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Annual Report
2006 - 2007

Muscular Dystrophy Association
of Queensland Inc

What is Muscular Dystrophy

The term Muscular Dystrophy simply means muscle wasting. The Muscular Dystrophies are a group of muscle diseases that have three features in common:

- Y They are hereditary
- Y They are progressive
- Y Each produces a characteristic selective pattern of weakness of muscle groups.

Muscular Dystrophy takes away body strength and as the disease progresses the simplest tasks become more difficult:

- Y Eating
- Y Dressing
- Y Going to school
- Y Turning over in bed
- Y Scratching your nose
- Y Breathing

Muscular Dystrophy in Queensland

There are over 4100 people in Queensland with muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular disorders. Roughly 75% live in South East Queensland with the remainder scattered throughout the State, mostly in regional and remote areas.

Over 1000 families are affected by the disease and about 200 of them require a high level of support with some in varying degrees of crises.

Support and intervention is needed, not only to provide the best quality of life possible for those with the disease, but to maintain the emotional, mental, physical and financial health of the whole family unit.

A Brief History of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc.

In 1978 a group of families concerned about the lack of assistance for their children formed the Muscular Dystrophy Support Group. Without clinical or public recognition of the disorders the group began the challenging process of community education and fundraising while continuing to provide support to each other.

The muscular dystrophy Association of Queensland (MDAQ) today is building on the hard work of these early volunteers. The Association is incorporated and is recognised as a credible and accountable provider of services to clients with Muscular Dystrophy and their families.

MDAQ works closer than ever with other service providers, Queensland Health, The Department of Families, Youth and Community Care and other government agencies to ensure that people with muscular dystrophy and their carers are aware of, and have access to, preventative health education, services, and community support.

Our Mission

To assist people of Queensland affected by muscular dystrophy to meet their needs and enhance their quality of life by:

- providing products and services, and
- supporting research into the cause, treatment and cure of muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular disorders.

Our Objectives

MDAQ has eight objectives:

1. Provide family and health support services to members, their carers and families, for example:

- home/personal care counselling
- community access services
- emergency respite and support services
- equipment and aids
- allied health and domiciliary care
- emergency support
- home maintenance
- advocacy
- intensive health care services
- response to grievances
- advice and referral
- specific information

2. Support research into the cause, treatment and cure of muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular disorders.
3. Safeguard the rights of people with muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular disorders.
4. Increase public awareness and community education of muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular disorders.
5. Co-operate with or be affiliated with other kindred organisations.
6. Provide equipment to assist members, their carers and families caring for the disabled.
7. Provide advice and assistance on accommodation.
8. Assist people and families affected by Muscular Dystrophy and neuromuscular disorders to determine the direction of their lives.



Office Bearers 2006

Patron Her Excellency, The Governor of Queensland
Ms Quentin Bryce AC.

Vice Patrons Andrew Bell
Greg Bell

Honorary Life President Denis Thane

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| Chair | Jayson Anderson |
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| Secretary | Patrice Latcham |

Gold Coast Support Group

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| Chair | Graham Dyer |
| Treasurer | Margit Warburton |
| Secretary | Neil Warburton |

Executive Staff

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| Executive Director | Peter Denham |
| Director of Operations | Susan Gilbert |
| Support Services Manager | Michael Quinn/Kelly Jones |

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| Bankers | National Australia Bank |
| Solicitors | McMillan Boylson |

Life Members Pat Mills
Peter Harry
Mr & Mrs Hooker
Gordon Voltz

A Message From Our President

The founders of our association had a long term view and probably dreamt that in twenty to thirty years we would be a strong organisation which would play a leading role in the search for a cure and strengthen families with quality services.

This, I am pleased to report, is exactly where we are today. Our association this year has been strengthened and is able to deliver more quality services than ever before. Our financial report highlights the fact that we have increased the funding to medical research, disability and health services as well as our equipment loan services. We are confident this will continue.

Next year we celebrate our thirty year anniversary as we were formed on the 25 June 1978. It will be a year with many celebrations focusing on our future as we did thirty years ago. We will celebrate the advances in medical research, member support, strengthening families, and sustaining our association. It will be a year when we look forward to the next thirty years and strive towards the challenges of finding a cure and delivering services to our members.

As we reflect on the previous years some interesting events and highlights appear. In 1988 the association conducted its first muscular dystrophy awareness week coupled with its first art union. The prize of the first art union was a child's red cedar cubby house which had been kindly donated. Today, we celebrate our 45th art union with a prize valued at \$40,000. As many a successful person knows, to achieve a dream may look impossible at the beginning, until you realise that dreams are made up of countless small successes and it is easier to achieve a small success than one huge one. Professor Rick Jackson wrote in the annual report of 1988 ...

"We see a large, seemingly impossible task such as obtaining a cure for muscular dystrophy and the only way to approach the problem is to chip away at it by little bits. After a while our understanding of the disease is built up in many different aspects. At some critical time linkages are seen between the bits of knowledge, or a new technology allows us to reach fundamental conclusions about the nature of the illness."

This year we have been blessed with the news of two important and generous bequests. The first has come from the estate of the late Mrs Betty Anderson who kindly left her estate to the four charities she had supported throughout her working life in advertising and promotion. The association will in due course receive a quarter share of the estate from the public trustee of Queensland. The second bequest will come from one of our members, the late Mrs Leonie Stanley who sadly passed away earlier this year.

