



Kalparrin

*A Centre for Families of
Children with Special Needs*

**PARENTS OF CHILDREN
WITH DISABILITIES (INC)**

**ANNUAL REPORT
2011 - 2012**



Our Purpose

To make a positive difference
to the lives of families of children with special needs
through the provision of practical and emotional support.

Our Vision

Stronger families,
supportive communities,
celebrated achievements.

Our Guiding Principles

Hope

Respect

Responsiveness

Accountability

Empowerment

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A Message From Our Patrons



As Kalparrin moves into a new era and embraces additional corporate sponsors it is a privilege for me to have been invited to become Patron ; to follow in the footsteps of Professor Fiona Stanley is indeed humbling . In my new role I hope that I can support Kalparrin in the wonderful work that is done for parents of children with disabilities.

2012 has seen a number of significant changes at Kalparrin with a new CEO and new board members ,all of which auger well for an exciting future. Kalparrin is indebted to the work done by your energetic and enthusiastic Chair Fiona Payne who has been an outstanding leader. Fiona has made an extraordinary contribution to Kalparrin. The additional financial support from the Disability Services Commission and Telethon has enabled family programs to flourish. My congratulations to all at Kalparrin who have worked hard to bring about successful programs for families . It is with pleasure that I look forward to being able to assist in whatever way I can.

Hon Barbara Scott

Although I have now retired as Patron of Kalparrin, I am delighted to maintain my association as their Founding Patron. This wonderful organisation moves from strength to strength and remains dedicated to providing practical and emotional support to families of children with special needs, including those in regional WA. I commend their achievements in 2012 and urge you all to continue supporting their outstanding work in our community.

Professor Fiona Stanley AC
Founding Patron of Kalparrin, Parents of Children with Disabilities Inc.
Patron, Telethon Institute for Child Health Research
Distinguished Research Professor, School of Paediatrics and Child Health, The University of Western Australia
Vice Chancellor's Fellow and Director 2013 Festival of Ideas, University of Melbourne

Board of Management



CHAIR	Fiona Payne
SECRETARY	Kaye Neylon
TREASURER	Timothy Joyce
COMMITTEE	Ernest Boswarva Beverley Gay Amanda Reed Shaun Murphy Sarah Flanagan Libby Lyons Jenny Bourke (representing Telethon Institute for Child Health Research) Tracey Barnes Patrick Horneman
EXECUTIVE SPONSOR	Anne Bourke
AUDITOR	Ray Woolley Pty Ltd
HON. SOLICITOR	Ronald Bower, Corser & Corser Solicitors

Kalparrin Staff



EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Kaye Neylon
FAMILY SUPPORT OFFICERS	Leticia Grant Sue Matthews Lucy Moran
RESPIRE PROGRAM COORDINATOR	Cecilia Donovan
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER	Julie Lundgren
VOLUNTEERS	Heather Joyce Hannah Weizel

About Kalparrin



Kalparrin has its origins in the vision and initiative of clinical psychologist, Margaret Cole. Observing women in the outpatients' waiting room who were bringing their children to Princess Margaret Hospital for therapy and appreciating both the day to day and ongoing pressures on these women, Margaret started informal breakfast support groups that provided both real and emotional sustenance to the women attending. Out of these groups, grew the idea and the reality of the weekend respite weekends that have continued to be a core activity for Kalparrin. The Kalparrin Centre was designed to extend the same support and shared experience that occurred on the respite weekends on a more frequent basis. A steering committee formed in 1987 oversaw the development of the organisation, and Parents of Children with Disabilities was incorporated in 1989. The Kalparrin Centre first opened in 1992 and was officially opened by our Patron, Professor Fiona Stanley, in 1993.

A joint funding agreement between the Disability Services Commission and Princess Margaret Hospital enabled Kalparrin to extend its opening hours and employ its first coordinator. From 2004, under the Disability Services Commission Disability First Stop initiative, Kalparrin extended its opening hours to 35 hours over five days a week, providing information and support to families of children with special needs through face to face visits, telephone and email.

A successful submission to the Channel 7 Telethon Trust in 2009 allowed the introduction of a much enhanced respite program reaching a wider group of families and providing much needed supports for mothers, fathers, siblings, couples and families of children with special needs.

