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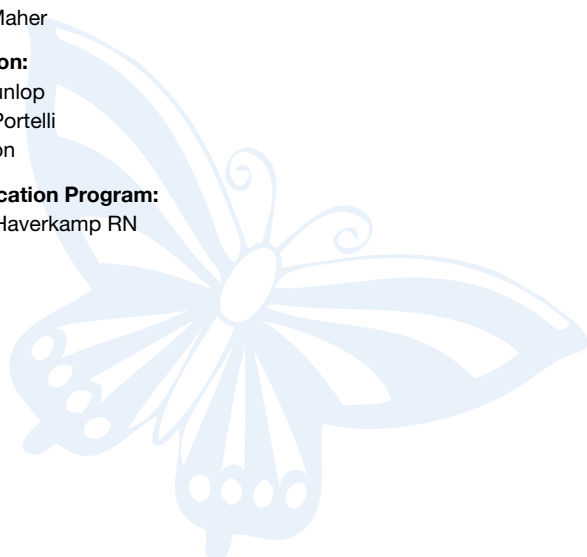
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President's Report



I am delighted to deliver my sixteenth annual report as President of the Foundation.

The Foundation has had another wonderful year in an environment that is more challenging.

We were fortunate to be able to derive increased revenues this year. Those revenues include both fundraising income and investment income.

Fundraising income came through the sale of butterfly badges at IGA supermarkets and also through schools, hospitals and other institutions around Australia, as well as through royalties from the second hand clothing business of Lynmarc Textiles and through the takings of various small fundraising initiatives, such as raffles and product sales, and the inaugural Trivia Night held at the Brighton Beach Lawn Bowls Club. We are most grateful for the ongoing support provided by longstanding partners such as IGA Supermarkets and Lynmarc Textiles, and new partners such as Brighton Beach Lawn Bowls Club.

Our investment income is derived from a portfolio of first mortgage investments and managed fixed interest and equities investments held on behalf of the Foundation by ASL and Trust Company of Australia. Our decision to allocate a small but meaningful percentage of our investible funds in first mortgages and managed fixed interest and equities, taken some years ago, has proved to be a success and, in particular, it provides us with much needed additional income in an age where we cannot rely solely on fundraising.

The Foundation made grants this year of an amount consistent with previous years. These grants included our ongoing commitment to the Peter Howson Clinical Research Fellowship in partnership with the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital. Dr Jessica Vitkovic was awarded the second Fellowship late last year and is now well underway with her research into the impact that deafness, hearing impairment or ear disorders may have on a person's balance (and thereupon on his or her performance in balance related activities). Anecdotal evidence suggests that there is, or could be, a direct relationship between deafness, hearing impairment and ear disorders, and balance, and if this is supported by rigorous research, opportunities will exist to devise appropriate developmental, educational or other remedial programs for children and, in the fullness of time, for adults. The Foundation hopes that this research will be groundbreaking and we are excited by its prospects.

Other grants made this year include those to support mobile hearing services, teachers of the deaf, interpreter services and schools for the deaf, as well as education encouragement awards for both secondary and tertiary students.

Dr Lyn Walker again chaired the Grants Committee and we are indebted to her for her careful guidance and recommendations. Marie Fram also again chaired the Education Committee and we are grateful for the valuable work she undertook in reviewing dozens of applications and making ultimate recommendations for the education encouragement awards.

The Foundation did not make the same number or dollar amount of grants for research purposes this year, with the only exception being the Peter Howson Clinical Research Fellowship. This was because the Foundation believed it was appropriate to wait for the outcome of the anticipated next round of the Hearing CRC Grants. The Foundation therefore expects to return next year to making

research grants, in aggregate, of a similar dollar amount to those made in previous years. It is also our expectation that research grants, in future years, will be fewer in number, albeit of a similar dollar amount, in order to enable us to direct larger grants to more significant projects, believing that this will deliver even more substantial outcomes. We have been delighted, in that regard, to see the significant results achieved through our partnering with the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital for the Peter Howson Clinical Research Fellowship. We are most fortunate, on matters of research, to have access to the invaluable advice and assistance of one of our Vice Presidents, Associate Professor Gary Rance.

Mention was made in my report last year to the undertaking of a strategic review of the mission of the Foundation. Reinvigoration of our efforts and, in particular, a fresh consideration of our purpose and objectives, is essential to ensure that we continue to remain relevant to the deaf and hard of hearing, and also to the broader community. I am pleased to note that this review is now close to complete and we expect its results to be adopted by the Board in readiness to be put to members at the AGM in July. It should surprise no one that this exercise has confirmed the original mission of the Foundation, being to support and represent the interests of those who are deaf or hard of hearing, but has also highlighted that to enhance the value of what we do and to serve the deaf and hard of hearing, and the broader community, in ways that are most needed, we should renew our focus on awareness and access, respect and inclusion, and prevention and treatment. We look forward to being able to bring this to members.

I would like to thank, in particular, for their tireless work on our strategic review, Associate Professor Gary Rance, the Chairman of our Noise Induced Hearing Loss Committee, Paul O'Halloran and the Chairman of our Hearing Awareness Week Committee, Noeleen Bieske. Gary, Paul and Noeleen have helped in the undertaking of a massive task that will be to the



(L-R) Peter Ickeringill (President), Dr Lyn Walker (Chairperson of the Grants Committee), Jenni Bliss (Executive Director Surgical & Inpatient Services and Chief Nurse Officer, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital) and Professor Geoffrey Blainey (Governor of the Foundation) at the Annual Grants Presentation evening.

I would like to conclude by once again thanking our current Vice Presidents, Gary Rance and Karin Gillies, for the great support they have given to me through the year and for the contribution they have made to all of the workings of the Foundation, and also by thanking Wendy Maher and our dedicated staff, Monica Haverkamp, Jenny Portelli, Karen Son and Helen Dunlop. Wendy, in particular, has continued to be a great support to me and, as our public face, to the deaf and hard of hearing, and we are indeed grateful for her dedicated and self effacing service. I must also pay tribute to our dozens of volunteers who continue to serve unheralded and without whom we would not be able to function.

Thank you once again for the privilege of being your President and together we should look forward to another successful year for the Foundation.

Peter Ickeringill
President

enduring benefit of our constituents. Moreover, without wishing to single out other members of the Board, it would be remiss of me not to thank the enormous contributions of the other of our Vice Presidents, Karin Gillies, the Chairman of our Education Committee, Marie Fram and the Chairman of our Conductive Deafness Committee, Lisa-Jane Moody. Karin, Marie and Lisa-Jane have demonstrated much leadership on these issues and have been most generous with their thoughts and recommendations.

