

2006

epilepsy
queensland
inc.

Annual Report

announcing our new look...

1969



Inaugural meeting of the Epileptic Welfare Association of Queensland organised by founder Mrs Doris Kemp OAM.

The Flame — the symbol of the lit candle, was adopted as the logo of the association during its first year of operation. It was designed by the British Epilepsy Association, and afterward adopted by the International Bureau of Epilepsy. Mr George Burden in an American magazine states “At a time when the then BEA was founded, there were many people who had little knowledge about epilepsy and a great number who did not want to know anything. Miss Irene Gairdner, who was the founder – honorary secretary thought that a lit candle can be seen from a long distance on a dark night, and this was the thought behind the association adopting a candle as a symbol”.

1972

Epilepsy Association of Queensland

Name changed

1995

Epilepsy Queensland Inc.



As part of our 30th Anniversary celebrations we reviewed our name, identity and logo. Innovative Liveworm Studios was commissioned to develop an original design retaining the important symbolism of the flame. The creators of the selected design were Michail Kowal and Melinda Blair.

2006

Epilepsy Queensland Inc



In conceptualising a modernisation of Epilepsy Queensland’s current logo, I followed the themes of professionalism and refinement to come up with this clean and resolved logo. In keeping with the company’s identity and philosophy, I have kept the symbol of the flame made up of three pieces — the orange, the blue and the white of the negative space in between. I have also chosen to use the existing colours for their established significance. The updated symbol I have produced has smoother curves than the original and I have chosen a modern, clean font which complements this. The combination of these elements forms a logo which is professional and capable of launching Epilepsy Queensland’s corporate identity into 2006 and the years beyond.

— Designed by Tamara Falcke of Liveworm Studios

‘The candle which is our symbol has been lit – it is up to all of us to see that it is not extinguished until the darkness of ignorance and prejudice is completely overcome.’

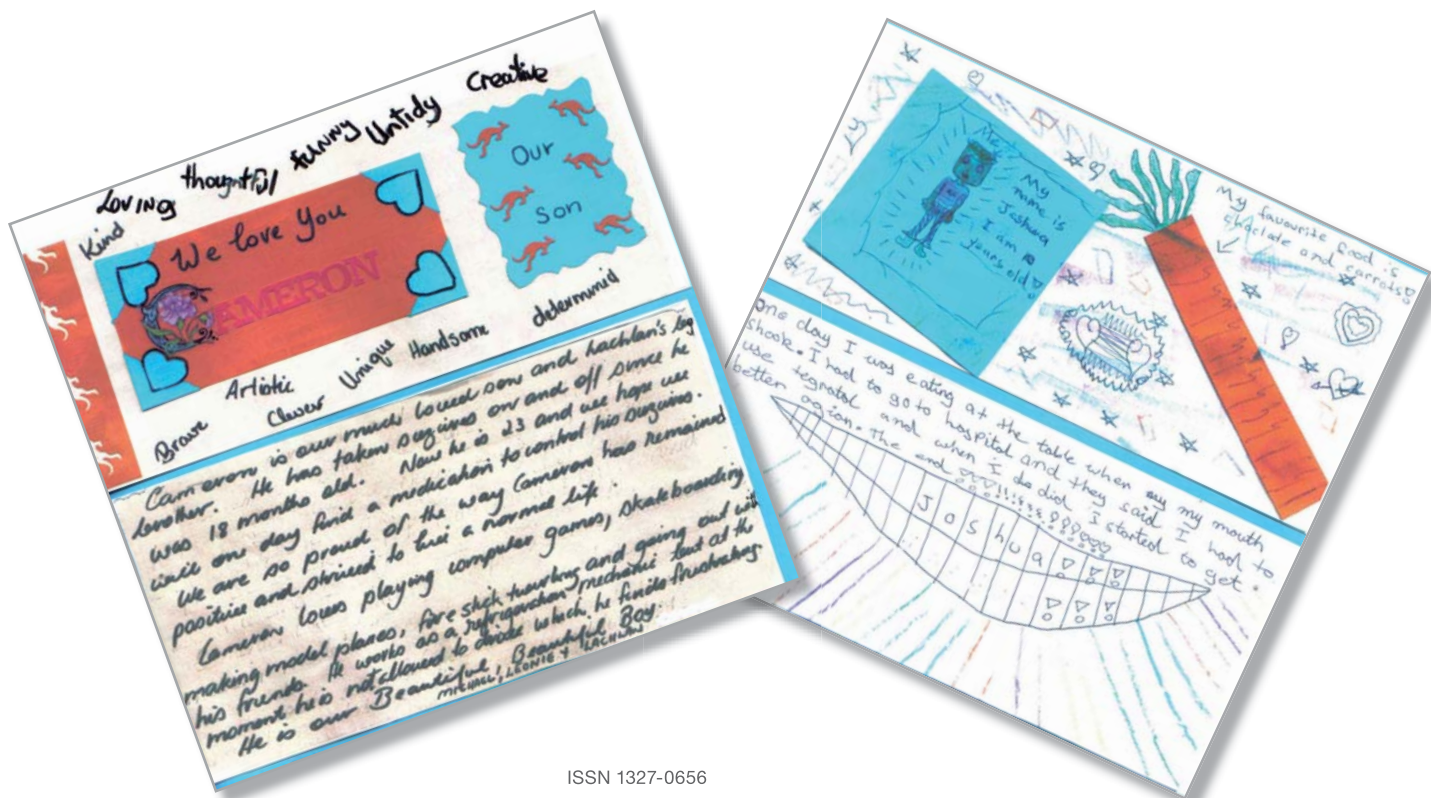
Marella Kilroy, who served on the Committee alongside Doris for the first 15 years of the Association’s life, upon her retirement in 1984.

