



Deafness  
Foundation

## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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# Message from the President

## – Karin Gillies

**I am very pleased to report on the activities and achievements of Deafness Foundation over the past year.**

Becoming a national organisation was one of the strategic objectives that we have achieved this year. We have formally changed from Deafness Foundation (Victoria) to Deafness Foundation, and have expanded our fundraising efforts and support programs to include all states and territories. We now look forward to supporting people who are deaf or hard of hearing across the country.

We were pleased to welcome two new members to our board in May 2017. Professor Colette Mackay is an audiologist and researcher, and Dr Kerryn Saunders is a paediatrician and researcher. We value the skills and knowledge that both Colette and Kerryn bring to the Foundation.

In August 2017, Deafness Foundation ran its Inaugural Hearing Symposium at Monash Children's Hospital. Professionals

and parents attended the symposium on *Current Themes in Childhood Hearing Loss* and gave very positive feedback on the learning they took away from this event.

This year we decided to change the timing of Hearing Awareness Week from August to March. Next year Hearing Awareness Week will be aligned with World Hearing Day, an initiative from the World Health Organisation. We also arranged for our Grants presentation evening to occur in March of next year. By having these events at the same time of the year, we hope to maximise their impact in raising awareness of hearing prevention and important issues for individuals living with hearing loss.

The Research Committee has recently appointed our next Peter Howson Clinical Research Fellow. The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital partners with Deafness Foundation to fund this fellowship. In addition, a newly created PhD scholarship has recently been

announced. We are very pleased to offer these opportunities for research looking into preventable childhood hearing loss and supporting people who are deaf and hard of hearing.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to my fellow board members, to our Executive Officer, Jenny, and her staff and to our many volunteers, for all their work through the last year and look forward to working with them through the next year.



# Executive Officer Update

## - Jennifer Coburn

**With the Foundation formally becoming a national organisation in July 2017, it has been an exciting year to spread our programs out across the country. Education Encouragement Awards were made to students in four States, a significant change to previously. Grants this year were down on previous years, however we are stepping up the promotion this year to ensure more organisations are aware of our Grants Program.**

The Research Committee have continued to deliver with two key initiatives being implemented – the Inaugural Deafness Foundation PhD Scholarship and the important Peter Howson Research Fellow was awarded for the 2018-19 year to Dr Caitlin Barr. This is undertaken in conjunction with Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital.

I have had the opportunity to take on a Community Fellow role at Melbourne University this year undertaking a community research

program into the area of noise induced hearing loss, particularly related to the home environment.

The year past has seen a considerable strengthening in our fundraising activity with our Butterfly Badge program to achieve the highest results in the past five years. This outcome has been achieved through an expansion of our traditional client base to the health sector, particularly Medical and Dental clinics with other allied health and veterinary clinics also taking our merchandise and assisting our fundraising.

We have also had a positive start to our Denim for Deafness in Schools program which has been held in schools across Australia with very positive take-up in Western Australia, Queensland and New South Wales.

Our small team at the office have continued to drive positive results and outcomes. I would like to thank our team – Jenny Portelli (Administration), Karen Son

(Butterflies Coordinator), Roger Coburn (Butterflies Distribution), Helen Dunlop (Bookkeeper) and our volunteer Annie O’Loughlin (Office Support).



# Grants – Impacting Lives

## THE EUREKA STORY

The grit and rigour of the Eureka Rebellion is now accessible to visitors who are deaf or hard of hearing thanks to a Deafness Foundation grant to the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka (MADE). With the primary aim of ensuring that the museum's digital content is user-friendly and accessible to people who are hearing impaired, the project has been completed allowing attendees to have full access to this vital part of our nations history.

With funding from the Foundation, two key videos covering the Eureka Stockade and the Eureka Flag were Auslan interpreted and English captioned for museum visitors. These were in collaboration with the Connexu Foundation. The videos are available on handheld iPad minis to visitors who would benefit from this facility, as well as on the Open Access Tours app at: <http://openaccesstours.com.au>.

Central to the MADE Customers experience for people who are deaf, the funding for this program has proved to be invaluable. It has led MADE to consider new ways to share the Eureka story with diverse groups. They have subsequently launched Mandarin and audio described video content for both the main exhibition space as well as special exhibitions.