Lyall Clewer has now completed his first full year as Chairman of the Technology Committee. Lyall has brought together a group of committed and experienced technicians and we now look forward to the commissioning of our new website, as well as various other improvements, in the short term. Lyall has been a wonderful addition to the Board.

Michaela Riddell has again done wonderful work as Chairman of the Rubella Committee and Simon Wood as our Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee. We are indebted to Michaela and Simon for the marvellous work they do.

The Foundation farewelled two longstanding members of the Board late last year, being Stan Batson and Dr Sam Howes. Stan joined the Board in 1993 and was the Chairman of the Auslan Committee and one of our Vice Presidents for almost two decades. Stan for all of those years represented the strongest and most visible link between the Foundation and the deaf community and, through Stan, we were able to further develop and strengthen our connection with and commitment to that community. Stan was and continues to be a tireless advocate for the deaf and a prominent supporter of their interests, and we wish him the very best in retirement. Sam joined the Board in 1996 and served not only as a member of the Medical and Audiological Committee through all of those years, but also for almost a decade as one of our Vice Presidents and then for five years as our Treasurer. Sam brought with him a unique, but enviable, combination of intellect, common sense, experience and personability, that made him, without doubt, one of the most valuable and important members of our Board. We also wish him a happy retirement.

OBJECTIVES

- To promote communication and understanding between all agencies and individuals involved in the field of hearing impairment.
- To provide financial and other assistance to people with hearing impairment and to organisations working in the field of hearing impairment.
- To promote research into all aspects of hearing impairment and its prevention and into the needs of people with hearing impairment.
- To acquire and publish information and to undertake community education programs about hearing impairment, its prevention, and the needs of persons with hearing impairment.
- To work in conjunction with other state, national and international organisations with similar objectives.
- To represent the interests of people with hearing impairment at individual, community, municipal, semi-government and government (both state and federal) levels.
- To raise funds to support the activities of the Foundation.
- To maintain an administrative structure to support the activities of the Foundation.

Executive Officer's Report



It gives me great pleasure to present my annual report for 2013. It has been a busy year and I am pleased to be able to report to you that the income from our fundraising endeavours and other activities has once again supported our financial needs and enabled us to be able to allocate financial grants.

It has been a busy year at the Foundation when we have undertaken a Strategic Review to revisit our original aims and objectives. We look forward to finalising the review and establishing future directions for the Foundation.

Fundraising, in particular the sale of butterfly badges and keyrings, is at the heart of the income that we rely on to support the work we do. This year for the first time a fun filled Trivia Night complimented our fundraising efforts. We acknowledge the wonderful support of Funky Bunch Trivia and the Brighton Beach Bowls Club which helped to make this event such a great success. In February of this year the Deafness Foundation was able to distribute over \$83,000 as grants for a variety of interesting projects that benefit the deaf and hard of hearing.

A further agreement with the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital has been entered into to jointly fund a second Peter Howson Clinical Research Fellowship. Jessica Vitkovic has been selected as the new Fellow. We look forward to hearing about her research, 'The Contribution of Hearing to Balance Control' in the future.

Acknowledgments

The success of a small charity such as Deafness Foundation is only made possible through the hard work and dedication of many supporters. Thank you is extended to our President, Peter Ickeringill, and our Board of Directors for their support and governance and staff members Jenny, Karen, Monica and Helen for their hard work and diligence. We thank our office volunteers Carol, Maggie, Radhika and Kylie, our committee members, members, donors and others, too many to name. We also extend our appreciation to the many schools, organisations and individuals who sell our butterfly badges and keyrings.

We would like to thank the Department of Health for the ongoing funding of the Rubella Education Program, the Urquhart Charitable Fund for a generous donation, Ritchies Stores Pty Ltd and the Whitehorse Community Chest.

We are very grateful for our continued long standing partnerships with IGA Victorian Supermarkets and Lynmarc Textiles. The success of our May IGA Butterfly Badge Appeal and royalty payments from Lynmarc Textiles, under the capable ownership of Mark Glew, who conducts the Deafness Foundation Charity Bins, continue to be a regular source of income for the Foundation.

We appreciate and acknowledge valuable relationships with many individuals and organisations. I would like to extend our thanks to: Corrs Chambers Westgarth Lawyers, Better Hearing Australia (Victoria) Inc., Taralye, John Halford and George Georgakis.

Working together, we look forward to another very busy and successful year supporting the Deaf and hard of hearing in the community.

Wendy Maher
Executive Officer



(L-R) Staff members, Monica Haverkamp, Karen Son, Wendy Maher and Jenny Portelli (absent Helen Dunlop).

Grants Committee



Committee Members: Dr Lyn Walker – Chairperson (pictured) Mrs Noeleen Bieske, Mr Peter Ickeringill, Mrs Wendy Maher, A/Professor Gary Rance, Mrs Janette Thorburn and Mr Simon Wood.

The twenty first annual grants presentation of Deafness Foundation was held on Thursday the 13th of February 2014 at Corrs Chambers Westgarth Lawyers. It was well attended

and the recipients of the grants were most appreciative. There were fewer grants allocated in 2013/2014 and the Peter Howson Clinical Research Fellowship was the only major research-based grant for the year. All other grants were for grassroots and non research projects. The Deafness Foundation has long been admired for its involvement in the Rubella Community Education Program and Cochlear Implant Research. We hope to look at funding larger projects

in the future that will enhance the reputation of Deafness Foundation as one which cares about all aspects of deafness, hearing loss and ear disorders as well as the communities involved.

Many thanks must be given to the committee members listed above for the time and effort freely given to assess the applications and make difficult decisions as to the successful projects. Thanks must also go to all the nameless, but much appreciated, people who pack and sell butterfly badges and keyrings that support our grants.

Please see the following list of grants awarded for 2013/2014.

Lyn Walker
Chairperson



Successful Grantees (L-R) Ryan Gook (Auslan Services), Eileen Green (Mpower), Medina Sumovic (Auslan Stage Left), Jessica Vitkovic (Peter Howson Fellow), Linda Carroll (Daylesford Community Theatre), Gwen Rosengren (Better Hearing Australia Vic) and Marg Polacska (Taralye).

Deafness Foundation Grants

The following grants were awarded by Deafness Foundation in February 2014.

