



30th Annual Report

2011/12

Deaf Victoria Inc

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For the financial year ended 30th June 2012

What We Do:

Deaf Victoria is a statewide government funded organization providing advocacy and information service to community

Advocacy

Deaf Victoria advocate on behalf of Deaf people to increase access to service, to represent and providing leadership to the State government and disability groups pertaining to Deaf people.

Information Services

We provide information to the wider community regarding Deaf people and their language. Deaf Deaf World is one example of our information service.

Education

We provide community and organisations education programs. These programs aim to give a better understanding of Deaf and hard of hearing.

Community Events

Deaf Victoria organises several community events to enable Deaf people to have access to workshops/ training. National Week of Deaf People is a major community event.

Partnerships

We have established working partnerships with organisations to enable Deaf Victoria to successfully deliver range of activities.

Deaf Victoria & Deaf Australia

Deaf Australia is a national peak body representing Deaf Australians. Deaf Victoria is one of six state branches of Deaf Australia.

Your Support

Deaf Victoria Inc wishes to acknowledge the Department of Human Services and Office of Disability for continuing funding of this organisation.

Deaf Victoria also relies on the support of the community to enable it to continue its programs and services. If you can help or would like more information, our contact details are listed on the side.

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Deaf Victoria

Vision and Mission Statement

Vision Statement

A Voice for Deaf Victorians

Mission Statement

Deaf Victoria Inc a non profit organisation led and managed by Deaf people through provision of advocacy and information services to strengthen community participation and quality of life for Deaf Victorians.

Key Results Areas

• Advocacy

To provide advocacy to Deaf individuals and groups to produce systematic improvements in social justice and human rights

• Information Dissemination

To provide members with information on a regular basis that assists them, to make informed choices and decisions, To provide service organisations of Deaf People and other generic services, information pertaining to the Deaf community

• Leadership

To lead Deaf People to become independent and valued members of society. To provide leadership to the State Government and disability groups in matters pertaining to the Deaf Community

• Membership

To value members of Deaf Victoria. To keep membership of Deaf Victoria at a viable level

President's Report

Simon Glass

Dear Members,

I am pleased, as the President of Deaf Victoria, to provide my second report for the 2011/12 year to you; it has been a decent year. I would like to congratulate Deaf Victoria's on its 30th year of operation. Pats on shoulder to all past & present Board members.



First, I wish to extend my appreciation to Melissa Lowrie, Manager, and Medina Sumovic, Administrative Officer/Deaf Deaf World Coordinator, at Deaf Victoria. Without their dedication, passion and commitment, including many hours, Deaf Victoria's mission and vision to achieve would not be possible.

During November, Deaf Victoria relocated to Ground Floor, 340 Albert St, East Melbourne in Vicdeaf building sharing with Deaf Sports Australia and Vicdeaf Information Service. I would like to acknowledge Deaf Children Australia for providing a room for Deaf Victoria to rent for many years, thank you.

I am satisfied to report that Deaf Victoria continues to focus on to make sure strategic priorities with four Key Result Areas (KRA); Information Dissemination, Advocacy, Leadership and Membership are addressing the mission and vision. Our first and primary priority is the needs of all Deaf Victorians.

The Deaf Victoria Board is pleased to report that Deaf Victoria's profile has increased significantly. Thanks to the modern technologies; Facebook, Twitter and its website with Auslan version news which has fostered new relationships with younger members. Also planning to reborn newsletters to connect with older members during 2012-13.

There were some additions & departures within the Deaf Victoria Board during the year; I am gratefully acknowledge and recognise all the Board members, for their contributions to the growth of advocacy and information provided to the Deaf community

Additions: Stephanie Linder, Ida Rogers, Joshua Levitzke-Gray, Paul Jacobs and Annette Fogarty.

Departures: Sue Westhead, Annette Fogarty, Senja Hadzic and Kylie Beasley.

