

ANNUAL REPORT 2014

A bigger voice for kids



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 21 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.

Tracey Myles (NT) Secretary

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

Brian Babington (ACT)

Brian Babington is the CEO of Families Australia. He is the Coordinator of the Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children, a Director of Plan International Australia (an overseas child-centred community development agency), a member of the Alliance for Forgotten Australians (a national group that promotes greater recognition of the needs of people who were in institutional care in Australia in the 20th century), and a member of the Implementation Working Group for the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children.

Brian is a member of the Advisory Board of the Centre for Children and Young People at Southern Cross University. A former Australian diplomat and overseas aid coordinator, Brian's tertiary qualifications include BA (Hons.) and MA degrees. He is completing his doctorate on children's residential institutions in Indonesia. He was a 2009 Churchill Fellow on national child protection systems. As well as published works on contemporary child protection issues in Australia, he wrote a book on loss and resilience.

Tom Byrne (SA)

Tom has two children. His adult son Laurence has a disability. 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.

Heike Fabig (NSW)

Heike Fabig has three children and experience as a parent with 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.

Con Fourkiotis (QLD)

Con has four children. His son Eamonn has a disability. 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 Queensland. 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.

Liz Kelly (VIC)

Liz has two children. Her son has a disability. 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.

CDA STAFF

Stephanie Gotlib	Executive Officer — 1.0 EFT
Alan Blackwood	Education Policy Officer — 0.4 EFT
Winnie Bridie	Membership Officer — 0.3 EFT (until February 2014) Information & Policy Support Officer — 0.3EFT (commenced February 2014)
Gwenda Cannard	Business Operations Manager — 0.2EFT Information and Community Liaison Officer for Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse — 0.4 EFT
Sunni Dawson	Policy Officer — 0.6 EFT
Joanne Ellingworth	Executive Assistant — 0.4 EFT
Darrell Harding	Financial Officer — 0.1 EFT
Volunteers	Danny Dickson Anne Murphy Yen Li Wong



CHAIR'S REPORT

Welcome to the Annual Report for 2013–2014. I am very proud of the systemic advocacy undertaken for children and young people with disability over this time.

CDA continues to seek new and innovative ways to ensure that the voice we promote comes directly from the lived experience of children and young people with disability. Your continued support by responding to our calls for information, stories and your personal experiences are valued highly and used with the utmost respect and dedication. We thank you for your support.

It has been another extraordinary year in many ways, we are still moving towards the realisation of a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and dealing with the impact the implementation of the NDIS has on children and young people in the scheme's trial regions. We continue to ensure that the experience of children with disability is promoted in the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, an arena where often the horror and appropriate responses to child sex abuse are diminished due to a child's disability. As an organisation we have faced a change of government and with it a change of funding arrangements. Disability Persons Organisations have been required to tender for funding. We continue to operate at full steam, mindful that our core funding may cease in 2015.

The Board takes very seriously its responsibility to provide the strategic framework for our systemic advocacy to occur, while at all times staying true to the core values of CDA and our mission of responding to those children and young people who experience exclusion, injustice and social isolation. I thank the Board members for their dedication and genuine commitment to the task of producing the Strategic Plan 2014–2017.

I thank my fellow board members for their continued contribution to the work of CDA, Liz Kelly, Heike Fabig, Brian Babington, Tom Byrne, Con Fourkiotis and Tracey Myles.

Our staff and volunteers are the strength of our organisation and I cannot praise them highly enough. I thank them for their compassion and humility, and their willingness to always 'go the extra mile' especially under such precarious funding times. They work under the exemplary leadership of Stephanie Gotlib our Executive Officer. On behalf of the Board I thank Stephanie most sincerely for the professional manner in which she supports us and embraces our decisions, and with the vision and dedication she shows for the organisation.

The future looks exciting and challenging, we look forward to spending another successful year working with you to promote the rights, voices and experiences of children and young people with disability across Australia.

MELINDA EWIN

Chair



"The advocacy which you and your colleagues at CDA undertake on behalf of children and young people with disability in Australia is vitally important, and I commend all involved."