Our patron Her Excellency The Governor of Queensland Ms. Quentin Bryce has again given strong support to our association and joins us every year for the Childrens' Christmas Party, which is a most enjoyable occasion after such a busy year for each family. We look forward to Her Excellency launching the 2007 National Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month later in November.

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The association continues to implement its quality management system in preparation for quality certification by 2008 in line with the Queensland disability sector quality system requirements. The system is designed to promote the importance of continuous quality improvement for all aspects of the association including its governance, management, and operations. The benefits for the association and its members, supporters, and stakeholders include:

- Y Commitment to quality services
- Y Participation of members, clients, service users, supporters, and staff.
- Y Safeguards for people with a disability
- Y Consistent level of service
- Y Continuous improvement

The annual general meetings of the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation Limited and Muscular Dystrophy Australia Limited were held in Brisbane in February. It is pleasing to see our national bodies gaining momentum and direction. It is important we have a national image and profile and gather support from around Australia. We fully support and encourage a national approach to medical research, awareness and promotion, fundraising and the delivery of disability services to those in the greatest need.

Again I wish to personally thank Andrew and Greg Bell of Ray White Surfers Paradise for another amazing ball which exceeded all our expectations. We are greatly indebted to them for their dedicated efforts to help us find a cure for these diseases and assist those families in the greatest need.

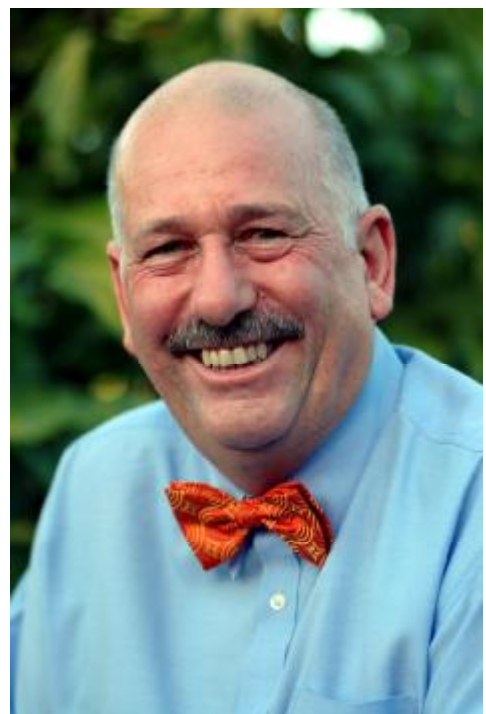
It is with sadness we farewell Peter Denham our Executive Director at the end of this year. Peter joined the association in 1991 and has taken the organisation from its small beginning to where we are today. His stewardship over the last sixteen years is greatly appreciated and we wish him and his family a very enjoyable retirement and thank him sincerely for his contribution.

My thanks also to my fellow directors, our dedicated staff, and to all our supporters throughout Queensland. We can look forward to another year with great hope as we continue to take small steps of success towards our dream of a world without these diseases.

To all our members and families I look forward to meeting you in the near future and I have pleasure in presenting this report to you.

Murray McNeil

President



A Message From Our Executive Director

In recent years we have seen our association grow and develop with stronger service delivery, stronger fundraising, and the establishment of a quality management system. Our focus has been to create a more sustainable health and disability service within a quality framework.

Sadly this will be my last annual report to you as I venture into the new world of retirement to spend more quality time with grandchildren, family and friends. My time with the association has been most rewarding and it has been a great privilege to work with and to know you all.

I wish to pay a special tribute to our patron the Governor of Queensland who has kindly supported our Association over many years and has been an inspiration to us. My special thanks and gratitude to you all and especially our president, Murray McNeil and all the board directors, branch volunteers and researchers who work tirelessly for the benefit of the members. My sincere thanks to our dedicated staff who have supported me and who shape the association with their hard work and determination. Of course there are so many to thank as the Association has wonderful friends and supporters whose individual contribution is outstanding and I say to you all “thank you for your individual commitment and dedication”.

We are an organisation which keeps our mission close to its heart and we are constantly reminded of the urgent need to find a cure and treatments for the many muscular dystrophies and neuromuscular disorders as well as delivering quality services so we can strengthen the capacity of families. Medical research in Queensland is conducted in collaboration with other leading world researchers. Proceeds from the Ray White Surfers Paradise Muscular Dystrophy Ball support this vital work financially and Andrew and Greg Bell who organise this annual profile event on the Gold Coast continue to take an active interest in the search for a cure.

Nationally, The Muscular Dystrophy Foundation Limited and Muscular Dystrophy Australia Limited are establishing themselves as the two peak bodies for the MD community. As previously mentioned the Foundation will fundraise throughout Australia and will raise the profile and awareness of the cause. Muscular Dystrophy Australia Limited will deliver national support services to those in the greatest need as well as provide vital equipment and new technology to clients and families.

Again may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the years.

Peter Denham

Executive Director

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Research Update: University of Southern Qld

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2007 has continued to see a number of positive developments on the development of potential treatments for Muscular Dystrophy. The benefits of corticosteroids for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy is now very clear with long term improvements in respiratory function, cardiac function and ambulation for patients with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). While this is very positive, it is acknowledged that corticosteroids do have significant side-effects and that they do not replace the missing protein dystrophin. Therefore, there continues to be active research on several fronts.