Sue first joined Deaf Victoria Board in 2006. I would like to pay tribute and thank her for her enormous contribution and role as a Secretary to the organization, especially her tireless work on updating our constitution and policies in particular. Kylie joined in 2009 and contributed a lot in Youth sub-committee. Senja joined in 2010 and we thank him for his contribution to IT/Media, particularly with the work on our website. Annette Fogarty joined us in 2011 for a short, but valuable stint. I thank them for giving up their free time to support Deaf Victoria.

Lastly, on behalf of Deaf Victoria Board, we applaud to all Deaf Victoria's members for their support to a very active and lively organization.



Manager's Report

Melissa Lowrie

The past twelve months has been an interesting and jam packed time for Deaf Victoria.

We have moved offices from St Kilda road, into the Vicdeaf Building on Ground Floor, 340 Albert St East Melbourne, sharing an open plan office with Deaf Sports Australia. It has been a fantastic move, with lots of collaborative efforts and work between the number of different organizations housed in this building. We also had a very successful Board retreat, mapping out the future directions of Deaf Victoria, which include increasing of partnerships, maintaining a strong connection with Victoria's Deaf and hard of hearing community and ensuring that our information and advocacy work is relevant and

important to our clients.

We also ran many Deaf Deaf World workshops, especially in regional areas and also in South Australia. We are investing in the development of new resources for this workshop to ensure it is relevant and up to date.

We have also partnered and participated in the following activities:

- Partnered with ASLIA Vic for their Mock Conference through National Week for Deaf People
- Geelong Deaf Expo
- Deaf Market in October 2011
- Australia Deaf Games-Geelong 2012-presenting "Signin about your Generation"
- "How to Self Advocate" at the Gaslight Festival in March 2012

Some of the campaigns we ran included:

- The campaign to return the Diploma of Auslan after the closure of Kangan Institutes Auslan studies with the incredibly dedicated Kangan

Institute students and teachers, the Auslan Interpreting Industry Forum of Victoria and many more.

- The project in partnership with Victoria Police feeding back into their disability action plan, of which one of the positive results were agreement from KeyPass to place "Auslan Interpreter Required" on all identification ordered by deaf people when requested to ensure that Auslan Interpreters are provided when needed.

- We also lead the Victorian leg of the NDIS rally at Federation Square, which was attended by well over 100 Deaf, and hard of hearing Victorians and we are looking forward to assist this process where we can.

- We also worked with the National Transport Commission on licensing and medical assessments of Deaf Truck drivers which is ongoing and an exciting project for all.

Bring on 2012-13, which is already looking to be an exciting year ahead!



NDIS Rally



Deaf Truck Drivers Forum



The Campaign to Save Auslan Courses.

Deaf Victoria acknowledges the Auslan students that formed the protest group as follows:

Brenda McKinty, Cole Dorothy, Serenity Silvertree, Diana Nobbs, Jenaire King, Lana Schwarcz, Brett Bailey and Bronwyn Kamasz.

Their contribution and hours of work will not be forgotten.

Courtesy of www.saveauslancourses.com.au



Sourced from The Age newspaper



Treasurer's Report

Pam Dethridge



Summary

The Financial Statements for Deaf Victoria in respect of the year ended 30 June 2012 are presented herewith for the benefit of members. These accounts disclose a surplus of \$7,554 compared to a deficit (loss) of \$639 for the previous year ended 30 June 2011. The surplus achieved was within annual budget expectations.

Income and Expenditure Statement

On a consolidated basis the 2011-12 year was fairly stable with income increasing by 3.9% and expenses decreasing by 2.5%.

Balance Sheet

Deaf Victoria's equity increased from \$77,083 in 2010-11 to \$84,637 in 2011-12. During the year, assets increased by \$9,403 while liabilities increased by \$1,849. DV has a solid Balance Sheet with sufficient liquid assets to meet all contingencies disclosed in this report.

