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# ANNUAL REPORT 2012

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Children with Disability Australia (CDA) is the national peak body that represents children and young people with disability and their families. The organisation is primarily funded through the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) and is a not for profit, community based organisation. CDA also receives additional funding from Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) to support advocacy work related to education policy. CDA has a national membership of 5000 with the majority being families.

CDA provides a link between the direct experiences of children and young people with disability and their families to federal government and other key stakeholders. This link is essential for the creation of a true appreciation of the experiences of and challenges for children and young people with disability and their families.

## VISION

CDA's vision is that children and young people with disability living in Australia are afforded every opportunity to thrive, achieve their potential and that their rights and interests as individuals, members of a family and their community are met.

## CDA'S ROLE

CDA has the mandate to advocate for children and young people with disability living in Australia and undertakes the following to achieve its purpose:

**1. Education** of national public policy-makers and the broader community about the needs of children and young people with disability

**2. Advocacy** on behalf of children and young people with disability to ensure the best possible support and services are available from government and the community.

**3. Inform** children and young people with disability, families and care givers about their rights and entitlements to services and support.

**4. Celebrate** the successes and achievements of children and young people with disability.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**Children the priority** the rights and interests of children and young people with disability are CDA's highest priority consistent with Australia's obligations under the UN Conventions, Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

**Right to childhood** children and young people with disability are children first and foremost and have a right to all aspects of childhood that children without disability are afforded.

**Right to participation** children and young people with disability have the right to participate, in whatever capacity, in the decisions that impact on their lives.

**Inclusion** children and young people with all types of disability, from all cultural and religious backgrounds and all geographic locations are supported by the work of CDA.

**Recognition** for the contributions made by families and care givers to support the rights and interests of children and young people with disability.

**Partnerships** CDA works collaboratively with relevant government, non-government and private sector agencies to promote the rights and interests of children and young people with disability.

**Transparency** CDA is accountable, effective and ethical as the national peak body charged with the mandate of advocating for children and young people with disability.

**Celebrate** the successes and achievements of children and young people with disability.



# CDA BOARD

## Melinda Ewin (QLD) Chair

Melinda has two children, Angus and Declan. Her son Angus who is 19 years old has autism. Through Angus and his experiences, Melinda is a strong believer in the effectiveness of good advocacy.

Melinda has been involved with CDA since the early days when it was known as the Australian Association for Families of Children with a Disability (AAFCD). She has been Chair of the CDA board since 2009. She also holds a position on the board of a disability service provider for people with high support needs in Queensland. Professionally, Melinda works as a Senior Advisor for the Endeavour Foundation, one of Australia's largest service providers for people with impaired capacity. She has over 12 years experience in systemic advocacy.

## Heike Fabig (NSW) Public Officer

Heike Fabig has three children. Two of her children have a physical disability and learning difficulties. When she realised how little information parents of children with disability receive, Heike created an e-mail support group for parents of children with disability which now has over 250 Australian members. This group inspired Heike's interest in advocating for systemic change for children and young people with disability.

Heike is the President of the NSW Association for Children with a Disability. She also currently works as a volunteer wildlife carer in Sydney. Prior to that she worked as a human rights activist with indigenous people worldwide, and as a university tutor. Heike blogs about her experiences as a mother on [www.rollercoasterparenting.blogspot.com](http://www.rollercoasterparenting.blogspot.com).

## Tom Byrne (SA)

Tom has two children. His son Laurence who is 20 years old has athetoid cerebral palsy. Tom has played an active role in Laurence's education and as an advocate for Laurence. He has also served on committees of a number of disability organisations and is actively involved in extra-curricula activities for people with disability.

Tom is a partner in a legal practice in Adelaide specialising in personal injuries and family law. Prior to that Tom worked in Legal Aid. He has been a lawyer for over 30 years.