‘I would like to stress that it is important we all work together to bring about a better understanding of epilepsy. When one realizes this condition does not respect any person, surely it is time to take stock and ask “what can I do to make the association one to be reckoned with”.’

Doris Kemp OAM, founder of the Association, on her retirement from the Honorary Secretary’s role in 1984.

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My brother has epilepsy and even though he hasn't had a seizure in about 1 year it wasn't always plain sailing. There were good days and bad days, sometimes it felt like the bad outnumbered the good. There were days when he seemed like he was on another planet, with absence seizure followed by Tonic Clonic seizure and so on all day. Sometimes it was unpredictable but luckily, mostly we could tell when a seizure was coming on. But it was like living with a time bomb that could go off at anytime. In particular I, rather than other family members, would be very conscious of when a seizure could occur, as it really scared and upset me to see him have a seizure. I would have nightmares about it all the time. I don't know if I was frightened of the seizure itself or because it was my brother having it. I was apprehensive and worried all the time around him. This meant that I was constantly nagging him. Have you had your tablets? Are you tired? Don't watch TV etc. He has had epilepsy for 13 years now and I feel that my fear and apprehension has only diminished slightly, which I find frustrating. It's just something you learn to live with and work around.

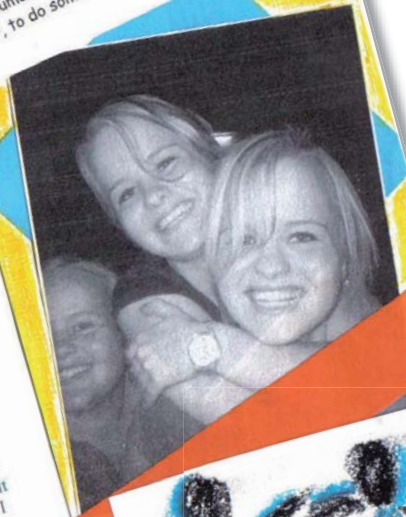


My Hero

Epilepsy changed my life. It wasn't just restrictions, a new lifestyle or the stigma, but a change in the relationships that I had and was making. Without the constant support I had around me, I know my outlook would have been vastly different. It was thanks to epilepsy that I met my hero. My twin, Anniina, was with me the day we got the results back. She sat with me, holding my hand, every time I woke up from yet another seizure. She caught several buses to and from uni, just to come and paint my nails or to say hi while I was in hospital. She made sure that I kept studying and got extensions, dropped off assignments or passed on lecture notes. She gave up so much of herself, her time, her friendships, her freedom, just to make sure I never felt alone. Yes, epilepsy has been hard, I would never wish it on anybody, but I'm thankful too, thankful because without it I would never have seen my hero.

Anette, 19yrs

A hero is simply someone who rises above her own human weakness, for an hour, a day, a year, to do something stirring.
Betty Deramus



There's lots about my life that I like. I like painting, playing golf, swimming, knitting and sewing. My life is good. There is more to me than just being someone with epilepsy. I am also a good cook. I like looking Pizza, Pinwheels, Jam Drops and Patty lakes, as well as any sort of cake. I like talking to my friends at school. I have painted a rainbow in my postcard because I think they are nice in the sky.

by Grace



our business

Epilepsy Queensland Inc is in the business of maximising quality of life for people with epilepsy and their families.

