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...a place for people affected by voice disorders...

ANNUAL REPORT

2020-2021



Life with a voice disorder is tough enough
help us to break some barriers by improving understanding and early management

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ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN DYSPHONIA NETWORK

But first ... What is it?

DYSPHONIA is easy to say but difficult to live with.

The term simply means 'difficulty making voice sounds' it can be acute (short lived, like laryngitis) or chronic and life changing.

We are people who understand life with a chronic voice disorder, because we either live with one, or have close experience of supporting or treating someone who does.

Why the Network?

The Australian Dysphonia Network Inc, was established in 2016 to support people whose lives are impacted by a chronic voice disorder because.

- Voice disorders can affect relationships.
- Voice disorders can change the way we relate to each other.
- Voice disorders can change our ability to participate in broader social circles.
- Voice disorders also have the potential to impact on careers.

Yet, they are poorly diagnosed, and even more poorly understood by the general population.

The ADN is a completely independent organisation created by people who want to build a supportive and progressive network to help change all this, and make life a little easier for the vocally challenged here in Australia.

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OUR MISSION

To provide support and help to others affected by dysphonia, while educating, lobbying and raising awareness of voice disorders within the community and the medical profession. The Australian Dysphonia Network Inc works in collaboration with voice healthcare professionals for mutual benefit.

OUR VISION

That all Australians experiencing chronic voice disorders, are able to access early diagnosis, management and treatment, and that they are aware of and feel supported by the Australian Dysphonia Network Inc

OUR STRENGTHS

- We are a network of people with lived experience of dysphonia, who share a passion for supporting others.
- We represent a diverse range of professional skills and expertise.
- We are optimistic and we value wellness.

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We need voice to be valued in the same way as
vision and hearing

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN A DIFFICULT YEAR

World Voice Day April 2021 was our opportunity to make some noise about voice disorders and raise awareness of dysphonia and voice care through wide reaching national radio interviews, media moments and online education.

We maintained our national and international connections with voice health experts and patient organisations; and we were invited to partner in the development of WHISPP a voice aid for those with voice disorders coming out of The Netherlands.

We continued to work toward our GP Education module and hope to see this project become a reality in the year ahead.

By the end of 2021 we have:

- grown our mailing list to over 500 people affected by, interested in, supporting or treating someone with a chronic voice disorder.
- 245 people active in our online chat group (Aust only)
- 1210 people following us on facebook
- 41,322 people visited our website
- approx 4500 people have viewed [our documentaries](#) via youtube

We've connected people, supported people and helped people to get the correct care.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

What another extraordinary year, just when we all thought it could not get any worse!

The world is in turmoil and we recognise that people's priorities have needed to change. We took a decision to slow our fundraising efforts and projects, instead channelling all of our efforts into connecting with, and giving hope to people living with dysphonia.

The charity sector has been impacted dramatically by the pandemic, and funding opportunities have been scarce. However, we remain hopeful of a brighter year ahead and are hatching plans for some creative partnerships that will help us continue to achieve our objectives

Once again I need to say a huge 'thank you' to everyone that has helped us to stay the course in another year of turmoil. Thanks to each of our Directors who have had to juggle illness and their own COVID 19 related issues to keep the ADN dream afloat. Not to mention our network of voice health professionals; ENTs/Laryngologist and Speech/Voice Pathologists who have continued to face enormous professional and personal challenges due to the pandemic, yet still found ways to support the ADN and the people in need of voice care.

Louise Bale
Chairperson



2020-21 FINANCIAL REPORT

Declaration by the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors confirm the financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2021 and that they provide a true and fair view of the Australian Dysphonia Network Inc financial performance and that the Board of Directors declare in their opinion:

- a) the income statement gives a true and fair view of all income and expenditure with respect to fundraising appeals,
- b) the balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the organisation with respect to fundraising appeals,
- c) the provisions of the Act, the Regulations and the conditions attached to the fundraising authority have been complied with by the organisation, and
- d) the internal controls exercised by the organisation are appropriate and effective in accounting for all income received and applied by the organisation from any of its fundraising appeals.