## Liz Kelly (VIC)

Liz has two children. Her 9 year old son Connor has cerebral palsy. Liz is the President of the Association for Children with a Disability (Vic), a member of the Disability Services Board and the Victorian Disability Advisory Council.

Liz works on the CDA Board to assist the national organisation that represents all children with disability to create systemic change. She believes in the child centred approach of CDA that challenges all to think beyond the comforts of policy rhetoric and to focus on the way families live.

## Bruce Young-Smith (NT)

Bruce is a strong and passionate advocate for rights and equality for children and young people with disability. Bruce has a daughter Wendy, who has cerebral palsy with spastic quadriplegia. Wendy's strength of character and determination has been an inspiration to Bruce.

Bruce is constantly amazed by the courage of children with disability to undertake the simple things most of us take for granted. Bruce is involved in various community organisations in which he is a strong advocate for children and young people with disability.

## Con Fourkiotis (QLD)

Con has four children. His son Eamonn has a rare genetic condition known as ATR-X (alpha thalassaemi) syndrome. Con has a genuine passion to advocate for children and young people with disability. In addition to being a member of the CDA Board, Con is a Volunteer Ambassador for Variety Qld. Professionally Con works as a Senior Risk & Compliance Officer within Royal Automobile Club of Queensland's Corporate Legal department. Con takes tremendous satisfaction in openly engaging with individuals at all levels, in all walks of life. He believes that identifying, embracing and realising potential in all persons, including those who are less advantaged, should always be our common goal.



# CDA BOARD

## BOARD MEETINGS ATTENDANCE

DIRECTOR	TOTAL NO OF MEETINGS	MEETINGS ATTENDED
Tom Byrne	8	6
Melinda Ewin	8	8
Heike Fabig	8	8
Con Fourkiotis	5	5
Liz Kelly	8	7
Cheryl Patrick	8	5
Bruce Young-Smith	8	4

## CDA STAFF

Stephanie Gotlib	Executive Officer (1.0 EFT)
Alan Blackwood	Education Policy Officer—(0.4EFT Commenced January 2012)
Winnie Bridie	Administration & Membership Officer (0.2 EFT)
Robyn Dowling	Administration Officer (0.6 EFT—Commenced February 2012)
Darrell Harding	Financial Officer (0.1 EFT)
Anne Murphy	Policy Officer (0.4 EFT)
Volunteers	Chetan Chadha
	Danny Dickson
	Gemma Holleran
Student	Melanie Yalpur



# CHAIR'S REPORT

**It has been a pleasure to serve in the role of Chair during this exciting year of growth for CDA. Many have contributed to these changes.**

Firstly, to the members of CDA, I thank you for your continued support for CDA activities. When we have asked for your stories, you have responded. We appreciate your honesty in sharing your very personal experiences as you navigate the different systems—education, health and government. Your experiences fuel our advocacy initiatives for change.

A sincere thank you and acknowledgement goes to our Executive Officer, Stephanie Gottlib, for her continued and undying passion for a better life for all children and young people with disability across Australia. It is through her stern determination that CDA received additional funding from DEEWR this year to enable CDA to progress our work on the education system in Australia.

Finally, to the volunteers that contribute in the governance of CDA's board. It is with regret that Cheryl Patrick, the ACT representative, retired this year. Cheryl is a founding member of CDA from its early beginnings. Cheryl brought to the CDA board a wealth and depth of knowledge through her personal experience of lifelong advocacy for her son. Cheryl's contributions through her knowledge and commitment will be missed, as will her delightful enthusiasm.

I congratulate Con Fourkiotis as a new board representative from Queensland. Con brings to CDA a wealth of experience with specific expertise in workplace health and safety.

Thank you to fellow Board members Heike Fabig (NSW), Bruce Young-Smith (NT), Liz Kelly (Vic) Tom Byrne (SA), who volunteer their time to support the work of CDA and promote the experience of children and young people with disability.

