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ANNUAL REPORT

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS
EMPOWERED LIVES
STRONGER COMMUNITIES



TAD **SA** Technology
for Ageing
and Disability
(SA) Inc.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

What a successful and busy twelve months it has been for TADSA. We have experienced steady growth across most of our activities, yet we continue to remain, as an organisation, deeply committed to delivering a personalised and bespoke service to our clients and partners.

Demand for our customised assistive technology services remains strong. Over the past year, our dedicated volunteers increased the hours they contributed to creating bespoke assistive technology solutions by more than 25%. Volunteers remain at the heart of this, and we sincerely thank them for their dedication and commitment.

This year TADSA made significant progress across a number of Strategic Plan objectives:

- **Volunteer Group:** Consolidation and growth of volunteer numbers.
- **Project Management:** Introduction of a part-time paid position, now completed.
- **Regional Expansion:** Mount Gambier operations commenced and are progressing well.
- **My Active Life (MAL) Project:** Continuing to perform above national benchmarks.
- **Freedom Wheels:** Ongoing reduction of supply chain challenges and increased marketing activity.
- **Board Recruitment:** Skills analysis commenced.
- **Volunteer Upskilling:** 3D printing tutorials completed and resources acquired.
- **Partnerships:** Positive outcomes achieved with philanthropic supporters.
- **Media Platforms:** Continued improvements in website performance and social media reach.

This progress and these achievements are largely attributable to the effort, commitment, planning and professional expertise of our CEO, Tracey Watters. Tracey continues to work closely with the Board, volunteers, clients and an expanding network of partners to deliver these outstanding outcomes and to position TADSA for continued success.

I am also pleased to welcome Michael Green to our staff. While Michael is new to the staff team, he is certainly no stranger to TADSA, having volunteered with the organisation for almost 30 years. Michael will assume the Project Management role from Ralph Drage, who has undertaken the position on a voluntary basis since 2010. We thank Ralph for his extraordinary contribution in this role and wish him a long and happy retirement from Project Management, while looking forward to his continued involvement with TADSA in other capacities.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the work and commitment of my fellow Board members. The Board continues to provide a robust governance framework to ensure TADSA meets its compliance obligations and remains well positioned for a sustainable future in an increasingly complex operating environment.

Neil Pokoney

CHIEF EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The past year has reinforced the importance of TADSA's role in supporting older people and people living with disability to overcome everyday barriers through practical, person-centred assistive technology solutions. Every project undertaken reflects our commitment to helping people live with greater independence, confidence and connection to their communities.

Throughout FY26, our team worked closely with clients, families, carers, allied health professionals and service providers to understand individual needs and develop customised solutions that are unavailable through standard commercial channels. The diversity of projects delivered during the year demonstrates both the creativity of our volunteers and the unique value TADSA brings to South Australia's assistive technology landscape.

A key focus during the year was increasing awareness of TADSA's services among both potential clients and referral partners. Through presentations to community groups, service clubs, professional networks and sector conferences, we engaged with a broad range of stakeholders and strengthened relationships with allied health professionals who play an important role in connecting individuals with our services. These activities have enhanced understanding of TADSA's capabilities and helped ensure more people can access the support they need.

We also continued to foster collaboration across the disability, aged care and community sectors. The willingness of organisations, funders and supporters to work alongside TADSA reflects the value of collective effort in creating solutions that improve quality of life for South Australians.

The achievements of the past year would not have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers, staff, Board members, project partners and supporters. Their generosity of time, expertise and advocacy enables TADSA to deliver outcomes that extend far beyond the assistive technology itself, creating opportunities for participation, independence and inclusion.

As we look to FY27, we remain focused on strengthening our services, expanding community awareness, and exploring new opportunities to apply innovation in ways that deliver meaningful outcomes for the people we support. Our purpose remains unchanged: empowering people to live life their way.