His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)

EO'S REPORT

It has again been a momentous year for CDA with the organisation growing significantly in strength, reach, size and capacity. There have been significant achievements in disability reform and progressing the rights of children and young people with disability. There is also still so much work to do as we continue to hear constantly of children and young people with disability having to fight for equal opportunities for participation and inclusion in our community. CDA work has focused particularly on education reform, the National Disability Strategy and the National Disability Insurance Scheme. There has also been significant work completed regarding the unacceptably high levels of abuse experienced by children and young people with disability, particularly in the work we have undertaken regarding the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

A particular highlight of the year was the launch in October 2013 of our landmark issues paper *'Inclusion in education: towards equality for students with disability'*. CDA wanted to present the evidence about the realities and the benefits of inclusion to inform the education reform process in Australia. I believe that this paper is an important key reference point for all those involved in the reform, including students and parents. To date there has been a high demand for the paper with 9800 copies distributed (hard copy and electronically). The report details research which overwhelmingly supports inclusive education. It outlines the positive outcomes of inclusive education for social justice, senses of belonging and connection, social, academic, cognitive and physical development in children who do and do not experience disability.

This year has also seen the organisation develop its new strategic plan. This strategic plan aims to create a more inclusive Australian community which values and welcomes children and young people with disability and stimulates much needed reform. A key focus of this is on the promotion and advancement of meaningful participation of children and young people with disability in the work of CDA. I greatly look forward to the implementation of this plan.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank the members, Board, staff and volunteers of CDA for your ongoing commitment and dedication. Our voice is getting louder and stronger as we champion that an exemplary community is one that is inclusive of children and young people with disability.

STEPHANIE GOTLIB
Executive Officer



"Children with Disability Australia plays an important role in ensuring children and young people with disability have every opportunity to achieve their full potential whether it is in employment, education or community inclusion."

*The Hon. Josh Frydenberg MP,
Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister*

CDA ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2013/14

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ADVOCACY & EDUCATION

AREA	ACTIVITY
EDUCATION	Direct representation to relevant Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries
	Ongoing consultation with the Department of Social Services and the Australian Government Department of Education
	Formal submissions re: Productivity Commission's Inquiry into Childcare and Early Childhood Learning; The immediate future of the childcare sector in Australia; The delivery of quality and affordable early childhood education and care services, Senate Select Committee Inquiry into School Funding; Removal of the command and control features of the Australian Education Act; Teacher Quality and Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on Human Rights Resolution 22/3 — "The work and education of persons with disabilities."
	Completed Issues Papers — Education and the National Disability Insurance Scheme Interface — Where are we now? and Positive Education Experiences
	Appeared before Senate Select Committee Inquiry into School Funding
	Co-hosted a pre-Budget forum on education reform and students with disability — Parliament House Canberra
	Hosted and attended various 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	Attended South Australian launch of National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
	Ongoing member consultation on establishment and introduction of the NDIS
	Direct representation to relevant Ministers, Assistant Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries
	Created booklet for families accessing the NDIS on inclusive education
	Member consultation and preparation of issue paper on education and the NDIS interface
	Presented at NDIS Independent Advisory Council
	Submission lodged on the NDIS Draft Strategic Plan

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AREA	ACTIVITY
ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY	Ongoing advocacy and representation to government, community and media
	Member of coalition of organisations committed to the safety and wellbeing of Australia's
	Obtained funding to provide information, support and systemic advocacy regarding the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
OTHER AREAS	Promotion and reference to the National Disability Strategy in all areas of CDA's work
	Submissions provided to; the Australian Law Reform Inquiry into "Equality, Capacity and Disability in Commonwealth Laws Issues Paper; National Disability Strategy 2014 Progress Report to Council of Australian Government
	Ongoing advocacy regarding disability vilification in the media