In the year ahead looms the progress towards an NDIS and reforms for education as we move closer to truly recognising the rights outlines in the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disability. CDA will be there ensuring the rights and voices of children, young people and their families are heard. We will be promoting system reform so opportunities for children and young people to live happy, safe and rewarding lives are a reality. I look forward to your continued support in the year ahead.

**MELINDA EWIN**  
Chair



*“CDA will be there ensuring the rights and voices of children, young people and their families are heard. We will be promoting system reform so opportunities for children and young people to live happy, safe and rewarding lives are a reality.”*



# EO'S REPORT

**It has been a big year for CDA. At times it has felt like we've been treading water but reflecting on the past year, I am reminded that we are amidst a truly significant time of change and reform for children and young people with disability. I refer in particular to the National Disability Strategy implementation, the current education reform agenda and the establishment of a National Disability Insurance Scheme.**

A central focus of the work of Children with Disability Australia this year has been on education and progressing the rights of students with disability. CDA has continued to advocate strongly to ensure the experiences of students with disability and families drive and inform the reforms in this area.

Education remains one of the most significant issues of concern for our members. It is now widely recognised that our education system does not adequately meet the needs of students with disability. CDA has been able to develop some important alliances and relationships with many key educational peak bodies, and influence national policy. This has provided invaluable opportunities to inform and progress much needed reform for students with disability. I have been able to meet many individuals who share the passion and commitment CDA has to ensure children and young people have their right to an education fully recognised. I thank all involved for their ongoing dedication.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme has dominated much of the disability agenda in the last year. Development of a NDIS has progressed quickly with us moving from a 'commitment' to the implementation of an ambitious time frame of establishment of launch sites due to commence on 1 July 2013. There is significant work occurring in a range of areas. CDA has provided extensive submissions to the initial Productivity Commission Inquiry and continues to contribute in the many and complex areas of establishment including as a member of an expert advisory group in relation to Quality, Safeguards and Standards.

Other key aspects of work have included supporting and contributing the work which has been occurring regarding the development of national guidelines for inclusive play spaces. It was inspiring to participate in both the advisory board and workshop with so many dedicated people who are passionate about providing all children opportunities to play. I would encourage everyone to visit [www.inclusiveplayspace.com](http://www.inclusiveplayspace.com) to learn more about this fantastic initiative.

CDA completed its annual issues paper on the abuse and violence of children and young people with disability. The paper is titled "Enabling and Protecting - proactive approaches to addressing the abuse and neglect of children and young people with disability." The paper draws from recent research about abuse and neglect and national policy approaches in child protection and disability to better understand the causes, experience and responses to maltreatment of children and young people with disability. A series of key concerns about abuse and neglect are raised to stimulate discussion and

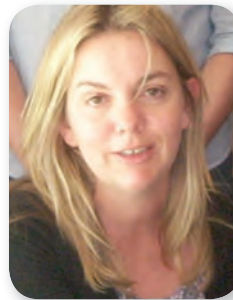
action which is in the interests of children and young people.

Taking a rights informed approach, the paper focuses on building more effective national responses to children and young people who are maltreated. It is hoped that this paper will progress much needed systemic and attitudinal reform around abuse and violence of children and young people with disability.

CDA hosted some memorable events this year including "WTF? The educational experience of too many students with disability" the event at Darling Harbour, our Education Leaders Summit, Playability and our community celebration of International Day of People with Disability in our home town of Clifton Hill. Photos of these events are included in this report for your enjoyment.

So as you can see, it has again been exceptionally busy time at CDA. The operational team have contributed above and

beyond in energy and time. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the team at CDA for your steadfast commitment and dedication to ensuring children and young people with disability have equal opportunities to participate, contribute and be valued. I also thank the CDA Board, particularly our chairperson Melinda Ewin, for their ongoing support and commitment.