*Right: Andrew Pearce – Learning Manager with Interpreter.*



# Grants – Impacting Lives

## M Power – Community Arts Butterfly Project

Hearing Awareness Week (HAW) was the focus of the Community Arts Butterfly Project coordinated by MPower in the Barwon Region in August, 2017. Through development of Butterfly kits, the project evolved to include many organisations across Geelong and its environs. Key outcomes of this project included:

- Creation of a Hearing Awareness Week Butterfly Pack by Deaf Access to commence their activities.
- Engagement of partner organisations including Visiting Teachers, Schools, Geelong Interpreters Scope, Department of Health & Human Services, Grovedale Community Hub, Preschool Centres, Better Hearing Geelong, Barwon Audiology, Barwon Health, Kelly Club, Australian Hearing, Taralye and Ducking Out Social Events Encompass Workshop.

- Connected with 50 x Aged Care facilities, along with extended Hospital facilities connected to Barwon Health. Special acknowledgement to Casey Ritchie of Barwon Health.

- Major display with giant HAW Butterfly Tree at the Karingal and Eastern Hub, Geelong.
- Program adopted also in the South West of Victoria at Portland and Warrnambool.

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People Involved in making butterflies



## Wandarra Yarning Audiology Resource Booklet

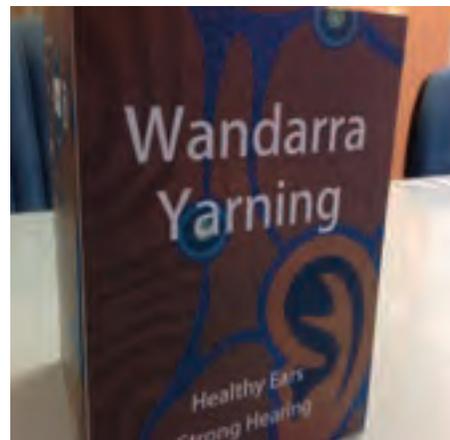
With a grant of \$6,742, Deafness Foundation and Barwon Health have delivered the Wandarra Yarning booklet as a key resource for the Barwon Health clients and community. The project, a partnership of the Aboriginal Health and Audiology departments was aimed at encouraging indigenous families to have their hearing checked.

The teams implemented this culturally safe audiology tool, which can be used in hearing assessment consultations for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children at Barwon Health and the Wathaurong Aboriginal Health Service.

Fitted with a sound clip that shares culturally appropriate messages from Aboriginal elders, along with aboriginal artwork, images of the outer ear and inner ear and easy to read ear health information.

Drawn from an original project of Merri Health, the funding enabled licence fees to be paid to Merri Health as well as production costs.

A really positive outcome of this project is the establishment of a Geelong Region Aboriginal Ear Health working group to continue the momentum in addressing the disparity in hearing health between aboriginal and non-indigenous children in the region.



## 2017 Grants Round

### St Ives High School, NSW – Hard of Hearing Unit

- Amplified! Sound and Light Integration Project
- Total Grant \$2,790.00

### The Shepherd Centre, NSW

- “Halfway Hear” Early Intervention Program for children with partial hearing loss
- Total Grant \$6,500.00

### Barwon Health

- Wandarra Yarning Audiology Resource Booklet
- Total Grant \$6,742.00

### Hear For You

- Year 6 to High School Transition (Victoria)
- Total Grant \$4,000.00

### KAGE Victoria

- “Out of Earshot, Within Reach” Resources
- Total Grant \$4,395.00

### MPower Inc

- Community Arts Butterfly Project
- Total Grant \$4,955.30

### Musicians for Hearing Inc

- Launch of Musicians 4 Hearing Online Hub for Hearing Awareness Materials for Musicians and Gig Goers
- Total Grant \$6,170.00

### University of Melbourne – Department of Audiology & Speech Pathology

- Research Pilot – Hearing Deficits and Memory function in individuals with Multiple Sclerosis
- Total Grant \$5,934.00

### Uniting Church in Australia – Myrtleford / Whorouly Congregation

- “I Can Hear Project” – Provision of Audio Loop in Church Hall for community access
- Total Grant \$5,000.00

## 2018 Grants Round

### Australian Sign Language Interpreters Association [ASLIA]

- Professional Development Workshops
- Total Grant \$5,000.00

### BooBook Education

- VCE VCAL Listening Tasks Practice Package
- Total Grant \$4,545.45

### Emmanuel College, Warrnambool

- Installation of Hearing Loop in McAuley Hall Redevelopment to a Performing Arts Centre
- Total Grant \$7,444.39

### Greensborough & District Angling Club

- Soundfield System For Meetings
- Total Grant: \$5,586.30

A Grant of \$7,574 was offered to Whirled Foundation, however they declined due to their decision to wind up.