Our Clients



Kalparrin provides information, support, referral to relevant agencies and services, respite opportunities and a drop-in centre for:

- Families of children with special needs who:
 - are not only at PMH or KEMH, but also at home and in the community
 - need ongoing care and support;
 - are under the unique stress of awaiting a diagnosis or whose condition is unknown;
 - have recently been diagnosed;
 - are transitioning from hospital to community based services;
 - are seeking to be linked with other families whose children have the same or similar conditions to their child; and/or
 - require empathy, advocacy, support and empowerment in times of crisis.
- Disability-related self help and support groups who use the drop-in centre as a central meeting place.
- Health professionals, other service providers and students seeking information about disability support services.

Chairperson's Report



On behalf of the Board of Management of Parents of Children with Disabilities Inc., it is my pleasure to present the 2011-2012 Annual Report for the organisation.

Presentation of the Annual Report is an opportunity for reflection, and for me, as I prepare to step down from the role of Chairman that I have held for almost 7 years, this chance to review the past years' achievements is filled with many emotions.

Fiona Payne,
PCD (Inc) Chairperson

I believe that when people think back on the year that was 2011-2012, it will be remembered as a watershed one for Kalparrin, in much the same way the year of incorporation and the year of securing ongoing funding from government are viewed many years later.

In September last year, the Board undertook a process of strategic planning that was very different to any we had been engaged in previously, and challenged us to consider the value of what we had to offer as an organisation. After much soul searching, analysis of the environment and consideration of the implications of different decisions, the message from the Board was strong – what we offer families is unique and immeasurably valuable, and we will do whatever it takes to grow this service so that all families of children with special needs can benefit.

With this position clearly established, the next part of the process involved a plan for achieving this goal, the Strategic Plan 2012-2015. This plan is all about partnerships – partnerships with families, partnerships with other organisations and partnerships with our supporters. Very importantly, it recognises that our future lies in becoming less reliant on government funding and developing significant alliances with organisations, businesses and individuals who believe in our work and are willing to invest on our future.

One of the first individuals to join us on this journey was Jonathan Huston, who recognised the value of Kalparrin and offered to take us through the strategic planning process, pro bono. He has since assisted us greatly with key appointments and introductions to key influencers. I do not think we would be where we are now without Jonathan's guidance and support, and I thank him on behalf of us all for all that he has and continues to do.

One of the first organisations to join us on this journey was the Disability Services Commission, who have committed to seed fund some of the key initiatives from the plan in order to get us started on this new road. On behalf of the Board, staff, volunteers and families, I would like to acknowledge the support of Dr Ron Chalmers and Peter Batini who have shown faith in Kalparrin's chosen way forward.

This significant period of change in Kalparrin's history has been undertaken under the wise and thoughtful leadership of Kaye Neylon, Executive Officer. With her team including Lynnette Buss, Cecilia Donovan, Leticia Grant, Patrick Horneman, Lucy Moran, Anita Peiris and Susan Tomlinson, and officer volunteers Heather Joyce and Hannah Weizel, services continue to be developed, delivered and revised according to feedback. This is what Kalparrin does best, and all credit to these wonderful workers for their dedication, enthusiasm, compassion and commitment to the organisation.

Chairman's Report (Cont/...)



The appointment of Patrick Horneman as our inaugural Business Partnership Manager is an important step towards achieving a solid base of supporters who are willing to invest in our future. The appointment of Anita Peiris as the Coordinator of the WA Special Families volunteer program is another significant step towards achieving greater access to information and support for families of children with special needs, in this case, via an online support group.

Early in 2012, following discussion with our inaugural Patron Professor Fiona Stanley, who was retiring from her role as Director of the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, we invited Hon Barbara Scott to assume the role of Patron, with Professor Stanley assuming a new role as Founding Patron. We were delighted that both Patrons accepted these roles, and we are already seeing the benefits of two exceptional leaders with a longstanding commitment to children and families being involved with Kalparrin.

We have also seen some significant changes on our Board with the appointments of Tracey Barnes, Ernest Boswarva, Sarah Flanagan, Timothy Joyce, Libby Lyons, and Amanda Reed, assuming roles vacated by Susan Cordell, Marianne Jablon and Patrick Horneman. The contribution from past and present members is outstanding and their commitment to the values upon which Kalparrin was founded ensures sound decision making and effective governance.