We want people with epilepsy and their families to get the assistance that they need, when and where it's needed, and that community attitudes are based on fact not fiction. Epilepsy Queensland Inc is bringing epilepsy out of the shadows.

Our ultimate vision will be achieved when there is a cure for epilepsy.

our goals

- To create a supportive environment for people with epilepsy and their families.
- To empower people with epilepsy and their families.
- To contribute to the scientific understanding of epilepsy through research, education and its application.
- To ensure health, welfare and other services respond appropriately to the needs of people with epilepsy and their families.
- To ensure appropriate policies for people with epilepsy are included in public policies in all sectors.
- To ensure the long-term sustainability of Epilepsy Queensland Inc.

our role

An estimated 80,000 Queenslanders will acquire epilepsy during their lifetime. We will be here for them, providing:

- Information
- Support and counselling
- Community education
- Advocacy
- Resource development
- Research

helping...empowering...

80,000 people in Queensland will acquire epilepsy during their lifetime. Many more will have a single seizure. Epilepsy Queensland provides people with the help they need, when, and where, they need it – at least, as much as our resources will allow.

We help, we inform, we support, we advocate, we provide counselling, we educate, and we empower. We help in so many ways. Our services are consumer driven which is why we have special programs for children and teenagers, men, women, and families with a child with uncontrolled seizures and high support needs.

‘Thank you from the depths of my being for being the most special and irreplaceable people you are, so dependable, with the answers I need. How many more ways can I express my appreciation for you all, your support, understanding and empathy holds me together...’

Older woman with epilepsy and member of EQI.

In 2005-2006 more people contacted us than ever before. We provided services to individuals with epilepsy, their family members, peers, teachers, employers, service providers, and the general community. Many thousands of people received a personalised information or counselling service. The majority of these contacts were provided over the phone by our skilled multidisciplinary services team members. Others were provided in hospitals, people’s homes, schools, workplaces, or at our office. In addition to counselling and verbal information, we provided hundreds of thousands of fact sheets, and other information materials, as well as books and audiovisual resources. Books written and published by Epilepsy Queensland continue to be in demand locally, nationally and internationally. Over 500,000 people accessed our websites. Five different newsletters were circulated monthly to quarterly. Queensland Health’s recurrent funding subsidized our information and support services for the Queensland community.

Workshops that are tailored to meet the needs of particular client groups and seminars for the epilepsy community have been well received. They’ve also provided us with an opportunity to initiate dialogues about epilepsy within new professional domains.

‘On behalf of everyone involved with Special Olympics Australia we would like to thank you for taking the time to be a presenter at the Coaches Conference last Saturday...The conference was a huge success. This could not have been achieved without the outstanding quality of people such as yourself, giving time to enlighten and motivate others with your knowledge and experience.’

National Manager Special Olympics Australia

Having epilepsy can make you feel isolated and alone. This feeling can be exacerbated when you are socially, geographically, or challenged in other ways such as disability. Support groups, Support Lines (a phone support network), and online forums are among the mutual support mechanisms that we offer people with epilepsy who wish to reach out to others.

Our Family Support Program, funded by Disability Services Queensland, helps families with children with uncontrolled seizures, or epilepsy and another disability via counselling, support networks, agency referral, and specialized information.

Children have special information and support needs, and Epilepsy Queensland has developed some unique tools to help children understand epilepsy and reclaim a sense of well-being, normalcy, and empowerment. With so many people with epilepsy receiving their diagnosis of epilepsy during childhood, the early intervention by our counselling and teacher trained staff is especially beneficial. Rarely is our input limited to the child, extending to the classroom (their classmates and teachers) and the school staff. Nonrecurrent funding from Education Queensland has greatly assisted our work with children.

'I wanted to thank you so much for doing a terrific presentation at the teleconference - I have received some excellent feedback...'

Senior Occupational Therapist,
Disability Services Unit.

A very important role we fulfill is the inservice training of health, education, and disability sector employees throughout the State so that they are better equipped to meet the needs of people with epilepsy. The demands for services in this area continue to increase.

Epilepsy Queensland is highly regarded for its innovative programs. The Henry Angus Sutherland Trust and The Samuel and Eileen Gluyas Trust – (Perpetual Philanthropic Foundations) are supporting an online journal project for families to record, track, and share their epilepsy journey. Through workshops, a website, interviews, and postcards, we are building a compelling body of work about Queenslanders' epilepsy experience. To find out more visit www.postcardsfromepiplace.com.au

POSTCARDS
from
EPI PLACE the

DO YOU REMEMBER

how you felt when you or a family member was first diagnosed with epilepsy? Where did you first go for information? Epilepsy Queensland is creating a new innovative website offering parents of children newly diagnosed with epilepsy hope, inspiration and information. We believe that you, the children, siblings, parents, grandparents and friends whose lives have been touched by epilepsy are the experts on this subject. We need your stories, poems, artwork and answers to "what was the most helpful piece of information you received". We want to receive 1000 postcards from everywhere in Queensland. We would love you to take part.

