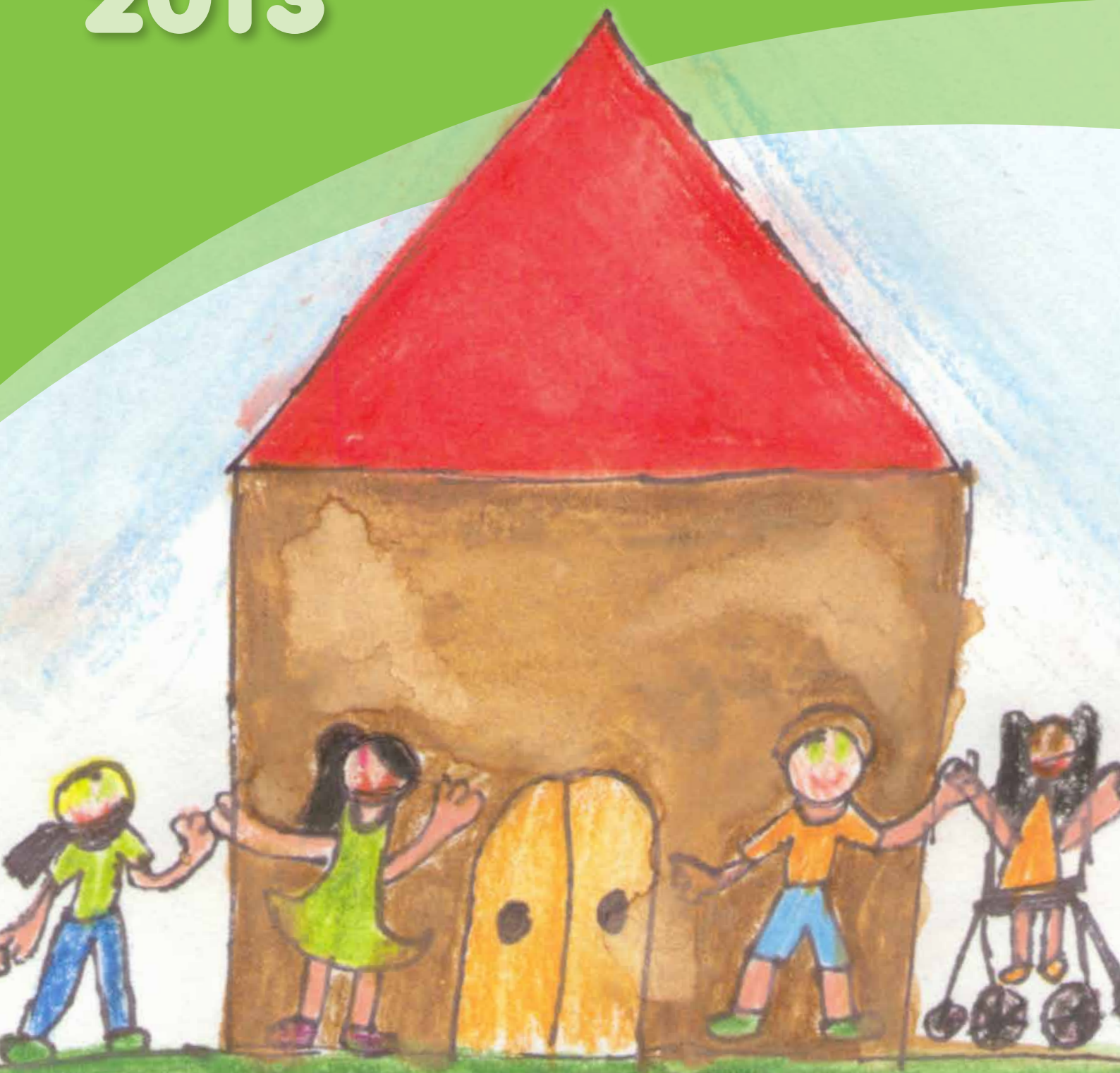


# ANNUAL REPORT 2013



*A bigger voice for kids*



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Children with Disability Australia (CDA) is the national peak body that represents children and young people with disability. The organisation is primarily funded through the Department of Social Services national secretariat program and is a not for profit organisation. CDA also receives project funding from the Australian Government Department of Education to expand the education policy capacity of the organisation. CDA has a national membership of 5000.

