



# Annual Report

## russell family fetal alcohol disorders association

These past twelve months have been a busy period for the *rffada*. This has entailed visits to various agencies and government departments and presentations around the country as guest speaker as a representative of both the *rffada* and the Birth Mother Representative of NOFASARD.

Activities have included:

- Anne was nominated for Australian of the Year
- Anne and the *rffada* have been sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank and Anne attended a variety of events as a result of their sponsorship – the bank has also agreed to ask a senior staff member to become a member of the *rffada*
- The CBA have also donated three laptops for use by the *rffada* – we have donated them to the trainers who are delivering the FASD training
- Also – money raised at the CBA event in Brisbane will be donated to the *rffada* – I haven't heard much about this but they are usually true to their word – I am hoping for at least one thousand dollars but that may be a little ambitious
- Anne delivered a presentation at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference in Vancouver early in the year
- As a result of lobbying in the latter half of last year, NOFASARD received peak body funding. For a period of three months, Anne worked as Executive Officer
- Cathy Ramsay has continued to manage the chocolates and fund raising situation until we found that the *rffada* needed to be registered with the Office of Fair Trading
- Cathy also manages the *rffada* page on Facebook and has recently upgraded the page
- Anne has been asked to present at various conferences, training, events and workshops
- Anne is a Senior Consultant for the FASD Collaboration which is developing a diagnostic and screening instrument for Australia and attended a two day workshop in Perth to finalise the process

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- Rene and Cathy Ramsay have helped our financial res commitment to fundraising
- Anne and Vicki Russell visited Parliament House in Canberra to give a presentation to a group of Parliamentarians called "Parliamentarians for the Prevention of FASD"
- The rffada website has been managed by Mike Healy from Mackay and in the middle of the year he upgraded the website – we are getting a lot of traffic through
- The Honourable Dr Sharman Stone the Chair of the Parliamentarians for the Prevention of FASD has agreed to be our Patron
- Sonia has provided us with a great suggestion for strategic direction and we have put in (yet another) funding request to have this strategic plan developed professionally

Thanks to everyone who has helped in any way with raising awareness of the consequences of alcohol and pregnancy and those who have assisted in raising funds for the *rffada*.

We now have \$170.08 in our account which can be used to assist parents or carers of children with FASD or suspected FASD in accessing services. Should anyone identify individuals who may be in need of funds please let me know.

Thank you



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