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NATIONAL ETHNIC DISABILITY ALLIANCE

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President's report 2012/2013

I came into the position of President of the Alliance in February this year. Over the period ending 30th June 2013, the financial position has turned around from a loss the previous year to a net surplus position. This has required considerable expense monitoring and reallocation of our priorities. This has been undertaken and we have managed to achieve a net surplus of $17,000 at the end of the year. We will continue to do this in the near future as we try and consolidate our position so that we have sufficient reserves in the event of cuts in funding.

A lot of our time and effort have been focussed on the NDIS. NEDA recognises that NDIS is a massive shift in our thinking in Australia in so far as disability funding approaches are concerned. The move to self-directed funding has serious implications for our sector. In CaLD communities the identification of who is the "self" that is going to be directing funding is paramount. Often this may well be the family member or community member as much as it is the individual with disability. NEDA has to position itself to be the authority to which the departments will come to for direction, advice and support. Much of our focus since I came on board has been in trying to develop that position. We have attained that status through speaking at seminars and conferences as well as utilising the data cube that Brian Cooper has been working on. That project will provide us with statistics that will be saleable to others and will give a better insight into the level of disability in the CaLD community. This project continues into the next financial year as well.

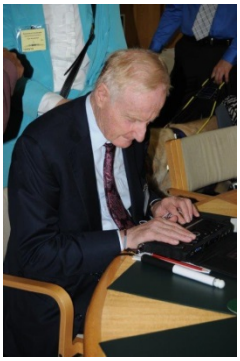
Our CEO and I have travelled extensively to touch base with our member organisations. For a long time our member organisations have been looking to us for leadership. Hopefully these trips to Sydney, Brisbane and the Northern Territory have been instrumental in achieving this. Dwayne and I also attended the launch of the NDIS conference in Melbourne. It was a conference that allowed us to develop relationships with some other groups. This will be built on into the next few months as well.

We have done some work in media and this has been on SBS Radio as well as other media such as local community radio stations. This is an area we will continue to develop. We have been putting out media releases as and when we believe that there are issues worth discussing.

We have continued to work cooperatively with other agencies such as FECCA and others. We are represented on the FECCA disability group through Christine Williams. This will hopefully be something we will continue to expand into the future.

We have also developed relationships with groups such as AFDO and PWDA. Both those groups are peak agencies and we have raised issues of CaLD into their arenas as well.

The secretariat led by Dwayne has undertaken submissions on a number of matters related to Immigration, NDIS rules and other important issues. We have also been recognised by government agencies such as DEEWR who have funded us to provide advice and information to assist them and as a consequence our own communities.



There are a number of people that I wish to thank for my first year as President of NEDA. Our Patron, Professor Ron McCallum continues to be an inspiration to all of us. He and his delightful wife, Prof Mary Crock are incredibly supportive of NEDA and the work that we do. We thank them immensely for their support and we value this relationship greatly.

Figure 1: Our Patron
Professor Ron McCullum

The Council of NEDA have given of their time freely. No positions at Not for Profit agencies are easily fulfilled. Our Council gives of their time willingly and have always provided wise advice to all of us. We appreciate this and continue to offer our sincerest thanks to them

Our staff at NEDA has worked tirelessly and well beyond their requirements. Jobs such as those in our sector continue to be labours of love. And it is no different for us at NEDA. To all of them we thank them with sincerity and we trust that they remain a committed force for us into the future.

Finally, as we come close to the festive season of Christmas I wish all members of our communities the best of everything good for the Yuletide. We trust that this Christmas is a blessed and holy time and that we come back to the New Year with increased vigour and commitment having had a relaxing break over the holiday season.

Our best wishes to all of you and your families.

Suresh Rajan

President

Figure 2: Suresh Rajan with Craig Wallace (PWDA)

NEDA CEO AGM Report: 2012/ 2013

Dwayne Cranfield CEO (NEDA)

This has been my first full year as CEO at NEDA, arriving on the back of the move to Canberra in the previous year and the associated challenges and issues related to the setting up of shop; not just in a new town but also a new environment was a challenge to say the least. At the end of that year we found ourselves in a better than expected position both financially and professionally.