CDA provides a link between the direct experiences of children and young people with disability to the Australian 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.

## 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 works to achieve these aims by:**

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

**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.

**Inform** children and young people with disability and families about their entitlements to services and support.

**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 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 20 years old has a disability. 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. Melinda works as a Senior Advisor for the Endeavour Foundation in Queensland. She has over 14 years experience in systemic advocacy.

## Heike Fabig (NSW) Secretary

Heike Fabig has three children. Two of her children have a disability. 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.

## Tom Byrne (SA)

Tom has two children. His adult son Laurence 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 and as a member of a number of disability organisations and is actively involved in extra-curricular 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 son has cerebral palsy. Liz is a member of the Disability Services Board and the Victorian Disability Advisory Council.

Liz is a director of a human resource and management consulting firm. She brings over 20 years management experience in a broad range of industries including profit and not for profit organisations and various levels of government.

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

## Con Fourkiotis (QLD)

Con has four children. His son Eamonn has a rare genetic condition known as ATR-X (alpha thalassemi) syndrome.

Con has a genuine passion to advocate for children and young people with disability. Con is also on the Board of Xavier Children's Support Network (Qld) and is a Volunteer Ambassador for Variety Qld. Professionally Con works as the State Manager for Health Safety and Wellbeing at the Westpac Group.

Con takes tremendous satisfaction in openly engaging with individuals at all levels, in all walks of life. He believes that identifying, embracing and realizing potential in all people should always be our common goal.

## Tracey Myles (NT)

Tracey has been involved in the disability sector since 2005 both as a volunteer and employee and she currently works in the mental health field.

Tracey has 3 teenage children with disability. Throughout their education Tracey has been active within the education system promoting assistance and advocacy for students.

# CDA BOARD

## BOARD MEETINGS ATTENDANCE

DIRECTOR	TOTAL NO OF MEETINGS	MEETINGS ATTENDED
Tom Byrne	5	5
Melinda Ewin	5	5
Heike Fabig	5	4
Con Fourkiotis	5	4
Liz Kelly (leave of absence taken March–May 2013)	5	4
Tracey Myles (commenced May 2013)	5	1
Bruce Young-Smith (resigned March 2013)	5	4

## CDA STAFF

Stephanie Gotlib	Executive Officer — 1.0 EFT
Alan Blackwood	Education Policy Officer — 0.4 EFT
Winnie Bridie	Administration and Membership Officer — 0.3 EFT
Kathryne Campara (until December 2012)	Office and Executive Assistant — 0.4 EFT
Sophie Cole (until April 2013)	Policy Officer — 0.2 EFT
Darrell Harding	Financial Officer — 0.1 EFT
Ruth Gardner (commenced November 2012)	Office and Executive Assistant – 0.6 EFT
Volunteers	Chetan Chadha Danny Dickson Josh Dickson Rania Hatzopoulos Michelle Lomez Dianne McCarthy Monge-Simmons Caitlin Morris Anne Murphy Kashmira Noone Aleko Papailiadis Julia Talbott
Students	Frini Papailiadis



# CHAIR'S REPORT

**This year has been one of the most monumental years of change affecting people living with disability in Australia's history. We have seen significant initiatives and reform for children and young people with disability and their families in the area of education, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and of course the establishment of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.**

Children with Disability Australia (CDA) has been active in all these reforms, providing constructive policy proposals based on the experiences of CDA members. CDA has taken a leadership position in these reforms advocating for positive responses to the needs and experiences of children and young people with disability, along with their families. CDA has ensured that these issues for members have been prominent in the Australian media this year.

It is through the hard work and tenacious commitment of CDA's Executive Officer, Stephanie Gotlib, and her team, that the voice of children and young people with disability is heard in these important debates in Australia. I would like to particularly thank Stephanie for her achievements, leadership and energy in pursuing reforms and opportunities on behalf of children and young people with disability.

Bruce Young-Smith, one of the last of the long-time Board members who has supported CDA from its early beginnings, resigned this year. Bruce, who was the Board representative from the Northern Territory, will be greatly missed along with his forthrightness and vigorous enthusiasm for the rights of children and youth with disability.

I congratulate Tracey Miles who has taken up the role of representative for the Northern Territory. Tracey brings to CDA a long history of personal and professional knowledge and experience of disability.

