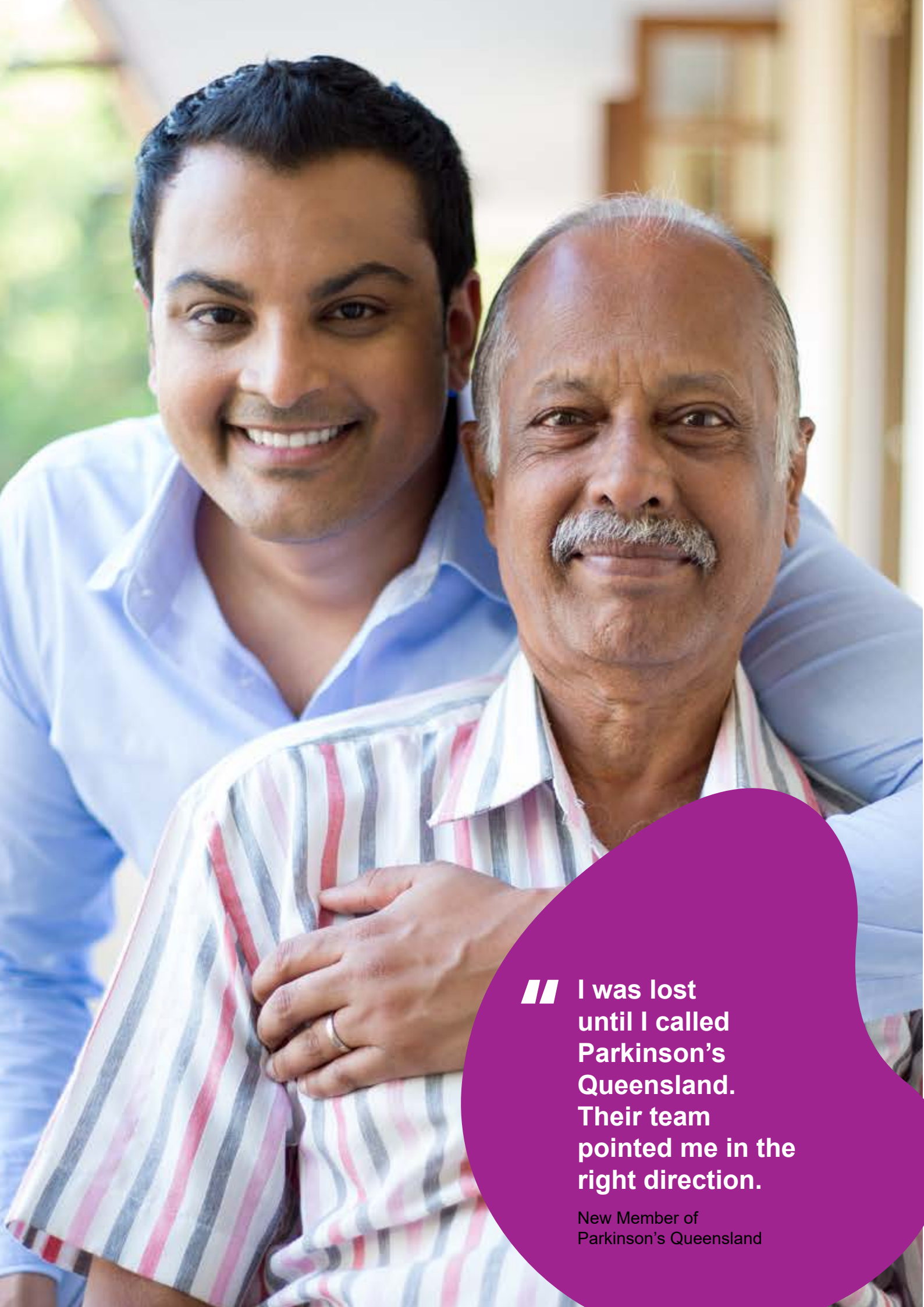
President



Treasurer

Date: 12 November 2021

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Parkinson's Queensland

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