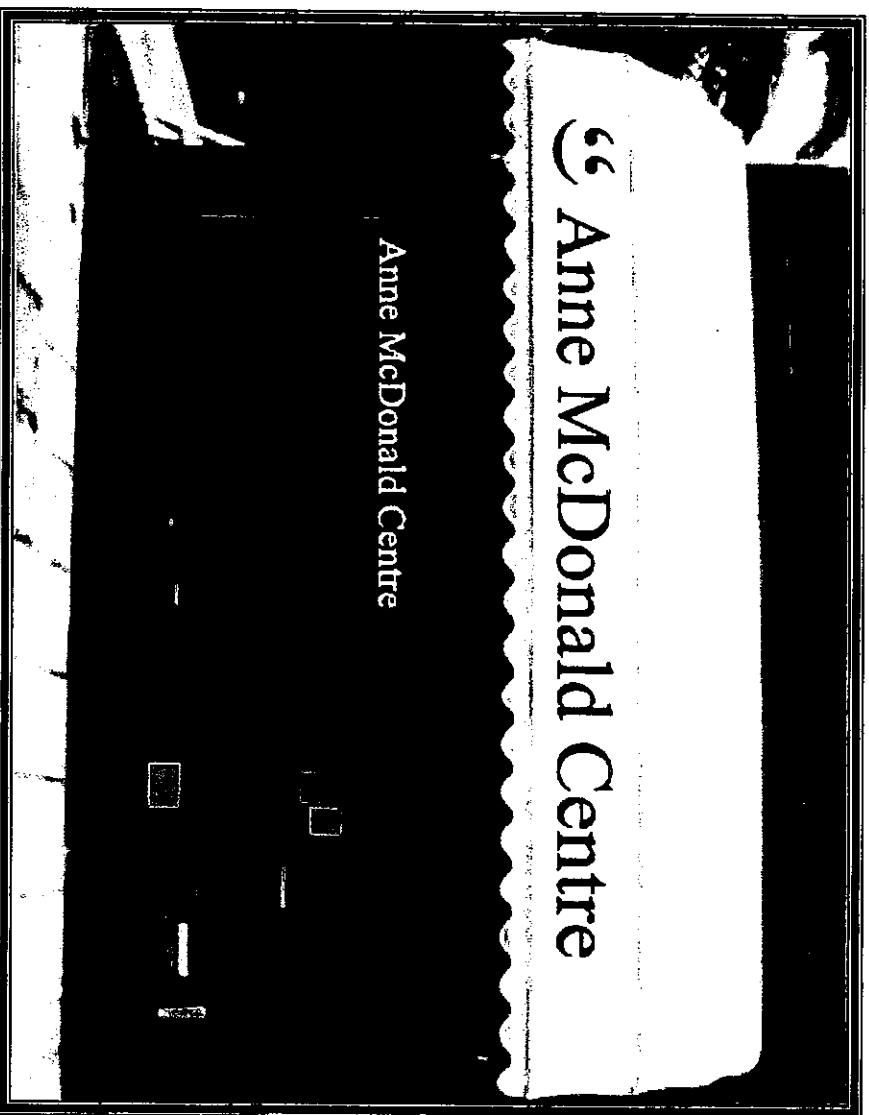




Anne M^cDonald Centre

A new deal for people with little or no speech



Annual Report 2012-2013

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Congratulations John!

In April, 2013, our friend John Warburton graduated from Deakin University with a Bachelor of Arts

John's mother Sue brought him to the Anne McDonald Centre, then called DEAL, in the late 80's. His speech was unintelligible and he couldn't use a pen. He had been assessed using IQ tests designed for children with normal speech, and in consequence he was attending a special school for children with IQs under 50.

When John started to use communication aids it became obvious that he had far more potential than anyone had realised, together with a wicked sense of humour. John's family were very supportive and John moved into a regular primary school, where he was helped by an assistant, then called an integration aide.

When he was about to move into secondary school John typed a message for our members:

A chance to communicate is ever so important. You should never deny someone the opportunity to talk. I think that my life is just starting to come together now.

One of his early achievements was winning a Telstra award with a comic poem about telephones (which he had never been able to use).

Despite his difficulties John finished secondary school with a VCE and decided to go on to University. Recently he wrote about his challenging journey:

It means the world to me to graduate. For some people it is the easiest thing in the world. For others it is just impossible. ... I think it should be the right for everyone to have an education. ... it was the best thing that ever happened to me. So never let anyone tell you that you can't live out yours dreams. If you want to do something do it. There is nothing that is impossible.

Way to go, John!



John at his graduation with his parents, Peter and Sue, and Rosemary Crossley

Anne McDonald Centre Committee of Management President's Report July 2012 - June 2013

I am pleased to present the 2012 - 2013 Annual Report and audited accounts of The Anne McDonald Centre Inc, a new DEAL for people with little or no speech.

