

2017 – 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

The logo for Aussie Deaf Kids features the words "aussie deaf kids" in a playful, rounded font. Each letter is a different color: 'a' is red, 'u' is green, 's' is purple, 's' is orange, 'i' is blue, 'e' is purple, 'd' is pink, 'e' is blue, 'a' is red, 'f' is green, 'k' is light blue, 'i' is yellow, 'd' is purple, and 's' is orange. Two yellow smiley faces are positioned above the 'i' in "aussie" and the 'i' in "kids".

aussie deaf kids



Our mission

To empower families raising a child with hearing loss through online support, information and systemic advocacy.

Started in 2001, Aussie Deaf Kids has grown through the generosity of parents willing to make a difference; and professionals who understand that the well-being of the family is central to the overall development of their child.



Our objectives

Parent-to-parent support

Provide online parent-to-parent support groups – a safe space for families to share information, seek answers to their questions, and find support

Balanced and relevant information

Support parents to make informed decisions through providing information that meets their changing needs

Communication with Government

Communicate with government to promote the rights of deaf and hard of hearing children and their families to receive the services and support they need to achieve their potential

Our board of directors



Stephen Pascoe – Chair
Bachelor of Science (Computer Science)
Graduate Certificate in Management
Director since 2013



Michael Allen
Bachelor of Economics
Director since 2010



Dr Jill Duncan
Doctor of Philosophy (Education)
Master of Educational Management,
Educational Leadership and Administration
Master of Education (Deaf/Hard of Hearing)
Bachelor of Science
(Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology)
Director since 2013



Bruce Porter
Bachelor of Economics (Business Finance)
Diploma of Business (Real Estate Valuation)
Founding Director



Roslyn Wyburn
Associate Diploma (Hospitality Management)
Director since 2017



Ann Porter AM - CEO
Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy)
Master of eHealthcare
Director since 2012

CHAIR'S REPORT

It's a pleasure to again report as chair of Aussie Deaf Kids' board. It's been another busy year for Aussie Deaf Kids (ADK). Our work of keeping parents and caregivers informed with relevant information and providing a platform to support our community continues to be our key focus.

This year the board started the year with a "Board Retreat and focussed on reviewing our strategic plan and updating and expanding our policies and procedures. This process continued throughout the year, to ensure we conform to all regulations as a non-profit entity. I would especially like to thank Jill Duncan and Ann Porter for their commitment to this area.

Last year, I reported that ADK uses technology as an enabler to meet ADK's goals and objectives. ADK continues to invest in social media, providing a platform for parents to communicate and learn from each other. Our aim is to provide balanced information across the many areas of a child's life. Our Facebook groups support a wide range of views and opinions which can be challenging for our moderators at times. We ask for respect and understanding from our members. Our groups are intended to provide a safe place to discuss various topics and learn from each other.

Under the leadership of Ann Porter, our CEO, we continue to expand our information via our website. We recently piloted a "Live" webinar with great success. We are hoping to build on this success and sponsor more events in 2019.

The board is encouraged, by ADK's continuing input to government policies and advisory committees. I can't emphasise how important it is for the voice of parents and caregivers to be heard and influence government and organisational programs. For services to be a success they must be tailored to the parents/caregivers and kids they are serving. We hope that ADK can be a conduit to this success.

Of course, without funds ADK, could not exist. The CEO and Board are continually on the lookout for new ways of improving our financial position. I would like to thank once again our generous donors, who contributed and supported ADK throughout the year.

On behalf of the board, I can only repeat last year's statement: I'm grateful to our CEO, Ann Porter, who continues to lead ADK, and build on its yearly success. Words can't express how grateful the board is for Ann's leadership, dedication and hard work. Thank you, Ann.

I would personally like to thank our CEO and board members for their time, skills, leadership and guidance. I would also like to thank our Auditors, StewartBrown, Chartered Accountants for their generosity in providing auditing services to ADK in 2018.

I look forward to continuing to work with our Board, CEO, collaborators and volunteers on the exciting opportunities ahead.



Stephen Pascoe
Chair, Aussie Deaf Kids

CEO REPORT

Looking back on the year, the vivid moments are the messages that parents of newly-diagnosed babies post to one of our groups and the cascade of messages of support and encouragement they receive from other parents - letting them know that they have found a safe place to ask questions, learn from each other and share the ups and downs along the way. It makes this all worthwhile.