Tracey Watters

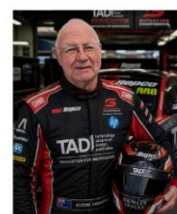
MEMBERS

At TADSA members are those people who give freely of their time and expertise – they are volunteers and provide continuity, strength and stability to the organisation. Their commitment and engagement contribute significantly to our performance and help foster the positive, inclusive culture that underpins everything we do. As passionate supporters of our mission, members serve

as ambassadors and advocates for TADSA, promoting our work and values within the broader community. The long-term loyalty of many members not only reflects their dedication to the organisation but also ensures the retention of valuable institutional knowledge, helping to preserve our history, guide decision-making and support the organisation's ongoing growth and sustainability.

Few individuals have left as profound a mark on TADSA as Volunteer Project Manager, **Ralph Drage**. Ralph began his journey with TADSA as a Technical Member in 2010. During this time, he has led the organisation through a pivotal period, drawing on his extensive experience in small-scale manufacturing and business leadership, assuming responsibility for a role that is critical to maintaining TADSA's service delivery and volunteer engagement. For the past 16 years, he has carried out this demanding position on a voluntary basis, demonstrating extraordinary commitment, generosity and leadership. This year, with both great respect and heartfelt gratitude, we accepted Ralph's decision to step down from the role. Fortunately for TADSA, he is not stepping away entirely. Ralph has generously agreed to continue supporting his successor, sharing the knowledge and expertise gained over many years of service and, in his own words, focusing on "the little things that I never had time to do" while steering the ship. His ongoing contribution will ensure a smooth transition and continue to enrich TADSA for years to come.

RALPH DRAGE



PASSIONATE ADVOCATE - AMBASSADOR - MENTOR - LEADER - FRIEND

During the period (01/07/25 – 30/06/26), we were pleased to welcome **4 new Technical Members**, including **Mark Miles**, **Rex Perry**, **David Wilkinson** and **Russell Boyd**, whose skills and expertise further strengthened our capacity to deliver innovative solutions for people living with disability. We were also delighted to welcome **Bill Klimentou** as a volunteer supporting our finance function, along with **Yuliana Nino Acero**, who has contributed her talents to enhancing TADSA's social media presence and community engagement. In addition, **Subhalakshimi Subramanian** has brought a valuable combination of administrative, analytical and data management expertise, providing support across a range of operational activities. Together, these volunteers have enriched our capabilities, strengthened our service delivery and contributed to the ongoing success of TADSA's mission.



Bruce hosting a 3D printing training session

A YEAR OF RECOGNITION & OPPORTUNITY

This year was truly one for the history books. For the second time, TADSA was named a finalist in the prestigious Impact100SA Awards, receiving a runner-up grant of \$12,000. While the financial contribution was greatly appreciated, the opportunity to present TADSA's work to an audience of more than 250 philanthropists proved equally valuable.

The impact of that exposure extended well beyond the event. Among those in attendance were two individuals who became passionate advocates for TADSA, inspired by our volunteer-driven model and the life-changing outcomes it delivers for people living with disability. Their ongoing support has helped raise awareness of our mission and create new opportunities to strengthen our impact.

One of these advocates, a Director of the **Beluga Foundation**, introduced TADSA to the Foundation, leading to a generous \$50,000 donation to support our regional expansion plans. This funding will enable TADSA to establish services in Mount Gambier and the Southeast, with a staged expansion

into other regional communities, extending access to customised assistive technology for more people living with disability.

Further support followed in April when TADSA was invited to present its regional expansion vision to the **Earl of Zetland Freemasons Lodge**. Members voted to support an application that resulted in a \$45,000 donation to fund the acquisition of a custom-fitted trailer. This important asset will support regional outreach through local Freedom Wheels assessments, community engagement activities, event participation, and mobile service delivery.

These donations are recognised in the financial statements as restricted contributions, as the funds will be expended during FY27 on approved expansion activities. While they contribute to the current year's reported surplus, they are committed to future expenditure and should not be regarded as a recurring operational surplus.

And it didn't stop there. With Geoff's support, TADSA secured a significant three-year collaborative funding commitment from the **Day Family Foundation**, **CMV Group Foundation** and **The Spicer Trust** to support the succession of the Volunteer Project Manager role. This remarkable outcome demonstrates the power of advocacy, philanthropy and community partnership working together. The confidence these funders have shown in TADSA's future will help strengthen organisational capacity, support sustainable growth, and ensure more South Australians living with disability can access life-changing customised assistive technology for years to come.