**STEPHANIE GOTLIB**  
Executive Officer

*"Your organisation is to be commended for its commitment to approving outcomes for children and young people with a disability and your ongoing advocacy to secure better support for them."*



# CDA ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011/12

## AN OVERVIEW



The Board of Children with Disability Australia (CDA) has pleasure in presenting this report on our achievements over the past twelve months. The organisation has a substantial and growing membership of approximately 5000 from all states and territories in Australia. Major activities by CDA during the 2011–2012 year included:

## ADVOCACY & EDUCATION

AREA	ACTIVITY
Education	Direct representation to relevant Ministers & Parliamentary Secretaries
	Ongoing consultation with the Department of Education, Employment and Work Place Relations (DEEWR)
	Submissions to National Funding Review for Schools & the Productivity Commission into Schools Workforce
	Hosted public forum—WTF? The Educational experience of too many students with disability?
	Hosted Education Leaders Summit speakers included: David Gonski, Senator McLucas and Senator Collins.
	Ongoing consultation with education peak bodies
	Implementation of media campaign—significant coverage by newspaper, radio and television
National Disability Strategy (NDS)	Submission completed on draft implementation plan
	Member of NDS Implementation Reference Group
	Ongoing advocacy and promotion of the NDS



# CDA ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011/12

## AN OVERVIEW

Abuse & violence of children with disability	Member of coalition of organisations committed to the safety and well being of Australia's children
	Advocacy regarding children with disability as distinct focus of 2nd action plan of national child protection framework
	Completion of issues paper "Enabling & Protecting—proactive approaches to addressing the abuse and neglect of children and young people with disability"
National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)	Direct advocacy to Minister and Parliamentary Secretary
	Advice to numerous consultations by FaHCSIA and other consultants re the development of the NDIS
	Member of NDIS expert advisory group—Quality, Safeguards and Standards
	Membership of Victorian taskforce of Every Australian Counts campaign
Early Intervention	Expert advise provided for KPMG research into effectiveness of early intervention
	Provided consultation on the development of national statement on inclusion for early childhood education & care
	Member of Carers Victoria stakeholder group for Better Start Program
Inclusive play spaces	Member of advisory board for establishment of national guidelines on inclusive playgrounds
	Attended national workshop on development of national guidelines
	Ongoing advocacy for the right of all children to play
National Children's Commissioner	Submissions provided
	Participated in national stakeholder roundtables



# CDA ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011/12

## AN OVERVIEW

### INFORMATION

ACTIVITY	DETAILS
Telephone information service	1168 calls were received by CDA
National publication Listen up!	July 2011 & April 2012 editions
	Estimated readership of 15000
CDA website	New website launched. Designed according to AAA accessibility guidelines
E-bulletins	Provided information to members regarding significant issues for children and young people with disability
Social Media	CDA Facebook page established
	Twitter account established and regularly maintained
Other media	Community Service Announcements—Produced and aired on Austereo network
	Expert advice provided for ABC3 documentary on disability

### CELEBRATION

EVENT	ROLE
National Disability Awards	Nominated candidates for awards
	Successful advocacy for the appointment of young people as Disability Community Leaders—3 out of 6 community leaders were young people with disability
	Attended awards ceremony
An Inclusive Community – Celebrating Children with Disability on International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD)	Organised community celebration. The event involved primary school, local businesses and wider community. Community assembly held with Minister Martin Dixon Victorian Education Minister, Senator Mitch Fifield, Shadow Minister for Disabilities & Carers and City of Yarra mayor.
	Co-hosted Playability – official national event for IDPwD
	Co-hosted event at Gowan Primary School attended by Minister Garrett



# CDA ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2011/12

## AN OVERVIEW

### Representation to government departments and relevant ministers, including:

- Senator Jan McLucas, Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers
- Minister Brendan O'Connor in previous capacity as Minister Assisting for School Education
- Senator Jacinta Collins, Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations
- Meetings with Office of Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Minister for Disability Reform, Minister Jenny Macklin
- Meetings with Office of Minister for School Education, Early Childhood & Youth
- Department of Families, Housing Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