Kalparrin continues to grow its base of support, both in terms of families who benefit from the services and support from other families, and organisations that feel a strong alliance with Kalparrin's vision and a desire to partner with our team. These include The Hill Group of Companies, via the amazing enthusiasm of Stephen Spiers, REM Consulting, the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation, the Department of Health via the Minister for Health Hon Kim Hames, Corser and Corser via our Honorary Solicitor Ronald Bower, Telethon, the McCusker Foundation and the Child and Adolescent Health Service who continue their invaluable support in providing us with a home at PMH.

As I conclude my report of the year that has been for our organisation, I can say with great confidence that Kalparrin is well positioned to achieve its vision

'...strong families...supportive communities...celebrated achievements...'

During the past twelve months, I have been privileged to be part of a team with an amazing commitment to families of children with special needs in Western Australia. Many of these people are parents, siblings and carers of children with special needs and I am continually inspired by their stories and their willingness to support others. With such people as our members, volunteers, staff, supporters, directors and champions, Kalparrin is the embodiment of families supporting families.

2011-2012 has been a great year for Kalparrin...

and will be followed by many more I am sure.

Fiona

Executive Officer's Report



Kalparrin is a small organisation filling a big role supporting families of children with special needs in Western Australia. With a staff complement of only 1 full-time position and several part-time positions, the level of service delivery that is achieved bears reflection and I would like to acknowledge at the outset the superb contribution made by our Family Support Officers, Administration Officer, Volunteers and Respite Program Coordinator and Facilitators in achieving and maintaining services and programs that are obviously very highly valued by our members and other clients. Feedback from our families is what inspires us all.

Kaye Neylon,
Executive Officer

Consolidating organisational governance was a key focus in 2011-12 during which time new policies and procedures were implemented, our financial and payroll services were transferred to Independent Management, a new data base was implemented and the future sustainability of Kalparrin has been the subject of a continuing DSC funded project to secure the ongoing delivery of Kalparrin programs. The outcomes of these activities include more thorough and comprehensive financial reporting and planning and more efficient tracking and reporting of the information, support and respite services that Kalparrin provides.

Kalparrin has participated in a range of activities in preparation for the New Children's Hospital and we are delighted that Kalparrin has been assured a place in the proposed Family Resource Centre when the move to the new site occurs in 2016. This acknowledges the unique place that Kalparrin fills in providing a link for families between hospital and community based support services.

I would like to acknowledge the Channel 7 Telethon Trust and the Disability Services Commission in supporting the Kalparrin Respite Program. Telethon funds the major part of this program enabling greatly enhanced respite opportunities for family carers. While some programs are slowly gathering momentum, we cannot meet the demand for others. Resourcing parents in their caring roles is a key focus of the respite program and one that has been developed further in 2011-12 with the expansion of our Dads Matters program and the inclusion of a range of skills development and capacity building activities as part of all programs. Three year funding from DSC as part of the School Holiday Support Program has provided much needed support for siblings and families and in this report our siblings and their families attest to the very positive benefits these programs have provided to them.

The year also saw a further round of three year funding for the Disability First Stop Program (DSC) which provides necessary information and support services to families in the early period following diagnosis. We continue to actively liaise with our Disability First Stop Partners (People with Disabilities, Ethnic Disability Advocacy Centre and Headwest) to achieve a collaborative approach to the delivery of this program.

On behalf of Kaye Neylon

In September 2011, the Board undertook a process of strategic planning that challenged us to consider the value of what we had to offer as an organisation. The message from the Board was strong – what we offer families is unique and immeasurably valuable, and we will do whatever it takes to grow this service so that all families of children with special needs can benefit.

The resulting Strategic Plan 2012-2015 is all about partnerships – partnerships with families, partnerships with other organisations and partnerships with our supporters. Very importantly, it recognises that our future lies in becoming less reliant on government funding and developing significant alliances with organisations, businesses and individuals who believe in our work and are willing to invest on our future. A summary of the Strategic Plan is below, and full copies are available to download on our website.

Strategic Issues

- Current organisational structure
- Lack of sustainable funding
- Need to expand services to fathers and other family members
- Potential for partnerships

Key Strategies

- Reform organisational structure and governance
- Expand Kalparrin services
- Develop new services and markets

The first six months of 2012 has seen the start of the implementation of the Strategic Plan, resulting in positive feedback and results from current and new families, and current and new supporters.