“Out of Earshot, Within Reach” performance.

# Education Encouragement Awards

In recognition of the Deafness Foundation formalizing its national status, it was pleasing to award Education Encouragement Awards to five recipients this year, being:

## Secondary – Value \$2,000

**Stephanie Keele**

St Mary's College for the Deaf, Ringwood, Victoria, Year 12 in 2018

**Georgia Wylie**

Miles State High School, Miles, Queensland, Year 11 in 2018

## Post-Secondary – Value \$3,000

**Sam Cartledge**

Bachelor of Communications – Public Relations, Deakin University, Victoria

**Cheryl Wilhelm**

Diploma of Interpreting (Non Conventional Sign Language) Deaf Interpreter, TAFE SA, South Australia

**Luke Riley**

Bachelor of Computer Science, University of Newcastle, New South Wales

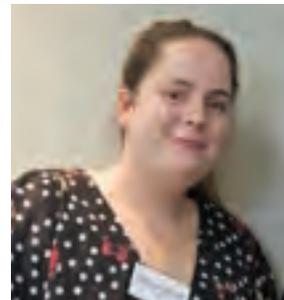
*In 2016, I received an Education Encouragement award from the Deafness Foundation to support me in my studies and more particularly in my music.*

*I have a severe to profound bilateral hearing loss and I have been playing percussion for eleven years.*

*In December of 2017, I travelled to the USA with the Symphonic Band and Senior Jazz Orchestra.*

*The money I received from the Deafness Foundation helped fund my trip which has inspired me to continue with my music studies and practise. I am very grateful to the Deafness Foundation for supporting me and encouraging me to pursue further studies*

**Jordi Pullen**



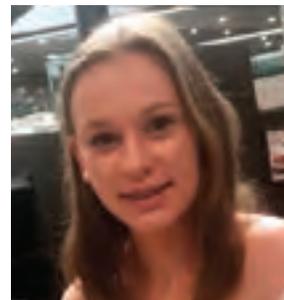
Stephanie Keele



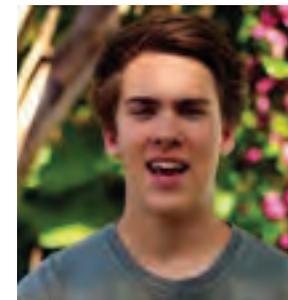
Sam Cartledge



Cheryl Wilhelm



Georgia Wylie



Luke Riley



Jordi Pullen

# Grants Presentation Event



Top left: Education Encouragement Award Winners & Grant Recipients

Bottom left: Guest speaker Associate Professor Gary Rance

Above: Deafness Foundation Director Noel Henderson & Governor Peter Ickeringill

Top right: Caitlin Barr & Simon Keele

Middle right: Rachel Wilson & Janny McCurry

Bottom right: Lorin Zail and Jasna Bruce

# Research Committee

## - Associate Professor Gary Rance



**2** 017-18 was an important year in the history of Deafness Foundation. With the Foundation's move to a national body, the Board established the Research Committee.

Through this new committee, we have initiated the Inaugural Deafness Foundation PhD Scholarship during the year and the Committee is presently awaiting the nomination of the student to undertake this research on *What are the gaps to implementation of newborn screening and therapy to reverse sensorineural hearing loss (SNHL) due to congenital cytomegalovirus infection (cCMV) in Australia.* It was pleasing to receive applications from several States and Universities who provided proposals in line with the Foundation's Strategic focus areas.

The Deafness Foundation has again partnered with Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital to fund the fourth "Peter Howson Clinical Research Fellow" as a joint initiative for a two year period. This Fellowship provides \$50,000 per annum. The successful applicant – Dr Caitlin Barr is conducting her research project on *Who is talking, who is listening and who is hearing? Optimising hearing help-seeking pathways starting in General Practitioner's office.*

Deafness Foundation is pleased to extend its partnership with the ASPREE [*Aspirin in Reducing Events in the Elderly*] Central Hearing: *Hearing and Health in a Large Cohort of Elderly Adults* research study for a further year.

It was pleasing to hear from Dr Carlene Britt from the ASPREE Research project at our Annual General Meeting this year.