Dated 28th July 2021.

Louise Bale
Chairperson

Gregory Davis
Secretary



PROFIT & LOSS

Australian Dysphonia Network Incorporated

Profit and Loss

July 2020 - June 2021

	2020	2021
Income		
Donations Received	6,305.62	2,895.39
Membership Income	8.18	90.90
Sales of Product Income	148.00	200.00
Event Income - Donations	5,000.00	0.00
Uncategorised Income	0.22	0.00
Total Income	11,462.02	3186.29
Gross Profit	11,462.02	3186.29
Expenses		
Bank charges	0.84	0.84
Dues and subscriptions	345.54	522.22
Grant - Grace Gives Project Expenses	7,556.67	800.00
Insurance expenses	2,107.22	2,087.13
Event Expenses	94.65	0.00
Marketing/Promotions Expenses	1,632.95	0.00
Office, general and administrative expenses	264.00	460.86
Other external services	0.00	145.45
Postage & freight	57.68	114.30
Uncategorised Expense	0.28	
Total Expenses	12,059.83	\$4,130.80
Other Expense	120.89	\$0.00
Net Earnings	-\$718.70	-\$944.51

BALANCE SHEET

Australian Dysphonia Network Incorporated Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2021

	2020	2021
Assets		
Current Assets		
Accounts receivable		
Accounts receivable	0.00	0.00
Total Accounts receivable	0.00	0.00
Cash on hand	0.00	0.00
Com Bank Account	20,463.60	19,759.04
Petty Cash	131.00	
Total Current Assets	20,594.60	19,759.04
Total Assets	20,594.60	19,759.04
Liabilities and shareholder's equity		
Current liabilities:		
ATO Clearing Account	-242.00	0.00
GST Liabilities Payable	0.00	-133.05
PAYG Withholdings Payable	0.00	0.00
Total current liabilities	-242.00	-133.05
Shareholders' equity:		
Net Income	-718.70	-944.51
Retained Earnings	21,555.30	20,836.60
Total shareholders' equity	20,836.60	19,892.09
Total liabilities and equity	20,594.60	19,759.04

OUR CHALLENGES

we need people to actually 'think' about the importance of voice in every aspect of their life

Our biggest challenge continues to be attracting funds. While this is not new, it has been more of a challenge this past two years with world events and competing demands on ever-limited resources.

Let's face it... until you have first hand experience of chronic voice changes, you simply do not understand their life changing impact. We really need people to value voice, in the same way they value vision and hearing.

We are not a medical research charity and nor do we deliver a face to face service, so our grant opportunities are limited. Our mission is to provide a network of support, while advocating for, and funding activities that helps to improve the daily lives of real people. But somehow it seems that this is not enough to attract financial support.

We need to reach GPs to help them understand the true impact of not referring that person with voice changes. We need them to understand that dysphonia is real, and that early diagnosis, management and support are essential to prevent some of the potentially life changing impacts. Our GP Education package will be

OUR DIRECTORS



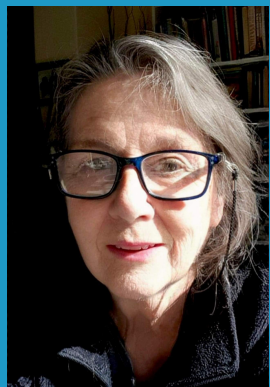
Louise Bale: Chairperson



Brenda Simmonds : Vice Chairperson / Treasurer



Judith Rough: Director



Lynnette White: Director



Greg Davis: Secretary / Public Officer

YOU CAN HELP US

ADVOCATE

Help us to spread the word that voice matters - just like sight and hearing

INFORM

Yourself, visit our website and stay in touch with what we're up to www.adn.org.au

DONATE

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