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Annual Report

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Annual Report & Statement of Accounts 2012/2013

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Our Mission

To provide appropriate housing, combined with individual support to meet the changing needs of adults with an intellectual disability.

REPORT TO MEMBERS

Another year has come and gone and we have continued to talk to as many people as possible to advance our cause.

It is our pleasure to present the report for 2012 - 2013. In March, we saw the passing of the Commonwealth National Disability Insurance Scheme ACT 2013, giving hope to people with a significant disability to receive an individual support package to meet their long-term needs. Their carers also recognized as needing support for them to continue in their caring role. For the first time people with a disability and their families will have choice and control over their lives.

As we celebrated the milestone of the trail in the Barwon region that commenced on 1 July, we are mindful of the 3200 ageing carers over 65 years in Victoria still providing care to an adult with a disability in the family home. This issue is of great concern to CLA's Board who will continue to lobby the Federal Government to meet its commitments as part of the NDIS scheme to provide capital cost for accommodation to run in line with packages, especially for our older people with a disability.

The CLA board has met on a monthly basis, except for two months. Prior to meetings directors and members received agendas, minutes and monthly communication report kept the board informed on all aspects of progress on our housing project. CLA's General meetings held in April, August and November kept members informed on the changes to the disability system, and our housing project. Guest speakers included CEO, Caroline Mulcahy Carers Victoria and Warren Hayes General Manager After-Care.

The Board had to deal with the resignation of directors Catherine Adams, Randell Lucas and Di Gow due to health problems and full time work commitments. This left a few directors having to rise to the challenge of contributing many extra hours of work to drive our housing project and our advocacy work. Our board now has to build a strong team of skilled individuals who will work together to achieve the best outcomes for our members.

It was with sadness we farewelled the passing of one of our members Carmel Therese van der Weerden on 27 April 2013, our deepest sympathy extended to her family.

Over this last year, CLA spent many hours in conversation with the Southern Mornington Peninsula Church to reach a firm commitment regarding housing adults with a disability as part of the church's redevelopment of their Rosebud site in Murray Anderson Road.

Jan Hall Chair of the church council and CLA met with all the State and Federal MP's on the Peninsula enlisted their help to write a letter of support for the proposed development of the

Cloverleaf model at the Rosebud site. All MP has signed the one letter for CLA to use with both the Federal & State Minister for Disabilities.

As part of the Uniting Church process, various forms were completed and sent to the Presbytery and Synod, approval received and CLA, Max Jackson and the SMPUC met with Paul Walec at Uniting Church HQ in Melbourne. A property consultant hired by the church has considered all three properties owned by the church and developed a business plan. The Rosebud site is the one recommended for the housing model for people with a disability. On 11 November CLA will be hopefully be given the opportunity if all goes well to be part of the development. Once a MOU is signed, all parties will work forward under the guidance of the Synod. Max Jackson (JacksonRyan & Partners) is compiling a marketing document that CLA will use to seek support from the Parliamentary Secretary Andrea Coote on 4 December.

We are waiting on confirmation of a meeting with the Federal Assistant Minister for Disabilities Mitch Fifield.

The partnership of CLA and the SMPUC will need the support of governments, corporate and the community to share in this exciting venture if it is to succeed.

Achievements of the last twelve months

- Forum Beyond the NDIS –organized by CLA, supported by the Mornington Peninsula Shire & Carers Victoria. Max Jackson (JacksonRyan & Partners) was the facilitator. The audience of 100 people heard from Alex Gunning Director NDIS agency, John Chesterman OPA, Kate Johnson Carers Victoria, Janet Rice lead Senate candidate for the Greens and Rev Steve Terrell.

A new development blooms in Rosebud

Rev Steve Terrell, PM for Mission & Education, explains how one church's dream of building a home for those with intellectual disabilities has moved one step closer to becoming a reality

'Beyond the NDIS' was an event held recently to develop a ground-breaking concept for those with intellectual disabilities, their families and the wider community.