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INFORMATION

ACTIVITY	DETAILS
TELEPHONE INFORMATION SERVICE	1140 calls were received by CDA
OTHER CONTACTS	Significant contact with constituents through direct email, post and direct inquiry service through CDA website
PUBLICATIONS	ListenUp! — CDA national publication May 2014 edition (estimated readership 15,000)
	Commissioned “Strengthening participation of children and young people with disability in advocacy” (to be launched 3 December, 2014)
	CDA Issue Papers — Enabling & Protecting: Proactive Approaches to Addressing the Abuse and Neglect of Children and Young People with Disability (2663 copies distributed); Inclusion in Education: Towards Equality for Students with Disability (9594 copies distributed); and Belonging and Connection of School Students with Disability (1412 copies distributed)
CDA WEBSITE	CDA website is reviewed fortnightly and updated accordingly
	Page views and visits steadily increased throughout the year. Yearly totals — Visits 63,054, page Views 105,127. This represents a 100% increase from the previous year.
E-BULLETINS	32 e-Bulletins were sent to members and subscribers over the year (a total of 62,097 individual emails). These emails were updates on policy, service initiatives, reform, events, consultations or information on the work of CDA
SOCIAL MEDIA	CDA Facebook page maintained — a total of 2369 likes for the year
	CDA Twitter account maintained — a total of 589 new followers for the year
	CDA has 7000+ followers across the major platforms of Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. This represents a 75% increase on last year
OTHER MEDIA	Numerous published letters to the editor in various major metropolitan and national newspapers
	Various articles and opinion pieces published in ProBono, The Sunday Age, RampUp!
	Articles quoting CDA in Illawarra Mercury, Sydney Morning Herald, The Examiner, The Educator
	Radio and television on a range of issues including education, abuse and disability reform with The Wire, ABC and SBS

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CELEBRATION

EVENT	DETAILS
ALICE'S PLAYGROUND	Inclusive playspace — attended opening
NATIONAL DISABILITY AWARDS	Attended awards ceremony
CELEBRATION OF FAMILIES WEEK	Co-hosted with Touched by Olivia and Families Australia – Sydney

REPRESENTATION

Representation to Australian government departments and relevant ministers, including:

- The Hon. Kevin Andrews — Minister for Social Services
- The Hon. Christopher Pyne — Minister for Education
- Senator the Hon. Mitch Fifield — Assistant Minister for Social Services
- Department of Social Services (previously Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs)
- Australian Government Department of Education (previously Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations)
- The Hon. Bill Shorten (Opposition Leader and in former capacity as Minister for Education)

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

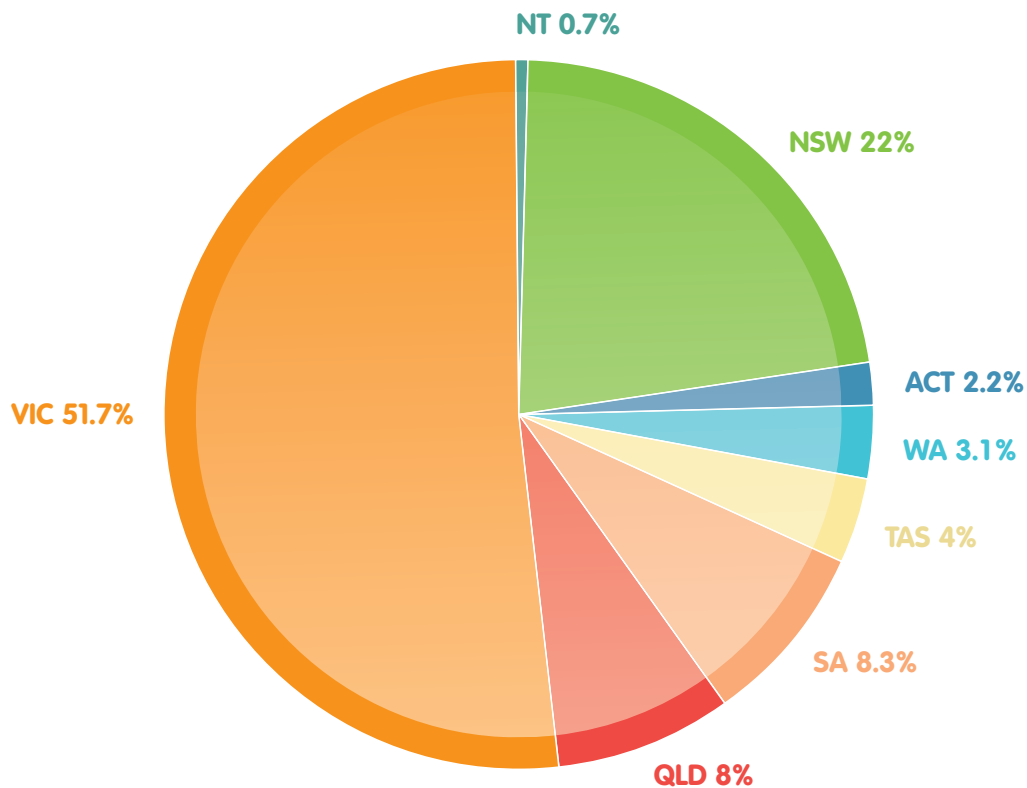
- Association for Children with a Disability — Victoria
- Association for Children with a Disability — New South Wales
- Association for Children with a Disability — Tasmania
- Australian Children's Commissioner
- Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS)
- Australian Disability Employment
- Australian Education Union
- Australian Federation Disability Organisations
- Australian Human Rights Commission
- Australian Law Reform Commission
- Australian Parents Council
- Blind Citizens Australia
- Communication Rights Australia
- Disability Discrimination Legal Service (Melbourne)
- Down Syndrome Australia
- Families Australia
- First Peoples Disability Network
- Global Partnership on Education
- Independent Education Union
- Julia Farr
- National Disability Insurance Agency
- National Council on Intellectual Disability
- Noah's Ark
- Office for Commissioner of Children and Young People WA
- Pack a Punch Lobby Group
- People with Disability Australia
- Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
- Tasmanian Disability Education Reform Lobby
- Touched by Olivia Foundation
- Victorian Commission for Children and Young People
- Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission
- 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:

- Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children
- National Disability Strategy Implementation Reference Group
- National audit of disability research in Australia — advisory group
- e-Learning Resource on Disability Standards for Education Working Group (hosted by Australian Government Department of Education)
- Ministerial Roundtable on Students with Dyslexia
- OECD Roundtable on youth unemployment
- Roundtable on "access to the criminal justice system for people with disability" hosted by the Australian Human Rights Commission
- Presented at Noah's Ark Staff Conference

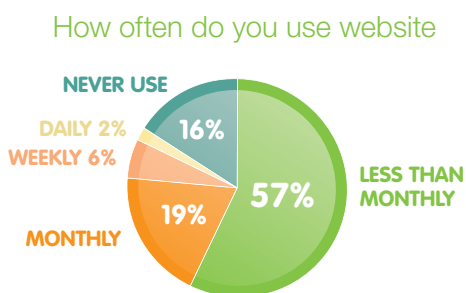
CDA MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

MEMBERSHIP BY STATE

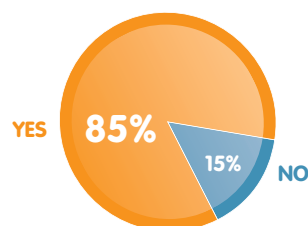


MEMBER FEEDBACK

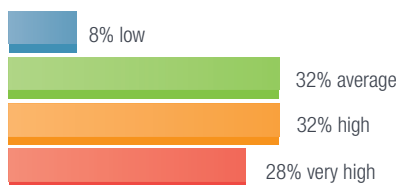
CDA members were surveyed regarding their level of satisfaction regarding the work of CDA.