2013 was an historically significant year for Australians with a disability, their families and carers, with the introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme. In connection with the introduction of the NDIS, the Director, Rosemary Crossley, was invited to deliver a presentation on AAC and non-speech communication to the Australian Administrative Appeals Tribunal in Sydney. The AAT is currently scheduled to be the appeals mechanism for the NDIS.

The Anne McDonald Centre was also visited by Graeme Innes, Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission, to discuss communication disability and the criminal justice system, and the then Shadow Minister for Disability, Senator Mitch Fifield, to discuss non speech communication needs. The Anne McDonald Centre is well-placed to advocate for the rights of people with little or no speech in the implementation of the NDIS, which serves as a tribute to our reputation in this area.

The Anne McDonald Centre would like to extend their congratulations to long-term communication aid users Jamie Burke, Sue Rubin, and our own John Warburton, who all recently graduated from university. We hope that their success is repeated by many other students.

This year, in addition to continuing to provide services to our many clients through individual appointments, staff from the Anne McDonald Centre attended the annual conference of the Institute on Communication and Inclusion at Syracuse University. This conference was regrettably the last for Professor Douglas Biklen as the Dean of the School of Education at Syracuse University, as he is now retiring. We wish Doug well for the future. The Director also delivered workshops and consultations in Indonesia. The schools and parents there are working well with the Centre and the students are making significant progress.

Without the support of many generous donors, the AnnieMac would not be able to provide continued therapy for our clients. I would like to thank the Singer Foundation, the Sentinel Foundation, Newman's Own Foundation and the Mercy Foundation for their generosity and also those kind individuals and groups who contributed throughout the year or participated in our annual Claytons Tea Party.

On behalf of the Committee of Management, I also want to thank the Anne McDonald Centre staff for their hard work and outstanding services. Particular thanks go to our Director for her exceptional commitment and enthusiasm.

Finally, I want to thank all the members of the Committee for their invaluable contributions. I look forward to working with them again in the coming year.

Leanne Leggo. President

'Alicia'



Alicia trying out a Chinese-made children's pushchair from Ace Hardware – the store that sells everything.

Some cool students in Indonesia have learnt English from iPads, TV and the Internet an interesting slant on learning literacy.

"Alicia' is 8, and can't speak because she has athetoid CP. Her family were caught up in the Aceh tsunami when she was a young baby. They love her dearly, but cannot afford the resources she needs, such as appropriate seating. She has an unmodified adult wheelchair bought from a stall on the footpath.

On a recent trip to Indonesia I was asked to assess 'Alicia'. After covering the basics, I brought out a Go-Talk 20+ set up with the alphabet, and asked her to spell some common Indonesian words. The GoTalk has large buttons and a keyguard and is relatively affordable. Alicia was just able to point accurately enough to hit the letters without any help.

In answer to my questions she spelt KUCING (cat) and ANJING (dog), then went on spontaneously to spell PLEASE GIVE IT TO ME in English! Turns out she doesn't go to school but watches TV all day, especially shows with English captions (her favourite is Shaun the Sheep).

And yes, we did give her the GoTalk. Now all we have to do is get her a proper chair and a standing frame and physio and an iPad (so she can type and talk – the German text-to-speech app pronounces Indonesian fairly well)

Rosemary Crossley

What the Anne McDonald Centre contributed to Victoria, Australia and the World from July 2012 to June 2013

The Anne McDonald Centre serves people with little or no speech, people who have great difficulty in having their needs met, people who cannot even say 'I need help'. Since opening in 1986 as DEAL Communication Centre, the AnnieMac has provided communication therapy to more than 3000 people without functional speech. As John Warburton's photo shows, some adults who started attending the AnnieMac as young children, who were once believed to be significantly intellectually impaired, have now graduated from university.

The AnnieMac's innovative augmentative communication (AAC) programs have had wide international impact. Communication strategies developed at the AnnieMac are now used around the world, and have led many government agencies and schools and universities to establish programs in non-speech communication. Currently we are involved in an ongoing project with schools in two cities in Indonesia.

The AnnieMac is highly productive despite its limited resources. In the financial year from July 2012 to June 2013 the AnnieMac's output included:

***Therapy provision** to 236 individuals with severe communication impairments, 76 of whom were new clients. As well as providing on-going services to Victorians, the AnnieMac staff undertook assessments and consultations in the U.S.A. and Indonesia and provided Skype consultancies to interstate and overseas families and professionals in the UK, US and NZ.