DEAF VICTORIA INC.
ABN 62 495 643 645
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
Grants:		
Department of Planning & Community Development - Advocacy	58,512	63,923
Department of Human Services - Information	50,926	51,153
Sundry Grants - Office Equipment, Volunteers, etc.	3,181	3,754
Other Income:		
Deaf Deaf World (DDW) Workshops	15,165	4,645
Sign Language Class	-	350
Interest Received	2,674	1,539
Membership Fees	850	1,644
NWDP & Fundraising Events	1,253	1,029
Proceeds of Equipment, Books, Cards & T-Shirts	500	45
Total Income	<u>\$ 133,061</u>	<u>\$ 128,082</u>
<u>LESS: EXPENDITURE</u>		
Salaries	76,795	83,184
Casual Wages -Deaf Deaf World & Other	2,860	1,120
Superannuation	6,957	7,225
WorkCover	1,804	1,240
Staff Training, Welfare & Conferences	2,816	3,005
Uniforms	188	-
Rent	4,890	5,713
Telephone	229	389
Postage, Couriers & Freight	196	451
Stationery & Supplies	1,698	1,476
Photocopying & Printing	1,972	2,046
Publications & Subscriptions	195	129
Affiliation/Registration/Filing Fees	582	804
Computer Expenses	38	1,006
Internet Expenses	304	612
Website Expenses	489	554
Graphic Design (Name Change)	346	-
Photos, Marketing & Promotion	635	755
Interpreter Services	3,710	234
Legal Fees	-	500
Security Check Fees	65	90
Bank & Merchant Fees	178	214
Bookkeeping Fees	5,058	3,320
Insurance	896	917
Travel & Accommodation	6,051	4,256
Parking	157	-
Deaf Deaf World/ Sign Language Classes Costs	529	420
Meeting/Board Retreat Expenses	1,297	1,101
NWDP & Fundraising Events	965	942
Sponsorship/ Donations	-	57
Depreciation Office Equipment	2,869	3,732
Assets < \$1,000 written off	274	2,980
Gifts	55	249
Sundry Expenses	409	-
Total Expenditure	<u>\$ 125,507</u>	<u>\$ 128,721</u>
Surplus (Loss) for the Year	<u>\$ 7,554</u>	<u>\$ (639)</u>

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2012

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<u>Accumulated Funds:</u>		
Opening Balance 1 July	77,083	77,722
Add: Surplus(Deficit) for the year	7,554	(639)
Closing Balance 30 June	<u>\$ 84,637</u>	<u>\$ 77,083</u>

Represented By:

Assets

Cash at Bank	18,540		10,858
Term Deposit & Investment Account	66,644		64,022
Petty Cash	200		537
Memberships Receivable	2,086		-
Sundry Debtors	-		1,371
Office Equipment	\$ 24,363	\$ 22,773	
Less: Provision for Depreciation	<u>(17,744)</u>	<u>(14,875)</u>	7,898
Total Assets	<u>\$ 94,089</u>		<u>\$ 84,686</u>

Less: Liabilities

Unearned Income (Memberships)	2,086	-
PAYG Withholding Payable	2,262	3,598
GST Payable	1,183	3,376
Superannuation Contributions Payable	285	629
Funds held on behalf of iAuslan	3,636	-
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 9,452</u>	<u>\$ 7,603</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$ 84,637</u>	<u>\$ 77,083</u>

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

In the opinion of the Board of Deaf Victoria Inc:

The Accompanying Statement of Income and Expenditure, and Balance Sheet have been drawn up so as to present fairly and to the best of our knowledge, a true record of the results of Deaf Victoria Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2012 and of the position of Deaf Victoria Inc. as at 30 June 2012.

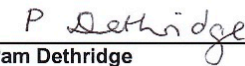
On behalf of the Board

Signed:-



Simon Glass
President

Signed:-



Pam Dethridge
Treasurer

Dated:- 25 September 2012