It was organised by CLA, a body of parents of adults with intellectual disabilities, who are in conversation with Southern Mornington Peninsula congregation about a potential redevelopment of the Rosebud site into a best practice purpose built 'village.' This village will accommodate the congregation, a number of people with intellectual disabilities and a variety of other activities.

In a speech at Beyond the NDIS, Rev Steve Terrell said: "The

own story that expresses those values in a new way.

Triggered by a small newspaper article, our congregation



at the southern end of the Peninsula became powerfully aware of the needs of those living with intellectual disability and their families. Southern Mornington Peninsula Uniting Church and CLA have now been working together since early 2012 to see if they could bring a dream and a mission into reality. They are dreaming of a place to call home.

Actually it would be

- Meeting arranged with John Chesterman OPA, carers discussed various issues of concern with John. Carers' stories were documented by Carers Victoria to be used to lobby the government.
- CLA contributed to the Mornington Peninsula Disability Action Plan & attended the launch.
- CLA held a Spring Lunch to celebrate carers' week. Bruce Billson MP for Dunkley with several supporters and 50 carers enjoyed a great day.



Lucy Nicolson Melbourne City Opera's Mezzo Soprano & Helen Schneider Accompanist, both carers themselves entertained the guests. Lazzar's winery provided the perfect mix of good food and ambience for families to relax and make friends. Warwick Taylor choirmaster U3A Mornington was the MC. All prizes donated for the raffle and a CLA member and After-Care Australasia Pty Ltd sponsored the event. Sincere thanks to all who made the day special



- CLA instigated a petition on behalf of families and citizens who had campaigned for the reforms to the Guardianship Laws tabled in Parliament by the Attorney-General in April 2012. After eighteen months of hearing nothing families need the matter addressed immediately especially, co-decision making, guardianship and succession planning. Johan Sheffer MP, Member for Eastern Victoria tabled the petition on Tuesday, 15th October to the Legislative Council of Victoria. The new Guardianship Act would be a user friendly and accessible system to support people needing assistance to make decisions, now and into the future.

- CLA directors attended forums and kept up to date with the roll out of the NDIS in the Barwon region.

- The CLA board under the guidance of director Lara Barrett have completed a review of CLA's constitution and made recommendations for the changes to be accepted at our AGM.

Kaye MacKay spent forty years working in the education system several degrees from Monash, now retired. Kaye is supporting CLA with writing grants and has set up an operation/strategy plan to follow when applying for grants. We now have a grant calendar that allows CLA to plan periods in applying for grants. Once CLA and the SMPUC have a MOU and Business Plan in place for our accommodation model Cloverleaf a concentrated effort will be undertaken to source the necessary funds.

CLA will be meeting with the OPA shortly to discuss issues that are causing stress to caring families.

Families will have the opportunity to speak with the Office of the Disability Service Commissioner on 29 Nov at Mornington.

CLA will continue to push for accountability of quality of care to be provided by all service providers to their clients. Fees to clients for various activities and accommodation to keep within their pension, no one with a disability should be in the poverty trap.

Membership fees have stayed at \$10 per family, a warm welcome extended to our two new families and two new supporters who have joined CLA.

CLA's website has been updated on a regular basis with current information regarding CLA's activities.

We wish to thank the following people who have supported CLA over the last year:

Andrea Coote Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister Mary Wooldridge, The Hon Hunt MP, the Hon. Bruce Billson MP, Neale Burgess MP, David Morris MP, Martin Dixon MP, Johan Scheffer MP,

The Tony Kaye Foundation, Max Jackson (JacksonRyan & Partners) Virginia Richardson Metro Access Officer MPS, Kate Outhred Carer coordinator Carers Victoria, After –Care. Michael Boymel CCRC, James Clarke-Kennedy.

To all our members the board is committed to achieving the best outcomes for your sons and daughters and your selves as carers. The board appreciates your support over the last year.