SERVICE DELIVERY

Throughout the year, TADSA continued to provide personalised assistive technology solutions that enhanced independence, safety and quality of life for people living with disability, older Australians, and their carers across South Australia. <https://tadsa.org.au/projects-showcase/>

Our team of skilled technical volunteers designed, modified, and delivered **148** customised equipment solutions. These solutions included mobility support, communication aids, home and daily living modifications, Freedom Wheels adaptable cycling solutions and other specialised equipment that could not be sourced through standard commercial channels.

Working collaboratively with clients, families, therapists, support coordinators, and community organisations, TADSA ensured that each solution was practical and responsive to the unique goals of the individual.

Despite increasing technical assistance enquiries, TADSA remained committed to timely service delivery, maintaining a client-centred approach focused on inclusion, participation, and independence.



Gutter Frame Modification to assist sit to stand



Custom built table for Zac's gravity chair



A custom made frame to support Edwards eye-gaze equipment



Adapted cutlery to aid eating

IMPACT

TADSA's impact extends beyond just numbers. Every customised solution represents an opportunity for an individual to participate more fully in everyday life.

During the year, our services enabled clients to increase their independence, engage more confidently in education, employment, recreation, and community activities, and reduce barriers that might otherwise limit participation.

The combination of technical expertise, innovation, and community collaboration allowed TADSA to deliver meaningful outcomes that are often life-changing. By addressing needs that fall outside standard assistive technology pathways, TADSA continues to fill a critical gap in the disability and ageing sectors and contribute to a more inclusive South Australia.

Statistics

- 327 technical assistance and Freedom Wheels enquiries were received
- 312 were assigned for client assessments and consultation
- 246 projects were opened

- 148 bespoke solutions were delivered
- 888 manufacturing hours were contributed by technical volunteers
- 1984 hours were contributed by 3 volunteer project managers
- 10090 kilometres travelled in providing assessments, consultations and project delivery
- 203 metropolitan clients were supported
- 40 regional clients were supported.
- Achieved 100% TADSA service satisfaction rating

SATISFACTION & THE CONSUMER VOICE

Ken Lawson, a very experienced technical volunteer with 40 years of service, contact all clients to assess their level of **satisfaction** with both the solution delivered and the service provided by TADSA. During the reporting period two projects were recalled for 'rework' and the level of satisfaction with TADSA's customer service was reported as 100%. Clients are also asked if they would leave a 'google review' or permit us to share their project story on our social media platforms. TADSA has attained a 5-star Google review rating. [Click here](#) to read the comments left by satisfied clients. You will need to be logged in to your google account to view the comments.

FREEDOM WHEELS

Freedom Wheels continues to transform lives by removing barriers to cycling for people living with disability. During the year, TADSA invested significant hours and travelled to Port Lincoln in South Australia and to Alice Springs, Katherine, Palmerston and Darwin in the Northern Territory delivering the program, supporting special schools to incorporate cycling into their Health and Physical Education curriculum.

Through customised assessments, adaptive equipment and expert support, students gain access to cycling opportunities that enhance physical wellbeing, build confidence and foster inclusion within their schools and communities. More than simply providing specialised bicycles and tricycles, the program creates pathways to greater independence, social connection and active participation in everyday life.

Matt Symes, Principal of Port Lincoln Special School said "access to safe, appropriate movement is a critical contributor to children's physical and mental wellbeing. Cycling provides opportunities for exercise, recreation and self-regulation, helping students develop confidence, coordination and independence."

By supporting participation in meaningful physical activity, Freedom Wheels creates positive conditions for learning and contributes to improved health, social engagement and post-school outcomes for students living with disability.

We also participated in community events, information sessions, and stakeholder forums focused on accessibility, inclusion, and innovation.