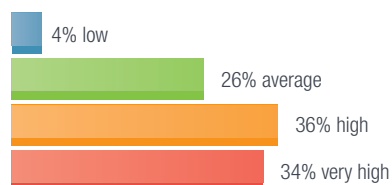
Is the current CDA website useful



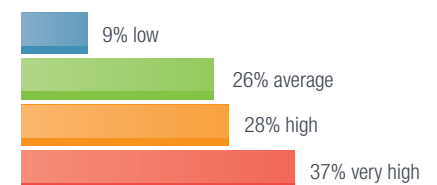
Consultation on key issues

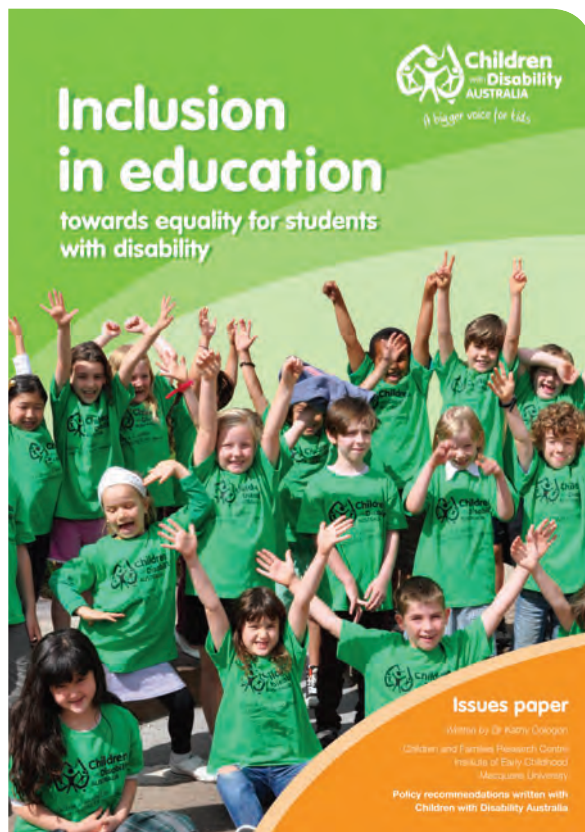


Information provided by CDA



Representation to government of your key issues





"This is an important paper and I hope it receives the coverage and support it deserves."

CDA member





"The magazine offers an insight into the valuable service CDA provides to the young and most vulnerable in our community. Through its education, information and advocacy programs, CDA empowers young people with a disability to reach their full potential and grow as individuals."

Colin Barnett MLA, Premier of Western Australia





"The Government values the work of CDA in ensuring that children and young people with disability living in Australia are afforded every opportunity to thrive and achieve their potential and I look forward to working with you in 2014."

Senator the Hon. Mitch Fifield, Assistant Minister for Social Services



"I would like to thank you on behalf of my daughter for your continuing support through this matter, your expertise and common sense helped me to keep going. Your knowledge on these matters [is] invaluable and words cannot express how much we appreciate your letter of support to the Minster... Thank you once again and I look forward to meeting you."

CDA member



Families Week Celebration

Family Funday

Stronger Families, Stronger Communities

Sunday 18 May
11.00am-2.00pm
Livi's Place @ Yamble Reserve
Quarry Rd, Ryde

Come and join us to celebrate the role that families play in building strong communities to celebrate National Families Week

FREE fun for everyone!

- Stalls from local businesses
- Free entertainment
- Kids activities
- BYO picnic

Contact:
Visit: cda.org.au
touchedbyollivia.com.au
familiesaustralia.org.au/familiesweek/
Phone: (03) 9482 1130 or 1800 222 660
(regional or interstate callers)



"CDA represents and advocates for our most vulnerable children and their families. CDA has given our children a powerful voice in issues relating to Education, Law Reform, and Social Services... Thank you CDA."

