

ANZVASC Charitable Spending Policy

Purpose: ANZVASC acknowledges that in order for ANZVASC to meet its strategic objectives (as per ANZVASC Strategic Plan 2023 to 2025) it needs to spend money. This policy is to ensure that ANZVASC does this in a responsible and sustainable manner.

In accordance with ACNC Governance Standard 5, with regards to financial affairs, the ANZVASC Board under take to:

- act with reasonable care and diligence
- act honestly and fairly in the best interests of the charity and for its charitable purposes
- not misuse their position or information they gain as a Responsible Person
- disclose conflicts of interest
- ensure that the financial affairs of the charity are managed responsibly
- not allow the charity to operate while it is insolvent.
- Provide annual reports to both members and the ACNC.

Currently, the primary areas of ANZVASC's activity are:

1) Education and training of health professionals/clinicians and of patient, families and consumers to improve understanding of vasculitis and the management, wellbeing and outcome of people with vasculitis.

2) Establishing and running an Australia and New Zealand Vasculitis Registry to assess and improve quality of care of people with vasculitis and establish a resource for research into vasculitis.

3) Facilitating clinical trials in vasculitis to improve care.

These activities align with the aims of ANZVASC, as stated in the objects of ANZVASC (refer to constitution).

Currently, ANZVASC's charitable spending will focus on #1 and #2, that is:

- 1) Improving education and training for clinicians and patients/consumers with vasculitis.
- 2) Funding the operations of the ANZVASC Quality and Disease Registry (ANZVASC-QDR).

It is noted that

1) running and funding clinical trials is currently beyond the scope of ANZVASC but may be possible in the future,



- 2) currently all activity within ANZVASC is voluntary, and as ANZVASC grows over time, spending will be required on, for example, a part time administrative assistant and/or communication officer. This is acceptable within the ACNC guidelines for charities.
- 3) spending on "education and training" includes maintaining an effective and up to date ANZVASC Website.
- 4) It is necessary and appropriate to spend some money obtained from donations on the ongoing the administrative costs of ANZVASC (as per ACNC guidelines) such as insurance and accounting services.

This policy should be reviewed by Dec 31 2025 (or earlier if the Board so resolves).