***Advocacy** – in addition to providing individual advocacy, the AnnieMac takes up wider issues affecting people with significant speech limitations. We are continuing to work with concerned families, professionals and Communication Rights Australia to ensure that people living in residential care have access to whatever communication aids they require, and that residential care workers receive the training needed to support residents who have communication aids.

***Research & Development** – This year, supported by a generous grant from the Newman's Own Foundation, we have been studying the use of iPads by children with little or no speech. We are very excited by the benefits the iPads provide, not just as communication aids, but also in educational and therapy programs.

***Information & Education** – During 2012-13 AnnieMac staff and committee members delivered presentations on AAC at TAFEs, schools and conferences, including 4 presentations – 2 papers and 2 posters - at the international conference on AAC (ISAAC) at Pittsborough, and workshops at the Autism Institute held by the University of New Hampshire at Concorde.

The Facebook group *AAC and FCT*, which has 850 members, continues to provide an invaluable on-line forum for communication aid users, families and professionals from around the world.

And our colleagues in schools in Medan and Jakarta are going from strength to strength, incorporating a range of high and low tech communication aids into the lives and education of their students.

The Anne McDonald Centre Management Committee 2012-2013

The Anne McDonald Centre is administered by a Committee of Management elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting. Any person supporting the aims of the Centre is eligible to be a member. The Centre's clients are encouraged to stand for places on the Committee of Management.

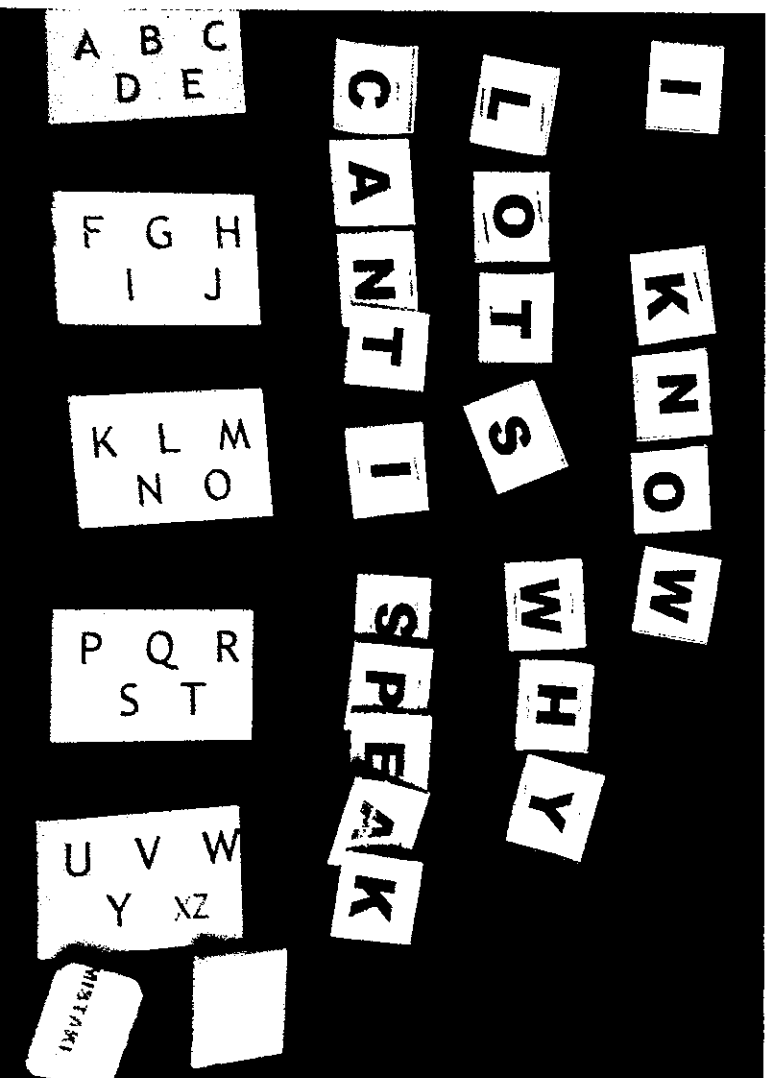
The Committee of Management elected at the AGM on November 27th, 2012, was:

Executive

President	Ms Leane Leggo
Vice-President	Ms Amanda Ducrou
Treasurer	Ms Jill Johnson
Secretary	Mr Chris Borthwick

Committee

Ms Sarah Barton
Ms Kaye Gooch
Mr James Henry
Ms Maria Nemeec
Mr David Wood



OLD STYLE

To compose his message the client first selected the group of letters containing the letter he wanted. Then he chose the letter card he wanted from the 5 letters in the group, which were spread out on another carpet board.