I would like to thank my fellow Board colleagues who have volunteered their time unselfishly and with great enthusiasm for the work of CDA — Heike Fabig, Tom Byrne, Con Fourkiotis and Liz Kelly. Their expertise and camaraderie is a solid foundation underpinning the work of CDA.

To the members of CDA, thank you for your continued support this year.

To the children, young people and families that have given freely of their opinions and stories to CDA, thank you. Your contributions have led and supported our calls for change and informed our work.

CDA is a small organisation with a very big voice. As we move towards 2014, I would like to assure you, that CDA is, committed to seeking the best possible life experience for every child and young person with disability. We value your contributions, insights and stories; we look forward to working with you in this new age of disability across Australia.

**MELINDA EWIN**

**Chair**



*"This year has been one of the most monumental years of change affecting people living with disability in Australia's history."*



*Tracy Miles and Con Fourkiotis.*

# EO'S REPORT



**Children with Disability Australia had its third birthday this year. Each year I have remarked on what a busy year it has been and this year has been no exception. CDA outgrew its office in January so we literally moved down the road to a larger office. Our membership, voice and reach continued to grow as evidenced by the increased interest and contact from youth, families, organisations and government representatives requesting information and contributions from CDA.**

During its initial three years CDA has concentrated on establishment. The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and education reform have formed the major focus of our work during the last year. I believe we have developed a strong voice and a solid reputation for quality work. Shortly CDA will be completing its next strategic plan which will critically examine and extend representation and roles of children and youth with disability within CDA.

The Australian Government set an ambitious time frame for the launch of the NDIS which meant much of CDA's time was consumed with member, government and other stakeholder consultation to meet what seemed to be endless and relentless deadlines. Whilst at times it was exhausting, it was a great pleasure to work with so many people dedicated to this reform and ultimately the rights of people with disability. These included people with disability, families, carers, the relevant teams at the Departments and also

the Parliamentary Secretaries and Ministers and their staff. On behalf of CDA I thank you all for your significant contribution and commitment.

It has been a truly remarkable year for children and young people with disability in Australia. The future for children and youth suddenly looks much brighter as we witness the dawn of a national disability insurance scheme and an acknowledgment that students with disability must be a key focus of the current crucial education reform. We should celebrate the progress which the steadfast determination, strong advocacy and collaboration of so many has achieved. It took so long for the voice of people with disability to be truly heard and the launch of the NDIS is a strong testimony to what can be achieved through unity and a true belief in the recognition of the rights of people with disability by the Australian community.

The reforms however are very much in their infancy and the majority of children and youth with disability face a long wait until they can access much needed services and supports. For many there is considerable uncertainty and anxiety around how the new disability service system will impact on their lives. So whilst we acknowledge the significance of what has been achieved we have a long journey to travel to ensure the potential of these reforms are fully realised. CDA has much work to do to in representing the interests of children and young people with disability, and assisting with provision of information around the NDIS. It is essential that the experience of children and youth with disability and their families informs the extensive work which still is to be done regarding the establishment and implementation of the scheme.

Significant education reform for students with disability is also required if children and young people are to have access to equal opportunities in Australia in the future. It is a typical experience of a student with disability and their families to face entrenched inequities within the education system. This means many are denied the

access and opportunities that should be available to all students. We hear daily of experiences of discrimination, inadequate resourcing, untrained staff and a culture of low expectations. This contributes greatly to the disproportionate prevalence of people with disability experiencing poverty, unemployment and exclusion in later life. The success of the NDIS will be greatly diminished if parallel reforms in education are not implemented.

CDA has had contact with thousands of children and young people with disability and their families this year. I know from the daily experience of children and young people that Australia still has much work to do around its attitudes and inclusion of children and young people with disability. These experiences of discrimination and constantly confronting low expectations are usual for a child with disability in Australia today. This typical experience of children with disability is a powerful demonstration of the depth and breadth of not only change in service systems, but attitudes, Australia needs to make. I believe CDA has a powerful role in provoking and leading this change in our community.

