

## Update report to members from the Board Chair

1 July – 24 November 2023

Dear Members of Huntington's NSW ACT

The last few months have been busy and complex as we have worked towards finalising the formal merger of the Association into Huntington's Australia (HA) which took place on 1 October 2023. This is a great achievement for the HD community. I take this opportunity to congratulate all involved in the huge task of making the merger a reality.

We are very pleased to advise that the majority of our staff have transferred to HA and continue to deliver programs and services from the West Ryde offices within a new national structure. There were however no suitable roles for Amanda Dickey or Lewis Kaplan, whose positions were both made redundant in October. We thank both of them sincerely for their service and commitment.

The primary task now is to wind up the Association, assuming members so resolve today. Winding up involves a complex set of activities which we aim to have achieved by the end of 2023, at which time all our remaining assets will be transferred to HA.

Thank you to our pro bono legal advisors, Norton Rose Fulbright, and to Bentleys, our accountants. Both firms have been crucial in helping us navigate the merger transition and winding up of the Association.

In closing, I thank the many tireless volunteers and employees whose vision and hard work led to the establishment and operation of Huntington's NSW ACT over the past 47 years. We extend our best wishes to the Huntington's Australia board, volunteers, executive and staff as they work to create the new national peak body for the HD community. I believe we can all look forward to bigger and better programs, services, advocacy and community engagement in years to come.

Katy Clymo  
Chair

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