### Participated in meetings and collaborative work with national disability sector organisations and key state and territory organisations & stakeholders including:

- Association for Children with a Disability — Victoria
- Association for Children with a Disability — New South Wales
- Australian Education Union
- Australian Federation of Disability Organisations
- Australian Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commission
- Australian Youth Affairs Council
- Blind Citizens Australia
- Brain Injury Australia
- Disability Discrimination Legal Service — Victoria
- Every Australian Counts Campaign
- Families Australia
- First Peoples Disability Network
- People with Disability Australia
- MS Australia
- National Disability Services
- National Ethnic Disability Alliance
- National Council on Intellectual Disability
- Noah's Ark
- STAR
- Touched by Olivia Foundation
- Victorian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
- Women With Disabilities Australia
- Young People in Nursing Homes.

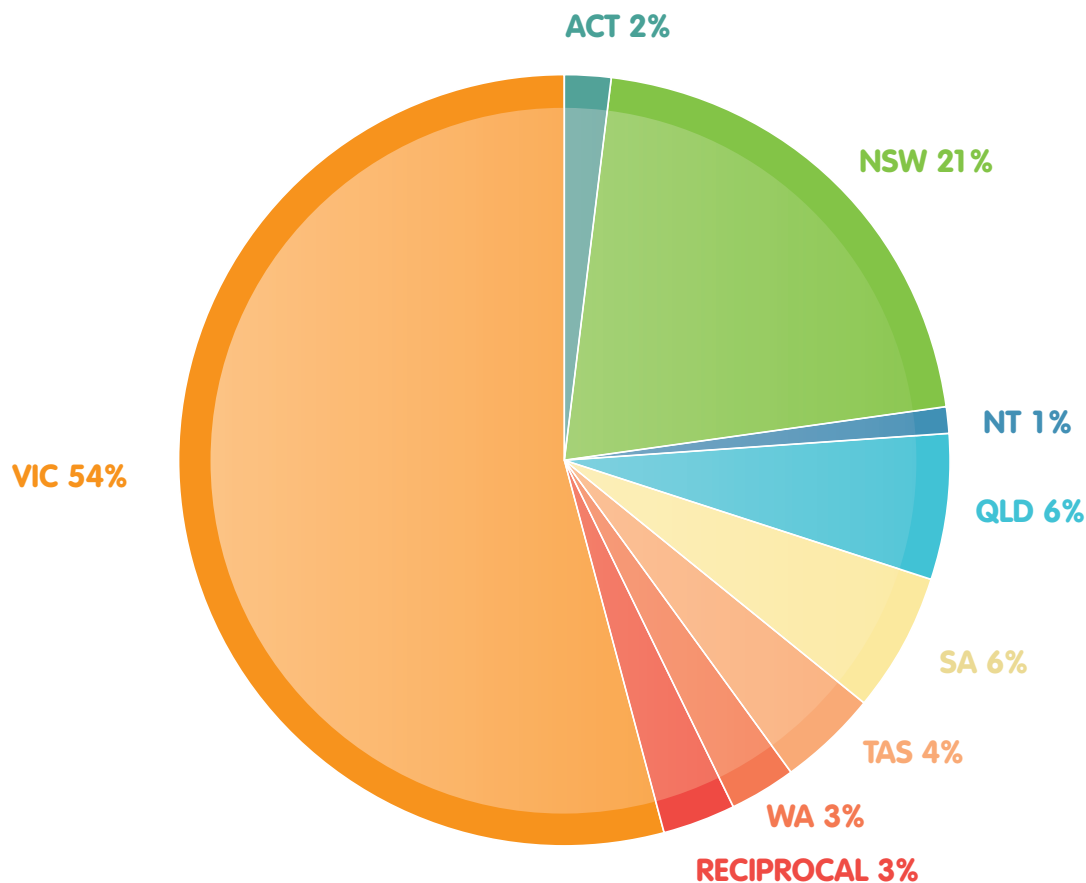
### Cda has participated in advisory committees and national forums on key issues of relevance to children and young people with disability, including:

- **Carer Service Delivery Reference Group** — Department of Human Services
- **Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety & Wellbeing of Australia's Children**
- **DEEWR Early Childhood Quality & Workforce Group**
- **Every Australian Counts** — Victorian Taskforce
- **National Aids and Equipment Resource Alliance (NAERA)**
- **National Children and Family Roundtable (Executive Officer is a member)**
- **National Disability Insurance Scheme** — Quality Standards and Safeguards — Expert Advisory group
- **National Disability Services** — Children, Young Persons & their Families National Committee
- **National Disability Strategy Implementation Reference Group**
- **Schools Disability Advisory Council**
- **National Inclusive Play Space Guidelines Advisory Board.**



# CDA MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

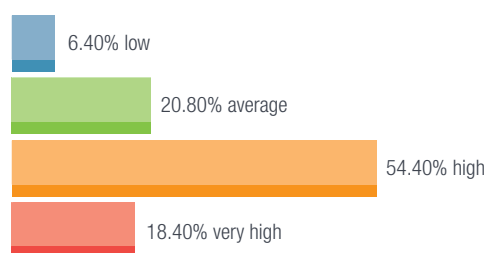
## MEMBERSHIP BY STATE



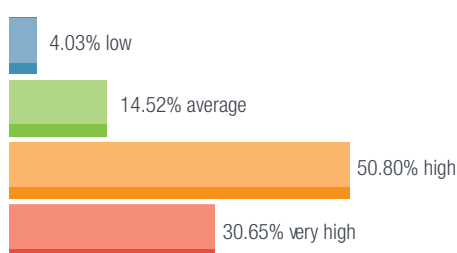
## MEMBER FEEDBACK

CDA members were surveyed regarding their level of satisfaction regarding the work of CDA.

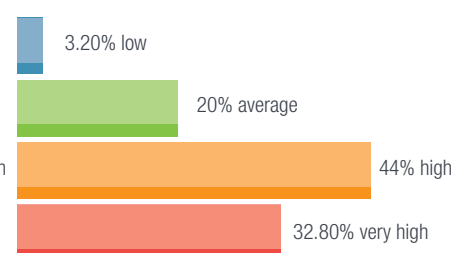
### Consultation on key issues



### Information provided by CDA



### Representation to government of your key issues?







*"Thank you for sharing your family story with the world. Often not an easy thing to do."*





*“Well done you for shifting public perception and expectations. You are a true champion for the cause.”*







*"Just wanted to let you know, a parent at my sibs talk last night spoke about reading Family Voices. She said she loved reading the stories from kids with disability and keeping up with the political news. I encouraged everyone to join CDA! This Mum was so pleased that it was free."*







*"I really appreciate your helpful (and humorous!) attitude!"*







*"Your new site looks great  
– just had a quick browse."*





# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY AUSTRALIA**  
**ABN 42 140 529 273**  
**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012**

Your directors present their report with respect to the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 June 2012.

1. **DIRECTORS IN OFFICE**

Melinda Ewin (Chair)  
Heike Fabig (Secretary)  
Anthony Byrne  
Liz Kelly  
Cheryl Pattrick  
Bruce Young-Smith  
Con Fourkiotis

2. **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY**

CDA's principal Activity is to advocate systemically at the national level for the rights and interests of all children and young people with disability living in Australia as individuals, members of a family and their community.

3. **DIVIDENDS**

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend out of profits for the year ended 30 June 2012

4. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS**

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.

5. **RESULTS**

The net profit (loss) from activities was \$13,759 (2010 profit \$4,536)



# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY AUSTRALIA**  
**ABN 42 140 529 273**  
**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012**

**6. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DUE**

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year, which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations, results or state of affairs of the company in the financial years subsequent to 30 June 2012.