A postcard kit including instructions will be sent to you by Epilepsy Queensland.
ph: 1300 852 853 or Project Coordinator Denise Dillon Bolland ph: 0412 724 379
email: dbolland@epilepsyqueensland.com.au
www.postcardsfromepiplace.com.au

This project is funded by Henry Angus Sutherland Trust & the Samuel and Eileen Gluyas Trust - Perpetual Philanthropic Foundation

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bringing epilepsy out of the shadows



Epilepsy Queensland is totally committed to raising awareness about epilepsy in the community, so that people understand about epilepsy and community attitudes are based on fact not fiction.

Until people with epilepsy can live in a supportive environment, with the same rights and aspirations that the rest of the community enjoy, we have much work to do in bringing epilepsy out of the shadows.

Our strategic approach continues to be multi-faceted – from the community education that we do every day of the year as we go about our work, to year long campaigns in certain sectors of the community... But all with the common goal of enhancing quality of life for people with epilepsy in our community.



We continue to meet requests for information about epilepsy via information, poster displays, and education sessions. This year around 500 services participated in our Epilepsy Awareness Campaign. Our “Lights On!” event attracted more participants and publicity. The wonderful crew at 612 ABC Brisbane launched it from the Brisbane Traffic Centre during peak hour and their breakfast program. V8 Supercars integrated “Lights On!” into their raceday and television coverage on NetworkTen, with the V8s turning their lights on during the warm up lap. Little Poss merchandise for our Annual Appeal reflected the “Lights On!” theme.

Epilepsy Queensland made a community service announcement (CSA) for television and radio, featuring George Gregan, Captain of the Wallabies, urging the community to learn first aid for epilepsy. The CSA was picked up by all Epilepsy Australia members and played across the country over two quarters. This activity generated thousands of inquiries, and we were pleased to distribute a special First Aid pack that Epilepsy Australia developed in response.



To effect attitude changes about epilepsy for future generations, we cannot ignore today’s younger generation. Hence we have continued the successful World of Trivia program for primary school students and the Website Competition for High School students.

Around 6,000 primary school students participated in 2005 World of Trivia, learning about epilepsy throughout the competition. They also raised \$40,000 for Epilepsy Queensland. John Paul College won the Year 7 category, as well as receiving the title of Highest Fundraising School. Anglican Church Grammar School raised the most money per capita. Spencer Howson (612 ABC Brisbane) was a superb quizmaster, working closely with Kay Malley to make sure the event was an exciting one.

The prestigious TechnologyOne Website Competition was won by Cannon Hill Anglican College in 2005. Students Andrew Barnes, Vu Tran and Matthew Kurz developed an impressive website for teenagers, winning some great prizes for themselves as well as a computer and \$2,000 worth of books jointly sponsored by Queensland University of Technology and Pearson Education.

Spencer Howson 612ABC and Little Poss congratulating some of the World of Trivia winners and Little Poss nabs an angel or two from the National Australia Bank

public relations

The public relations role continues to be auspiced within the fundraising department. Significant savings, an estimated \$25,000, are made conducting this service in-house. This year Epilepsy Queensland has further developed its relationship with the Queensland media through media releases and personal contact. Information on epilepsy was communicated throughout Queensland and nationally during the Epilepsy Awareness Campaign.

An estimated 2.2 million Queenslanders gained information about epilepsy in the past twelve months.

We are always grateful to people who have helped us in special ways, but here we would like to highlight in particular: 612 ABC Brisbane, Barry Dick The Courier Mail, Ben Beazley Ford Racing Team and Network Ten, Melissa Downes Channel 9, and Quest Newspapers.



V8 Supercar driver Russell Ingall supports people with epilepsy at Queensland Raceway.

raising money



Fred White treasured supporter



Charity Bike Ride



Charity Bike Ride



Sew What! Raffle

The Queensland State Government has contributed grant funding to ensure Epilepsy Queensland's continuing service provision. This year recurrent and nonrecurrent grant funding contributed 40% of our total revenue. We are deeply appreciative of the support from the The Honourable Peter Beattie MP, Premier, The Honourable Anna Bligh MP, Deputy Premier and Treasurer, The Honourable Warren Pitt MP, Minister for Communities, Disability Services, Seniors and Youth, The Honourable Stephen Robertson MP, Minister for Health, and the Honourable Rod Welford MP, Minister for Education and Training, and their ministerial and departmental staff.