### Committee

Associate Professor Gary Rance – Chair

Dr Kathryn Backholer,  
Mr Peter Ickeringill,  
Professor Colette McKay



Dr Carlene Britt

# Noise Induced Hearing Loss

- Paul O'Halloran

**O**ccupational exposure to noise remains as one of the major causes of preventable hearing loss. As well as the impacts of workplace noise, excessive noise encountered at home and in public spaces can also cause hearing loss.

Deafness Foundation is re-establishing the Noise Induced Hearing Loss (NIHL) Committee in recognition that hazardous noise continues as a major problem for our society. The Committee is intended to provide 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 will be in regular contact with bodies such as safe work Australia, WorkSafe Victoria, Victoria Police and industry to examine possible initiatives which might contribute to hearing loss prevention.

Currently the NIHL Committee is investigating strategies to prevent or mitigate noise induced hearing loss in:

- Industry and
- issues associated with portable power tools
- noise awareness in schools and
- impacts of the long range acoustic and other crowd control devices.

## Noise Prevention in Industry

Noise induced hearing loss due to industrial noise exposure remains a significant source of preventable deafness in Australia. 2015-2016 workers compensation data from safe work Australia indicated the number of claims related to 'sound and pressure' continued to be a significant source of serious claims.

The Noise Induced Hearing Loss Committee has been involved in discussions with WorkSafe Victoria regarding strategies which might be deployed to raise employer and employee awareness of noise hazards and implement strategies to prevent and mitigate hazardous noise. As Deafness Foundation is now established as a National body, the NIHL Committee will aim to build working relationships with National noise prevention bodies.

## 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. Victoria Police [VicPol] recently announced a new police initiative to deploy a number of crowd control devices. Initial contact with the program managers at VicPol indicate the LRad device along with some other high noise producing equipment such as stun grenades will be part of this tranche of equipment. The Committee is liaising with VicPol regarding hazardous noise associated with this initiative.

## Noise induced hearing loss awareness in schools

The Committee is participating on a Deafness Foundation project to support development of noise awareness materials to be used as part of broader hearing awareness initiative in schools.

## Home appliances and equipment noise literature review

Many anecdotal reports refer to hazardous noise levels associated with the use of DIY power tools and some home appliances. However, there are few formal studies of noise exposure associated with the use of powered equipment in the home.

The Committee is preparing a summary of studies, Government resources and standards generated from a search of the literature. It is anticipated learning from the review will be used to support Deafness Foundation web resources and awareness raising materials.



## Out and About

The opportunity to meet customers at the local Bunnings Store in Bayswater was embraced by Jenny and Karen as they manned our stand at the local Community Day held recently.

# CMV – A New Direction

**In establishing its Strategic Priorities for 2017-19, Deafness Foundation identified the opportunity to expand the Foundation's role in minimizing the incidence of preventable hearing loss. This included the area of Childhood deafness, particularly from Cytomegalovirus or CMV.**

The Foundation's journey to focus on this aspect of hearing loss and deafness evolved from its role in Rubella with an active Health Education service provided by the Foundation through until 2015. Paediatrician, Dr Kerryn Saunders was named as the Peter Howson Research Fellow 2016-17 with her research focused on the early identification and management of Congenital Cytomegalovirus Hearing Loss and the establishment of a new clinical model. This Fellowship provided the foundation and impetus for a now expanded multi-centre collaborative newborn congenital CMV and hearing loss research study in Victoria. This study has

been made further possible by the Inaugural Deafness Foundation PhD Scholarship. This was awarded to Professor Cheryl Jones and her team at the Royal Children's Hospital and Murdoch Children's Research Centre. The Foundation is now at the forefront as a research Grants provider into this very significant condition which is the largest cause of acquired infectious hearing loss in children worldwide.

In August, 2017, the Foundation conducted its inaugural Deafness Foundation Hearing Symposium at Monash Health with the aim to educate and inform a diverse range of professionals and family on many aspects of childhood deafness including CMV and Usher Syndrome.

With over 150 attendees, the Symposium was a resounding success with Audiologists, Speech Pathologists, General Practitioners, Paediatricians, Educators, Parents and Carers present. The Symposium enabled relationships to be built by the

Foundation with, amongst others, CMV Australia and Usher Kids, two very valuable organisations in this space. We were inspired by this event and an enormous thank you to Dr Kerryn Saunders and Dr Julia Wunderlich for their untiring contributions to deliver an amazing quality event.