**7. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND RESULTS**

The company has no specific future plans other than to advocate systemically at the national level for the rights and interests of all children and young people with disability living in Australia as individuals, members of a family and their community.

**8. INDEMNITIES**

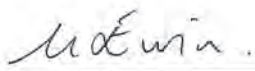
No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company.

The company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and 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 \$1 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the entity.

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2012 has been received and is included in the financial report.

SIGNED ON 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RESOLUTION OF THE DIRECTORS.

  
Melinda Ewin

  
Heike Fabig



# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## AUDITOR'S DECLARATION



**CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY AUSTRALIA**  
**ABN 42 140 529 273**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012**

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 307C OF**  
**THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 TO THE DIRECTORS OF**  
**CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY AUSTRALIA**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2012 there has been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Greg B. Tomkins  
Audit Principal  
WHK Western Victoria Audit Partnership

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2012

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## Children With Disability Australia Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Year ended 30 June 2012

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Commonwealth Grants - Recurrence	163,039	162,547
Commonwealth Grants - Non Recurrence	78,364	55,000
Donations Received	30,348	7,833
Fundraising Contributions - Members	18,650	11,250
Sundry Income	764	3,750
	<u>291,165</u>	<u>240,380</u>
<b>Gross Profit from Trading</b>	<u>291,165</u>	<u>240,380</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Accountancy Fees	960	3,502
Administrative & Consultancy	17,869	-
Graphic Design	4,144	5,697
Assets <\$5,000	391	5,405
Bank Charges	480	647
Business Planning	1,110	6,074
Board/Governance Expenses	11,973	10,754
Computer Expenses	2,328	13,248
Events	7,930	-
Insurance	4,431	3,655
Annual Leave Expense	2,086	3,842
Long Service Leave Expense	1,681	1,513
Meeting & Conference Expenses	2,317	908
Membership Fees Paid	1,049	1,401
Postage	11,018	12,809
Printing & Stationery	21,004	25,922
Rent	12,674	11,738
Recruitment Expense	877	52
Relocation	5,872	-
Salary Sacrifice Paid	46,680	28,548
Sundry Expenses	1,856	1,645
Superannuation Contributions - Employees	12,263	9,695
Telephone	3,596	3,154
Travel & Accommodation	12,604	6,854
Wages	91,270	80,192
Workers Compensation	1,098	973
	<u>279,561</u>	<u>238,228</u>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Interest Received	2,155	2,384
	<u>2,155</u>	<u>2,384</u>
<b>Profit before Income Tax</b>	<u>13,759</u>	<u>4,536</u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.  
These financial statements have not been subject to review and should be  
read in conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.*



# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## Children With Disability Australia Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2012

	2012 \$	2011 \$
<b>Equity</b>		
Retained Profits	36,883	23,125
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>36,883</u>	<u>23,125</u>
Represented by:		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash Management Account	140,233	20,382
Gift Fund	17,159	16,452
Bendigo Term Deposit	10,280	-
Prepayments	1,050	-
	<u>168,722</u>	<u>36,834</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>168,722</u>	<u>36,834</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Trade Creditors	328	63
Provision for Long Service Leave	4,032	2,351
Provision for Sick Leave	8,633	6,546
Provision for GST	18,846	4,749
Grants Received in Advance	100,000	-
	<u>131,839</u>	<u>13,709</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>131,839</u>	<u>13,709</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>36,883</u>	<u>23,125</u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.*



**Children With Disability Australia  
Statement of Cash Flows  
For the Year ended 30 June 2012**

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
<b>Cash Flow from Operating Activities</b>			
Receipts from Customers		291,165	240,380
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(279,561)	(238,229)
Interest Received		2,155	2,384
<b>Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities</b>		<u>13,759</u>	<u>4,535</u>
Net Increase / (decrease) in Cash Held	6(b)	<u>130,838</u>	<u>(40,296)</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 1 July 2011		36,834	77,130
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 30 June 2012	6(a)	<u><u>167,672</u></u>	<u><u>36,834</u></u>

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# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## Children With Disability Australia Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 30 June 2012

### 1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the company is a non-reporting entity because there are no users who are dependent on its general purpose financial statements. These financial statements are therefore special purpose financial statements that have been prepared in order to meet the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities reporting under the Corporations Act 2001 and the significant accounting policies disclosed below, which the directors have determined are appropriate to meet the needs of members. Such accounting policies are consistent with those of previous periods unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes. The accounting policies that have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are as follows.

