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Annual Report 2011

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Message from the Chair



Aussie Deaf Kids is now recognised as a leading online resource centre providing support and information for parents of deaf children. The development of the parent online support group and the establishment of our Facebook page and Facebook groups now provide the opportunities for interactive parent support and information exchange.

This year Aussie Deaf Kids has undertaken a leading role advocating on behalf of parents of deaf kids and ensuring that the special needs of deaf children are well represented to government and service providers.

Our CEO, Ann Porter, has worked tirelessly throughout the year to further develop the capabilities of Aussie Deaf Kids and we are extremely fortunate to have had such a high level of expertise and commitment from her in this year of significant growth.

Ann is currently working on a number of other projects for Aussie Deaf Kids which will further increase the already significant workload undertaken by her. In order to expand the capabilities of Aussie Deaf Kids, it is important that we can provide her with the financial and skill base to achieve these goals.

We are very grateful for the continuing support of our content partners and sponsors who have supported the development of Aussie Deaf Kids thus far. Hopefully, in future, be able to attract the necessary level of grants and donations to fund our growth.

John Oliver
Chair

Message from CEO



This has been a year where advocacy on behalf of parents of children with a hearing loss has taken precedence over continued development of the website. Parents of deaf children in Australia require a strong voice to ensure the needs of their child and family are met in a changing political landscape. Aussie Deaf Kids has taken a leading role in presenting the parent perspective to government and service providers. Our online support groups and Facebook groups provide me with daily reminders of issues for parents raising a deaf child. While parents celebrate the achievements of each child, the system can be difficult to navigate and can leave parents feeling frustrated and stressed. Our aim is to assist families along their way - with support, information and advocacy on their behalf.

Aussie Deaf Kids took a back seat from September to December last year when I was invited to take on the role of Acting CEO for Deafness Forum - the peak body for deafness in Australia. The position provided me with a wonderful opportunity for learning about the broader deafness sector. I appreciate the confidence the Deafness Forum board showed in me and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of working with them until the new CEO, Kris Newton, was appointed.

I have been lucky enough to attend and present at a number of conference through the year. Information provided to families on our website and through our online groups needs to be accurate, so it is important to keep up-to-date with current research and thinking. I try and summarise presentations from the conference for the parents in our groups or point them towards the research. There is little point in keeping what I have learnt to myself.

Aussie Deaf Kids have had a couple of ongoing projects this year. The information booklet for parents with a child with unilateral hearing loss was completed and made available on the website in both HTML and booklet format. This was made possible through a grant from the Inger Rice Foundation. And a literature review on mental health and deaf children is an ongoing project which has assisted with my advocacy work and support of families.

This is the year Aussie Deaf Kids joined Facebook. We have a Facebook page as well as two Facebook groups. This is a very different format for parent support but it suits some parents better than the Yahoo groups and I have thoroughly enjoyed this new venture into online support and information provision for families.

And this is the year Aussie Deaf Kids moved from a desk at home to an office at the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children in North Rocks. Aussie Deaf Kids turned ten this year - it seems it is old enough to leave home.

Ann Porter
CEO

Our Directors 2011

Michael Allen

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**AUSSIE DEAF KIDS LIMITED ABN: 39 127 705 793
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
AUSSIE DEAF KIDS LIMITED**

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Aussie Deaf Kids Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2011 the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in surplus and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Act 2001. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance 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, provided to the directors of Aussie Deaf Kids Limited on 15 September 2011, would be in the same terms if provided to the directors as at the date of this auditor's report.

Qualification

As it is common for charities such as Aussie Deaf Kids Limited, it is impractical for the Company to establish control over donations prior to its entry into its financial records. Accordingly, as the evidence available to us regarding revenue from this source was limited, our audit procedures with respect to donations was limited to the amount recorded in the financial records. We therefore are unable to express an opinion as to whether the donations revenue recorded in the financial reports are complete.

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Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects in the financial report of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required had the limitation on our audit procedures referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report of Aussie Deaf Kids Limited is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2011 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Name of Firm: Wybenga & Co
Chartered Accountants

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Date: 16th September 2011
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Income statement for the year ended 30 June 2011

	2011 \$	2010 \$
Revenue from Government Grants and Other Grants	13,170	10,507
Other income	1,505	1,340
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(216)	(432)
Other expenses	(15,890)	(19,246)
Net Surplus/(Loss) from ordinary activities	(1,431)	(7,831)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	(1,431)	(7,831)
Profit attributable to members of the entity	(1,431)	(7,831)
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity	(1,431)	(7,831)

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Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2011

	2011 \$	2010 \$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	874	38,640
Trade and other receivables	4,512	1,723
Other assets	1,857	1,752
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	7,243	42,115
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Financial assets	34,091	-
Property, plant and equipment	215	431
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	34,306	431
TOTAL ASSETS	41,549	42,546
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Total and other payables	2,347	1,914
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,347	1,914
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,347	1,914
NET ASSETS	39,202	40,632
SURPLUS		
Surplus	39,202	40,632
TOTAL SURPLUS	39,202	40,632

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