*Below: Dr Kerryn Saunders and Dr Julia Wunderlich.*



Flu like illness



Rawlinson et al Lancet Infect Dis. 2017

We do not recommend universal screening of all pregnant woman to assist in the diagnosis of congenital CMV



Claire Iseli and former Peter Howson Research Fellow Dr Dani Tomlin.



Symposium Delegates



Emily & Sam Higgins.



DF Directors Zoe Williams, Paul O'Halloran and President Karin Gillies.

# Hearing Awareness Week Hearing Health Expo

**A**bbotsford Convent provided a classical environment for the Hearing Health Expo to begin Hearing Awareness Week 2017.

With an expo comprised of an excellent variety of organisations within the Deaf and Hard of Hearing sector, the opportunity for education was plentiful for all attendees through the Expo and the Speaker Series.

Mr Frank McGuire, Parliamentary Secretary for Medical Research in the Victorian Parliament opened the event, emphasizing the value of research and continuing to strive for outcomes to enable positively the lives of people with hearing loss or deafness.

The Speaker Series showcased an excellent group of speakers, with either personal lived experience or professionals in the field:

**Ms Shannon McFerran**  
Development Coach in AFL Womens League and former VFL Womens Footballer

**Ms Jess Moody**  
Founder of Deafferent Theatre

**Ms Carol Wilkinson**  
Audiologist speaking on Tinnitus and its Management

**Mr Andrew Willis**  
Technology in 2017 – Making Life More Manageable

## Exhibitors included:

Australian Hearing  
Better Hearing Victoria  
Brotherhood of St Laurence  
Deaf Children Australia  
Deafness Foundation  
Hearing CRC  
Recycled Sound  
Taralye  
The Bionics Institute  
True Hearing  
VicDeaf  
Whirled Foundation  
Word of Mouth Technology

With Hearing Awareness Week being trademarked to Deafness Foundation, we are appreciative of the many organisations who support and promote Hearing Awareness Week across the country.

Our team for the Victorian week activities included:  
Chair – Zoe Williams, Jane Sewell and Greg Lawrence of the Hearing CRC, Jason Ridgway of VicDeaf, Kelly Leong of Australian Hearing and Jennifer Coburn of Deafness Foundation.



Jenny Coburn & Frank McGuire



Jenny Coburn, Shannon McFerran & Carol Wilkinson



Carol Wilkinson



Jess Moody presenting



Victoria Didenko ( Better Hearing) at NDIS Stand



Jane Sewell with Andrew Willis



HAW Chair Zoe Williams



# Butterflies

## – A Story of Longevity

**T**he Butterfly story, synonymous with Deafness Foundation began in 1994, some 24 years ago and continues today.

From the time, volunteer Judy Chancellor developed the first butterfly badge, we now have a range of butterfly merchandise including Badges, Keyrings, Pens and Backpack / Bag Charms.

We are very appreciative of the ongoing support of the many IGA Stores across Victoria and the IGA Ritchies Group for their amazing support – in Victoria and Southern New South Wales.

We shared in our last report that we were moving into Medical clinics, we are thrilled with this and thank the many Clinic Owners and Practice Managers for their support of the Deafness Foundation in allowing these to be sold in their Clinics.

In 2017, we passed the amazing figure of \$3million in sales since the commencement of this program and in 2018 will pass \$1million in sales through IGA.

2017 has seen us explore new opportunities in readiness for the 2018 year with pre-packing of boxes, saving extensive time in the office and new products including our Backpack or Bag Charm and pens.

Butterflies have been so kind to the Foundation and we continue to nurture and foster the growth of this important component of our fundraising platform.





*Firbank Denim day.*



*Jenny Coburn with Rachel Wilson, Head of Hearing Unit and students at Yarra Valley Grammar.*



**W**hat a wonderful way to connect with our schools through the Denim for Deafness program. Students wear Denim to school and contribute to Denim for Deafness to make a difference to the lives of children with deafness.

Denim for Deafness was launched in March. With seventeen schools taking part in the first month, we have seen strong support in Western Australia, Queensland and New South Wales with all States supporting the program.

We particularly thank and acknowledge Whitehorse Community Chest for their assistance in funding the development costs of this program including photography and printing of Denim for Deafness Packs.