(a) **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

(b) **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

(c) **Employee Benefits**

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

(d) **Revenue and Other Income**

Non-reciprocal grant is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the entity obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the entity incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income as receipt.

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Donation and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(e) **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

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	2012 \$	2011 \$
<b>2. Profit</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>		
Employee Benefits Expense	150,213	118,435
Graphic Design	4,144	5,697
Bank Charges	480	647
Insurance	4,431	3,655
Postage	11,018	12,809
Printing & Stationery	21,004	25,922
Rent	12,674	11,738
Telephone	3,596	3,154
Other Expenses	70,891	50,097
	<u>278,451</u>	<u>232,154</u>
<b>3. Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash Management Account	140,233	20,382
Gift Fund	17,159	16,452
Bendigo Term Deposit	10,280	-
	<u>167,672</u>	<u>36,834</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Cash</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	167,672	36,834
	<u>167,672</u>	<u>36,834</u>
<b>4. Trade and Other Payables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade Creditors	328	63
Provision for GST	18,846	4,749
	<u>19,174</u>	<u>4,812</u>
<b>Total Trade and Other Payables</b>	<u>19,174</u>	<u>4,812</u>
<b>5. Provisions</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Provision for Long Service Leave	4,032	2,351
Provision for Sick Leave	8,633	6,546
	<u>12,665</u>	<u>8,897</u>

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	2012 \$	2011 \$
<b>6. Cash Flow Information</b>		
<b>(a) Reconciliation of Cash</b>		
For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.		
Cash at the end of the year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:		
Cash at bank	<u>167,672</u> <u>167,672</u>	<u>36,834</u> <u>36,834</u>
<b>(b) Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided By/Used in Operating Activities to Net Profit:</b>		
Net Profit (Loss)	13,759	4,536
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Assets	(1,051)	0
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	265	63
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	17,865	10,104
Increase/Decrease in Receipts in Advance	100,000	(55,000)
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	<u>130,838</u>	<u>(40,297)</u>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.  
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# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION

**CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY AUSTRALIA**  
**ABN 42 140 529 273**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012**

**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

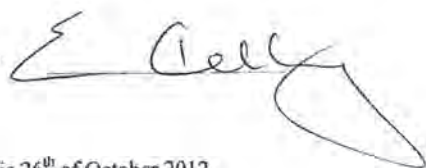
The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes present fairly the company's financial position as at 30 June 2012 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements;
2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company 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 Board of Directors.

Director ELIZABETH KELLY

Director



Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2012



# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## AUDITOR'S REPORT



**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF  
CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY AUSTRALIA**

**Report on the financial report**  
We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of Children with Disability Australia which comprises the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2012, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

**Directors' responsibility 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 (including the Australian Accounting interpretations) and the Corporations Act 2001. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's responsibility**  
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

**Independence**  
In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, provided to the directors of Children With Disability Australia as at 30 June 2012 would be on the same terms if provided to the directors at the date of this auditor's report.

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## AUDITOR'S REPORT

### Auditor's Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for Children With Disability Australia to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, and other fundraising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to revenue was limited to amounts recorded.

### Auditor's Qualified Opinion


In our opinion, subject to the effects of such adjustment, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitations discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report of Children With Disability Australia is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2012 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting interpretations) and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

### Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis for accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Directors' Financial Reporting responsibilities under the Corporations Act 2001. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

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Greg Tomkins  
Audit Principal  
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Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012









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