Freedom Wheels Training for Allied Health Team in Alice Springs

MY ACTIVE LIFE (MAL) PROJECT

Through the *My Active Life* project, **682 South Australians** and **173 Territorians (NT) living with disability** engaged in inclusive sport, recreation and leisure opportunities made possible through collaboration with 20 disability service organisations, 18 sport and recreation related organisations and clubs and 13 local councils.

The success of the project reflects the commitment of our partners to providing accessible and welcoming environments where everyone can participate and thrive. With ongoing support from program facilitators, coaches and volunteers, participants gained the confidence to try new

activities, develop greater independence and strengthen social connections. These outcomes are creating lasting pathways to continued involvement in community life, improving quality of life for participants while helping to build a more inclusive and connected community. FY27 is the final year of this ILC funded project, and we extend our thanks to everyone who has contributed to its success.

LOOKING AHEAD



As TADSA enters the new financial year, our focus is firmly on building the capacity, sustainability and reach of our organisation to meet growing demand for customised assistive technology across South Australia. With strong support from our volunteers, staff, donors and funding partners, we will continue our regional expansion into Mount Gambier and the Southeast, strengthen organisational capability through key role succession planning, and continue to invest in innovative solutions that enable greater independence, participation and quality of life for people living with disability.

We remain committed to preserving the volunteer-driven model that has been at the heart of TADSA's success for almost five decades, while ensuring the organisation is well positioned to respond to future opportunities and challenges. By strengthening partnerships, expanding our reach and continuing to place clients at the centre of everything we do, we are building a stronger foundation for the years ahead.

None of the achievements outlined in this report would have been possible without the generosity, dedication and shared commitment of our volunteers, members of staff, donors, funding partners and

supporters. Together, you continue to transform challenges into possibilities and create opportunities for people living with disability to participate more fully in family, community and everyday life. On behalf of the Board and leadership team, thank you for your contribution, your belief in our mission, and your ongoing support as we work towards a future where everyone has access to the equipment and solutions they need to live life on their own terms.

FINANCE

Audit Report

Technology for Ageing and Disability (SA) Financial Year Ended 30 June 2026 Comparison Against FY25.

1. Introduction

This audit report reviews the financial results of Technology for Ageing and Disability SA for the year ended 30 June 2026, comparing them with the prior financial year. The analysis is based on the organisation's Profit and Loss Statement.

2. Summary of Financial Performance

- Total income increased by 35.5%, rising from \$413,191 to \$559,068
- Total expenses increased from \$300,392 to \$336,551 but importantly fell as a proportion of income
- Net surplus increased from \$112,798 to \$222,517, representing an improvement of \$109,719. However, as noted on page 3, contributions from the Freemasons (\$45,000) and the Beluga Foundation (\$50,000) are restricted funds committed to FY27 expenditure. As such, these amounts should not be considered part of TADSA's recurring operational surplus.

3. Income Analysis

3.1 Donations

Donations increased from \$12,778 to \$64,364.

This reflects strong community engagement and successful donor outreach.

- Appeals raised \$4,340
- Regular monthly donor \$660
- Clubs and groups \$3,281
- Freemasons \$45,000
- Individual donors \$11,083

3.2 Grants

Notable movements include:

- Beluga Foundation - \$50,000 (new funding targeted for regional expansion)
- ILC funding increased to \$268,515 and supports delivery of the My Active Life Inclusive Sport & Recreation project (MAL) including Northern Territory service delivery
- Department of Human Services \$10,232 (3D Print Hub)
- Impact100SA \$12,000 2025 finalist runner up donation

3.3 Interest

Interest income increased from \$13,405 to \$15,669, an increase of \$2,264.

3.4 Assistive Technology & Freedom Wheels Project Income

TADSA project income increased from \$120,950 to \$137,637 mainly due to growth in TADSA AT project income. Freedom Wheels income remained steady \$73,370 to \$73,414.

4. Expense Analysis

Total expenses increased from \$300,392 to \$336,551 but importantly fell as a proportion of income.

Key movements include:

4.1 Grant-Related Expenditure

ILC Grant expenses increased from \$99,122 to \$118,733, aligned with increased grant activity and project delivery.