It was exciting to see the publication of the research on PTC124 in “Nature”, a highly prestigious journal, earlier this year. PTC124 is a drug developed specifically to overcome a certain type of genetic mutations called premature stop codons. These premature stop codons are responsible for 13 to 15% of cases of DMD, and are a major cause of many other genetic diseases such as cystic fibrosis. It has been shown that PTC124 can restore the production of dystrophin in the most widely used mouse model of DMD and in human muscle cells grown in the laboratory. This drug is now in clinical trials in boys with DMD and patients with cystic fibrosis. To date, this appears to be a very exciting development for the 13-15% of cases of genetic diseases caused by premature stop codons and the muscular dystrophy community is awaiting the results of these trials.

The exon skipping strategies which have potential to be applicable to a greater spectrum of genetic mutations are continuing to be developed. These drugs are in clinical trials in Europe and preliminary publications have shown in the four patients tested, these drugs restored the missing dystrophin. These trials are progressing to confirm their safety and effectiveness.

The Muscle Research Laboratory at USQ is continuing in its research on nitric oxide signalling which is deficient in DMD. In particular, there is now clear evidence that restoring nitric oxide signalling significantly benefits the heart improving heart rhythm, contractility and reducing scar tissue formation. This has significant potential to delay the onset of heart failure, which is increasing in prevalence and severity in DMD as boys live longer. We are also continuing our investigations on other novel drugs to improve heart and muscle strength, reduce inflammation and scar tissue formation.



Andrew Hoey

Assoc Prof. Andrew Hoey
Centre for Systems Biology, Faculty of Sciences

Support Services Overview

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It has been another big year for Support Services with a focus on increasing the provision of quality service and the development of policies to ensure that we assist families in the most appropriate and beneficial way. There has been a lot of movement throughout the year, which has seen some changes and developments. One of the biggest being the appointment of Kelly Jones to the position of Support Services Manager, replacing Michael Quinn. The Team also welcomed a new Respite Co-ordinator and Senior Case Worker. Another major change in 2007 was the decrease in government funding for one of our respite programs.

The end of June 2007 saw funding for our Ageing Carers Respite program discontinued leaving a large gap of respite assistance for families. Throughout the year the Respite Co-ordinator focused on developing flexible and innovative methods for providing respite to carers over 65 years. Since being aware of the discontinuation of the funding, the focus moved to planning with families to find alternative options for respite including linking in with other organisations.

There is still provision of respite through our General Respite program, which has been very successful and assisted many families over the year by providing a break for the primary carer to ensure that ongoing care can continue.

Throughout the year the equipment assistance program has been a big focus and saw our capability to assist many families increase, giving promise to future increases over the coming years. There have been a consistent number of equipment placements in homes throughout Queensland, assisting families in a number of ways. We have also received a significant amount equipment donated by our supporters, which has increased our ability to support many families expeditiously.

Many new clients have approached Support Services throughout the year, from both the Brisbane area and throughout Queensland, reflective of an increasing need for support. As we have a small Support Services Team the focus of case work throughout the year has been to develop strong relationships with both other services and families to create realistic connections within a family's community for ongoing support. This focus has been highly successful for



Left to right: Kate Prosser (Respite Coordinator), Karen Rigby (Senior Case Worker) and Kelly Jones.

Support Services Events

The Association has a long tradition of bringing families together to celebrate and enjoy life, irrespective of their disability. We conduct a number of events for families throughout the year in a supportive and light-hearted environment. Some of the following events highlighted the success at bringing families together.

Children's Christmas Party:

The Children's Christmas party was held at Pandanus Beach Park, Wynnum. With a fantastic turn out and beautiful weather, the day was a success. It was great to see the families sharing this festive day together and making the sometimes significant effort to meet one another. There were the usual fun and games, lots of laughs, fantastic food and of course presents from Santa Claus.

Special thanks must be given to the families who give up their time to help organise this day. It was great too, to see the support from MDAQ staff with people across all departments coming and enjoying the day.

Her Excellency the Governor of Queensland Ms Quentin Bryce attended and showed her support to the muscular dystrophy community. It was exciting to see the children enjoying the activities throughout the day and there was plenty of demand for the big Harley Davidson tricycle bike joy rides, thanks to the Brisbane Harley Owners Group. And once again the wonderful crew of volunteers from the Kiwanis club put on a fabulous BBQ lunch for everyone.

Adults Christmas Party:

Club 83 at the Crushers Leagues Club was the venue for the Adults Christmas Party again this year on Thursday the November 16. There was a great turn out and a fantastic opportunity for everyone to catch up over a yummy lunch and a relaxed setting. Peter Denham shared a few words along with the support services manager, then it was back to the beer and the buffet. A good day was had and many stories shared.

Adult Support Group:

Throughout the year many of the Association's clients and family members meet in an informal setting to share experiences, show support for one another and give feedback to the Association. Usually the support group meets monthly in the Brisbane area over lunch and catch up on events and to share one another's company. Although the meeting place and invitations for the support group are facilitated by the Association, it is an informal arena for clients to discuss issues that they would like to share with one another. It is also a platform for the Association to inform people of any developments in service delivery and to get feedback and suggestions as to what clients would like to see happening within the Association.

This year it was suggested that the location of the support group would rotate from North-side Brisbane, to Central Brisbane then South-side Brisbane, to try to give many families the opportunity to attend.

