

THE AUSSIE HANDS FOUNDATION INC

PUBLIC OFFICER'S REPORT

2003

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2003**

G Serpell	President
E Serpell	Public Officer, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary
E Luca	Editor
M Bresciani	Multi-Media Consultant
M Winter	Marketing/Financial Consultant
Parent Representatives:	M Campbell, A & S Mitchell, J & A Mohn

J Duncan - Occupational Therapist (Royal Children's Hospital) has agreed to remain liaison person, offering advice on Occupational Therapy services and pass relevant Aussie Hands information/requests from Aussie Hands to Hand Surgeons and patients visiting the Hand Clinic at the Royal Children's Hospital.

**STATIONERY**

Common Seal purchased from Total Office Products Coburg on 23 December 2002  
Self-Inking Stamp - ABN purchased from Total Office Products Coburg on 19 March 2003  
Receipt Book donated by G & E Serpell

**FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

Two successful Fundraising events were held this year. A lot of organisation and participation by most Committee Members.

The first event was held at Nylon, 1 March 2003 (Fundraising Activity Evening) which was successful. 50 people attended and approximately \$1600 was raised (Report Attachment A).

Our second fundraiser was held at The Maritime Union of Australia (Trivia Night) where 97 and approximately \$3000 was raised (Report Attachment B).

Also, the Swizzel Sticks (talented staff members from the Junior School, Penleigh & Essendon Grammar) performed for staff at the end of Term II, Friday 27 June 2003 and raised \$97.90. A big thankyou to B Smith, W Ness, J Amato, A Norman and G Serpell for delivering a fine performance and raising funds for the Foundation.

**MEDIA RELEASES**

Due to the success of our first Fundraiser at Nylon, 'Community News' and 'Moreland Leader' featured our story in their papers in Mid-March.

Copies of these articles are provided in Attachment C.

**FINANCE**

Nunzio Panella from the Oxford Accounting Group prepared our Taxation Statement for the year ended 30 June 2003. Income and Expenditure Reports are in detail in TAHF AGM 2/03.

## **GSNV**

As the Foundation is a member of the Genetic Support Network of Victoria (GSNV), we were invited to attend an art activity on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2003. Gary, myself, Michael and David worked for a couple of hours on a piece for the quilt. This quilt is now on display on the 10<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Royal Children's Hospital's Genetic Department. A photo of our artistic piece is on Attachment D.

## **GRANTS**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Funding Organisation</i>	<i>RESULT</i>
10 April 2003	Besen Family Foundation	UNSUCCESSFUL
9 April 2003	RACV Foundation	UNSUCCESSFUL
11 April 2003	RACV Foundation	UNSUCCESSFUL
16 April 2003	St George Bank Foundation	UNSUCCESSFUL
18 April 2003	Lord Mayor's Charitable Fund	RESUBMITTED 17 June 2003
16 June 2003	Lord Mayor's Charitable Fund	PENDING

I would like to thank Elvira for all her assistance and expertise with the application forms. She was extremely busy at the time and was very patient and generous with her commitment.

It is hoped that future submissions will be successful.

## **LOGO**

Many thanks to Myrna and Tony at RMIT - the works for their creativity this year. A few designs were viewed by Committee Members and close friends and family. Two designs are now left to decide and am hoping that at the AGM we make a FINAL decision.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

Overall, since our last AGM, the success of the Fundraiser activities have been a highlight. I look forward to more events.

I attended two courses since our last AGM:

Volunteer Training Program Level II based on Committee Management (Sussex St Neighbourhood House, Moreland City Council), and  
Peer Support Training Program which focussed on Telephone Counselling (GSNV).

Also, I am very proud of the Quilt piece we made for the GSNV.

And finally, I anticipate that the logo we decide on will remind all of us of the positive outcomes we will achieve as the Aussie Hands foundation.

## **GOALS**

### *Brochure/Logo*

I hope once the logo has been decided we can finalise the brochure and use some of our funds to print a few to distribute by hand.

### *Telephone*

I will be investigating with competitive Telephone companies to set-up a new phone/fax number for Aussie Hands which will be displayed on our brochure. A separate phone account for Aussie Hands is desirable rather than using my own Telephone account which Gary and I have donated over the last 3 years. We make an average of 5 calls a week (including mobile phone calls).

### *WEBSITE*

HOTKEY have agreed to maintain the domain for \$82.50 pa. The Works at RMIT have offered to assist with the graphic design (incorporating the logo) with HOTKEY. I am hoping that Committee members will assist me with data-entry. To have the site up on air by December 2003 would be desirable.

### *DATABASE*

Depending on our funding, it is practical to enter database material as we distribute the brochure. To purchase the database is way beyond our budget and perhaps this can be done as a gradual task.

### *FUTURE EVENTS*

It is anticipated on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October this year we organise (through the Royal Children's Hospital) a family day to bring together families with children/adults who have a hand difference.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

A big thankyou to Anthony Mohn's father for donating a color printer, and to Karen D'Souza and Paul Kearns for an answering machine.

In closing, I would like to thank all Committee members for their contribution(s) over the last year - particularly with the Fundraising events.

I hope that we can work together again in 2003/2004 to further enhance the aims and objectives of the Aussie Hands Foundation.

Elizabeth Serpell  
PUBLIC OFFICER  
29 August 2003