We embraced new Board members recruited for their particular skills and expertise. Our appointed Business Partnership Manager has introduced key new partners to Kalparrin; partners offering complementary skills and expertise as well as financial support. We have reviewed our Respite programs and look forward to new innovation and greater relevance in 2012-13. Kalparrin has explored the expansion of family support services into regional areas, and drafted enhanced programs to better support our Mums, Dads and siblings in the coming year.

Family Contacts

Kalparrin provides practical information and emotional support for families and carers of children with special needs under its Community Support and Disability First Stop Programs. Clients contact Kalparrin by visiting, phoning and / or emailing Family Support Officers at the Kalparrin Office located within Princess Margaret Hospital. In 2011—2012, a total of 798 occasions of service were provided to 447 clients across the above two programs. Most of these were by personal visits to Kalparrin (18%) then followed up by telephone (47%) and email (35%). Web enquiries totalled approximately 1%.

Information provided covers the full spectrum of issues facing families caring for special needs children, however, by far the most common reason for contact was in relation to carer respite reflecting the important role Kalparrin plays in providing respite activities for family carers.

In addition to the formal contact with Kalparrin's Family Support Officers for information and support, there were a total of 228 visitors to the Drop-in Centre who signed the visitors book during the year.

Kalparrin Newsletters and E-News Bulletins

Kalparrin distributed its newsletter *Kalparrin Cares* three times in 2011-12. Each newsletter included a member story along with information about Kalparrin, disability-sector and parenting news and resources available to support families. Our member stories provided inspiration and strength to many of our readers and, together with highlights of the successful Mother's Respite Weekends, Siblings program, Caring for Couples Weekends and Dad's programs, the newsletters offered an uplifting and positive message of support from the Kalparrin community. Many of our indicated that they handed *Kalparrin Cares* onto other families.

Regular weekly emails circulated to our members has also proven to be a valued means of distributing sector news in a timely manner. This year, Kalparrin saw an increase of registered e-news recipients from 350 to 471, all requesting to receive email alerts about Kalparrin programs and other relevant information.

Kalparrin Website

The Kalparrin website plays a very important role in providing information for families and carers. During the year, there were over 20,000 website hits which is testimony to this important resource. Families often find it quite bewildering to identify appropriate support services for children and family members. The Kalparrin Links & resources pages are dynamic and growing components of the website with listings of the various support services available to help families access information that can make their journey a little easier. Our News and Respite & Recreation pages are very popular and are proving to be a valuable means of 'getting the message out' about the Kalparrin Respite Program.

Kalparrin Respite Programs

Kalparrin offers a range of respite opportunities throughout the year for mothers, fathers, couples and siblings. Over the past year close to 900 people participated in these activities .

Kalparrin Respite Programs are premised on the belief that often the best information and support for families of children with special needs comes from other families who have, or are walking a similar path.

A key objective of all Kalparrin programs is to provide the opportunity for families to share experiences and information, thereby offering mutual support to one another. Feedback received from our respite program participants is evidence that Kalparrin meets this objective.

Major Funder

Disability Services Commission



Special Grants

Channel 7 Telethon Trust



Without the support of Disability Services Commission and Telethon, Kalparrin would not have been able to deliver the Respite programs that our families found so valuable. The Board wishes to thank Dr Ron Chalmers, Monique Williamson and Jeff Edwards for their support of Kalparrin throughout this last year and, in particular, funding for our School Holiday programs. Similarly, without the generous consideration of the Channel Seven Telethon Trustees, including General Manager Steve Mummery, our Mums, Dads and Couples programs could not have happened.

Mothers Respite Weekend



Mothers' Respite Weekends were specifically designed for mothers and primary female carers to provide a break from the demands of caring for their families and provide a chance to be themselves, develop new skills and to share their experiences with other mothers. Two residential weekends were held in 2011-12 and included a variety of self-care and skills acquisition workshops, and the opportunity for mothers to form networks with other mothers who experience common issues and concerns. A range of recreational activities allowed the mothers to alternately 'let their hair down' and meet new challenges.

I had an awesome weekend and met lots of new friends that I have since been in regular contact with"

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"

it was a great break away from the daily grind & a bit of valuable breathing space"

"Food was fab!!
Great workshops too!"