South Australia

Better Hearing Australia (Adelaide) Inc

National BHA Annual General Meeting – Online Captioning
– \$1,000

Western Australia

Telethon Speech and Hearing

Overcoming Sensory Challenges in Therapy (OSCIT)–
\$2,012

Victoria

ASLIA Victorian Interpreting 2013 Awards

Gold Sponsor – \$1,000

Auslan Services

Auslan Services Reflective Practice Pilot Program - \$7,450

Auslan Stage Left

Theatre Interpreter Training - \$2,500

Better Hearing Australia (Victoria)

Empowering Hearing Impaired People with E-Technology -
\$4,071

Daylesford Community Theatre Inc

Hearing Loop and Associated Signage - \$4,600

Mpower Inc

Hearing Awareness Week – Deaf and Hard of Hearing Expo -
\$3,000

Peter Howson Clinical Research Fellowship

- Jessica Vitkovic

The Contribution of Hearing to Balance Control - \$50,000

Taralye

Early Intervention Assessment Tools - \$2,424

Education Encouragement Awards

Secondary - Courtney Rogers - \$2,000

Post Secondary - Adheeshee Sayakkarage - \$3,000

TOTAL: \$83,057



Professor Geoffrey Blainey congratulates Jessica Vitkovic, the Peter Howson Deafness Fellow.

Education Committee



Committee Members: Ms Marie Fram – Chairperson (pictured), Mrs Sara Kenfield and Mrs Jan Walsh.

One of the tasks of the Education Committee is to read the large number of applications for the Education Encouragement Awards. It is a privilege to learn from students of the challenges being met, obstacles overcome, determination to succeed and achieve goals while making a difference to others. Students demonstrate their understanding of the position they have as role models to younger students with varying degrees of hearing loss.

In 2013 the winner of the **Secondary Education Encouragement Award**

was Courtney Rogers. At the time of her application, Courtney was in Year 12 at Forest Hill College studying English as an Additional Language, Health and Human Development and Certificate III in Community Services at Box Hill TAFE. In the past Courtney has taught Auslan to kindergarten and primary school children and she has volunteered at a retirement home, helping the Deaf elderly residents. Courtney loves being a part of the Deaf Community and she is passionate about helping people.

In 2014 Courtney is studying Community Services and has almost finished Certificate IV at Swinburne, Hawthorn. She will begin a diploma midyear. Courtney advised that she has put the money from the award towards her education and to buy a laptop in order to be able to access notes online and type her assignments. She said "I'd like to thank you all for choosing me. It has helped me and my family!"

The winner of the **Post Secondary Education Encouragement Award** in 2013 was Adheeshee Sayakkarage. At the time of application Adheeshee was in her first year at Monash University studying Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Statistics as part of a Bachelor of Science Degree. Her aim is to become a neuroscientist and be actively involved in research. Adheeshee's passion for Science saw her be the leader of the Proton Pack Club to help students build a positive, enthusiastic approach towards science outside of the curriculum. She has also raised money for charity and tutored her friends in science and mathematics.

I thank Sara Kenfield and Jan Walsh for their continued commitment to the Education Committee and the insight they bring to tasks and discussions.

Marie Fram
Chairperson



(L-R) Courtney Rogers, winner of the Secondary Education Encouragement Award with Marie Fram, Chairperson of the Education Committee, and Adheeshee Sayakkarage, winner of the Post Secondary Education Encouragement Award.

Hearing Awareness Week Planning Committee



Committee Members: Noeleen Bieske – Chairperson (pictured) – Deafness Foundation Board, Monica Haverkamp & Wendy Maher – Deafness Foundation,

Bernadette Marchesi – Australian Hearing, Steve McKean – Hearservice and Gwen Rosengren- Better Hearing Australia (Vic).

Hearing Awareness Week was held during the last week of August 2013. The theme was “Have you Heard?” The small enthusiastic committee successfully planned and implemented the official launch at the University of Melbourne, School of Audiology on Monday 26th August. Alison King from Australian Hearing

presented “Damage your hearing and it won’t come back” which generated strong interest. This launch was attended by approximately 30 people including students from the University.

Two postcards were designed and distributed to venues throughout the city. Posters were also distributed. A display and information booth was conducted at Forest Hill Shopping Centre for three days. A big thank you to Wendy and others who staffed the booth during these days. The Community Service Announcement continued to be shown on the screen in the Atrium at Federation Square all year and was featured on the big screen during Hearing Awareness Week.

Media coverage proved to be just as elusive as in previous years but there was an article about restaurant noise

published in a Melbourne paper the week before Hearing Awareness Week.

The Geelong committee members were very active holding information displays and free hearing screenings at various venues throughout Geelong. Information and earplugs were distributed at railway stations at the beginning of the week. An informal launch was held at Waurin Ponds Shopping Centre and an education programme was conducted in schools. Well done Geelong.

Thank you to all committee members who worked diligently to make the activities of these two committees successful.

Noeleen Bieske
Chairperson



Deafness Foundation Award 2013

Award winner: Mrs Sue Ward, Wimmera Hearing Society Inc.

At the Foundation's Annual General Meeting held in July 2013, Mr Peter Ickeringill, President of Deafness Foundation, took great pleasure in awarding the Deafness Foundation Award 2013 to Mrs Sue Ward for her outstanding and innovative contributions to the deaf and hard of hearing communities in rural Victoria.

Upon being presented with the Award, Sue thanked Deafness Foundation and said that it was a wonderful honour for herself and the Wimmera Hearing Society and that she would treasure the Award.

Sue has been managing the Wimmera Hearing Society Inc based in Horsham,

Victoria for 14 years and previous to that held an active role within the Society for 30 years.

Sue became involved in the Society because she had a deaf child. Seeing the great need for services and information about deafness and hearing impairment in rural regions, Sue shifted direction from her nursing background and completed a noise management audiometry course, annual training with Australian Hearing/Wimmera Hearing Society, and counselling training.

Sue instigated and developed the current mobile hearing testing unit and program, which travels and provides free hearing assessments in the western half of country Victoria. She is a key driving force for identifying hearing related service needs in rural

areas and advocates on behalf of the deaf and hard of hearing.

Sue is an inspiration to staff and all who work with her and has a great empathy with those who are deaf or hard of hearing due to her personal involvement.

Congratulations to Sue Ward, this year's Deafness Foundation Award recipient.