These events are an integral part of the support service program as they provide families and individuals with a chance to share experiences, swap stories and catch up with one another in an informal setting. We are looking forward to the coming events in the next year.

Darling Downs Support Group

“ We were also able to donate \$10,000 to Dr. Hoey at the USQ Biomedical Research Lab to assist ... finding a cure for MD. ”

Another year has passed and what a fabulous year we had with the Darling Downs Support Group. We started off the year with a bang with the Muscular Dystrophy Race Day. This was a huge success, not only having over 370 people attend but to also raise over \$17,000 was a testament to all involved. On top of having a fantastic day, we were also able to donate \$10,000 to Dr. Hoey at the USQ Biomedical Research Lab, to assist him and his team in continuing their endeavour in finding a cure for MD.

Shortly after the Race Day, we had the DDSG Family Christmas Party – and a fabulous time was had by all as we attempted Ten Pin Bowling at Garden City Lanes. Of course as well as lots of fun and laughter there were also the much eagerly awaited presents!

After such a huge beginning, the second half of the year was reasonably quiet. In February, we were invited to attend a morning tea put on by the Gatton Quilters Club. We not only had the chance to meet all the wonderful ladies, but gratefully accepted numerous handmade quilts, that we distributed amongst our local families. We hope the women enjoyed the morning as much as we did and the opportunity to yet again pass on some information about muscular dystrophy was truly appreciated.

In March, we continued our fundraising efforts with Bow Tie Day, and in conjunction with IGA we had another successful week raising over \$1500. Thanks to all who volunteered in sharing the workload by manning our table at K-Mart Plaza.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for their wonderful effort and involvement throughout the year. It often goes unnoticed that not only do we all work full time but we also have extra special families to take care of. So to add to this the time required to keep the Group afloat is a credit to all concerned. It's been a privilege to stand beside you all.

Jay Anderson

Chair - Darling Downs Support Group

Business Development

As the Association continues to undergo a period of growth, part of our challenge has been to fundraise to meet the increasing financial demands of our expanding support services. This year we secured over \$450,000 in support from corporate donors, trusts and foundations, government agencies and individuals who found themselves in a position to make a substantial donation to the Association.

Our sincerest thanks go to the following supporters of MDAQ:

- Ÿ AMAQ Foundation
- Ÿ ANZ Charitable Trusts Flo Royal Sporting Wheelies
- Ÿ Brisbane Harley Owners Group Inc
- Ÿ Disability Services Queensland
- Ÿ Driscoll Group
- Ÿ Gambling Community Benefit Fund Committee
- Ÿ ING Foundation
- Ÿ Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund
- Ÿ Lord Mayor's Community Trust
- Ÿ Pegunny Pastoral Company
- Ÿ Perpetual Trustees Australia Limited
- Ÿ Print Services Queensland Pty Ltd
- Ÿ Queensland Health
- Ÿ QUT Staff Community Welfare Fund
- Ÿ Ray White Surfers Paradise
- Ÿ Reuben Pelerman Benevolent Foundation
- Ÿ The CM & JA Whitehouse Foundation
- Ÿ The Cory Charitable Foundation
- Ÿ The Reef Hotel Casino Community Benefit Fund
- Ÿ Trust Company of Australia
- Ÿ Wagstaff Piling Pty Ltd

These funds were utilised to either wholly or partly to fund a range of specialised medical equipment and aids such as adjustable electric beds, manual and electric wheelchairs, hoists and modified seating systems, and ventilation machines.

We have a number of special donors who wish to remain anonymous, without their valued support we would not be also able to assist some of our clients who truly are in necessitous circumstances. To those reading this report in this special group, our heartfelt thanks from the Association and those who have benefited from your generosity.

We are also fortunate to be supported by a number of our suppliers who each make a great contribution to the Association. Although in many ways this contribution is not of a monetary value — whether it be through volunteering or providing advice and assistance — it is truly appreciated .

There are many other needs for people with a disability that we have been able to either fully or partly meet as a result of receiving the generous support from our donors, including; financial support to assist families with funeral expenses, payment of basic utilities during times of crisis, funding for social outings and support groups, attendance of national disability competitions and meetings, enabling children to attend mainstream school camps and client advocacy.



Fundraising and Appeals

Annual Appeal

Queenslanders from Coolangatta to Cape York stepped up to the plate on Friday March 9th 2007 for our Annual Bow Tie Appeal. The Premier of Queensland, The Honourable Peter Beatty, kicked things off again this year with a generous donation of \$25,000. The Appeal raising over \$118,000 in total. This amazing fundraising effort demonstrates the support MDAQ has through many communities in Queensland.

Bow tie Day is the culmination of months of hard work from a dedicated team of volunteers who gave up their time to help us. Employees from National Australia Bank's Business Centre in Indooroopilly helped pack and distribute more than 2,500 point of sale boxes including funky new items like lip balms and seed sticks. Our network of volunteers in regional areas did a wonderful job

helping us raise awareness of MD in their communities. Special thanks must also go to Red Rooster and IGA Toowoomba who placed boxes in all their stores.

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The Bow Tie Appeal would not be complete without the efforts of the 250 year 11 girls from All Hallows School, who collected donations on the streets of Brisbane's CBD. Their commitment and enthusiasm to making a difference is truly inspirational.

