



President | Executive Officer's Report

2013 - 2014

russell family fetal alcohol disorders association

This year has been another exciting and busy year with many more people accessing the services of the rffada. There have been a number of events attended by rffada volunteers.

The rffada was offered \$2,000 from the FASD Information Network in the United States. This organisation is a family one and no funding is received by them. They pool certain resources from family members and donate to worthwhile FASD organisations.

We were able to have brochures and cards printed for the first time since the rffada commenced in 2007. We also purchased insurance to cover the board members and Executive Officer.

Additionally, we have been approached by fellow CARDD member Leith Moxon Lester from the UQCCR to collaborate on the delivery of FASD in communities.

Her research shows that targeted folate, multivitamins and 1-carbon metabolism? (have I got that right Jan?) can ameliorate some of the problems associated with alcohol in pregnancy.

We are preparing a funding application as we speak for funding to deliver these 2 projects in remote areas.

I have a nomination for president from our part time volunteer project officer, Liz Hornibrook. She has prepared some funding applications and submissions for us and wrote the tender that got us the \$5000 for volunteers.

2013 – 2014 Association Achievements

- 2013 Attended and presented at the inaugural Australasian FASD Conference held in Brisbane in November
- 2014 Received \$2,000 donation from the [US] FASD Information Network
- 2014 The EO was offered a full time position working in FASD for the company, My Pathway – lines of demarcation between My Pathway and the rffada have not yet been fully investigated
- 2014 As a result of this change, FASD training will be delivered to many remote Indigenous communities, residents, services etc over the next 12 months

Presentations, Conferences, Fora and Sponsorship undertaken by the rffada



2014 Sonia met with Dr Sharman Stone to reiterate our commitment to FASD
2014 various presentations around Australia

Collaborations

2013 EO and Dr Doug Shelton from the FASD Diagnostic Team on the Gold Coast are collaborating on a Screening Instrument for people with FASD – this collaboration is ongoing and is involves a University researcher
2014 Possible collaboration with Synapse who have funding to assess and support homeless people in Cairns
2014 My Pathway – rffada IP is being used to support training and delivery while My Pathway IP is being prepared
2014 University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research and the Collaboration for Alcohol Related Developmental Disorders [CARDD] on delivering research undertaken by Dr Leith Moxon-Lester on homocysteine and 1-carbon metabolism in pregnancy and its effects on birth outcomes in remote areas in a funding application under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy.
2014 NOFASD for a submission to the Government of Western Australia on the discussion paper Criminal Law [Mentally Impaired Accused] Act 1996

Queries and requests for information (calendar years)

Emails and phone calls

2013 approximately 176
2014 approximately 156 to date

FaceBook

Russell Family Fetal Alcohol Disorders Association Facebook Group

We are receiving requests for membership at an average of 2 per day over the last couple of months. There are currently 360 members up from 224 members last year

rffada - Parents and Carers Facebook Group

We have fewer people requesting to be member of this group because it is a closed group. We currently have 116 members up from 52 members last year

rffada – Living with FASD

This group is for people with FASD and is rarely used however there are 14 members up from 13 members last year



Elizabeth Russell and Sonia Berton

Executive Officer (unpaid) and President Russell Family Fetal Alcohol Disorders Association 1st October 2014