My son spoke at his school assembly as he wanted to talk to his peers and teachers about their attitudes. I think he summed up the attitude shift many in the community need to make when he said "Disability doesn't mean 'not normal' and it does not mean less ability. It's just a different ability. We are all different so it shouldn't be such a big deal..." I want to take this opportunity to try and encourage everyone to think about disability as being an important and enriching part of the community. In your school, in your workplace, in your home — think before you act. Think before you talk. Don't bully or disrespect someone with disability. Look at things from another perspective. Celebrate everyone in your community. It will enrich us all."

**STEPHANIE GOTLIB**  
Executive Officer

# CDA ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2012/13

## AN OVERVIEW

### ADVOCACY & EDUCATION

AREA	ACTIVITY
EDUCATION	Direct representation to relevant Ministers & Parliamentary Secretaries
	Ongoing consultation with the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)
	Member of the Schools Disability Advisory Council advising the Australian Government
	Formal submissions to the Senate Inquiry into Teaching and Learning: Maximising our Investment into Australian Schools and the three inquiries into the Australian Education Bill
	Completed Issue Papers — The Emerging Picture: The Education and NDIS Interface, Special Schools and the Australian Government Education Reform, Inclusion in Education: Towards Equality for Students with Disability and Connection and Disconnection of School Students with Disability (to be formally launched late 2013)
	Appeared before the House Standing Committee on Education and Employment's inquiry into the Australian Education Bill 2012
	Presented at the Australian Special Education Principals Association Australasian Conference
	Hosted a national education summit on education reform for students with disability
	Hosted and attended various local forums on education issues and reform
	Conducted a series of online forums on education and students with disability
	Ongoing consultation with education peak bodies
	Ongoing media campaign — significant coverage by newspaper, radio, television and on-line media forums
NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME	Ongoing member consultation on reform process, input into legislation and rules development
	Direct representation to relevant Ministers & Parliamentary Secretaries
	Ongoing consultation with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)
	Ongoing contact with NDIS taskforce, government, launch agencies and other key stakeholders
	Formal submissions provided re consultations on scheme rules for eligibility, reasonable and necessary supports, the rules about children and nominees
	Submission to the Senate inquiry into the NDIS legislation



# CDA ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2012/13

## AN OVERVIEW

AREA	ACTIVITY
	<p>Appeared before the Senate inquiry on the National Disability Insurance Scheme Bill</p> <p>Focused member consultation and report on the family support program and the NDIS Interface</p> <p>Member of NDIS expert advisory group on quality standards and safeguards</p> <p>Participated in numerous sector consultations on issues relevant to children and youth</p> <p>Presented at the DisabilityCare Australia conference</p>
<b>ABUSE AND VIOLENCE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY</b>	<p>Ongoing advocacy and representation to government, community and media</p> <p>Member of coalition of organisations committed to the safety and wellbeing of Australia's children</p> <p>CDA issue paper — Enabling &amp; Protecting: Proactive Approaches to Addressing Abuse and Neglect of Children and Young People with Disability. Officially Launched by Jan McLucas, Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers</p> <p>Ongoing advocacy regarding the need for the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the need for specific representation and consideration of issues and needs regarding children with disability</p> <p>Member of Stop the Violence Project — Project Steering Group which is a multi-layered approach to assisting women and girls with disabilities under the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children</p> <p>Co-presentation at the CareAware national conference</p>
<b>OTHER AREAS</b>	<p>Contributed to the development and release of the Shadow Report to the United Nations which details the views of non-government organisations on the extent to which Australia has implemented its obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)</p> <p>Submission and advocacy re Grow up Smiling dental scheme</p> <p>Attended inaugural Forum on the Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities at UNICEF in New York and completed formal report re participation</p> <p>Ongoing advocacy regarding disability vilification in the media</p> <p>Appointment and active participation in the National Disability Strategy Implementation Reference Group</p> <p>Promotion and reference to the National Disability Strategy in all areas of CDA's work</p> <p>Participated in evaluation of the Better Start Program</p>