To Rev Steve Terrell, Jan Hall, Helen Gregan, Pastor Margaret Callaghan and members of the Southern Mornington Peninsula Uniting Church you have our heartfelt thanks. The strong commitment both parties have to build supported accommodation at Rosebud will be the catalyst to provide a model for other groups and communities to follow.

Paul Lyons
Chairman

Marie Hell
Secretary

Our Board

Chairman and Treasurer Paul Lyons

Paul has a Diploma in Accounting, Certificate IV in Disability Services, Information Technology, OH&S, Workplace Training and Assessment and a Certificate in Recycling. He has had occupational experience as Manager in a number of industrial and finance settings including 10 years working to develop accommodation, day service and business services with people with a disability.

Director & Secretary Marie Hell

Married for 44 years, recently widowed. 3 sons, 3 grandchildren.

Following the birth of her second son (Jeffrey) who has Tuberous Scleroses, Marie and her husband Karl became involved in 1974, with other dedicated parents in organizations assisting to provide services and supports for children and adults with a intellectual disability. Hard work and lobbying resulted in establishing The Melba Centre ATSS, The Mt Evelyn SDS, & associated annex at the Rosine Nursing Home.

Marie has a background in Aged Care (15 years) Ran her own ceramic business (10 years) Teaching and producing finished items. (Retired to the Peninsula 2003)

Her commitment and passion now is to work with CLA LTD towards building much needed appropriate, suitable long term accommodation (homes) for adults with a intellectual disability. A whole of life approach to improving outcomes for the person and their carer.

Directors:

Sandra Smythe is married to Graeme, two married daughters, two sons with Down Syndrome. Interests: Intellectual Disability. Advocacy with a Passion. I have been involved with intellectual disability since we arrived in Australia from New Zealand in 1980 and found that suitable services were not available for my son Richard. The solution is go out and get them, and have been fighting ever since. I was President of Woorinyan C.O.M. for 3 years throughout the first years of the latest changes to services and how they are delivered. I have been on and off many committees over the years.

Kevin Turner is 72 years old and is married with 3 Children (one with Down syndrome), retired, having worked in the Telecommunications for 46 years and is a resident of Mt Eliza since 1978 thus well aware of situation re disabled in Southern region

Lara Barrett has a Bachelor of Social Welfare from Monash University, a Diploma of Applied Science, Community & Human Services, a Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment and a Certificate in Training & Development. She has been employed as a Cert IV trainer, a Co-ordinator at Konnections Community Living Inc. and a Project Worker under contract to Dandenong Community Advisory Bureau. Lara has also worked as Case Manager, Department of Human Services, DisAbility Client Services and the Endeavour Foundation (Qld).

Director's Attendances at Board Meetings	Meetings	Attended
Catherine Adams Note 1		1
Lara Barrett	10	4
Marie Hell	10	10
Dianne Gow Note 2	3	1
Jenny Hopmans *	4	4
Randall Lucas Note 1	5	3
Paul Lyons	10	7
Helen Schneider *	4	3
Sandra Smythe	10	8
Kevin Turner	10	10

- * Retired as Last AGM

Note 1 Appointed Nov 12

Note 2 Appointed Mar 13

MEDIA REPORT

The Website has been continually updated, additional pages added and improved including a list to thank all people who have supported CLA. An article was in the local paper about the Art Show. Newsletters were produced during the year to keep our members informed of our progress to our goals.

Travelling Expo is going well. Brochures are being added as needed.

New updated Business cards have been produced.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

Events carried out during the year included

Musical afternoon	\$ 640
“Verducci Party”	\$ 200
Sausage sizzle	\$1,758
Art Show	\$6,106
Morning tea at St Mary's Dromana	\$ 225
U3A. Concert	\$1,000
Sorrento Sawys	\$ 515

Between July 2012 and June 2013 the fundraising committee and friends have raised the sum of \$10,444 as well as donations received at the events. Well done everyone and thank you all.

Thanks to the directors who helped this great effort Helen Schneider Sandra Smythe.