The Queensland Government Gambling Community Fund provided us with funds to purchase a new photocopier. In the next financial year we will be able to purchase replacement IT equipment thanks to a grant from Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund.

The Henry Angus Sutherland Trust and The Samuel and Eileen Gluyas Trust – Perpetual Philanthropic Foundations, have supported our online journal project.

Most of Epilepsy Queensland's funds have been generated through community support.....bequests, donations, making us the beneficiary of events large and small, and product sales.

The selflessness of our members to willingly share their own experiences of living with epilepsy has contributed to the success of our fundraising efforts through our quarterly fundraising Appeals. The most recent, Tax 2006 featured a story on the death of long time supporter and volunteer, Fred White. Titled Fifties for Fred the result would have put a huge smile on Fred's face as this Appeal proved to be the most successful to date. The increase over the previous year was 14%.

The donor program has grown significantly during the past year. An overall increase in donations of 10.5% has been achieved, which can partly be attributed to the growth of our fundraising database. This has been achieved with the inclusion of contact details provided by our door to door product purchasers. In the coming year we will further expand the database with contact details sourced from our door to door program and explore new opportunities to make it easier for people to donate.

The number of supporters choosing to make a monthly pledge has grown over the past 12 months by 50%. As the number of pledges increase it will assist Epilepsy Queensland by providing long term stable contributions.

In an effort to re-establish lapsed donors and to source new donors we have continued a Telemarketing Trial this year. This has been somewhat successful with regards to re-establishing lapsed donors, but not so much for donor acquisition.

Fundraising Services, who provide street collectors for Epilepsy Queensland, continued to be important supporters for our street appeals and the Little Poss Appeal.

The Door to Door Program has now completed its first full year of operation with promising results. The biggest hurdle to date has been the difficulty in employing reliable collectors. Notwithstanding this, the dependable collectors employed have made a significant contribution to the Program. Additionally, our donor database has benefited with the acquisition of contact information gained from new supporters with their permission. This program has included an epilepsy education component with first aid instructions for seizures distributed widely throughout the community and contact numbers made available for further epilepsy information if required.

“Lights On! Bring epilepsy out of the shadows” was again used as the theme for this year’s Little Poss Appeal. The slogan was symbolically reflected in the merchandise for the Appeal. Merchandise included keyring star-shaped flashlights, mobile phone pens, wristbands and funky pens. Overall the merchandise was well received.

We are sincerely grateful to our sponsors for their continuing support of the Little Poss Appeal. These included the Pharmacy Guild, Westpac, the Newsagents’ Federation, the Australian Pharmaceutical Industries and Newspaper. Followmont and First Express provided courier services at no cost to Epilepsy Queensland which made a substantial difference to the net result. Many members, Foodworks stores and corporate offices also demonstrated their support of the Little Poss Appeal by selling stock on Epilepsy Queensland’s behalf. There was an 11% increase in the number of participating sites. Volunteers from the National Australia Bank worked tirelessly to prepare the merchandise for distribution to the 325 participating sites. The Premier launched the campaign with a grant.

An important area of growth for Epilepsy Queensland is Third Party Fundraising with more than 50% increase in funds raised for each of the past two years. There were a variety of events in this category and included the Ekka Girls’ Ball, Westpac Golf Day, Sew What! Craft group raffle, Courier Mail UNITAB Limited Footy Tipping Competition, Toowoomba Christmas Gift Wrapping Service, Charity Bike Ride, various free dress days, donations in lieu of birthday gifts, and a Girls’ Day Out at the races. This support is a reflection of the growing interest and endorsement by the community and corporate sectors of the need for Epilepsy Queensland’s vital services. We have tried to list as many as possible in our Thank You list.

Further increases in revenue and in kind support through corporate relationship development are anticipated from Epilepsy Queensland’s new relationship with Meetings and Events Australia.

To everyone who donated to and supported us – we wish to convey our heartfelt thanks on behalf of all Queensland families whose lives are touched by epilepsy.



Westpac Charity Golf Day



Westpac Charity Golf Day



Robert featured in our donor campaign



Poss greets MC Melissa Downes

2005 annual award recipients

Seven awards were announced at the 2005 Annual General Meeting. Melissa Downes from Channel 9 was the MC and The Honourable Warren Pitt, Minister for Communities, Disability Services, Seniors and Youth presented the awards.