The year that we have just completed has built on that foundation and we have consolidated NEDA's position in many ways; it has been a strong year for NEDA and this is a tribute to the NEDA team, ie: staff, council and its membership. It has been a *"mindful'* year, a year that has seen NEDA be thoughtful about the work we engage in and the work that we don't.

Organisations like NEDA will always have capacity issues and concerns, as the demand for thoughtful research and advice is always greater than the capacity of a small and dedicated group people; that is staff and Council alike.

It is worth noting that the "standard" staffing levels presently at NEDA are significantly reduced from that of the previous management enjoyed; prior to the move to Canberra, NEDA employed several people across 85 hours per week compared to our current staffing level of 50 hours per week; a difference of 30 hours.

I would like to thank all concerned at NEDA, the team ie: Bee, Brian and Liz as well as the Council members and our member organisations who help to point us in the direction needed.

It is their support that enables us to have those important conversations with Government that can bring about real change and acknowledgement of the needs of the CaLD and NESB community who live with disability in their lives, ensuring that their voice can be heard over the white noise of the sector, allowing them the dignity of risk!

Our prudent financial management has resulted in a modest surplus of around the 17K mark, which is a great result for an organisation such as NEDA. This was the result of a combined effort of both the staff and the NEDA Council under the management of the newly appointed President Suresh Rajan and the NEDA Treasurer Sajini Sumar. I would like to thank them both for their support and valued advice.

On the 7th of October of 2012, NEDA employed Bee Mohamed our research and policy officer. Prior to this, Bee was based in Victoria and was looking to move to the ACT. She came to us with a Masters in International Development and an undergraduate Degree in Social Sciences (majoring in Psychology and Political Science) Bee has fitted in well and has been the backbone of our policy work; she had also represented NEDA in several forums and working groups and within her short time at NEDA has become highly regarded within the sector and to a point my right hand.

As the end of the financial year was approaching it became clear that we would return a modest surplus and I approached the NEDA Council with the idea of employing Brian Cooper. Brian has worked for NEDA in the past and has also been a strong supporter of the work that we do. Brian had approached me shortly after my arrival with a proposal concerning a ***"data cube project"*** we had several meetings discussing the project and the value of it not just to NEDA but to the CaLD/ NESB community and to those who live with disability.

At the start of the new financial year Brian was employed on contract to produce the CaLD/ NESB/ Disability Data Cube, already the benefits of the project can bee seen even tho it's not complete, the data that is emerging is wonderful, we have generated numbers to argue our position on several issues and we have and are becoming the "go to people" with regards to numbers and statistics within our part of the disability space.

Early this year the Government revised the numbers on the NDIS based on a conversation that we had with them using numbers that Brian had generated, somewhat of a win for NEDA and the community, they revised the tier 3 NDIS eligibility figure from 411,000 to 460,000, this was based on preliminary data from the project. .

It is hoped that when the data cube project is complete we will continue to employ Brian on a reduced basis as his skill set and dedication to NEDA and the cause is very valuable.

NEDA has been very active with representation on several reference groups, as follows:

- NCSIRG National Carer Strategy Implementation Reference Group (FaHCSIA)
- NMAG – National Multicultural Advisory Group (Dept Human Services)
- SHS – Special Homelessness Services
- AEC – Australian Electoral Commission Disability Reference Group
- Telstra Disability Forum
- ACCAN SACD - The Australian Communications Consumer Action Network
- Federation of Ethnic Community of Council Australia FECCA Disability working party/ reference group
- DEEWA – Disability Employment Services Reference Group
- Carers Australia Care aware campaign reference group/ working party.
- Australian Federation of Disability Organisations AFDO planning party
- ACT Mental Health reference Group (hosted by CMCF) ACT
- Australian Human Rights Commission (legal processes for people living with disability)
- Australian Federation of Disability Organisations AFDO Departmental Review

Other roundtables and forums / consultations attended were:

- First Persons With a Disability Roundtable held at Parliament House ACT
- Disability Care Roundtable held at Parliament House ACT
- National Mental Health Roundtable held at Parliament House ACT
- National Transport Roundtables at: Melbourne and the ACT
- Non-Government Human Rights Forum ACT (2 days)
- National Focus Group Mental Health ANU ACT
- National Employment Roundtable ACT
- National Mental Health Forum ANU ACT
- NDIS Conference Melbourne VIC
- Stand up Conference (women with disability/ violence) Presentation given ACT
- NEDA attended the presentation of the NGO Shadow report on the UNCRPD – Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, developed by Project Group of disability organisations and headed up by AFDO and PWDA.