# CDA ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2012/13

## AN OVERVIEW

### INFORMATION

ACTIVITY	DETAILS
TELEPHONE INFORMATION SERVICE	1000 calls were received by CDA
OTHER CONTACTS	Significant contact with constituents through direct email, post and direct inquiry service through CDA website
NATIONAL PUBLICATION	June 2012 edition — ListenUp! (Estimated readership 15,000)
CDA WEBSITE	CDA's website is reviewed monthly and updated accordingly
	Page views and visits steadily increased each month throughout the year. Yearly totals — Visits 32,697, Page Views 58,472
E-BULLETINS	11 e-bulletins were sent to members and subscribers over the year (a total of 18,420 individual emails). These e-bulletins were updates on policy, service initiatives, reform, events, consultations or updates on the work of CDA
SOCIAL MEDIA	CDA Facebook page maintained — A total of 1,030 new likes for the reporting period
	CDA Twitter account maintained — A total of 872 additional followers for the reporting period
	CDA has 4,000+ subscribers to its social media platforms
OTHER MEDIA	Numerous published letters to the editor in various major metropolitan and national newspapers
	Various articles and opinion pieces published in the Canberra Times, RampUp and New Matilda
	Articles quoting CDA published in the Age, the Australian, the Herald Sun, the Daily Telegraph and the Leader
	Radio interviews on a range of issues including education, abuse, disability reform and International Day of People with Disability with 5RPH, SBS, 2UE, 2GB, 2WS, Cruise, 2SM, MIX FM, 720 ABC Perth, FM 104.7, 4KQ, 2CC, Wave FM, Radio National, 702 ABC Sydney, ABC Newcastle, 936 ABC Hobart, Triple J, 774 ABC Melbourne, 6PR, ABC Statewide Victoria, 5RPH

# CDA ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2012/13

## AN OVERVIEW

### CELEBRATION

EVENT	DETAILS
NATIONAL DISABILITY AWARDS	Nominated 3 candidates for awards including recipient of Excellence in Improving Education Outcomes Award  Attended awards ceremony
AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY — CELEBRATING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY FOR INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE DISABILITY (IDPWD)	Community celebration in Clifton Hill with many local activities which involved primary school, local businesses and wider community. Community assembly held with speakers including the Hon Jenny Macklin — Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Senator the Hon Jacinta Collins — Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations and Senator the Hon Jan McLucas — Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers

### REPRESENTATION

Representation to Australian government departments and relevant ministers, including:

- Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR)
- Minister Peter Garrett, Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth
- Minister Jenny Macklin, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and Minister for Disability Reform
- Senator Jacinta Collins, Parliamentary Secretary for School Education and Workplace Relations
- Senator Mitch Fifield, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers
- Minister Jan McLucas, Minister for Human Services
- The Hon. Christopher Pyne, Shadow Minister for Education
- The Hon. Amanda Rishworth, Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers
- Minister Bill Shorten, Minister for Education
- State Premiers and Chief Ministers

# CDA ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2012/13

## AN OVERVIEW

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

- ARACY
- Association for Children with a Disability Victoria
- Association for Children with a Disability — New South Wales
- Association for Children with a Disability — Tasmania
- Australian Education Union
- Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO)
- Australian Human Rights Commission
- Australian Institute of Family Studies
- Australian Parents Council
- Australian Youth Affairs Council
- Blind Citizens Australia
- Brainlink
- Carers Australia
- Catholic Education Office
- Early Childhood Intervention Australia — Victoria Chapter
- Every Australian Counts
- Families Australia
- First Peoples Disability Network
- Global Partnership on Education
- HeartWell Kids
- National Children's Commissioner
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Taskforce
- Noah's Ark
- Pack a Punch Lobby Group
- People with Disability Australia
- Playgroup Australia
- Price Waterhouse Coopers
- Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
- STAR Victoria — Inclusive Education Alliance
- TasConnect
- Tasmanian Disability Education Reform Lobby
- Teacher's Federation
- Touched by Olivia Foundation
- Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission
- Victorian Parents Council
- Women with Disabilities Australia
- World Disability Union
- Young People in Nursing Homes National Alliance
- Youth Disability Advocacy Service