- Peter Hurley Schellbach Memorial Award for a medical specialist was given to Dr Jim Pelekanos - Paediatric Neurologist.
- Pam Wellings Memorial Award for an EQI volunteer was presented to Margaret Connolly.
- Doris Kemp Memorial Award for a tertiary student was received by Jamie Cruz, student at Griffith University for her work on an internet chat group for teens with epilepsy.
- EQI award for an Allied Health or Education worker – the recipient was announced as Kos Sclavos from the Pharmacy Guild of Australia.
- EQI award for a Carer was given to Liz Ward, mother of Zack, from the Gold Coast.
- EQI award for an ambassador or role model was given to Gus Smith.
- EQI Youth award was given jointly to three Grade 11 students. Andrew Barnes, Matthew Kurz and Vu Tran worked as a team to do EQI's web design and hosting.

At the next Awards Ceremony we will be proudly announcing a new award, in memory of our dear friend and supporter, Fred White, who died early in 2006.



Denise Schellbach presents Dr Jim Pelekanos with his award



Student award winner Jamie Cruz with son, Sir Bruce Watson and the Hon. Warren Pitt MP

thank you for your kind support

We sincerely appreciate the help that so many people and organisations have given us. Those listed below, in addition to many others who we don't have the space to list here, have substantially contributed in some way to helping Queenslanders whose lives are touched by epilepsy.

Sir Bruce Watson
Disability Services Queensland
Queensland Health
Education Queensland
Department of Premier and Cabinet
Queensland Government Gambling
Community Benefit Fund
Henry Angus Sutherland Trust
The Samuel and Eileen Gluyas
(Perpetual Philanthropic Foundations)
Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund
Canning Weil MacGillivray Halligan
Macquarie Foundation
Westpac Business Banking
UNITAB and Barry Dick (Queensland
Newspapers)
Estate of Eva May Baker
Reuben Pelerman Benevolent
Foundation

Epilepsy Awareness Campaign Seminar:

Dr Dan McLaughlin Neurologist
Dr Tamara Ownsworth Clinical
Neuropsychologist
Dr Robyn Wallace University of
Queensland Brain Institute
Carmen Chong-Cling Music Therapist
Sylvia Scully Aromatherapist
Manuela Almeida Bachelor of Health
Science
and the inspiring parent speakers,
Darryl Engler and Michelle Hartshorn
Wesley Hospital
Pfizer

Little Poss Appeal

Westpac
Pharmacy Guild of Australia —
Queensland Branch
Queensland Newsagents Federation
Followmont
First Express
Australian Pharmaceutical Industries
Newspower
Volunteers from the National Australia Bank

Fundraising Services

Lights On! Campaign

612 ABC Brisbane
V8 Supercars
Brisbane Traffic Centre

World of Trivia

612 ABC Brisbane — Spencer Howson
University of Queensland
Kay Malley
Kevin Rudd MP
John Paul College
Anglican Church College of Brisbane
Epilepsy Foundation of Victoria
Volunteers from the National Australia Bank
Grove Fruit Juice
Birch Carol and Coyle
Pancake Manor
Data Express

High School Website Competition

TechnologyOne
Queensland University of Technology
Pearson Education
CellNet
Guy Edmonds

Little Poss reprint

UCB Pharma

JECA meeting attendance & strategy development

UCB Pharma

Riding through the shadows Charity Bike Ride

Ray Whitehead
Lions Club of Moggill — Mt Crosby
Alchimie
Triatheletes World Cyclery
Chesterfield — John Deere

Events to benefit Epilepsy Queensland

Girl's Ball
Westpac Banking Corporation
Liaison Tours (Michelle and Ivan Hartshorn)
Queensland Orchid Society Inc
Office of State Revenue
Sew What! Craft Group
Gupta Whitehead
Yandina Primary School
Coxcraft Boats

Advance Rental Pty Ltd
Merino Pty Ltd
Starwell Australia Pty Ltd
Skin Alert Pty Ltd
Oxley Sports Drome Corporation Pty Ltd
Mrs Dawn Barber
Mrs Rosemary Borg

AGM

Melissa Downes (Channel 9)
UCB Pharma
Department of Public Works

Logo design and Annual Report

Liveworm (Queensland College of Art)
— Sebastian di Mauro
Tamara Falcke
Fiona Macneall
Annette West-Bail

Ken Leigh

Glass Obelisk

Andrew Barnes
Vu Tran
Matthew Kurz

Community Service Announcement for TV

George Gregan
VMP
Alex Lloyd
Adstream

Australia Zoo — the Irwin family

Meetings and Events Australia - MEA

Cass Ink
Kwik Kopy

Philippa Webb

Support Lines volunteer contacts

Regional and support group contacts

John Shepherd (Men's Group)

Volunteers

Carolyn Anderson
Margaret Connolly
Leonie Dufton

chairman's report

I have great pleasure in welcoming you to the annual report of the Board of Epilepsy Queensland.