The Anne McDonald Centre — Staff 2012-2013

Director	Dr. Rosemary Crossley, A.M., M.Ed., Ph.D.
Speech Pathologist	Ms. Leslie Zimmerman, B.App.Sci. (Sp.Path.)
Office Manager	Ms. Kae Slattery
Volunteers	Mr Bruce Marks, Ms Emmy Elbaum
Interns	Ms Marina Koswig and Mr Henning Schmidt

As a small centre serving many clients with complex needs, we depend on the support of volunteers, parents and friends. We are fortunate to have been blessed with the services of Bruce Marks, a retired accountant who manages the office on Mondays and looks after our books, and Emmy Elbaum, a retired educator, who provides invaluable advocacy and support to many school-age clients. We are very grateful to them both and to Mr Ben Ruschinek, our honorary auditor, along with our interns and the families and friends who work so hard to ensure that all people with little or no speech have the rights which the rest of us take for granted.

My sincere thanks go to the committee, staff and volunteers for their support in a challenging year (aren't they all?) Without them, no AnnieMac.

Rosemary Crossley AM, PhD Director

QVQZ

Yes No Thank You How are you? Sorry Please help me

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NEW STYLE

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AUDITORS REPORT

To the Members of DEAL COMMUNICATION CENTRE INC.

I have audited the attached Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2013, the Statement of Financial Performance for the Year Ended 30 June 2013 and the accompanying Cash Flow Statement.

I have formed the opinion that the above Accounting Reports are in accordance with the financial records and minutes of the Committee of Management.

- The Account reports are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of this Organisation's state of affairs as at 30 June 2013, and of its operations for the year ended 30 June 2013.

The Committee of Management has taken note of my report to it of various matters and as such is reflected in the reports as above.

Yours sincerely,

B. RUSCHINEK & ASSOCIATES



B. RUSCHINEK. CPA.

12 November 2013

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Treasurer's Statement

In my opinion the attached Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Financial Performance gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs as at 30 June 2013.



C. Borthwick

Treasurer

12/11/2013

THE ANNE McDONALD CENTRE INC

Statement of Financial Performance

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
INCOME		
Grants-Government	0	0
Grants-Foundations	56695	53000
Seminars & Consulting	29353	19746
Donations	29913	38873
Membership	500	440
Interest	1978	3662
Sale of Materials	447	847
Tea Party Donations	8605	10670
Travel Re-Imbursement	<u>3142</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>130633</u>	<u>127238</u>
EXPENDITURE		
The Anne McDonald Centre Launch	0	2917
Communication Equipment	3410	113
Rent	18836	18546
Salaries	101578	101809
Superannuation	9142	9163
Workcover	490	0
Bank Fees	244	84
Cleaning	162	299
Computer Consumables	466	462
Gas, Light & Power	1603	1357
Insurance	2635	4385
Postage & Freight	254	410
Repairs & Maintenance	0	37
Security	552	335
Stationery & Printing	1430	2087
Subscriptions	258	323
Telecommunications	2153	1980
Staff Amenities/Sundries	142	163
Staff Training	-850	825
Therapy Materials, etc	91	43
Website Training/Production Equipment	0	1052
AGM Cost	<u>242</u>	<u>149</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>142838</u>	<u>146539</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	<u>-12205</u>	<u>-19301</u>

THE ANNE McDONALD CENTRE INC
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 3013

	2013	2012
	Inflow/ (Outflow)	Inflow/ (Outflow)
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Receipts from Members, Grants, Donations, etc	128655	123576
Interest Received	1978	3662
<input type="radio"/> Payments to Suppliers & Employees	<u>-142838</u>	<u>-146539</u>
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>-12205</u>	<u>-19301</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Debtors	17028	6145
Creditors, Accruals & Provisions	<u>1012</u>	<u>-15837</u>
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>18040</u>	<u>-9692</u>
Net Increase in Cash Held	3811	-28993
Cash at the Beginning of the Financial Year	<u>71244</u>	<u>100237</u>
<input type="radio"/> Cash at the End of the Financial Y Year	<u>75055</u>	<u>71244</u>

THE ANNE McDONALD CENTRE INC

Statement of Financial Position

	<u>30/06/2012</u>		<u>30/06/2013</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash at Bank	66584		74195
Funds On Hand	4660		860
Debtors	5870		3962
Other Debtors	<u>15120</u>		<u>0</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>92234</u>		<u>79017</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Creditors	201		210
Accruals	2241		1220
Provision for Long Service Leave	<u>10126</u>		<u>10126</u>
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	<u>12568</u>		<u>11556</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>	<u>79666</u>		<u>67461</u>
<u>GENERAL FUNDS</u>			
Balance	98967		79666
Surplus for Year	<u>-19301</u>		<u>-12205</u>
<u>BALANCE 30-06-2013</u>	<u>79666</u>		<u>67461</u>