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The Brisbane Harley Owners Group 2007 Charity Ride

The Brisbane Harley Owners Group headed west on Sunday 27th May to raise funds for children who live with muscular dystrophy. For the thirteenth year the HOG Ride proved a massive hit with the Brisbane community. Over 100 people, ranging from netballers to nanas, heeded the call of the wild and paid to be a pillion on the back of a Harley.

The day started at Morgan and Wacker Showrooms in Newstead, as pillions partnered up with their riders for the day. The weather was bright and after a sausage sizzle courtesy of the Kiwanis, the group headed off on the ride.

After leaving Brisbane, the convoy headed up through the dusty back roads of Pine Mountain before stopping for refreshments at Atkinson Dam. Next was the steep climb up the range. The Great Dividing Range set against crystalline skies is truly a sight to behold. The lunch stop at picnic point in Toowoomba afforded sensational views of the range and after a hearty feed it was back on the bike for the return leg.

The HOG is always a popular event because it enables MDAQ to engage with the community in an exciting and positive manner. All proceeds from each year's ride goes towards providing support and equipment to our clients throughout Queensland. Preparations have already begun on making the 2008 ride the biggest and best ever, so we hope to see you there!

“ ... the convoy headed up through the dusty back roads of Pine Mountain before stopping for refreshments at Atkinson Dam. ”



Clockwise from top: Happy pillions ready to ride, the bikes begin their descent down the great dividing range and head home, James Oliver (former MDAQ Fundraising and Events Manager) receiving a cheque from Perry Wain of the Brisbane Harley Owners Group.

Ray White Surfers Paradise Gala Ball and Charity Auction

The Annual Ray White Charity Ball and Gala Auction continues to be the number one social event on the Gold Coast calendar. Guests fly in from all around Australia to attend this prestigious event and raise valuable funds to support research and fund equipment for people living with muscular dystrophy.

The party was well and truly underway when the doors opened to the ballroom at the Sheraton Mirage at Main Beach. Jazz Singer, David Campbell entertained guests with his unique style, and by the time the auction was underway the bidding pace was boiling.

With 30 items up for public auction and over 80 up for grabs there was lots of excitement and happy winners on the night. Luxurious holidays, sporting and music memorabilia, jewellery and whitegoods were just some of the popular items people bid on during the night.

The biggest winner of course was MDAQ. With the help from Greg and Andrew Bell, their partners, Janine and Sandy, their families, friends and colleagues, who every year work tirelessly to create a spectacular evening for everyone to enjoy. Our sincerest thanks to them for supporting research into the cause and cure for muscular dystrophy in Queensland.

Over \$200,000 was raised on the night lending a helping hand to people living with muscular dystrophy.



Clockwise from top: Andrew Bell during the Charity Auction, Greg and Janine Bell, jazz singer David Campbell, & Andrew and Sandy Bell.

Red Rooster and the Quokka Box

Red Rooster has supported Muscular Dystrophy throughout Australia for many years. Initiated in Western Australia the signature 'Quokka Boxes' have been placed in stores throughout the country and patrons are asked to make a donation.



The Rottnest Island Quokka is susceptible to a paralysing degeneration of the voluntary muscles. In 1960 extensive research into the problem showed the animals made a dramatic recovery after treatment with vitamin E. More importantly it was found that, after a few weeks, microscopic restoration of the afflicted muscle structure had occurred. Prior to this discovery it was accepted that diseased muscle possessed only limited powers of regeneration. This work so many years ago continues to give great hope to all those living with muscular dystrophy and other neuromuscular disorders.

Red Rooster has taken part in this program for a number of years and their support is greatly appreciated, especially around Bow Tie Day when they also take our Bow Tie Boxes statewide and conduct a month long campaign on our behalf. By simply placing your small change at the various donation boxes throughout the state patrons are contributing to more than \$39,000 in regular donations each year. Our continued thanks to Red Rooster and their patrons for their many years of dedicated support to Muscular Dystrophy.



Conclusion

Overall, the list of MDAQ events this year has been greatly successful in raising funds and awareness for muscular dystrophy. As our organisation continues to grow, so does the scope for growth of our fundraising and event initiatives. It is hoped that these annual events will continue to grow and widen our support network throughout Queensland.

Bren Arkininstall

Fundraising and Events Coordinator

Bequest Programme Overview

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During the first three months of 2007 a concerted effort was devoted to developing a formal structured bequest programme. A brochure was produced and distributed to almost 10,000 donors and supporters bringing our bequest programme to their attention. The brochure served to identify 12 supporters who had already taken this step.

Bequest prospect identification is an ongoing project that involves developing relationships through personal visitation and nurturing them to a point where the prospect of a bequest can be discussed on a very friendly and personal basis.

” A number of solicitors have undertaken to offer free consultations to anyone wishing to change or set up their Will incorporating a bequest to MDAQ. However, as some 73% of all Wills are written by the Public Trustee, brochures have been delivered to all Public Trustee offices.

During the first half of 2007 we were blessed by two supporters who saw fit to leave generous bequests to us, mainly by way of property benefits. We estimate that these benefits will realise in excess of \$600,000 during the 2007/08 financial year, which will bring ongoing financial support to research and support the organisation as a whole.

This structured bequest programme is only in its infancy and there is still much to be done. The coming financial year will see greater community education and public awareness campaigns including; targeted campaigns to raise awareness within specific industry groups, such as funeral homes, retirement villages and service clubs and organisations, and to actively seek public speaking engagements.