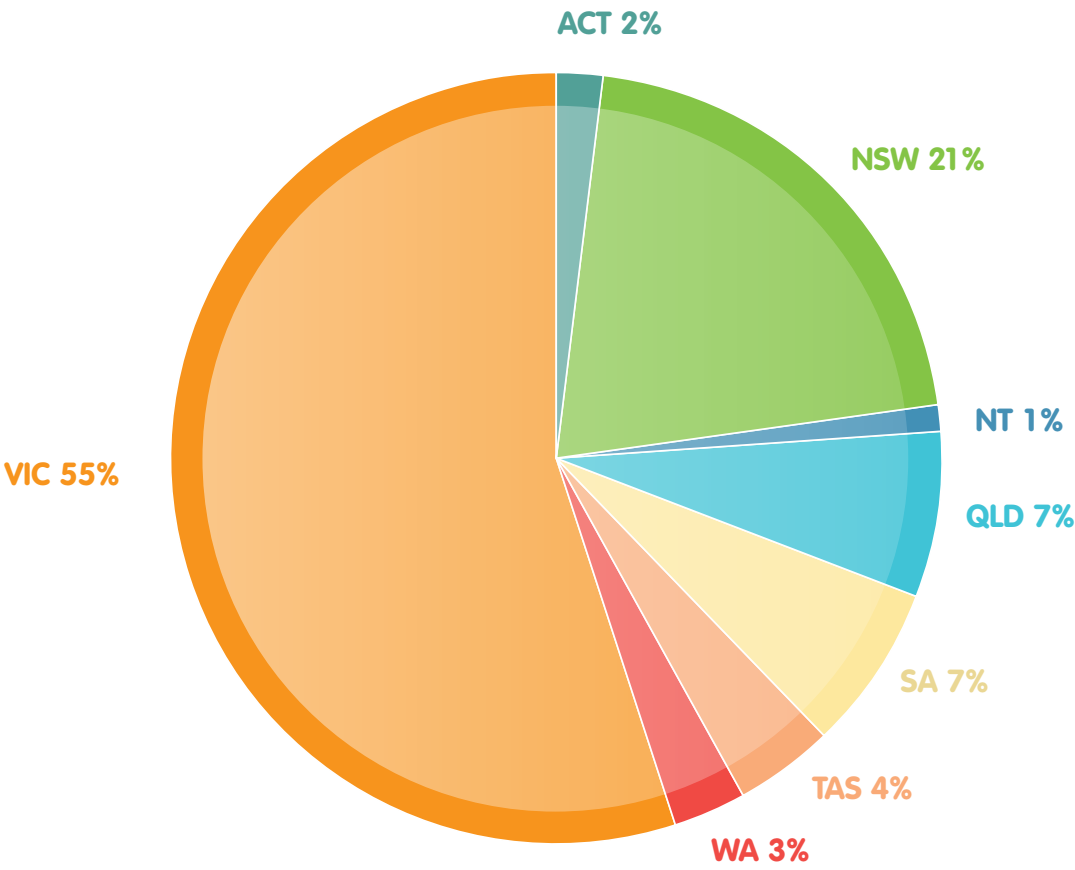
Participation in advisory committees and national forums on key issues of relevance to children and young people with disability, including:

- Attorney General Roundtable on UN response to Australia's Performance under the Convention on the Rights of the Child
- CareAware Conference
- Carer Service Delivery Reference Group
- Coalition on Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's children
- Connections — Mental Health & Wellbeing Resource for the Early Childhood Education and Care Workforce Project — National Reference Group
- DEEWR Early Childhood Quality and Workforce group
- My Choice My Control My Future — DisabilityCare Australia Conference
- National Aids and Equipment Resource Alliance
- National Audit of Disability Research in Australia Advisory Group
- National Children and Family Roundtable
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Expert Advisory Group — Quality Standards & Safeguards
- National Disability Strategy Implementation Reference Group
- National Safe Schools Project
- National Schools Framework Development Forum
- National Seminar on Schools and Parents Working Together to Address Bullying
- National Youth Disability Conference
- NDIS Aboriginal and Torres Strait roundtable
- Schools Disability Advisory Council
- Stop the Violence Project — Project Steering Group