The Deafness Foundation Award

The Deafness Foundation Award was established in 2011 by the Board of Deafness Foundation to honour an individual whose contribution to the betterment of the lives of the deaf and/or hard of hearing communities in Australia has been outstanding.



Peter Ickeringill, President of the Foundation, presents the Deafness Foundation Award to Sue Ward, Manager of Wimmera Hearing Society.

Noise Induced Hearing Loss Committee



Committee Members:
Mr Paul O'Halloran –
Chairperson (pictured),
Mr Norm Broner, Dr
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Harding, Mr Marek
Kierzkowski, Ms Renata
Musolino, Mr Michael
Plumb, Ms Amanda

Robinson, Mr Gerald Stewart, Mrs
Janette Thorburn and Mr Paul Tierney.

Occupational exposure to noise remains as one of the major causes of preventable hearing loss. As well as the impacts of workplace noise, excessive noise from music and recreational sources such as motorbikes and firearms can also cause hearing loss.

The Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL) Committee provides assistance in identifying key issues affecting noise induced hearing loss and linking stakeholders to information, legislative or otherwise, to ensure the public is not unnecessarily subjected to excessive noise. To this end, the Committee is in regular contact with bodies such as WorkSafe Victoria and Standards Australia to examine possible initiatives which might contribute to hearing loss prevention.

The Committee continues to investigate strategies to prevent or mitigate noise induced hearing loss in:

- Victorian industry
- issues associated with music and entertainment venues, vehicle noise and
- impacts of the long range acoustic devices.

Noise Prevention in Victorian Industry

Noise induced hearing loss due to industrial noise exposure remains a significant source of preventable deafness in Victoria. An analysis of WorkCover claims indicated the number of noise induced hearing loss claims was increasing recently. The agriculture manufacturing and construction sectors had the largest proportion of noise induced hearing loss claims of all reported industry sectors possibly reflecting the predominance of this sector

amongst Victoria's secondary industries.

The Noise Induced Hearing Loss Committee has held discussions with WorkSafe Victoria to set up a consultative working party with stakeholders (employer, union and specialist stakeholders) to consider strategies which might be deployed to raise employer and employee awareness of noise hazards and implement strategies to prevent and mitigate hazardous noise. Despite continuing attempts to engage WorkSafe in a noise prevention project, they have not taken up the proposal. Further approaches will be taken up with the responsible Minister.

Victorian Music and entertainment venues

Noise is unwanted sound. Noise, which is sufficiently loud for long enough, is a hazard to hearing. Sometimes 'wanted' sound such as music can be hazardous even when the listener is enjoying the entertainment. Further, such 'wanted' sound is a risk to workers in these venues. There are a number of actions and strategies which music and entertainment industry employers, employees and audiences can take to reduce hazardous entertainment noise and protect hearing. The NIHL is preparing information for the Deafness Foundation's website which will include how to recognise hazardous music at gigs and entertainment venues and simple strategies for key stakeholders.

Vehicle Noise

Modified vehicles including both motorbikes/quad bikes and sedans present a significant noise exposure risk for vehicle occupants and a source of noise annoyance for the general community. A representative of the Car Audio Association contacted the Deafness Foundation regarding concerns with excessive noise emanating from customised car audio systems and the impact on car audio enthusiasts. Apparently some audio systems exceed 140 dB. In response the NIHL Committee suggested a number of strategies which might

be considered to address the issue include raising awareness of members, influencing manufacturers regarding car audio design – this could include setting safer maximum power outputs, including a new competition focused on sound quality and safety and establishing a mobile hearing screening program for members,

Long Range Acoustic Devices

Long Range Acoustic Devices (LRAD) are used for long range communications, crowd control and distant hailing. The devices are fitted with an amplified speaker and can emit a 145 dBA (sustained) signal at 2.5 kHz and are commonly used for bird control, communication over long distances at sea, and at demonstrations. A superficial assessment indicates these devices may be harmful to bystanders and operators without appropriate controls.

Further analysis was undertaken by Ms Amanda Robinson, NIHL Sub-Committee member. This advice indicates the risks of hearing damage can be minimised if the devices are appropriately designed and used in the manner intended.

It was recommended that if an LRAD is to be used:

- it should be necessary to obtain planning approval, and as such, a noise impact assessment would normally be required as part of this approval process.
- a community noise management program be implemented alongside it.

The NIHL Sub-committee is also aware of overseas media reports of inappropriate use of LRADs and will maintain a watching brief on proposals to use LRAD in Victoria.

I would like to thank committee members for their support throughout the year and Ian Shepherd who has now stepped down. The Committee thanks Ian for his contribution, generously given and gratefully accepted.

Paul O'Halloran
Chairperson

Rubella Committee



Committee Members: Dr Michaela Riddell – Chairperson (pictured) Mr Michael Batchelor (Department of Health) Dr Barbara Francis, Ms Jackie

Gleeson, Mr Ric Hubbard, Ms Patricia Moore, Ms Khatija Noorbhai, Ms Tess Pardy, Ms Sarina Sanna and Mrs Monica Haverkamp (REO).

The Rubella Committee consists of a group of interested professionals from a range of disciplines that meet quarterly to guide and discuss the activities of the Rubella Education Nurse. The aims of the committee have expanded from the elimination of Congenital Rubella Syndrome, to include education about other infectious diseases which contribute to hearing loss, particularly Measles, Mumps and more recently Congenital Cytomegalovirus. For this reason the Committee is considering changing its name to one that is more encompassing.

In recent years the incidence of Measles virus, which can lead to quite serious illness and can cause hearing loss, has increased in many developed countries with established vaccination programs such as in France and the UK. This resurgence of a disease previously on the brink of elimination from several regions has been fuelled by the decrease in vaccination rates as a result of hesitancy to vaccinate. Some of this concern has been driven by concerns about vaccine safety and the now scientifically unproven and epidemiologically unproven link between the Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine and Autism. Anti-immunisation groups have become a major challenge to immunisation providers in many developed countries including Australia.

On March 31st 2014 Australia was one of four countries in the WHO Western Pacific Region to meet the criteria to enable it to be declared free of endemic

measles. This is despite many countries in the region experiencing outbreaks of Measles during 2013/2014 which resulted from importations of Measles and Rubella to Australia. There were 158 cases of measles in Australia in 2013 and already 173 cases have been reported since January 2014. This has prompted warnings by several state Health Departments for people planning travel to Indonesia and the Philippines in particular to ensure that have been vaccinated with two doses of MMR vaccine before travel. Vaccination rates in some areas of Melbourne, Sydney and the Northern Coast of NSW have declined such that small outbreaks of measles, mumps and rubella could be sustained for a period of time increasing the risk of CRS or other serious outcomes for Australian children. Thus despite elimination of endemic measles within Australia, continued small outbreaks reveal a susceptible population and pose a risk of serious outcomes of measles infection. We have designed a postcard to promote this issue and vaccination prior to travel.