Hedley Lockyer

Community Liaison Manager



Contact Centre Overview

The income generated through the Contact Centre is vital to the work of MDAQ. During the previous financial year the Contact Centre raised \$1,425,988.40 through donations and the sale of Art Union tickets.

Our Teledonations Team accounted for \$860,509.15 of the total funds raised. We are privileged to have an experienced, dedicated group of people calling our supporters for donations. The value of the continuity of having the same Fundraising Officer making contact with a donor from appeal to appeal is evident in the results achieved.

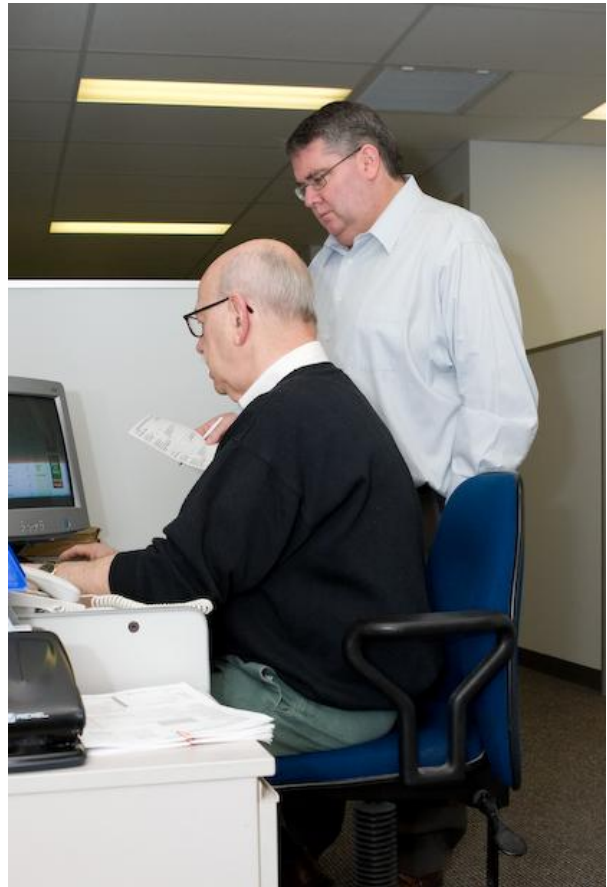
Through the combination of Art Union ticket sales and donations, our Art Union Team raised \$565,479.25 (ticket sales accounting for \$531,370.00 of this total). We had hoped for a better response from our ticket buyers, however the ongoing drought, interest rate rises, and the resulting “belt tightening” has meant that ticket buyers are buying less frequently. Another issue is the increase in charities calling people for donations.

Within Art Union, we have struggled to keep our team fully staffed, however, having said this, we have been able to dial through all of our records; it has just meant that the acquisition of new ticket buyers has suffered.

Since April we have acquired 557 new ticket buyers, and now that we are fully staffed, we plan to maintain an aggressive acquisition plan in each successive Art Union, in order to build our lists.

Another objective is to cleanse those records of past ticket buyers which are no longer valid due to an incorrect address and phone number. We have a company who is able to take this old data and update it (where possible) with up-to-date contact details. We have so far had mixed results with the first 2 small batches of these records, but it is hoped that this will improve. We are counting on rejuvenating many of these old records for the success of future Art Unions.

We are focused on improvement, and we are looking forward to increasing our value to the charity so that we will be able to provide more equipment, respite, and support to those families in Queensland who are living with Muscular Dystrophy.



Rick Carr

Contact Centre Manager

We Remember With Love ...

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| Gordon Abel | Phillip Gordan | Ian Paulsen |
| Tim Alkin | Phillip Haller | Bruce Percy |
| David Andrew | Keith Harcombe | Robert Phelby |
| Adam Astill | Wayne Heilbron | Daniel Pocock |
| Chas Barry | Clifford Daniel Hemburg | Michael Powell |
| David Bawden | Klinton Henderson | Matthew Puffet |
| Kevin Beazley | Michael Henderson | Mr Raak |
| Shaun Beazley | Herb Harch | Daniel Riley |
| Stephen Bellamy | Peter Hodges | Amanda Robertson |
| Eric Bennett | Warren Hooker | Ray Robinson |
| Neil Bennett | Gregory Horsburgh | Philleppe Savy |
| Lesley Biddle | Andrew Houghton | Nicholas Schulz |
| Robert Bonfield | Sean Ivers | Diana Selby |
| Peter Bradick | Bridgett Jenkins | Mark Selby |
| Zoe Budge | Gordon A Johnsen | Kyle Shay |
| Hazel Bugden | Ross J Johnsen | Heath Singleton |
| Olive Bullen | Judy Johnson | Douglas Smalley |
| Craig Bullock | Allan Jones | Clinton Smith |
| Trent Burley | Ashley Jones | Ethan Douglas Smith |
| Patrick Butler | Charmaine Jordan | Michael Smith |
| Betty Cawkwell | Andrew Kelly | Shayne Smith |
| Anthony Ciesiolka | Daniel Kelly | Tanya Smith |
| E Cleary-Hynes | Michael Kerle | Joan Smyth |
| Shaun Cleland | Michael King | Wallace Spark |
| Ashley Cochrane | Michael Krcevinac | Steven Spidalieri |
| Brett Colby | Lionel Kropp | Leonie Stanley |
| Jonathon Coombes | Matthew Larkin | Rogan Stanyon |
| Shane Corby | Stephen Lloyd | Daniel Styles |
| Warren Daly | Brett Martland | Helena Styles |
| Max Davy | Darren Masson | Angel Rose Sustic |
| Wayne Davy | James Matuszcak | Triston Timor |
| Joan Deferos | Michael Matuszcak | Joshua Tongs |
| Russell Diefenbach | James McBrien | Adam Trevor |
| Kim Dixon | Kirk McCarthy | Andrew Trevor |
| Mr Draper | Steven McClure | Peter Trevor |
| David Duyvestyn | Dean McEalean | Rhys Tripp |
| Maria Duyvestyn | Darren McKee | Eric Waite |
| Nathan Ebel | Mark McKee | Joseph Wale |
| Audrey Evans | Shaun McKee | Simon Wale |
| John Exall | Terry McLaren | John Wease |
| Carol Fairbank | Daniel Mihaly | Kylie Wootton |
| Cheryl Finch | Allan Morris | Greg Wright |
| Fook Man Lai | Russell Mossman | Joey Zarnke |
| Andrew Gardner | Nowell Norris | Jeremy Ziebell |
| Mr Gerald | Matthew O'Brien | Robert Davies |
| Sebastian Gonzalez | Lawrie O'Keefe | |
| Joseph Goodman | Dylan Pacey | |