Sometimes it can feel that the voice of consumers is not heard in the cacophony of news and policy decisions, but we seem to have made some headway over the past year. There has been genuine collaboration between consumer groups and government departments to build services and systems that meet the needs of consumers – people with hearing loss and their families.

I was honoured to be invited by the Minister for Aged Care and Minister for Indigenous Health, Mr Ken Wyatt AM, MP, to join the Hearing Health Sector Committee as a representative of parents raising children with hearing loss. The Committee, in collaboration with the Australian Government, will develop a Roadmap of Hearing Health which is anticipated to improve hearing health for all Australians.

We have a couple of big projects planned for the coming year. We are trialling a few webinars for parents to be made available on our website. While we have been unable to attract funding, we are planning on developing a comprehensive suite of NDIS-related information resources that are specific for children who are deaf and hard of hearing over the coming year. We are also planning another Parent Conference to bring together parents and professionals so we can learn from each other.

I have agreed to continue as Co-Chair of the Global Coalition of Parents of Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (GPODHH). This has been an incredible experience and helps to provide some perspective to the issues families around the world face when their child is diagnosed with hearing loss. In July 2018, Aussie Deaf Kids funded two parents to represent GPODHH at the 3rd Stakeholders' meeting for the WHO programme on prevention of deafness and hearing loss in Geneva, Switzerland. As an international parent group collaboration, we are continuing to work with the WHO as they develop the World Report on Hearing due in 2020.

Thank you to our small team of committed individuals, our collaborators, our generous donors and parents in Australia and around the world for your ongoing support and interest in Aussie Deaf Kids. We couldn't do this without you.

Ann Porter AM
November 2018



Snapshot of 2017-2018

Website

www.aussiedeafkids.org.au

Balanced, parent-friendly information
from diagnosis through to the post-school period