"As a first time Mum I had a great time at Camp. It was a treat to awake to a fully cooked breakfast"



Dads' Matters



This is a very successful program, continuing to grow in number of participants. In response to participant's feedback, a day program and two evening seminars consisting of guest speaker presentations and panel discussions were held over the year with over 80 participants. The focus is specific to fathering special needs children with themes revolving around normalising the stages of adjustment and the different facets of the adjustment process; distinguishing between productive and unproductive strategies; resourcing fathers in relation to their partners and other relationships; working with differences in perspective and approach between fathers and their partners; and managing stresses and exploring / developing different ways of coping.

Experienced Facilitators with a special interest in men's health and wellbeing developed and hosted the events.

I enjoyed
being able to
discuss
Dad's Stuff

"It was great
networking
with other
Dad's and
learning from
their
experiences"

"I gained a lot from hearing
other experiences, listening
to genuine stories"

"Great to hear the
experiences of other dads
and where Dads can turn
to if required"

"My wife found out about it
and suggested I came along ;
I'm glad I did"

"I liked Sharing experiences,
being able to speak frankly
and openly with others in
similar situations"



Caring Couples



These residential weekends are a series of structured skills based workshops for participating couples which are developed and facilitated by qualified male and female counsellors with significant experience in this area. The couples are encouraged to refocus on the strengths which naturally exist between them as partners, build upon these strengths and sustain and nourish the primary relationship that provides the foundation for their family life.

The weekends provide a break from the hands-on caring role, allowing couples to relax with each other, learn more about the importance and responsibility of self care, and to reconnect with each other. The weekends also provide the opportunity to network with other families in similar situations.

Kalparrin is struggling to meet the increasing demand for these weekends and it is hoped that with continued Telethon support we will be able to expand this program in 2012-13 to cater for the many more couples who have registered their interest.

I went away on the caring for couples weekend in Sept 2011. I would just like to say that it was one of the most positive and nurturing periods in my time for my relationship. I found the time to be extremely rewarding and enlightening to remind me and my wife the importance to check in and build on our relationship. The topics covered were insightful and provided positive tips and reminders that life isn't always about our child, that it is important to make it about us some times if our relationship and family is to work. I wish to thank you deeply and express my appreciation for the valued experience and positive input that I received. I know it will assist in nurturing the wonderful relationship I have with my wife that was being swept away from the day to day hustle and bustle of life and focus on our child's needs.

"Thanks, Kalparrin, so very much for giving us the opportunity to attend this couples weekend. It was quite daunting for us to go to something like this as we have always been fiercely private and shocking at asking for help. The last few years though have truly worn us down in our caring roles and when the opportunity arose we thought we just had to grab this chance at breaking the stressful, caring cycle and to take stock and to have the space to just be together. All the sessions were beneficial and the care and thought that was put into the structure and environment really made this weekend a huge success for couples in our situations. I really admire your insight and tenacity to keep going with developing and implementing this gem of an idea for a group of people that are so often overlooked."



Siblings School Holiday Program



Funded by the Disability Services Commission's School Holiday Support Program, Kalparrin's one day siblings event attracted over 100 participants. Targeting siblings aged 9 to 15 years, these events were held during school holidays, and offered a full day of challenge-based learning activities including archery, flying fox and high ropes. We were again delighted to have siblings from regional Western Australia participate in these camps.

The siblings program has been developed on a challenge-by-choice recreational model, based on the premise that children enjoy challenging recreational activities more than formal sessions, creating a supportive environment where children will informally share their stories when they want to. Kalparrin incorporated feedback from previous events, to include a debrief session for attendees at the end of the day. These events highlight that many siblings naturally share their stories and are supported as they start on a journey of discovering that they are not alone in their situation.

"My daughter just loved it and it was great for me to have one less for the day and to be able to give that time to my boys, knowing that she was enjoying herself. Thanks for giving her a fabulous siblings day."

"I had great fun at the camp day! It is hard to pick the best part, I loved the kayaks and the flying fox, and meeting new friends with brothers or sisters JUST like mine".

Thanks for a chance to have one-on- one with my other daughter also as that just doesn't happen normally.