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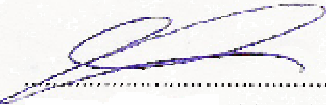
In the opinion of the members of the Management Committee of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc.:

(a) The accompanying Income Statement is properly drawn up to give a true and fair view of the results of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2007;


The accompanying Balance Sheet is properly drawn up to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2007;

(c) As at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Management Committee of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc. and is signed on behalf of the committee by:



Murray McNeil
President



Peter Kearney
Treasurer

Date: 17 September 2007

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Balance Sheet For The Year Ended 30 June 2007

| | Note | 2007 \$ | 2006 \$ |
|---------------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| MEMBERS' FUNDS | | | |
| Balance of Funds at beginning of year | | 641,666 | 600,687 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year | 2 | 79,484 | 40,979 |
| Asset Revaluation Reserve | | 35,147 | - |
| Balance of Funds at End of Year | | <u>756,297</u> | <u>641,666</u> |
| <i>Represented by:</i> | | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Cash at Bank and on Deposit | | 564,938 | 568,056 |
| Receivables and Prepayments | | 125,648 | 19,915 |
| GST Receivable | | 8,268 | 12,736 |
| Inventory | 3 | 37,717 | 32,915 |
| Investments | | <u>71,006</u> | <u>8,500</u> |
| | | 807,577 | 642,122 |
| NON CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Plant & Equipment | 4 | <u>304,784</u> | <u>324,289</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 1,112,361 | 966,411 |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Creditors & Accruals | | 268,718 | 225,194 |
| Equipment Loan | | 10,765 | 22,465 |
| Provision for Annual Leave | | 49,424 | 33,638 |
| Provision for Long Service Leave | | 27,157 | 28,759 |
| Lease Liability | 5 | <u>-</u> | <u>3,829</u> |
| | | 356,064 | 313,885 |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | |
| Equipment Loan | | - | 7,836 |
| Lease Liability | | <u>-</u> | <u>3,024</u> |
| | | - | 10,860 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 356,064 | 324,745 |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>756,297</u> | <u>641,666</u> |

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these accounts.

Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc.

Income Statement For The Year Ended 30 June 2007

| | Note | 2007 \$ | 2006 \$ |
|--|------|-----------------|-----------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| Product and Other Sales | | 21,159 | 15,798 |
| Art Unions | | 531,360 | 638,356 |
| Bow Tie Day Appeal | | 118,949 | 124,382 |
| General Donations/Bequests | | 1,196,179 | 1,091,821 |
| Government/Special Grants | 6 | 280,225 | 227,738 |
| Interest | | 35,012 | 24,571 |
| Membership Fees | | 2,788 | 1,103 |
| Special Events | | 227,410 | 167,424 |
| Charitable Grants | | 74,359 | 126,755 |
| Total Income | | 2,487,441 | 2,417,948 |
| Less: Cost of Goods Sold | | 240,586 | 243,869 |
| Net Trading Income | | 2,246,855 | 2,174,079 |
| EXPENDITURE | | | |
| Disability Support Services | | 625,196 | 512,624 |
| Health Services | | 181,423 | 141,771 |
| Volunteer Services | | 8,185 | 8,107 |
| Medical Research | | 32,544 | 32,991 |
| Rural & Remote Projects | | 3,623 | 3,433 |
| Public Relations & Community Education | | 4,187 | 3,547 |
| Office Services | | 159,940 | 155,633 |
| Bow Tie Day Appeal | | 13,647 | 19,034 |
| Art Unions | | 253,358 | 339,154 |
| Bequest | | 24,007 | 7,767 |
| Product Sales | | 781 | 1,279 |
| Sales & Marketing | | 349,751 | 362,068 |
| Special Event & Appeals | | 510,729 | 545,692 |
| Total Expenditure | | 2,167,371 | 2,133,100 |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR | | \$79,484 | \$40,979 |

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these accounts.

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Statement of Changes in Equity
For The Year Ended 30 June 2007

| | Note | 2007 \$ | 2006 \$ |
|---|------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total Equity at the beginning of the financial year | | 641,666 | 600,687 |
| Profit (loss) for the year | | 79,484 | 40,979 |
| Asset Revaluation Reserve | | 35,147 | - |
| Total Equity at the end of the year | | <u>\$756,297</u> | <u>\$ 641,666</u> |

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these accounts.