- Users – 96, 770
- Pageviews – 200,549
- 43,468 users from Australia

Aussie Deaf Kids Plus

www.facebook.com/groups/aussiedeafkidsplus/

Parent-to-parent support - bilateral hearing loss

- 1,761 members
- 1.1K posts

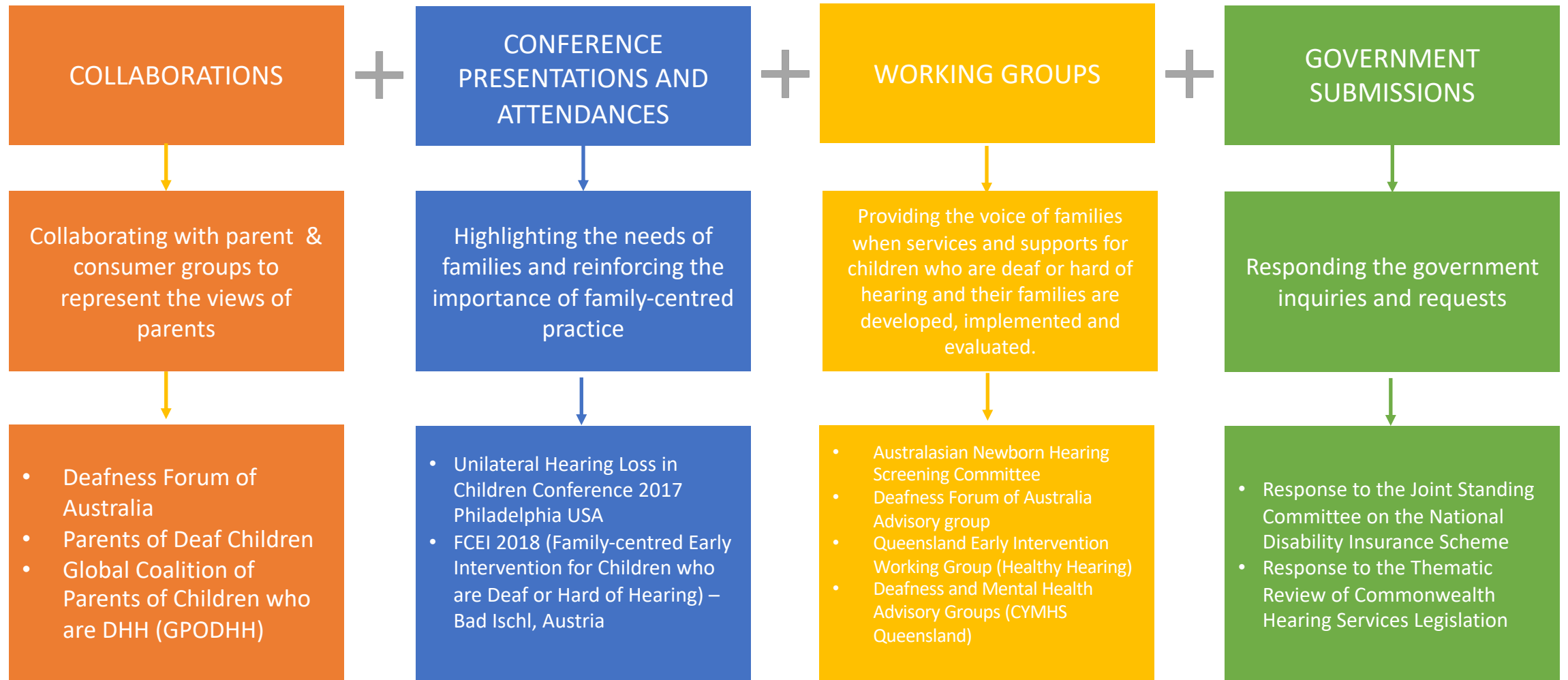
ADK Unilateral Hearing Loss

www.facebook.com/groups/adkunilateralhearingloss/

Parent-to-parent support - unilateral hearing loss

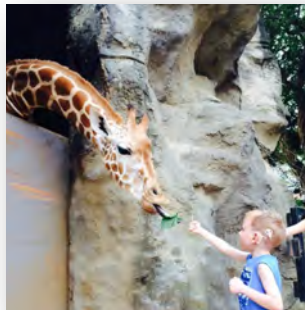
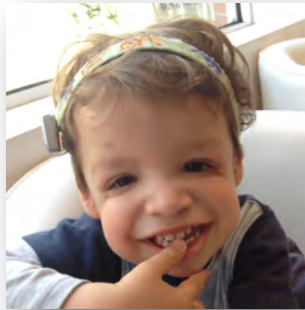
- 668 members
- 171 posts

Other activities



Thank you to our supporters

Your generosity helps us support families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing around Australia



Our donors:

- R Abbott
- S Landless
- Maitland Christian School
- S Muscat
- B Porter
- PortNordica PN Pty Ltd
- S Pascoe
- B Prussas
- A Umali

Our auditors

- StewartBrown – Chartered Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
AUSSIE DEAF KIDS LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of the Aussie Deaf Kids Limited which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the Directors' Declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Aussie Deaf Kids Limited as at 30 June 2018 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, which has been given to the Directors of the company, would be in the same terms if given to the Directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

StewartBrown
Chartered Accountants

12 October 2018

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	73,879	65,346
Trade and other receivables	1,573	1,265
Financial assets	1	27,001
<i>Total current assets</i>	<u>75,453</u>	<u>93,612</u>
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Total non-current assets</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>75,453</u>	<u>93,612</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	-	-
Borrowings	<u>-</u>	<u>9,592</u>
<i>Total current liabilities</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,592</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>9,592</u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>75,453</u></u>	<u><u>84,020</u></u>
FUNDS		
Accumulated funds	<u>75,453</u>	<u>84,020</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>75,453</u></u>	<u><u>84,020</u></u>

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
Revenue	<u>30,150</u>	<u>50,777</u>
	<u>30,150</u>	<u>50,777</u>
Expenses		
Administration and other expenses	(14,020)	(11,012)
Depreciation	-	(70)
Consultancy expenses	<u>(24,697)</u>	<u>(22,140)</u>
	<u>(38,717)</u>	<u>(33,222)</u>
Surplus (deficit) before income tax	(8,567)	17,555
Income tax expense	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>(8,567)</u>	<u>17,555</u>
Other comprehensive income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive income (loss) for the year	<u>(8,567)</u>	<u>17,555</u>



Aussie Deaf Kids is registered with the
Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

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