# Our Members

**D**eafness Foundation acknowledges and thanks our members for their ongoing support and membership of the Foundation.

## Deafness Foundation Governors

Professor Geoffrey Blainey AC  
Mr Peter Ickeringill  
Professor Field Rickards

## Honorary Life Members

Mrs Jennifer Adcock  
Mrs Judith Chancellor  
Mr E Ray Forrest  
Mr Edmond {Eddie} Keir OAM  
Mr John Marshall AM, KStJ  
Mrs Joan Tannahill  
Dr Adrian Thomas

## Organisational Members

Able Australia  
Audiology Australia  
Aurora School  
Better Hearing Australia (Vic) Inc  
Deaf Children Australia  
Deaf Victoria  
Early Education Program for Hearing Impaired Children  
Forest Hill College  
Furlong Park School for Deaf Children  
John Pierce Centre  
Melbourne Graduate School of Education  
Methodist Ladies College  
M Power Inc  
Rosanna Golf Links Primary School  
St Mary's College for Hearing Impaired Students

Shepparton High School Deaf Facility  
Taralye  
Vicdeaf  
Whirled Foundation  
Word of Mouth Technology  
Yarra Valley Grammar

## Individual Members

*We have this year elected not to list individual members due to not having specific approval to do so.*

# Our Supporters

**The support of both individuals and organisations are integral to the success of Deafness Foundation in delivering our programs to the broader Australian community.**

We acknowledge and thank the following organisations and individuals for their support during 2017-2018:

- All Ears Hearing
- Audiology Australia
- Mrs Rose Amarant
- Australian Hearing
- Baker & McKenzie
- Better Hearing (Victoria)
- Professor Geoffrey Blainey
- Bread Street Bakery
- Bunnings Bayswater
- Mr Mark Clarkson
- Clemenger Group
- Corporate Edge
- CMV Australia
- Jennifer & Roger Coburn
- Mrs Joan Cooper
- Professor Robert Cowan
- Mr Glenn Crosher
- Crystal Palace Lighting
- Eagle Financial Solutions
- Marie Gilbert
- Grant Gittus Graphics
- Grill'd Knox Ozone
- Mrs Joy Gullan
- Mr William Gurry
- Mr Allan Hamilton
- Heather Hase
- Dr Colleen Holt
- Dr Sam & Mrs Margaret Howes
- IGA Supermarkets
- IGA Ritchies Stores
- Inauro Wealth Management
- King & Wood Mallesons
- Mrs Noel Lane
- Mr Phillip Lewis
- Lynmarc Textiles
- Linkfire – Bayswater
- Professor Colette McKay
- Noah McLean
- Mr & Mrs Melag
- Melbourne Social Equity Institute
- Mr Edward Miller
- Mitcham Hills Combined Probus Club
- Monash Health
- Monash Childrens Hospital
- Mrs Maria Morizio
- Ms Karen Muscat
- Mrs Pauline Nolan
- North Blackburn Shopping Centre
- Mr Paul O'Halloran
- Mr Simon Olenski
- Mr Wayne Pasco
- Peter Sung Designs
- B Prosser
- Professor Brian Pyman
- Dr Michaela Riddell
- Ms Emma Roeschlein
- Rotary Club of Box Hill Central
- Rotary Club of Cheltenham
- Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills
- Rotary Club of Wheelers Hill
- Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital
- Mrs Doris Spencer
- The Basin Theatre Group
- Mrs Janette Thorburn
- University of Melbourne – Department of Speech Pathology & Audiology
- Urquhart Charitable Fund
- Usher Kids
- Mr Russell Webb
- Whitehorse Community Chest
- Widex Australia
- Mr Simon Wood
- We appreciate the following who have donated in memory of their loved ones:
  - In memory of Dr Mark Thompson – Mrs Lynda Thompson
  - In memory of Mrs Yvonne Taylor – Mrs John & Mrs Carmel Fleming, Mrs Angelina Muraca & Family, Nick & Connie Christou, Mrs Mary Dellios, Mr Frank & Mrs Brenda Muraca and Mr Colin & Mrs Jill Squires
  - In memory of a loved one – Mr John Nelson