The last 12 months have been characterised by a great deal of activity at all levels of the organisation. I thank my colleagues on the Board for their support and commitment through the challenges that have been encountered.

As foreshadowed in my annual report last year, financial matters have been high on our agenda throughout the year. After being very busy representing our cause and need for support, and much active communication with key people in government, we were both relieved and delighted to receive a considerable increase in one-off funds from the State Government. In providing this funding, the contribution that Epilepsy Queensland makes to the community was acknowledged. With support from the State Government, it was agreed that we would commission an independent review of our organisation, in particular to consider the issue of sustainability. Among the findings of this review are that Epilepsy Queensland

- is an extremely low-cost, highly efficient, and professionally governed, quality provider of epilepsy information and support services;
- is the primary non-medical source of epilepsy information and support to the Queensland community;
- is delivering high quality services that provide not only the outcomes specified in the General Service Agreements with Disability Services Queensland and Queensland Health but also provide services to meet a substantially greater level of demand than is currently funded by these governmental grant agreements;
- has been, and still is, under-funded to meet recurrent operational costs necessary to cover the present level of client service demand; and
- has limited present capacity to self-generate adequate funds (including fundraising) within its existing resources.

I would particularly like to acknowledge the support of the Premier, the Honourable Peter Beattie MP, and his cabinet colleagues, the Honourable Anna Bligh MP, the Honourable Warren Pitt MP, the Honourable Stephen Robertson MP, the Honourable Rod Welford MP, and their Departmental staff for being responsive and supportive.

We had some changes to Board membership – Louise McCosker, a Board member for many years, has retired after leaving Brisbane to take up a role with the Red Cross. Peter Best retired before completing his first year of office as work commitments meant an inability to meet the demands of the role. Noel Johns accepted the position as Treasurer at a very busy time in the financial year. After having the luxury of a very stable team of staff for many years, we also saw a turnover in many positions, no doubt contributed to by the enormous workload that staff have been experiencing. I am pleased to say that we again have a wonderful team of skilled, dedicated, and enthusiastic staff.

My thanks to Sir Bruce Watson for his continued support as Patron of Epilepsy Queensland.

To build on our strengths during 2005-2006, we have decided to eliminate some fundraising activities, and add others. Most notable is the introduction of our door to door sales program. The support from the Epilepsy Foundation of Victoria, a fellow member of Epilepsy Australia, to get this program underway has been extremely generous.

Sincere thanks to everyone who has helped Epilepsy Queensland along the way this year – whether they are the members of the Board, our staff, and volunteers who have worked diligently throughout the year to ensure that Epilepsy Queensland is doing all that it can to help people with epilepsy and their families, the members of the corporate community who are doing what they can to help – for example, Macquarie Bank donating their refurbished computers, or caring supporters like Rosemary Borg who asked people to donate to Epilepsy Queensland in lieu of giving her a birthday gift, you have made a difference!

Jan Taylor
Chairman

Jan Taylor BA LLB (Chairman)

Jan manages a consultancy firm providing public and community consultation services to government and industry. She is on the board of the RACQ and Epilepsy Australia and is the National Ombudsman for all building societies and a significant number of credit unions.

David Keys (Deputy Chairman)

David has been a Board member since 1993. He has considerable experience and expertise in the financial services industry and holds a senior executive position with Professional Investment Services, Australia's largest independent financial advice provider.

Louise Foley (Deputy Chairman)

Louise works with the Queensland Property Council. Previous to this she was a ministerial advisor in the Beattie Government. She has worked in a wide range of portfolio areas including local government, planning, women, police, prisons, education, transport, main roads, and Premier and Cabinet. Louise has been a member of the Board for 12 years.

Peter Best (Treasurer) (resigned 28 March 2006)

Peter is Associate Professor in the School of Accountancy at Queensland University of Technology. He has worked in tertiary education for almost 30 years. Peter is also a CPA and chartered accountant. He has consulted and conducted research for Queensland government departments, accounting firms, professional bodies and large companies in auditing, IT security, fraud detection, performance management and business intelligence. He performs national training for the Australian Taxation Office in IT auditing and has also conducted commercial research for the Health Insurance Commission. Peter holds an Honours Degree in Commerce, a Masters degree in Operations Research and a PhD in IT. He is also a Director of Brisbane Metropolitan Lions Club Inc.