# CDA MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

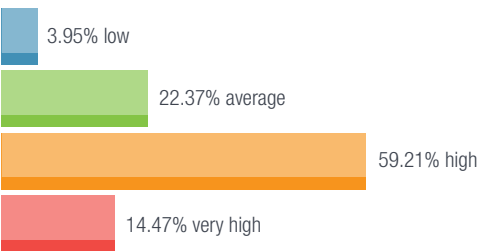
## MEMBERSHIP BY STATE



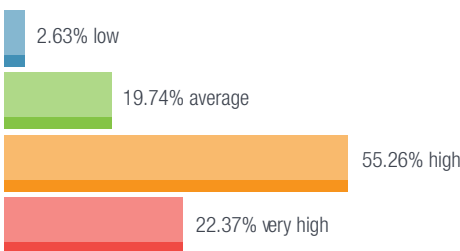
## MEMBER FEEDBACK

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

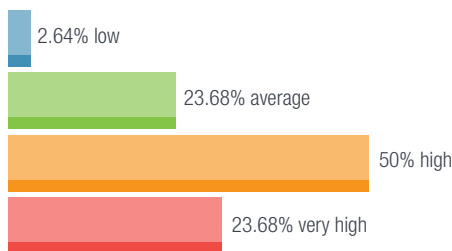
### Consultation on key issues



### Information provided by CDA



### Representation to government of your key issues





*"I just read Listen Up! It is extremely informative, an excellent resource to retain as it distils the key messages. Just want to pass on my appreciation."*





*"We state clearly that every person who lives with disability deserves the opportunity to thrive and achieve their full potential, and that they should have the support they and their carers need to achieve these aims.*

*These goals are so important for our children and young people, who are entitled to look to the future with hope, not fear or uncertainty.*

*I know this has been the mission of Children with Disability Australia. Your brilliant work is honoured today."*

*The Honourable Julia Gillard MP  
Prime Minister of Australia*







*"I really value the effort you make to promote our children and their needs."*







*"It was nice to be able to talk to someone who has been and still is faced with the same concerns and battles as myself."*







*"Thank you for being approachable, kind, and for sharing real insights because it's people like yourself that both ignite passion and push boundaries. I appreciate the courage it takes to share those experiences."*





*"Well done CDA! Keep up the great work!"*







*"Thank you for your time when we met last year and for forwarding the report on abuse and violence of children & young people with disability in Australia. The report is really valuable and we (IHC Advocacy – New Zealand) have forwarded on to a number of people both within and outside the organisation."*

*Claire Stewart — IHC New Zealand Inc.*







*"It was an absolute pleasure to both hear your incredibly emotive insights and to meet you in Canberra."*



# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

**CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY AUSTRALIA**  
**ABN 42 140 529 273**  
**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

Your directors present their report with respect to the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 June 2013.

1. **DIRECTORS IN OFFICE**

Melinda Ewin (Chair)  
Heike Fabig (Secretary)  
Anthony Byrne  
Con Fourkiotis  
Liz Kelly  
Bruce Young-Smith (Resigned 31/03/2012)  
Tracey Myles (Commenced 03/04/2013)

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. **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.

4. **RESULTS**

The net profit (loss) from activities was \$(12,950) (2012 profit \$13,759).

5. **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 2013.

6. **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.

7. **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.

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT

**CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY AUSTRALIA**  
**ABN 42 140 529 273**  
**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

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.

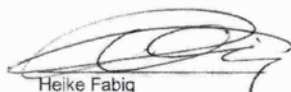
**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2013 has been received and is included in the financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Melinda Ewin



Heike Fabig

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013



# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## AUDITOR'S DECLARATION



### Auditor Independence Declaration Under S307C 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 2013 there have 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.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John Findlay".

John Findlay  
Partner  
21 Armstrong Street North, Ballarat Victoria  
Date: 20 September 2013

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# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## Children With Disability Australia Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Year ended 30 June 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Commonwealth Grants – Recurrent	165,597	163,039
Commonwealth Grants - Non Recurrent	100,000	78,364
Donations Received	17,361	30,348
Fundraising Contributions - Members	8,550	18,650
Sundry Income	23,799	764
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>315,307</b>	<b>291,165</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Accountancy & Audit Fees	3,672	960
Administrative & Consultancy	23,575	17,869
Graphic Design	7,649	4,144
Assets <\$5,000	285	391
Bank Charges	394	480
Business Planning	3,500	1,110
Board/Governance Expenses	13,266	11,973
Computer Expenses	18,525	2,328
Events	626	7,930
Insurance	4,093	4,431
Annual Leave Expense	222	2,086
Long Service Leave Expense	1,571	1,681
Meeting & Conference Expenses	6,626	2,317
Membership Fees Paid	1,966	1,049
Postage	2,971	11,018
Printing & Stationery	18,924	21,004
Rent	13,633	12,674
Recruitment Expense	-	877
Relocation	2,562	5,872
Salary Sacrifice Paid	39,956	46,680
Sundry Expenses	2,546	1,856
Superannuation	14,588	12,263
Telephone	4,279	3,596
Travel & Accommodation	20,660	12,604
Salaries & Wages	123,565	91,270
Workers Compensation	1,070	1,098
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>330,724</b>	<b>279,561</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Interest Received	2,467	2,155
	2,467	2,155
<b>Profit / (Loss)</b>	<b>(12,950)</b>	<b>13,759</b>