# Our Board Of Management



Ms Karin Gillies  
President



Mr Lyall Clewer



Dr Lisa-Jane Moody



Mr Paul O'Halloran  
Vice President



Ms Marie Fram



Associate Professor  
Gary Rance



Mr Simon Wood  
Vice President and  
Treasurer



Mr Noel Henderson



Dr Kerry Saunders  
Appointed  
31/05/2017



Dr Kathryn Backholer



Professor  
Colette McKay  
Appointed  
31/05/2017



Ms Zoe Williams

## Our Staff At Deafness Foundation

Executive Officer  
**Jennifer Coburn**

Office Administration  
**Jennifer Portelli**

Butterflies Coordinator  
**Karen Son**

Butterflies Distribution  
**Roger Coburn**

Bookkeeper  
**Helen Dunlop**

Office Support  
**Annie O'Loughlin (Volunteer)**

# Financial Overview

## Deafness Foundation

ABN: 56 005 053 510

## Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 March 2018

## Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the Year Ended 31 March 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Revenue	2	555,015	500,135
Employee benefits expense		(197,780)	(155,537)
Purchases		(29,761)	(20,877)
Fundraising expenses		(14,408)	(10,549)
Occupancy expenses		(27,452)	(25,918)
Professional fees		(10,401)	(11,999)
Stock write off		-	(4,354)
Depreciation		(1,957)	(2,092)
Investment management fees		(10,142)	(9,561)
Printing, postage and stationery		(13,760)	(8,771)
Other expenses from ordinary activities		(31,534)	(31,312)
<b>Surplus before grants</b>		<b>217,820</b>	<b>219,165</b>
Deaf grant payments	14(a)	(63,064)	(96,464)
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<b>154,756</b>	<b>122,701</b>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>154,756</b>	<b>122,701</b>

## Statement of Financial Position

For the Year Ended 31 March 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	200,664	35,106
Trade and other receivables	4	53,587	22,039
Financial assets	5	1,281,112	1,289,699
Inventories	6	81,709	45,980
Other current assets		6,096	4,895
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>1,623,168</b>	<b>1,397,719</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	7	4,487	6,444
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>4,487</b>	<b>6,444</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>1,627,655</b>	<b>1,404,163</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	8	118,540	56,483
Short-term provisions	9	26,969	20,290
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>145,509</b>	<b>76,773</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>145,509</b>	<b>76,773</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,482,146</b>	<b>1,327,390</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Reserves	10	452,668	452,668
Accumulated surpluses		1,029,478	874,722
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>1,482,146</b>	<b>1,327,390</b>

## Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 31 March 2018

	2018	Retained Earnings \$	Capital Guaranteed Fund Reserve \$	Total \$
Balance at April 1, 2017		874,722	452,668	1,327,390
Surplus for the year		154,756	-	154,756
<b>Balance at 31 March 2018</b>		<b>1,029,478</b>	<b>452,668</b>	<b>1,482,146</b>
<b>2017</b>				
		Retained Earnings \$	Capital Guaranteed Fund Reserve \$	Total \$
Balance at April 1, 2016		752,021	452,668	1,204,689
Surplus for the year		122,701	-	122,701
<b>Balance at 31 March 2017</b>		<b>874,722</b>	<b>452,668</b>	<b>1,327,390</b>

## Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 31 March 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Receipts from supporters and others		135,315	137,690
Dividend and franking credits received		48,365	35,703
Interest received		11,003	12,262
Donations and bequests received		299,336	209,930
Payments to suppliers and employees		(277,628)	(279,618)
Grants disbursed		(58,975)	(113,053)
Interest expense		(446)	(1,380)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	13	<u>156,970</u>	<u>1,534</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		-	(6,412)
Payment for investments		(189,156)	(962,232)
Redemption/(placement) of term deposits		(122,721)	105,741
Proceeds on sale of investment securities		320,465	143,616
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		<u>8,588</u>	<u>(719,287)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		165,558	(717,753)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		35,106	752,859
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	3	<u>200,664</u>	<u>35,10606</u>

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**Report on the Independent Auditor on the Summary Financial Statements**

**Opinion**

The summary financial statements, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2018, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of cash flows and statement of changes in equity for the year then ended are derived from the audited financial report of Deafness Foundation for the year ended 31 March 2018.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report.

**Summary Financial Statements**

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Regime and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor’s report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report and the auditor’s report thereon. The summary financial statements and the audited financial report do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial report.

**The Audited Financial Report and Our Report Thereon**

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial report in our report dated 5 June 2018.

**Board’s Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements**

The board is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the summary financial statements.

**Auditor’s Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

*Saward Dawson*

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