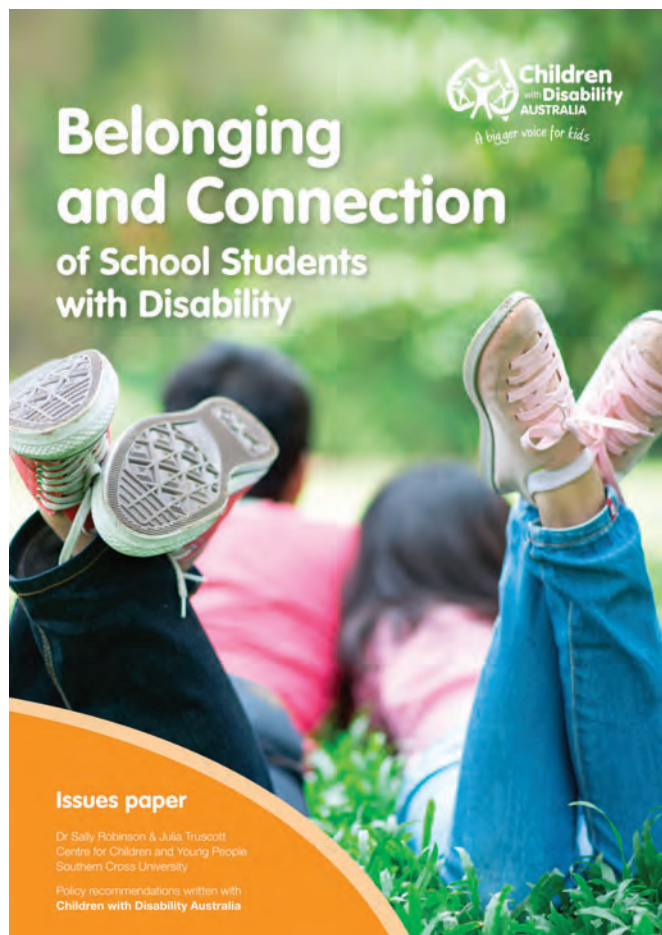
CDA member





"Thanks for [the] chat and advice just now, thanks for understanding my issues."

CDA member



Issues paper

Dr Sally Robinson & Julia Truscott
Centre for Children and Young People
Southern Cross University

Policy recommendations written with
Children with Disability Australia



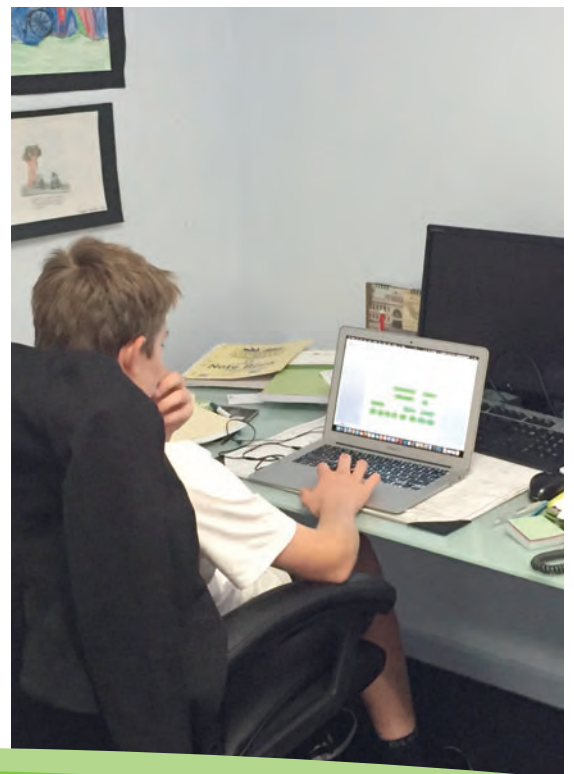


"This is a great report and very much needed. The NDIS will fail if we don't invest in children with disability to do their best. High expectations and a strengths based approach are critical in achieving this... Well done!"

CDA member

"Fantastic, thank you so much for your help, and such a quick reply!"

CDA member





"Thank you for the terrific work — along with the recent not equal before the law it is clear that struggle continues and we need advocates in every field."

CDA member



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DIRECTORS' REPORT

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY AUSTRALIA
ABN 42 140 529 273
DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

The directors present their report with respect to the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 June 2014.

1. **DIRECTORS IN OFFICE**

The names of each person who has been a director during the year and to the date of this report are:

Melinda Ewin (Chair)
Heike Fabig (Secretary until 3/4/14)
Anthony Byrne
Con Fourkiotis
Liz Kelly
Tracey Myles (Secretary since 4/4/14)
Brian Babington (commenced 29/11/13)

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. **MEETING OF DIRECTORS**

During the financial year, 10 meetings of directors were held. Attendances by each director were as follows:

	Directors Meetings	
	Eligible to attend	Number attended
Melinda Ewin	10	10
Heike Fabig	7	3
Anthony Byrne	10	9
Con Fourkiotis	10	7
Liz Kelly	10	6
Tracey Myles	10	9
Brian Babington	4	2

5. **RESULTS**

The deficit from activities was \$14,320 (2013: Deficit of \$12,950).

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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 2014.

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 company.

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2014 has been received and is included in the financial report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors, pursuant to section 298(2)(a) of the Corporations Act.


Melinda Ewin

Corp Fourklotz

Dated this 31st day of October 2014

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AUDITOR'S DECLARATION



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 2014 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.