A Measles Initiative, launched in 2001 by a Global Alliance including the American Red Cross, United Nations Foundation, and the US Centres for Disease Control has now been expanded to include Rubella with the use of a combined Measles/Rubella vaccine. The goal is to ensure that “no child dies from Measles or is born with Congenital Rubella Syndrome. Over 1 billion Measles/Rubella vaccines have been administered to children under five years since 2000.

The Rubella Committee is very keen to further explore a possible role in raising awareness into Congenital Cytomegalovirus (CMV). CMV is a commonly occurring virus which is a member of the Human Herpes virus family. Congenital CMV occurs when a woman is infected with CMV during pregnancy, especially a primary infection which results in infection of the foetus. Women may not have symptoms, however there is a risk of severe consequences for the unborn

baby. Neurodevelopmental disabilities, especially Sensorineural Hearing loss (SNHL) is the most common outcome.

The diagnostic challenge of CMV is that only approximately 10% of neonates are symptomatic at birth. It is estimated that the virus affects 0.5 to 2 % of all pregnancies throughout the world each year. Although there is ongoing research and development, a safe and effective vaccine is not yet available. Promotion of good hygiene is currently the only prevention measure available. The Committee is currently exploring the possibility of partnering with an appropriate research body, to seek funding for a research project to measure the incidence of Congenital CMV in a Victorian Maternity Hospital.

The work of the Rubella Education Nurse in raising awareness about rubella and other vaccine preventable diseases continues through a range of services including Multicultural Services. Information sessions are delivered on a regular basis to a broad range of community groups. Multilingual materials are also disseminated widely throughout the community.

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of the Victorian Department of Health Immunisation Program, especially Mr Michael Batchelor. I would also like to thank the Committee members for their valuable commitment to the committee.

Dr Michaela Riddell
Chairperson

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Mr E R Forrest
Ms M Fram
Dr B Francis
Mrs J Gillespie
Grill'd Knox
Mrs J Gullan
Mr W P Gurry
Mr & Mrs G Harding
Hearing Life - Ipswich
Dr S & Mrs M Howes
Huntingdale IGA X-press
Huntly IGA X-press

Ideal Hearing
Mrs R Jegamathan
Ms L Jenson
Mrs M Johnson
Killara Primary School
Ms C Law
Mr P Lewis
Mr J Lye
Mrs B Macdonald
Mrs W Maher
Maroochydore State High School
Mr E J Miller
Mrs J Miller
Mrs L Moody
Moorpanyal Lodge No 467 (Geelong)
Moriah Primary School
Mr Moulden
Ms H Murnane
Mr P O'Halloran
Mrs Ortlieb
Mrs J Park
Mr J Price
Prof B Pyman
Mrs S M Randell
His Hon P Rendit
Prof F Rickards
Dr M Riddell
Mrs P Rivers
Mrs Robins
Ms G Rosengren
Rylstone Public School
Mrs Salanwski
Prof R Shepherd
Skene Street School
Ms C Somerville
Mrs K Son
Dr R Sutcliffe
Mrs L Swan
Swifts Creek School
Tenambit Public School
Mr M Thompson
Mrs Wade
Mr S Wood
Anonymous

In Memory of Ken Bennellick

A Geary
D and N Geary
J Geary
C Howlett
G Leighfield
T McRorie
J Stewart
B and D Young
Dave Kay and Jay

In Memory of Iris Coop

S Palmer
F Thomas

In Memory of Gary Summerell

Canberra Connect

In Memory of Matthew Talbot

P Barnes
E and B Barneveld
N and P C Dukes
H Goddard
R Hynes
F and M Perry
C Rethus
Webb Family

RITCHIES STORES PTY LTD – Community Benefit Card Program

GRANTS



Department of Health
– Rubella Program

Urquhart Charitable Fund
Whitehorse Community Chest

Technology Committee



Committee Members: Mr Lyall Clewer – Chairperson (pictured), Ms Carina Law, Mr Travis Mai and Mr Andrew Willis.

Throughout our everyday life we are quite often presented either directly or indirectly, with challenges relating to the use of, or understanding of technology. This can affect all age groups (except for fearless 4 year olds that already

know how to use an iPad!), but can present even more challenges to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities.

The challenge here is “how do we overcome this?” To many people, new technology whether it be assistive, access, or communicative, is feared and therefore even sometimes rejected. While it is of the utmost importance for every individual to remain empowered by choice, it is also important that everyone has the opportunity to learn and become educated on any new technology.

A primary goal for the Technology committee has been to develop a new website for the Deafness Foundation that provides a vehicle to enable the ability to learn, be guided, and become educated on many topics, issues or areas which also includes technology. It is hoped that our new website will achieve this goal either directly or by directing people to the answers via validated links.

Another interesting challenge is that of Social Media. This can be of great benefit for all members of our community but particularly the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Designed for its immediacy and mobility, social media can be available

for anyone with an internet connection and is accessible across many technology platforms such as computers, tablets/iPads and mobile devices/phones. Social Media applications such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and LinkedIn, to name but a few can open many paths (networks) to increase communication, promote knowledge sharing, and importantly provide inclusion.

Many organisations or groups utilise social networking very well but it must be managed. As a part of our website redevelopment we will be introducing the Deafness Foundation to social media. While this will remain a “work in progress”, I would also encourage members of the community to embrace this technology by taking part in conversations, asking questions, even asking for help. This can be one of the tools to help remove fear and provide the answer to “how do we overcome this?”

Embrace technology but ask questions and get answers.

I would like to thank the Website redevelopment working group for their input and contribution to producing a much more user friendly site that delivers a more valuable experience for the end user. I would also like to thank members of the Technology committee for their continued support of the Deafness Foundation over the past year.

Lyall Clewer
Chairperson

Trivia Night

Deafness Foundation would like to thank everyone who came along to the Brighton Beach Bowls Club and joined in a fun-filled night of Trivia that supported our fundraising.

Special thanks is extended to Eileen Ickeringill for her very generous support and to the many individuals who donated items for the raffle and silent auctions.