Just wanted to say a massive thank you from our family for this fun filled and very positive day. Tanzyn came home very positive and happy with lots of news about her happy day. She loved it and I loved it also. Thank you so much for the opportunity, it means a lot.



Family Fun Day



Kalparrin's Family Fun Day , supported by Telethon, is always a calendar highlight for our families. Held in September 2011 at Pt Walter in Bicton , over 250 attendees enjoyed a day filled with entertainment and fun. Music was provided by Junkadelic and the ever popular Fat Cat made an appearance. Flying foxes, face painting, bouncy castles , the Lollipop Express and old fire engines were just some of the other attractions at this action packed event. Again, we were grateful to FESA volunteers for providing the fire engine rides and to our reiki and massage volunteers for providing pampering for our parents on the day.

"a day out with no judgement from uneducated and opinionated public"

"a great day in beautiful location that my children can feel free to be themselves".

"a lovely day out"

"Great to go to an organised event which was safe and fun...a good choice of activities for the different ages ... excellent event and we really felt quite refreshed after it ".

"We love the family fun day as our children get to participate in activities without the huge crowds, and therefore they cope better".

"A chance to just have fun with my boy, like any other mum"



Community Awareness Activities



Kalparrin remained active in raising awareness of, and representing the needs of families of children with special needs throughout 2011-12. A variety of regular activities were undertaken including presentations as part of the Orientation Program to staff at Princess Margaret and King Edward Memorial Hospitals; presentations to nursing and allied health students; meetings with Local Area Coordinators and Social Workers; and presentations to parent support groups such as Heart Kids WA, PMH Liver Support Group, My Time groups, foster families with the Department of Child Protection and various other networks.

A growing relationship with the Princess Margaret Hospital LINC (liaising, informing, networking for carers) Program has seen an increasing number of carers being identified and made aware of Kalparrin's services and their entitlements.

Kalparrin Board Members and staff participated in a number of provider based community health forums, and often represented Kalparrin in an advocacy role for our families. Kalparrin also provided organisational representation on City of Subiaco Disability Access and Inclusion Committee, PMH Consumer Advisory Committee, WA Register of Developmental Anomalies Advisory Group and Community, Disability and Carers Advisory Committee as well as another of other one-off committee meetings.

Kalparrin has been representing families of children with special needs at the New Children's Hospital Family Resource Centre User Group meetings. Kalparrin has taken a lead role in this process, also sitting on the Child and Youth Participation Reference Group as well as nominating Kalparrin children for the Youth Advisory Committee which is now an integral part of the New Children's Hospital Team.

Margaret Cole Award



The Margaret Cole Award is a grant, made available through the ongoing support of Margaret Cole, to a primary carer to enable them to undertake further study or to provide seed funding for a small business enterprise. In 2012 Kalparrin received a number of extremely worthy applications. With Margaret's continuing and generous support, an Award was made to Kalparrin member, Olivia Bolt.

Olivia's plan, with financial assistance from the Margaret Cole Carers Award, is to complete TAFE courses in Pet Grooming. After completing these courses Olivia's plan is to convert their car port into a

Fiona Payne, Margaret Cole and Olivia Bolt

Dog Grooming business and work from home. Working from home will enable Olivia to make the appointments around her children's schedules, therapy's etc, so she can have appointments during the day and still be able to do all the pickups in the afternoon.

This opportunity will not only provide Olivia with some much needed money to help cover their families ongoing expenses but will also be a great way for Olivia to interact with people and also enable her to work with dogs which has always been her desire.

Congratulations to Olivia from all of us at Kalparrin.

Behind the scenes of our everyday supporting roles, the dedicated staff and management of Kalparrin never stop thinking of unique opportunities for families to experience life outside of the home and hospital wards.... Here's just one such opportunity we were delighted to make happen....

USS CARL VINSON TOUR



On Anzac Day, my two sons and I had the great privilege to be invited on a tour of the Aircraft Carrier USS Carl Vinson during its recent visit to our shores.

We went to the passenger terminal in Fremantle to collect the shuttle boat out to the Aircraft Carrier anchored out off Leighton Beach. Hundreds of US Sailors were waiting to come through Customs and all seemed happy to be coming onto dry land. As our shuttle boat, which was by no means small, approached the Carl Vinson, the Aircraft Carrier began to fill the whole horizon and skyline. The sheer size took the boys breath away "Wow it was big" !!!

