



The Aussie Hands Foundation Inc

PUBLIC OFFICER'S REPORT

2006

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT - MEMBERSHIP 2006

G Serpell	President
E Serpell	Public Officer, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary
M Campbell	Event Manager/Parent Representative
M Bresciani	Multi-Media Consultant
M Winter	Marketing/Financial Consultant
S & A Browne	Parent Representatives

J Duncan - Occupational Therapist (Royal Children's Hospital) has agreed to continue 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, Melbourne.

GRANTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Funding Organisation</i>	<i>RESULT</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1 Sept 2006	Sabemo Trust	UNSUCCESSFUL	
8 Sept 2005	Lord Mayor's Charitable Fund	SUCCESSFUL	\$2000
16 Feb 2006	The Gandel Charitable Trust	UNSUCCESSFUL	
22 Feb 2006	Department of Human Services	SUCCESSFUL	\$5500
21 Jun 2006	Genetic Support Network of Victoria	SUCCESSFUL	\$100

WEBSITE LAUNCH

The 25th of November saw the realization of a five-year dream with the launch of the Aussie Hands website, held at the Royal Children's Hospital, Parkville, Victoria.

A powerpoint presentation was conducted by the Aussie Hands' President - Gary Serpell - acknowledging the many volunteers who have generously give their time since the creation of the Foundation.

Chief of Hand and Micro vascular Surgery - Chris Coombs - spoke about several interesting photographs showcasing his fine work.

Cr David Wilson represented the Right Honourable John So - Lord Mayor, on behalf of the City of Melbourne's Lord Mayor's Charitable Fund. David spoke about the benefits of families being able to access the website as a means of communication and information. David surprised the 70 strong audience by making reference to his own 32 year-old son who was born with a hand difference.

Director of Ray White Real Estate (Pascoe Vale) - Mr Michael Chan also spoke about his willingness to give his time to helping Aussie Hands.

The evening was a most successful one. We now see Aussie Hands having greater public exposure and is beginning to fulfill its original role of assisting people with hand differences.



EVENTS

Aussie Hands Inaugural Family Event – Saturday 24 June 2006

Paul Jamieson – the Music Man – entertained 100 people at the Family Event in West Melbourne.

Due to the success of the Aussie Hands website launch, many families met for the first time to share their stories. Children with hand differences had the opportunity to meet two adults with a hand difference. Parents were so pleased to meet the two adults, and other children with hand differences. All families that met agreed to keep in touch.

Families traced their hands on large paper on arrival. These were later displayed and then used to provide a lucky draw. The winners were three families who chose a Paul Jamieson CD or DVD.

Real-life stories from the two adults with a hand difference inspired parents and children alike.

Aussie Hands would like to thank and acknowledge a grant provided by The Genetic Support Network of Victoria towards this most successful event. A report and photos of the event are available on the website.



FUNDRAISING

On the 8th of October 2005, the Aussie Hands Foundation held its 3rd Annual Trivia Night at the Maritime Union of Australia in West Melbourne. The night was a huge success for the Foundation and fun for the healthy crowd of 150 people who attended.

Tireless effort and countless hours of preparation ensured the success of the evening, where \$4500 was raised for postage to distribute our brochure.

The generosity of so many donors cannot be underestimated, with a staggering ten major prizes and ninety minor prizes up for grabs in the raffles.

The night began with a now customary dexterity game that, perhaps unfairly, handed the crowd into age categories.

Triviomedry ran the fiercely contested trivia competition and made the crowd laugh with stand-up comedy. The President of the Foundation conducted games of chance. One successful game involved the closest coin toss to a bottle of grog - a game of great skill!

The 'Numero Uno's' won by the barest of margins and the evening concluded with a heartfelt thanks to all who attended. The President acknowledged the patience and cooperation of the Maritime Union for their generosity and understanding.

Sponsors who supported this event were:

Altay Gifts, Coburg

Australian Lighting, Moonee Ponds

Baker's Delight, Coburg

Beautiology, Airport West

Blackburn Family, Pascoe Vale

Bristol, Eltham

Campbell Family, Pascoe Vale South

CHIA Hairdressing, Essendon

Coburg Market Fruit Supply

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Continental Grocery Shop, Coburg

Cosmopolitan Shoes, Coburg

Dis n' Dat, Kew

Donut King, Airport West

Farrage Curtains Decor, Coburg

Foley & Watt Leadlights, Coburg

HOTKEY, Monash

House of Gifts, Coburg

John Sculli Fruit Centre, Strathmore

La Fontana Restaurant, Lower Plenty

La Porchetta

Melissa & Stephen Campbell, Pascoe Vale South

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Retravisision, Northland

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Stephen Campbell Constructions, Pascoe Vale South

Strathmore Fish Supply

Tasty Rooster, Coburg

Tender Cut Quality Meats, Niddrie

The Maritime Union of Australia

Village Bloom, Essendon



FINANCE

Acknowledgement to Nunzio Panella from the Oxford Accounting Group who prepared the Foundation's Taxation Statement for the year ending 30 June 2006. Income and Expenditure Reports provided at the AGM. The Foundation is very grateful to Nunzio who has donated his services once again to the Foundation.

EQUIPMENT

- NORTON UPGRADE ANTIVIRUS
- (2) SELF-INKING STAMPS

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Vice President attended the following courses:

- Creative Campaigning (RMIT) 24 September 2005
- Leadership and Teambuilding (RMIT) 29 October 2005

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Membership has increased from 4 families to 12 families (including interstate)
- Three out of five grant applications submitted were successful
- MEDIA RELEASE - Article published Australian Midwifery Newsletter - June 2006

GOALS 2007

DISTRIBUTION OF BROCHURE Dec 2006→

MEDIA RELEASES Feb 2007 →

- TV
- Magazines
- Radio

VOLUNTEERS

Recruitment and insurance for volunteers and utilise ProBono

SPONSORSHIP

Attract Corporate Sponsorship

WEBSITE

Maintain and provide additional information on

- Medical Technology
- Books/resources/special equipment
- LINKS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- WEBSITE - Noel Prictor, HOTKEY Monash
- WEBSITE ADMINISTRATION - Fiona McClure and Marco Bresciani
- EDITOR - Mick Kannegiesser, Digital Environs
- MARKETING - Mery-Anne Winter
- FUNDRAISING - Melissa Campbell, Carol Edwards, Maria Lee
- FINANCE - Nunzio Panella, Oxford Accounting Group
- BOARD OF MANAGEMENT and VOLUNTEERS

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide support for children and adults with hand differences by giving advice on appropriate education programs, special equipment, medical and community resources.

CONCLUSION

In 2007, the Foundation intends to recruit volunteers to assist in raising awareness. Exposure in the Media and distribution of the brochure Australia-wide will further enhance the aims and objectives of Aussie Hands.

Elizabeth Serpell
Public Officer
20 October 2006