We extend our sincere thanks to the following businesses for their generosity and support of our event.

Funky Bunch Trivia
Brighton Beach Bowls Club
Entertainment Publications
Endota Spa Brighton
Melrose Health
Woolworths Bayswater
Word of Mouth Technology

Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 March 2014

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 31 March 2014.

Directors

The names of the director's in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Names	Appointed/Resigned
Mr Stan Batson	Resigned 25 July 2013
Mrs Noeleen Bieske	
Mr Lyall Clewer	
Ms Marie Fram	
Ms Karin Gillies	Resigned 25 July 2013
Dr Samuel Howes	
Ms Carina Law	Resigned 22 April 2013
Mr Peter Ickeringill	Resigned 24 June 2013
Ms Catherine Miller	
Mrs Lisa-Jane Moody	
Mr Paul O'Halloran	
Assoc Professor Brian Pyman	
Assoc Professor Gary Rance	
Dr Michaela Riddell	
Dr Lynette Walker	
Mr Simon Wood	

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of Deafness Foundation (Victoria) during the financial year were to raise awareness in the community of issues that affect the deaf and hearing impaired, and to implement and support developments relevant to matters such as:

- medical and audiological issues for the deaf and hard of hearing
- immunisation against rubella
- the education of deaf and hard of hearing children and youth
- noise induced hearing loss
- conductive deafness and otitis media
- interpretation services for the deaf, and
- the application of technology to assist the deaf and hard of hearing.

The short term objectives of Deafness Foundation (Victoria) include to raise funds that can be applied for purposes that will assist the deaf and hard of hearing, to consider applications for grants to be applied for such purposes and to distribute grants for such purposes.

The long term objectives of Deafness Foundation (Victoria) include all of the foregoing as well as to work with and support other organisations with objectives and purposes consistent with our own.

To achieve these objectives, the Foundation relies upon and uses its best endeavours to recruit, train and retain staff and volunteers who support and understand its objectives and who have the skills and experience required, in collaboration with each other and with other stakeholders, to be able to execute and achieve these objectives.

Information on Directors

Mr Stan Batson	Board Member
Qualifications	B Ed (Lote)
Experience	Resigned 25 July 2013
Special Responsibilities	Vice President, Chairperson – Auslan Committee
Mrs Noeleen Bieske	Board Member
Qualifications	TPTC, T TCID, B Ed, M Ed
Experience	Appointed to the Board in June 1999
Special Responsibilities	Chairperson - Hearing Awareness Week Planning Committee Member - Grants Committee
Mr Lyall Clewer	Board Member
Experience	Appointed to the Board 7 November 2012
Special Responsibilities	Chairperson – Technology Committee
Ms Marie Fram	Board Member
Qualifications	Dip Tchg (Prim), Grad Dip spec Ed (HI) B Ed, Grad Dip Curric, M Ed, Dip Interpreting, NAATI Auslan level 2, Grad Dip Deaf Studies (Auslan), LOTE (Auslan)
Experience	Appointed to the Board in February 2002
Special Responsibilities	Chairperson – Education Committee
Ms Karin Gillies	Board Member
Qualifications	BA, DipAud, MEd, MAudSA(CCP), Cert 11 (Auslan), GradDip Deaf Studies
Experience	Appointed to the Board in February 2011
Special Responsibilities	Member – Finance Committee
Dr Samuel Howes	Board Member
Qualifications	MB BS, FRACGP
Experience	Resigned 25 July 2013
Special Responsibilities	Chairperson – Finance Committee
Mr Peter Ickeringill	Board Member
Qualifications	LL.B (Hons), B.Comm (Hons), FCA, FCPA, ASIA
Experience	Appointed to the Board in October 1996
Special Responsibilities	President
Ms Carina Law	Board Member
Qualifications	BSc, GradDipAud, MClinAud, Cert IV TAA, MAudSA(CCP)
Experience	Resigned 22 April 2013
Special Responsibilities	Member – Technology Committee

Ms Catherine Miller	Board Member
Qualifications	BA, GradCert Disability Studies, GradDipEd (Prim), MSPEC Ed
Experience	Resigned 24 June 2013
Mrs Lisa-Jane Moody	Board Member
Qualifications	M A (Hons), DipAud, MAud/SA(CC)
Experience	Appointed to the Board in October 2002
Special Responsibilities	Chairperson – Conductive Hearing Loss / Otitis Media Committee
Mr Paul O'Halloran	Board Member
Qualifications	BSc, GradDipAud, GradDipEd, GradDipErg, Cert Aural Rehab
Experience	Appointed to the Board in February 2008
Special Responsibilities	Chairperson – Noise Induced Hearing Loss Committee
Assoc Prof Brian Pyman	Board Member
Qualifications	MB, BS, FRACS, DLO
Experience	Appointed to the Board in April 1996
Special Responsibilities	Chairperson – Medical / Audiological Committee
Assoc Prof Gary Rance	Board Member
Qualifications	PhD, MSc, DipAud, B Ed, MAud/SA(CC)
Experience	Appointed to the Board November 2004
Special Responsibilities	Vice-President from 5 September 2012 Member – Grants Committee
Dr Michaela Riddell	Board Member
Qualifications	B.AppSc (MLS), GradDip Epidemiol & Biostats, PhD
Experience	Appointed to the Board in September 2011
Special Responsibilities	Chairperson – Rubella Committee
Dr Lynette Walker	Board Member
Qualifications	COTWA, FAATD, BA Med(HI), PhD
Experience	Appointed to the Board in September 2001
Special Responsibilities	Chairperson – Grants Committee
Mr Simon Wood	Board Member
Qualifications	BBehSc (Hons), GradDipAppFin
Experience	Appointed to the Board in September 2011
Special Responsibilities	Treasurer from 5 September 2012, Chairperson – Finance Committee

Meetings of Directors

Five meetings of directors were held during the year. The attendance by each director during the year was as follows:

Directors' Meetings

	<i>Number eligible to attend</i>	<i>Number attended</i>
Mr Stan Batson	2	1
Mrs Noeleen Bieske	5	4
Mr Lyall Clewer	5	4
Ms Marie Fram	5	4
Ms Karin Gillies	5	4
Dr Sam Howes	2	2
Mr Peter Ickeringill	5	5
Ms Carina Law	-	-
Ms Catherine Miller	1	-
Mrs Lisa Jane Moody	5	2
Mr Paul O'Halloran	5	2
Assoc Prof Brian Pyman	5	2
Assoc Prof Gary Rance	5	-
Dr Michaela Riddell	5	3
Dr Lyn Walker	5	2
Mr Simon Wood	5	5

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out at page 6.