We boarded a pontoon (a very large pontoon) which was moored at the rear of the carrier. Climbing a few stairs to the hanger decks, we were greeted by an Officer in full dress Uniform and introduced himself and his helpers who were all differing ranks.

The tour began in the hangers, surrounding by helicopters, planes and other naval equipment. Wings, rotors and tails all folded up to pack and park them. We then went below to the mess halls (eating area for the sailors), apparently there are 10 of them, and that doesn't include the officers or senior sailors mess, which is located another deck down below. We were able to ask questions and nothing was too much trouble for our gracious smiling hosts.

We were asked if we wanted to go up to the flight deck, which we duly did. We went up some more stairs, along a few long corridors and eventually we came out to the side of the ship where you could see Freo and Rottnest. Up another stairway past the meatball box and onto the flight deck. (The meatball box is used to control the angle at which the planes land on the flight deck). The flight deck was enormous 4.5 acres to be exact. Lots of aircraft and helicopters for us to see and touch. The control tower in the middle of the ship is about 8 or 9 stories high. Seeing that the flight deck is just like a tarmac road was a big surprise.

Behind the Scenes (cont/...)

At the stern (the blunt end as Kieran calls it) there was a gigantic stars and stipes flag blowing in the gentle breeze. This brought a nice feeling to the end of the tour, knowing that this multi billion dollar ship was helping to keep us all safe and that the Carl Vinson is home to 5000 people who have families and loved ones waiting for their safe return home.

Here are some Carl Vinson facts:

Total cost in 1975 \$3.8 billion

Total length: 1,092 feet

Total width: 252 feet

Aircraft: 60 +

Rooms: 3,000 (this means that some people have to hot bunk, which means someone gets out of bed and another climbs straight in).

On behalf of my family, especially my sons Kieran and Ryan, we'd sincerely like to thank Kalparrin for all their hard work liaising with the organisers, and a big thank you to the crew of the USS Carl Vinson as this was an absolutely awesome experience for a boy with special needs.



A word from our Treasurer



The audited Financial Statements of Parents of Children with Disabilities Inc. for the financial year ended 20 June 2012 are submitted to the members and appear in this Annual Report.

The Financial Statements record a strong financial performance for the year with an operating surplus of \$95,730. This is a significant outcome as Kalparrin had forecast a loss for the year of \$30,761. A significantly higher income than forecast, while maintaining a tight control over costs, was the major contributor to this better than forecast financial performance.

Income for the year was \$560,400, this represents an increase a 20% increase on prior year income. Actual revenue were 37% higher than forecast. Significant contributors to income were grants received from the Disability Service Commission (\$286,316), Telethon (\$175,810) and Donations (\$45,378).

Expenses for the year were \$464,671, this represents an increase of 52% on prior year income. Actual expenses were 6% higher than forecast. Significant expenses associated with the delivery of Kalparrin's services were Employee Expenses (\$214,369), expenses associated with the delivery of events to our members (\$103,317) and experts engaged to deliver key services (\$74,329).

Managing costs within forecasts and our grant conditions, while maintaining the vital services delivered to our members continues to remain a focal point of Kalparrin.

In the financial year the Board took the decision to increase the capabilities of our financial management system, through the appointment of Incommand Inc to provide payroll, accounting and financial advisory services to Kalparrin. This decision is effective 1 July 2012. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nulsen Business Services, our previous accountants, for their services to Kalparrin.

Following a decision by Tim Joyce, our previous Treasurer, to move back to the United Kingdom with his family, this year also saw the resignation of Tim as Treasurer after 12 months of service. Tim's has made a wonderful contribution to the financial management of Kalparrin, and was a driving force in the very successful transition to our new accounting system. And for his efforts and skill in doing so I am very grateful.

Shawn Pearson
Treasurer

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**Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2012**

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PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES INCORPORATED

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES INCORPORATED

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Parents of Children with Disabilities Incorporated (the association), which comprises the committee's report, the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2012, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of Parents of Children with Disabilities Incorporated is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (WA) and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have 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 association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, 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 association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, 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.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Parents of Children with Disabilities Incorporated as at 30 June 2012 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (WA).

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Parents of Children with Disabilities Incorporated to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (WA). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Ray Woolley Pty Ltd

Ray Woolley
Registered Auditor No 16396
23 August 2012



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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The board of management have determined that the incorporation is not a reporting entity.