4.2. IT & Equipment

Investment in IT systems and equipment increased:

- Office IT Resources: \$5,658 (up from \$1,170) reflecting database support and maintenance and Microsoft 365 support
- Office Equipment and Consumables: \$9,083 (up from \$4,113), reflecting investment in the 3D Printing Hub funded through the DHS grant.

4.3 Marketing

Marketing and promotion expenditure decreased from \$11,230 in FY25 to \$5,914 in FY26, primarily because the Freedom Wheels radio advertising campaign was not repeated.

Operating Result

The organisation achieved an operating surplus of \$222,517, representing a strong improvement in financial performance.

Auditor's Conclusion

Technology for Ageing and Disability SA has delivered a strong financial result for FY26, with substantial income growth and controlled expenditure. The organisation demonstrates responsible financial management, effective grant utilisation, and improved operational efficiency. The financial records reviewed appear accurate, well-maintained, and compliant with expected Standards. Continued diversification of income sources is recommended.



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2025 - 2026 Financial Statement Opinion

I have examined the financial statements of the Technology for Ageing & Disability being the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement, for the 12 months ended 30th June 2026. The Management Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain.

My examination has been conducted to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of misstatements. This included examination on a test basis of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements. I report having received all the information and explanations that I required from the Technology for Ageing & Disability. The examination opinion in the report has been formed on the above basis.

I take no responsibility for any discrepancies that may occur outside the scope of my examination.

In my opinion the financial statements present fair, the financial position of the Technology for Ageing & Disability as at 30th June 2026 and the results of its operations for the current period.

Karen Sturm

Karen Sturm
Advanced Diploma of Accounting
MICB
18th September 2026

TECHNOLOGY FOR AGEING AND DISABILITY (SA) INC.

ABN90 797478904

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

INCOME	2026	2025
Donations	64364	12778
Fundraising	652	2064
Grants		
Grants SA		0
ILC (MAL) Grant	254357	232000
Department of Human Services	10232	0
SARC Grant	0	10600
MAL NT	13580	12714
Impact100SA	12000	
Beluga Foundation	50000	
TAD Aust Network Grant	579	7727
TADSA AT Projects & Freedom Wheels Income		
AT Projects	64221	47920
Freedom Wheels	73414	73370
Interest Received	15669	13405
ATO Refund		613
TOTAL INCOME	559068	413191

EXPENDITURE		
Office Equipment Purchases	9083	4113
Motor Vehicle Expenses (Lease & Fuel)	6556	6619
Cleaning Services	1090	1777
Insurance Business	3517	2292
Insurance Vehicle	1863	1640
Miscellaneous	1248	0
Office Expenses	520	909
Postage, Phone & Internet	2944	2882
Printing & Stationery	756	9
Freedom Wheels Expenses	39125	33469
AT Project Expenses	14804	9278
Rent	5686	5701
Salaries & Oncosts	104847	107961
Security	956	787
Fundraising Expenses	0	292
Travel Expenses (Mileage)	6924	7358
Marketing	5914	11230
ILC (MAL) Grant Expenditure	118733	99122
IT Repairs and Maintenance	5658	1170
Finance & Bank Fees	322	57

Professional & Accounting Feed	3386	338
Memberships, subscriptions	2619	3388
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	336551	300392
RESULT	222517	112798

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BALANCE SHEET

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Balance Brought Forward	36828	27017
Prev Year Adj	8	2
Current Year Deficit/Surplus		

	22251	11279
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ASSETS

	59080	38297
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Cash at Beyond Bank Community Account

615680	0	5027
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Cash at Beyond Bank Community Reward Account

284079		226278
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Term Deposit Beyond Bank

160726		153658
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Beyond Bank Debit Card

1275		779
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Sundry Debtors

59062		11949
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Clearing account

Undeposited funds/prepaid expenses

	620823	397691
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LESS LIABILITIES

GST

485		-947
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Sundry Creditors

1204		-3115
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PAYG Liabilities

0		
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Payroll Liabilities to Employees

0		
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NET ASSETS

1689		-4062
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Historical Balancing

619134		393629
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Total Equity

-25341		-25341
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593793		368288
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