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



Chairperson:
Mr Peter Ickeringill



Director:
Mr Simon Wood

Dated this 30th day of May 2014

Auditor's Independence Declaration

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 March 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.



Saward Dawson Chartered Accountants



Peter Shields
Blackburn

Dated: 30 May 2013

SAWARD / DAWSON

chartered accountants

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 31 March 2014

	Note	2014	2013
		\$	\$
Revenue	2	297,155	281,223
Other income	2	53,423	514,381
Employee benefits expense		(157,077)	(150,708)
Fundraising expenses		(21,119)	(20,616)
Purchases		(24,370)	(23,291)
Occupancy expenses		(25,376)	(24,961)
Stationery		(4,894)	(4,603)
Hearing awareness week	14b	(2,333)	(1,774)
Stock write off		(61)	2,275
Depreciation		(1,517)	(1,470)
Other expenses from ordinary activities		(42,532)	(26,574)
Operating result before grants		71,299	543,882
Deaf grant payments	14	(83,057)	(93,815)
Operating results after grants		(11,758)	450,067
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		(11,758)	450,067

Statement of Financial Position

For the Year Ended 31 March 2014

	Note	2014	2013
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	81,432	148,005
Trade and other receivables		6,772	4,650
Inventories	6	41,425	40,693
Financial assets	5	976,412	910,682
Other current assets		2,235	2,999
Total current assets		1,107,029	1,107,029
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	4,154	5,671
Total non-current assets		4,154	5,671
TOTAL ASSETS		1,112,430	1,112,700
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	8	61,059	55,297
Short-term provisions	9	41,281	35,555
Total current liabilities		102,340	90,852
TOTAL LIABILITIES		102,340	90,852
NET ASSETS		1,010,090	1,021,848
EQUITY			
Reserves		452,668	452,668
Accumulated surpluses		557,422	569,180
TOTAL EQUITY		1,010,090	1,021,848

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 31 March 2014

2014	Accumulated Surplus	Capital Guaranteed Fund Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 April 2013	569,180	452,668	1,021,848
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(11,758)	-	(11,758)
Balance at 31 March 2014	557,422	452,668	1,010,090

2013	Accumulated Surplus	Capital Guaranteed Fund Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 April 2012	571,781	-	571,781
Surplus/(Deficit)	450,067	-	450,067
Transfers to and from reserves			
- Capital Guaranteed Fund Reserve	(452,668)	452,668	
Balance at 31 March 2013	569,180	452,668	1,021,848

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 31 March 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Cash from operating activities:			
Receipts from supporters		172,060	171,694
Operating grant receipts		55,299	67,715
Interest Received		35,868	43,545
Donations		41,365	9,897
Other grants		-	2,731
Other revenue		3,938	5,016
Payments to suppliers and employees		(271,403)	(270,473)
Grants disbursed		(91,393)	(122,981)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	12	(54,266)	(92,856)
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchase of plant and equipment		-	(1,431)
Redemption/(placement) of term deposits		(12,307)	(121,544)
Purchase of investments		-	(68,269)
Proceeds from sale of investments		-	66,484
Net cash used by investing activities		(12,307)	(124,760)
Net cash increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(66,573)	(217,616)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		148,005	365,621
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	4	81,432	148,005

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements

Note 1 – Accounting policies

1a Basis of Preparation

Deafness Foundation (Victoria) is a company limited by guarantee incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Corporations Act 2001. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

1b Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

1c Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1d Financial Instruments Initial Recognition and Measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entities becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the company commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (ie trade date accounting is adopted). Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss' in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately. Financial instruments are classified and measured as set out below.

Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss

Financial assets are classified at 'fair value through profit and loss' when they are held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking, or where they are derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid an accounting mismatch or to enable performance evaluation where a group of financial assets is managed by key management personnel on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying value being included in profit or loss.

Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Held-to-maturity investments

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and it is the company's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Impairment

At each reporting date, the company assess whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

1e Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or deemed cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the directors to ensure it is not in excess of the depreciated replacement cost.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets based on useful lives are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Office Equipment	10%
Computer Equipment	33.3%

1f 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.

1g Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

1h Income taxes

No current or deferred income tax assets or liabilities have been raised by the company as it is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act. The company is registered under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

1i Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Sales income consists of sale of butterfly badges and butterfly keyrings. These sales are made for fundraising purposes and are recognised as income when cash is received.

Donation income is recognised when it is received.

Government grants are recognised as income as they are earned. Where grants relate to activities not yet undertaken, and there is an obligation to repay those funds if they are not spent for the approved purpose then such funds are recognised as an "income received in advance" liability until such time as the funded activities are undertaken.

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

1k Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the company reviews the carrying values of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of comprehensive income.

1l Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the statement of cash flow on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

1m Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Foundation.

Key estimates - Impairment

The Foundation assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the entity that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Fair value less costs to sell or current replacement cost calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

Note 2 – Revenue and other income

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Revenue			
- Fundraising income		157,440	158,005
- Interest income		39,112	51,594
- Donations		41,365	12,628
- Rubella grant income		55,299	54,104
- Other income		3,939	4,891
Total Revenue		297,155	281,223
Other Income			
- Donation from Deafness Foundation Trust		-	452,668
- Unrealised gain on revaluation of financial assets		53,423	61,713
Total Other Income		53,423	514,381

Note 3 – Surplus from Ordinary Activities

Expenses from Ordinary Activities

Cost of sales	24,370	23,291
Depreciation of plant and equipment	1,517	1,470
Remuneration of auditor		
- audit or review services	4,950	4,950
- other services	3,300	3,300

Note 4 – Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash at bank	81,432	148,005
	81,432	148,005

Note 5 – Other financial assets

CURRENT

Financial assets at fair value through Profit and Loss	695,767	582,344
Financial assets held to maturity	280,645	328,338
	976,412	910,682

Note 6 – Inventories

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
CURRENT			
Inventories for sale - at cost		44,985	44,192
Provision for old stock		(3,560)	(3,499)
		41,425	40,693

Note 7 – Property plant and equipment

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Plant and equipment		
At cost	27,723	29,343
Less accumulated depreciation	(23,569)	(23,672)
Total plant and equipment	4,154	5,671