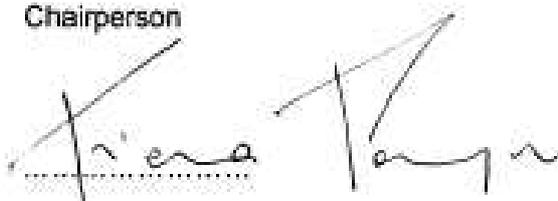
The board of management have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the board of management the attached financial report:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Parents of Children with Disabilities Incorporated as at 30 June 2012 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Parents of Children with Disabilities Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the board of management and is signed for and on behalf of the board of management by:

Chairperson



Dated this 2ND day of Oct, 2012

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**PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES INC.
BALANCE SHEET
As at 30 June 2012**

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Assets		
Cash Assets		
CTB Online Account	248,151	167,992
Westpac Cheque Account	5,886	6,691
CBA Bank Account	341,471	137,360
Funds Held in Trust (PMH)	0	0
Cash on Hand	200	260
Other Assets		
Receivables	39,438	4,121
Prepayments	0	3,078
Total Assets	<u>635,146</u>	<u>319,501</u>
Liabilities		
Provision for Annual Leave	11,197	13,645
Provision for Long Service Leave	8,867	6,376
Grants Carried Forward	275,937	97,330
Creditors	67,795	26,527
Total Liabilities	<u>363,796</u>	<u>143,878</u>
Total Net Assets	<u><u>271,350</u></u>	<u><u>175,623</u></u>
Equity		
Accumulated Surplus Brought Forward	175,623	107,562
Surplus for the Year	95,727	68,061
Total Equity	<u><u>271,350</u></u>	<u><u>175,623</u></u>

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**PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES INC.
INCOME STATEMENT
For The Year Ending 30 June 2012**

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Operating Revenue		
KEM & PMH Funding Contribution	0	58,000
Disability Services Comm Grant	286,316	164,450
Lotterywest Grant	0	12,000
Other Grants *	192,811	71,941
Fundraising	0	1,886
Donations	45,378	42,505
Membership	4,699	3,703
Events	17,792	0
Raffle Income	0	0
Other Income	1,745	14,750
Interest Received	11,657	4,893
Total Operating Revenue	<u>560,397</u>	<u>374,128</u>
Operating Expenditure		
Wages & Salaries	189,547	161,035
Superannuation	16,136	12,692
Other Staffing Costs	169	121
Accounting and Audit	15,924	13,502
Awards	1,213	2,000
Bank Fees	627	732
Catering	13,247	365
Consultants	74,329	27,440
Courses/Training	3,112	4,272
Depreciation	0	0
Events	103,317	42,263
Fundraising Expenses	0	0
Insurance	12,524	13,474
IT Expenses	4,574	4,530
Legal Expenses	0	0
Meeting Expenses	250	721
Other Expenses	5,718	507
Printing & Stationery	7,975	7,848
Professional Fees	567	11,980
Resources	2,482	845
Staff Amenities	3,287	848
Subscriptions	1,629	454
Telephone	3,275	301
Travel and Entertainment	4,769	137
Total Operating Expenditure	<u>464,671</u>	<u>306,067</u>
Surplus for the Year	<u><u>95,727</u></u>	<u><u>68,061</u></u>

* Includes Telethon, McCusker Charitable Trust and small one-off grants

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2012

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of WA. The board of management has determined that the incorporation is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of WA and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB112	Accounting for Income Tax
AASB1031	Materiality
AASB1031	Events Occurring After Reporting Date
AASB117	Accounting for Leases

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis except that income is only accounted for when received and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations on non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) **Income Tax**

The incorporation is exempt from Income Tax

(b) **Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets are written off in the year of expenditure.

(c) **Employee Entitlements**

Provision is made for the incorporation's liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements expected to be settled within one year together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries and annual leave and sick leave which will be settled after one year have been measured at their nominal amount. Other employee entitlements payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those entitlements.

Contributions are made by the incorporation to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

The Kalparrin Centre is operated by
Parents of Children with Disabilities (Inc),
a not-for-profit, non-government organisation.
Kalparrin is a South Australian Aboriginal word meaning
'help carry the load'.

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