



Annual Report

russell family fetal alcohol disorders association

Work is increasing with the rffada becoming a well-known organisation around Australia in any circle where FASD may be relevant.

We are very grateful to Liz Hornibrook who, several months ago, offered to support the rffada through her skills as a writer and researcher. Since then she has applied for funding, developed the newsletter which gets sent around to rffada supporters around the world and is in the process of preparing a draft Strategic Plan. Liz's mother has also become involved and has made a quilt which is being raffled to help fund attendance at the next International Conference in Vancouver in February-March. Anne has been using her own money over the last few years to attend conferences, fora and workshops to ensure that FASD is mentioned.

The following is a list of activities that have been undertaken by the rffada over the last 12 months:

Association Achievements

- Agreement of ¹Dr Sharman Stone MP Co-chair 'Parliamentarians for the Prevention of FASD' to be the Patron of the rffada
- Agreement of Diane Malbin MSW and International Consultant on FASD to be international Patron of the rffada

Funding Received

- Sponsorship of the accreditation of the first publicly available training on FASD in Australia
- Funding from FARE to redevelop the rffada website
- Funding from Centacare for promotional items

Presentations, Conferences, Fora and Sponsorship undertaken by the rffada

- 2011 Keynote Speaker Working in the West and FASD
- 2011 Poster presentation APSAD Conference Hobart Tasmania
- 2012 Invited as first speaker to the House Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs on the Inquiry on Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder at their first stop around Australia in Cairns
- 2012 Presentation to the Training and Support Unit of the Aboriginal Mothers and Babies Children State Wide Forum
- 2012 Presentation to Freeman House Rehabilitation Project in Armidale NSW
- 2012 Attendance requested at the Western Australian FASD Model of Care

¹ Dr Stone is the Federal Member for Murray since 1996. Sharman has previously been the Shadow Minister for the Status of Women, Early Childhood Education and Childcare, Shadow Minister for Immigration and Citizenship and before that the Shadow Minister for Environment, Heritage, the Arts and Indigenous Affairs. Sharman was the Minister for Workforce Participation in the former Howard Government and was previously the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and Administration. Her first ministerial appointment was as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the Environment and Heritage from 1998 to 2004.



- 2012 Discussion with Alison Xamon, Greens Senator in Western Australia regarding the impact of alcohol and pregnancy in Western Australia
- 2012 Presentation to the Queensland Premiers Department regarding FASD and criminal justice issues
- 2012 Presentation at the National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee Conference on Leading the Way by Understanding FASD from a Birth Mother's Perspective Freemantle
- 2012 Presentation at the NADA Forum in Sydney on FASD
- 2012 presentation at the NIDAC Conference in Freemantle
- 2012 presentation for the Training and Support Unit of the Aboriginal Mothers and Babies
- 2012 presentation at the Queensland Foster Carers Conference in Ipswich
- 2012 presentation at the ATCA Conference in Launceston
- 2012 participation in the University of Queensland FASDAY panel of activities
- 2012 presentation in Canberra to parliamentarians on FASD for FARE
- 2012 consultation for the Anyingingi Health Centre Tennant Creek
- 2012 participated in developing NADA's Complex Needs Clients Workshop

Collaborations

- The Development of Screening-Diagnostic Instrument for FASD in Australia (FASD Project) Australian FASD Collaboration – *Senior Consultant*
- Journal of Judicial Administration – Judicial views of foetal alcohol spectrum disorder in Queensland's criminal justice system *Heather Douglas, Janet Hammill, Elizabeth Anne Russell, Wayne Hall*
- The Importance of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder for criminal law in practice: Views of Queensland lawyers *Heather Douglas, Janet Hammill, Elizabeth Anne Russell, Wayne Hall*
- Health professionals' perceptions about the adoption of existing guidelines for the diagnosis of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders in Australia *BMC Pediatrics 2012, 12:69 Rochelle E Watkins, Elizabeth J Elliott, Raewyn C Mutch, Jane Latimer, Amanda Wilkins, Janet M Payne, Heather M Jones, Sue Miers, Elizabeth Peadon, Anne McKenzie, Heather A D'Antoine, Elizabeth Russell, James Fitzpatrick, Colleen M O'Leary, Jane Halliday, Lorian Hayes, Lucinda Burns, Maureen Carter and Carol Bower*
- Screening for fetal alcohol spectrum disorders in Australia: A modified Delphi study *Rochelle E Watkins, Elizabeth J Elliott, Raewyn C Mutch, Jane Latimer, Amanda Wilkins, Janet M Payne, Heather M Jones, Sue Miers, Elizabeth Peadon, Anne McKenzie, Heather A D'Antoine, Elizabeth Russell, James Fitzpatrick, Colleen M O'Leary, Jane Halliday, Lorian Hayes, Lucinda Burns, Maureen Carter and Carol Bower*

Submissions Lodged

- 2012 Submission to the House Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs
- 2012 Submission to the Western Australian Legislative Assembly on Education and Health Inquiry
- 2012 Submission to the Draft Ten-Year Road Map for Mental Health Reform
- 2012 Submission to the NDIS
- 2012 Submission to the ANCD on FASD
- 2012 Submission on Motherhood and the Economy
- 2012 Submission to the Queensland Child Protection Inquiry

Thank you



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