Movements in Carrying Amounts

	Plant and Equipment \$	Total \$
2014		
Balance at the beginning of year	5,671	5,671

Depreciation	(1,517)	(1,517)
Carrying amount at the end of year	4,154	4,154

Note 8 – Trade and Other Payables

CURRENT

Unsecured liabilities		
Trade payables	2,809	-
Accrued expense	8,250	8,350
Provision for Peter Howson Clinical Research	50,000	33,336
Grants received in advance	-	13,611
	61,059	55,297

Note 9 – Provisions

Current	41,281	35,555
Non-current	-	-
	41,281	35,555

9a – Movement in carrying amounts

	Employee entitlements \$	Total \$
Opening balance at 1 April 2013	35,555	35,555
Additional provisions	18,739	18,739
Amounts used	(13,013)	(13,013)
Balance at 31 March 2014	41,281	41,281

Employee leave entitlements

A provision has been recognised for employee entitlements relating to annual and long service leave for employees. In calculating the present value of future cash flows in respect of long service leave, the probability of long service leave being taken is based on historical data. The measurement and recognition criteria relating to employee benefits have been included in Note 1 to this report.

Note 10 – Reserves

Capital Guaranteed Fund Reserve

The Capital Guaranteed Fund reserve records funds received from the closure of the Deafness Foundation Trust. The capital base has been preserved and invested in a managed fund, and income generated from the funds will be used to fund the future operations of Deafness Foundation Victoria.

Note 11 – Financial instruments

Financial Risk Management

The company's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, short-term investments and accounts receivable and payable.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Financial Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	81,432	148,005
Trade and other receivable	6,772	4,650
Financial assets	976,412	910,682
Total Financial Assets	1,064,616	1,063,337

Financial Liabilities

Trade and other payables	62,943	41,686
Total Financial Liabilities	62,943	41,686

Net Fair Values

(i) Fair values of financial assets are based on quoted market prices at the ending of the reporting period.

Note 12 – Cash Flow Information**Reconciliation of cashflow from operations with result for the year**

Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(11,768)	450,067
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Non-cash flows in surplus

Increase/(decrease) in provision for slow moving stock	61	(2,275)
Depreciation	1,517	1,470
Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	124
Unrealised loss/(gain) on investments	(53,424)	(61,713)
Gain on acquisition of Deafness Foundation Trust investments	-	(452,668)

Changes in assets and liabilities

(Increase)/decrease in trade and term receivables	(2,121)	(1,209)
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(793)	(84)
(Increase)/decrease in other current assets	764	3,144
Increase/(decrease) in payables	5,772	(30,187)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	5,726	475
Cashflow from operations	(54,266)	(92,856)

Note 13 – Capital and Leasing Commitments**Operating Lease Commitments**

Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:

Payable - minimum lease payments		
- not later than 12 months	12,240	12,000
	12,240	12,000

The operating lease relates to the rental of the company's Bayswater premises. The term is for 1 year and commenced 7 December 2013. The lease expires on 7 December 2014. An option to renew the lease for a further term of 1 year is available until 7 September 2014. Rental payments of \$1,530 per month are paid monthly in advance.

Note 14 – Grants & Projects**(a) Education grants**

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
ASLIA Victoria Interpreting Distinction Awards	1,000	-
Auslan Services	7,450	-
Auslan Stage Left	2,500	-
Australian Association of Teachers of the Deaf (QLD)	-	5,000
Better Hearing Australia (Vic)	4,071	3,285
Better Hearing Australia (Adelaide) Inc	1,000	-

Daylesford Community Theatre Inc	4,600	-
Education Encouragement Awards	5,000	6,000
Koda Camps Australia	-	1,500
Meniere's Australia	-	5,762
Mpower Inc	3,000	-
Peter Howson Clinical Research Fellowship	50,000	25,000
RIDBC Renwick Centre	-	12,701
Royal Flying Doctor Service (Victoria)	-	5,400
Southern Health	-	3,683
St Mary's College for Hearing Impaired Students	-	4,109
Taralye	2,424	-
Telethon Speech and Hearing Centre for Children	2,012	3,670
University of Melbourne	-	9,555
WA Institute of Deaf Education	-	7,955
Yarram Secondary College	-	195
	83,057	93,815
	2014	2013
	\$	\$

(b) Foundation Administration Project

Hearing awareness week	2,333	1,774
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(c) Special Grants - Income

Rubella grant income	55,299	54,104
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Note 15 – Company Details

The registered office of the company is:

Deafness Foundation (Victoria)
20 Albert Street
Blackburn VIC 3130

The principal place of business is:

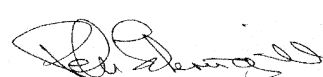
Suite 3, 653 Mountain Highway
Bayswater VIC 3153

Directors' Declaration

The directors of the company declare that:

- The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 7 to 21, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
 - comply with Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements; and
 - give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 March 2014 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the company.
- In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Director
Mr Peter Ickeringill
Dated: 30 May 2014



Director
Mr Simon Wood

Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Deafness Foundation (Victoria) (the company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2014, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

Directors' responsibility for the financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Act 2001 and for such internal controls 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. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance 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 entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, which has been given to the directors of Deafness Foundation (Victoria), would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the date of the auditor's report.

Auditor's opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Deafness Foundation (Victoria) is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 March 2014 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Saward Dawson Chartered Accountants

Peter Shields
Partner

Dated: 30 May 2014
Blackburn VIC 3130

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Supporting Deafness Foundation

Support from the Community is vital to enable Deafness Foundation to continue its valuable work with the Deaf and hard of hearing. Financial and/or volunteer support is always very much appreciated and essential to our existence. Financial assistance can be through donations, regular giving, memorial gifts or bequests. Volunteering roles are varied and interesting.

Volunteers

We value the generosity of our volunteers and welcome new volunteers to join our small, but welcoming team. Volunteers may like to be involved in helping in our office, supporting fundraising or sharing their professional expertise on one of our committees.

Donations

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donations can be made by cheque, money order, credit card or direct deposit into our bank account. Regular giving each month can be established through monthly direct deposits or credit card payments.

Memorial Gifts

A memorial gift is a wonderful way to honour the memory of someone you care about. Deafness Foundation can provide personalised giving envelopes for distribution at a funeral or memorial service.

Leaving a Bequest

By leaving a bequest to the Deafness Foundation in your will, you are making a gift for the future.

For further information on any of the above, please phone Wendy on (03) 9738 2909 or email: admin@deafness.org.au



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