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Notes To and Forming Part of The Financial Statements For The Year Ended 30 June 2007

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical costs and do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets. The accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis except for membership and fundraising income which are brought to account on a cash receipts basis.

(b) Application of Accounting Standards

The Management Committee is of the view that the Association is not a reporting entity. These financial statements have therefore been prepared as special purpose financial reports prepared solely to meet the Associations Incorporations Act 1981 requirements to prepare financial statements as Management believe there are no general purpose users of the financial statements. Therefore, the statements do not comply with all accounting standards applicable to general purpose financial statements, particularly AAS22: "Related Party Disclosures", AAS28 "Statement of Cash Flows", and AAS33 "Presentation and Disclosure of Financial Instruments".

Where required, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in the presentation of the current financial year.

(c) Depreciation of Fixed Assets

All assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives using the straight line method. Classes of assets and their estimated useful lives are as follows:

| | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Furniture & Fittings | 5 – 10 years |
| Computer Equipment | 3 years |
| Medical Equipment | 5 – 10 years |
| Motor Vehicles | 5 years |

Estimated useful lives are reviewed on an annual basis.

Profits and losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment are taken into account in determining the profit for the year.

(d) Inventory

Inventory is carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(e) Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Section 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997. Accordingly no provision for income tax has been made in these financial statements.

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- (f) Investments
Shares held have been re-valued to market value at year end. The resulting increases are reflected in the Asset Revaluation Reserve.

2. SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR

Included in the Surplus /(Deficit) for the year are the following expense items:

| | 2007 | 2006 |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Audit Fees | 4,700 | 4,600 |
| Depreciation Expense | 122,808 | 136,542 |
| Operating Lease Rentals | 84,683 | 80,165 |

3. INVENTORY

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Trading Stock | 8,218 | 9101 |
| Bow Tie Day Appeal Stock | <u>29,499</u> | <u>23,814</u> |
| | <u>37,717</u> | <u>32,915</u> |

4. PLANT & EQUIPMENT

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Furniture & Fittings at cost | 33,217 | 32,327 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(30,411)</u> | <u>(27,996)</u> |
| | 2,806 | 4,331 |
| Computer Equipment | 124,692 | 78,537 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(75,018)</u> | <u>(56,774)</u> |
| | 49,674 | 21,763 |
| Motor Vehicles | 108,113 | 103,688 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(38,564)</u> | <u>(63,732)</u> |
| | 69,549 | 39,956 |
| Medical Equipment | 378,604 | 545,636 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(208,572)</u> | <u>(325,587)</u> |
| | 170,032 | 220,049 |
| Call Centre Equipment | 106,411 | 106,411 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(93,688)</u> | <u>(71,336)</u> |
| | 12,723 | 35,075 |
| Motor Vehicles under Lease | - | 21,442 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | <u>-</u> | <u>(18,327)</u> |
| | - | 3,115 |
| Total Plant & Equipment | <u>304,784</u> | <u>324,289</u> |

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| | 2007 | 2006 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| 5. LEASE COMMITMENTS | | |
| (a) Operating Lease Commitments | | |
| Obligations under Operating Leases are as follows: | | |
| - Not later than one year | 98,285 | 97,935 |
| - Later than one year but not later than two years | 101,725 | 95,496 |
| - Later than two years but not later than two years | 327,041 | 286,488 |
| - Later than five years | <u>136,298</u> | <u>198,950</u> |
| | <u>\$663,349</u> | <u>\$678,869</u> |
| (b) Finance Lease Commitments | | |
| - Not later than one year | - | 6,993 |
| - Later than one year but not later than two years | - | - |
| - Later than two years but not later than five years | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Minimum Lease Payment | - | 6,993 |
| Less: Future Finance Charges (140) | <u>-</u> | |
| Total Lease Liability | <u>Nil</u> | <u>\$6,853</u> |
| 6. GOVERNMENT GRANTS | | |
| Grants were received from the following Government Entities: | | |
| Disability Services Queensland | 235,392 | 172,100 |
| Premier of Queensland | 26,500 | 21,909 |
| Queensland Health | 18,333 | 33,729 |
| Local Government | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | <u>\$280,225</u> | <u>\$227,738</u> |
| 7. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS | <u>Nil</u> | <u>Nil</u> |
| 8. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES | <u>Nil</u> | <u>Nil</u> |

Independent Auditor's Report

To The Members Of Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc.

Scope

We have audited the attached Financial Statements, being a special purpose financial report of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc. comprising the income statement, balance sheet and notes to and forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2007. The Association's Management Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. We have performed an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the Members of the Association.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the accounts, and evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the accounts are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and Standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view of the Association which is consistent with our understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

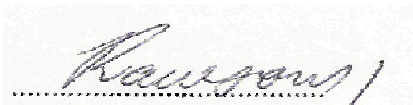
Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type it is not practicable for the Association to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, subscriptions and other fund raising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to such income was limited to agreeing the amounts recorded in the Financial Statements to the supporting records.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the affects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial statements present fairly in accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporations Act 1981 and accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Queensland Inc as at 30 June 2007 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Signed this EIGHTEENTH DAY of SEPTEMBER 2007



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Partner