Noel Johns (Treasurer) (commenced 21 June 2006)

Noel is a director of a group of companies involved in Insurance Underwriting and Administration. He has a background in Financial Management with Queensland public companies. He holds an Economics Degree, is a Fellow of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants, and is also a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries.

Dr Alan Davidson BA (Computing Science) Dip Law LLM (Research) PhD (Board Member)

Senior Lecturer and Director of Postgraduate Coursework, TC Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland. Solicitor and Barrister of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and of the High Court of Australia. Director - City of Wollongong Aerial Patrol Inc and NSW Air Pty Ltd. Practiced as a solicitor for 12 years before becoming a full time academic. Fellow Institute of International banking law and Practice. Private pilot.

Ailsa Gillies (Board member)

Ailsa spent her professional life in the Department of Primary Industries but now, as a free agent and retiree, is able to devote her activities to her other interests. Thus she has been on the Board since 1993. Having experienced discrimination throughout her life, she is particularly supportive of disadvantaged groups and their need for acceptance within the community. There is still much to be done.

Suzanne Greenwood LLB (Secretary)

Sue is a senior commercial lawyer with 20 years experience in both the public and private sector. She is currently working in the Legal Unit of Queensland Health and for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. She has a special interest in acting for not-for-profit organisations and, after working with our Honorary Solicitor for some years, Sue was elected to become a member of our Board in 1999. She has been particularly active in identifying NGO governance issues and has implemented a Risk Management Strategy and Plan for Epilepsy Queensland Inc. Sue was a finalist in the Telstra Business Women of the Year Awards and of the Zonta Women of Achievement Awards in 2001. She holds several board and committee positions and is an enthusiastic ambassador for Epilepsy Queensland Inc particularly with promoting fundraising and public awareness activities.

Louise McCosker (Board member) (resigned 21 June 2006)

Until recently Louise worked with the Office of Public Service Merit & Equity in the Queensland Government. She has also worked in the Office of Women, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Department of Communities, and Arts Queensland. Prior to joining the public service, Louise worked with the ABC for 15 years, producing current affairs in New South Wales, Tasmania, and Queensland. Louise has temporarily located overseas to work with the Red Cross. She has a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Queensland. She also holds a degree and other qualifications in music.

Fergus Pollock (Board Member)

Fergus is a certified practising accountant with over 20 years experience in finance and accounting. He is currently Director of Finance and Administration at The Wesley Hospital and has had extensive commercial experience in both the for-profit and not-for-profit sectors. He has been a Board Member for over eight years in a variety of roles including treasurer.

treasurer's report

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for Epilepsy Queensland Inc for the year ended 30 June 2006. In a pleasing outcome, Epilepsy Queensland is reporting a surplus for the year of \$121,000, compared with a deficit of \$52,000 for the previous year.

The 2006 year was boosted by a number of one-off factors, including a large bequest, and an increase in non-recurrent grants. The Door-to-Door program, noted in last year's Treasurer's Report has continued to produce steady results, and has also contributed to this year's income.

Adequate funding for the organisation continues to be an ongoing challenge for the Board, and Management, and one which consumes attention on a daily basis. This year's result will ease the pressure in the immediate future, but it is evident that there can be no lessening in the zeal with which the organisation undertakes its fundraising initiatives.

I have been Treasurer for only a short period of time, but already I have been impressed by the performance of Helen Whitehead (the Chief Executive Officer) and her team. The standard of services delivered, within the Budget constraints imposed upon them, is a credit to their efficiency and dedication to enhancing quality of life for people with epilepsy and their families.

The current bookkeeper, Lwana Chayeb joined the organisation in October 2005 in a part time capacity, and has worked extremely diligently in discharging her duties, while balancing these requirements with University studies. My thanks go to Lwana for her efforts during the year.

In closing, I would like express my appreciation to Fergus Pollock who held the position of Treasurer for many years. Fergus has done an excellent job of financial stewardship during challenging times for the organisation, and I am pleased to say that he has continued to remain on the Board, and has been willing to provide me with valuable assistance during my settling in period.

Noel Johns
Treasurer

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Sue Greenwood
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Louise McCosker
(resigned 21 June 2006)
Fergus Pollock

Treasurer

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as at 30 June 2006

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