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## Children With Disability Australia Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	76,879	167,672
Trade and other receivables		154,000	-
Prepayments		1,083	1,050
		<u>231,962</u>	<u>168,722</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>231,962</u>	<u>168,722</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	3	53,572	19,174
Provisions	4	14,457	12,665
Grants Received in Advance		140,000	100,000
		<u>208,029</u>	<u>131,839</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>208,029</u>	<u>131,839</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>23,933</u>	<u>36,883</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained Earnings		23,933	36,883
<b>Total Equity</b>		<u>23,933</u>	<u>36,883</u>

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## Children With Disability Australia Statement of Cash Flows For the Year ended 30 June 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>Cash Flow from Operating Activities</b>			
Receipts from Customers		346,837	320,280
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(440,097)	(191,594)
Interest Received		2,467	2,154
<b>Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities</b>		<b>(90,793)</b>	<b>130,840</b>
Net Increase / (decrease) in Cash Held	5(b)	(90,793)	130,840
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 1 July 2012		167,672	36,832
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 30 June 2013	5(a)	76,879	167,672

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## Children With Disability Australia Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 30 June 2013

### 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 recognized 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 grants are recognized 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.

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## Children With Disability Australia Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 30 June 2013

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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 recognized in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognized as income as receipt.

Donation and bequests are recognized as revenue when received.

Interest revenue is recognized 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 recognized 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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## Children With Disability Australia Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 30 June 2013

	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>2. Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash Management Account	43,483	140,233
Gift Fund	22,633	17,159
Bendigo Term Deposit	10,763	10,280
	<u>76,879</u>	<u>167,672</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Cash</b>	<u>76,879</u>	<u>167,672</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>76,879</u>	<u>167,672</u>
<b>3. Trade and Other Payables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade Creditors	25,246	328
Provision for GST	24,620	18,846
Sundry Payables	3,706	-
	<u>53,572</u>	<u>19,174</u>
<b>4. Provisions</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Provision for Long Service Leave	5,603	4,032
Provision for Annual Leave	8,854	8,633
	<u>14,457</u>	<u>12,665</u>

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## Children With Disability Australia Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 30 June 2013

	2013 \$	2012 \$
<b>5. 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 and Cash Equivalents	76,879	167,672
	<u>76,879</u>	<u>167,672</u>
<b>(b) Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided By/Used in Operating Activities to Net Profit:</b>		
Net Profit (Loss)	(12,950)	13,759
(Increase)/Decrease in Other Assets	(33)	(1,050)
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	20,398	14,361
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	1,792	3,768
Increase/(Decrease) in Receipts in Advance	<u>(100,000)</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	<u>(90,793)</u>	<u>130,840</u>

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## DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

**CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY AUSTRALIA**  
**ABN 42 140 529 273**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

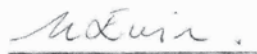
**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

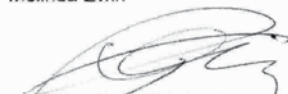
The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes present fairly the company's financial position as at 30 June 2013 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.

  
Melinda Ewin

  
Heike Fabig

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013



# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## AUDITOR'S REPORT



### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Children With Disability Australia

#### Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Children With Disability Australia, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2013, the statement of comprehensive income and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

#### Directors' responsibility for the financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation 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. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from 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 judgment, 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 company'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.

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## AUDITOR'S REPORT



### 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 would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

### Basis for Qualified Opinion

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 fund raising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to revenue was limited to amounts recorded.

### 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:

- a. giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2013 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b. complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

### Basis of accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of complying with policies as outlines at Note 1. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

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CROWE HORWATH WEST VIC

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Findlay".

John Findlay  
Partner  
21 Armstrong Street North, Ballarat Victoria  
Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013

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