CROWE HORWATH WEST VIC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Findlay", written over a light grey circular stamp.

JOHN FINDLAY
Partner

Ballarat Victoria
Dated this 31st day of October 2014

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Children With Disability Australia Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Income		
Commonwealth Grants – Recurrent	169,130	165,597
Commonwealth Grants - Non Recurrent	140,000	100,000
Royal Commission	50,000	-
Donations Received	3,599	17,361
Memberships	10,133	8,550
Sundry Income	30,194	23,799
Total Income	403,056	315,307
Expenditure		
Accountancy Fees	3,191	1,372
Audit Fees	2,400	2,300
Administrative & Consultancy	32,038	23,575
Graphic Design	10,135	7,649
Assets <\$5,000	5,211	285
Bank Charges	395	394
Business Planning	4,053	3,500
Board/Governance Expenses	6,019	13,266
Computer Expenses	3,952	18,525
Events	1,460	626
Insurance	4,833	4,093
Annual Leave Expense	2,069	222
Long Service Leave Expense	3,423	1,571
Meeting & Conference Expenses	2,540	6,626
Membership Fees Paid	668	1,966
Postage	11,031	2,971
Printing & Stationery	13,165	18,924
Rent	13,260	13,633
Relocation	-	2,562
Salary Sacrifice Paid	44,153	39,956
Sundry Expenses	2,803	2,546
Superannuation	22,619	14,588
Telephone	6,181	4,279
Travel & Accommodation	19,592	20,660
Salaries & Wages	202,609	123,565
Workers Compensation	1,615	1,070
Total Expenditure	419,415	330,724
Other Income		
Interest Received	2,040	2,467
	2,040	2,467
Deficit Before Income Tax Expense	(14,319)	(12,950)
Income tax expense	-	-
Deficit After Income Tax Expense	(14,319)	(12,950)
Other Comprehensive Income for the Year	-	-
Total Comprehensive (Loss)/Income	(14,319)	(12,950)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Children With Disability Australia Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	116,355	76,879
Trade and other receivables		215,796	154,000
Prepayments		1,283	1,083
		<u>333,434</u>	<u>231,962</u>
Total Assets		333,434	231,962
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	3	54,633	53,572
Provisions	4	10,923	8,854
Grants Received in Advance		200,000	140,000
Funds Received in Advance		49,238	-
		<u>314,794</u>	<u>202,426</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	4	9,026	5,603
		<u>9,026</u>	<u>5,603</u>
Total Liabilities		323,820	208,029
Net Assets		9,614	23,933
Equity			
Retained Surpluses	6	9,614	23,933
Total Equity		9,614	23,933

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Children With Disability Australia Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

	Retained Surpluses	Members Contributions	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 30 June 2012	36,883	-	36,883
Deficit attributable to the entity, net	(12,950)	-	(12,950)
Balance at 30 June 2013	23,933	-	23,933
Deficit attributable to the entity, net	(14,319)	-	(14,319)
Balance at 30 June 2014	9,614	-	9,614

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Children With Disability Australia Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	116,355	76,879
Trade and other receivables		215,796	154,000
Prepayments		1,283	1,083
		<u>333,434</u>	<u>231,962</u>
Total Assets		333,434	231,962
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	3	54,633	53,572
Provisions	4	10,923	8,854
Grants Received in Advance		200,000	140,000
Funds Received in Advance		49,238	-
		<u>314,794</u>	<u>202,426</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions	4	9,026	5,603
		<u>9,026</u>	<u>5,603</u>
Total Liabilities		323,820	208,029
Net Assets		9,614	23,933
Equity			
Retained Surpluses	6	9,614	23,933
Total Equity		9,614	23,933

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Children With Disability Australia Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 30 June 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Cash Flow from Operating Activities			
Receipts from Customers		486,812	346,837
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(449,376)	(440,097)
Interest Received		2,040	2,467
Net cash from (used in) operating activities		39,476	(90,793)
Cash Flow from Investing Activities			
Net cash from investing activities		-	-
Cash Flow from Financing Activities			
Net cash from financing activities		-	-
Net Increase / (decrease) in Cash Held	5(b)	39,476	(90,793)
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 1 July		76,879	167,672
Cash and Cash Equivalents as at 30 June	5(a)	116,355	76,879

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Children With Disability Australia Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 30 June 2014

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.

New, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The company has adopted all of the new, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new, revised or amending Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements', AASB 107 'Statement of Cash Flows', AASB 108 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors', AASB 1031 'Materiality', AASB 1048 'Interpretation of Standards' and AASB 1054 'Australian Additional Disclosures', as appropriate for not-for-profit oriented entities that qualify for and apply differential reporting concessions.

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.

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Children With Disability Australia Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 30 June 2014

(c) **Employee Benefits**

Short-term employee benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in current liabilities in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

Other long-term employee benefits

The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in non-current liabilities, provided there is an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability. The liability is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Defined contribution superannuation expense

Contributions to defined contribution superannuation plans are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

(d) **Revenue and Other Income**

Non-reciprocal grants are recognized in the statement of profit or loss and other 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 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.

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

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

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- (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.
- (f) **Income Tax**
As the company is a charitable institution in terms of subsection 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.
- (g) **Trade and other receivables**
Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any provision for impairment.
- (h) **Trade and other payables**
These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the company prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within the next 12 months of recognition.
- (i) **New Australian Accounting Standards (AAS) and Interpretations not yet mandatory or early adopted**
AAS and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by the company for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2014. The company has not yet assessed the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations.
- (j) **Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions**
The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.
- Employee benefits provision*
The liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.
- (k) **Comparative figures**
Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform with the current financial years presentation.

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Children With Disability Australia Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 30 June 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
2. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash Management Account	79,937	43,483
Gift Fund	25,257	22,633
Bendigo Term Deposit	11,161	10,763
	<u>116,355</u>	<u>76,879</u>
Reconciliation of Cash		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>116,355</u>	<u>76,879</u>
3. Trade and Other Payables		
Current		
Trade Creditors	6,388	25,246
GST Payables, net	32,128	24,620
Sundry Payables	3,840	3,706
Membership Fees Received in Advance	12,277	-
	<u>54,633</u>	<u>53,572</u>
4. Provisions		
Current		
Provision for Annual Leave	10,923	8,854
Non-Current		
Provision for Long Service Leave	9,026	5,603
	<u>19,949</u>	<u>14,457</u>

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Children With Disability Australia Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 30 June 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$

5. Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

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	116,355	76,879
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(b) Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided By/Used in Operating Activities to Net Surplus:

Net Deficit	(14,319)	(12,950)
Increase in Trade and Other Assets	(61,996)	(33)
Decrease in Trade and Other Payables	1,061	20,398
Increase in Provisions	5,492	1,792
Increase/(Decrease) in Receipts in Advance	109,238	(100,000)
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	39,476	(90,793)

6. Equity – retained surpluses

Retained surpluses at 1 July	23,933	36,883
Deficit after income tax expenses for the year	(14,319)	(12,950)
Retained surpluses at 30 June	9,614	23,933

7. Contingent Liabilities

The company had no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2014 and 30 June 2013.

8. Commitments

The company had no commitments for expenditure as at 30 June 2014 and 30 June 2013.

9. Events after reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2014 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY AUSTRALIA
ABN 42 140 529 273
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

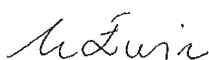
DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial statements have been prepared as described in note 1 to the financial statements accordingly.

In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes thereto comply with the Corporations Act 2001, the Australian Accounting standards as described in note 1 to the financial statements, the Corporations Regulations 2001 and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes thereto give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2014 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors made pursuant to section 295 (5)(a) of the Corporations Act 2001.



Melinda Ewin



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Dated this 31st day of October 2014

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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, being a special purpose financial report, of Children with Disability Australia (the company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2014, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity 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 and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and 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 have 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 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 of the financial report that gives a true and fair view 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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Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We have given to the directors of Children with Disability Australia a written auditor's independence declaration, a copy of which is included in the director'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.

Auditor's 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 2014 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and complying with 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 fulfilling the directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the *Corporations Act 2001*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

CROWE HORWATH WEST VIC

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

JOHN FINDLAY
Partner

Ballarat Victoria
Dated this 31st day of October 2014

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