NEDA continues to engage with other key stakeholders with in the various disability and CaLD/ NESB sectors, this is a list of some of community members that we liaise with:

- Australian Federation of Disability Organisation (AFDO) and its members
- People with Disability Australia (PWDA)
- Federation of Ethnic Communities Council of Australia (FECCA)
- Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network (MYAN).
- Carers Australia
- **Disability Advocacy Network Australia** DANA
- Brain Injury Australia
- People With a Disability Australia (PWDA)
- People With a Disability Australia (PWD) (ACT)
- Australian Migrant and Refugee Women's alliance (AMaRWA)
- Aust Deaf Blind Council (ADBC)
- Advocacy For Inclusion (AFI)
- Autism Asperger ACT
- First Persons with a Disability Network
- Carers ACT
- Catholic Care (ACT)
- Physical Disability Australia (QLD)
- Blind Citizens Australia
- NDS National Disability Services
- ECQ Electoral Commission of Queensland
- Down Syndrome Australia
- Yooralla Disability Services
- Vision Australia
- Physical Disability Australia
- Australian Human Rights Commission
- Deafness Resource Centre (ACT)
- National Disability Services (NDS)
- Mental Health Council of Australia
- As well as our member organisations in each state and territory

Some Key engagements and areas of work

NEDA held its NDIS Roundtable on: March 12th 2013

The National Ethnic Disability Alliance (NEDA) with the assistance of the National Disability and Carer's Alliance (NDCA) held a parliamentary roundtable discussion to present five key position statements in regards to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and the needs of individuals from non-English speaking backgrounds (NESB) and/or culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CaLD) with a disability.

Figure 3: Roundtable Opening

These five position statements were formulated by way of a survey/ questionnaire that was circulated to NEDA member organisations and other key stakeholders, where constituents were asked to nominate five areas that they felt needed to be addressed and discussed at the roundtable.

The roundtable was held on March 12th 2013 with over fifty people in attendance representing a varied stakeholder group from within the CaLD/ NESB community living with disability, some of these organisations were direct service providers working at the coalface as well as several advocacy groups both systemic and direct/ personal.

Figure 4 Minister Macklin speaking at Roundtable

The NEDA membership was engaged with regard to the draft document and asked to offer suggestions or to comment, NEDA then presented a document to its membership in draft form for comment and amended the document with regard to the suggestions of its membership.

Figure 5 Sven Topp - Pres. Australian Deafblind Council

Over fifty people attended the roundtable with representation from the NEDA National membership stakeholders from both Government and the NGO community, ie: Australian Human Rights, various advocacy services both systemic and individual and members of local Government disability services and several Ministers and Senators.

NEDA's Submission to the National Disability Insurance Scheme Secretariat – NDIS Draft Rules 2013

The National Ethnic Disability Alliance (NEDA) appreciated the opportunity to provide responses set out in the consultation paper on the Rules for the National Disability Insurance Scheme in relation to the consumer groups that our member organisations support.

In this submission, NEDA has responded to only those questions that are most relevance for our consumer groups ie: individuals from a culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CaLD) and or non-English speaking backgrounds (NESB) with a disability.

The NEDA membership was engaged with regard to the Rules and asked to offer suggestions or to comment on the Rules, NEDA then presented a document to its membership in draft form for comment and amended the document with regard to the suggestions of its membership, this document was in turn supplied to the NDIS Secretariat.

People from CALD backgrounds with disability, alongside their families and carers, need access to support services that are culturally sensitive and appropriate. Personal experiences and stories from participants during the workshops conducted by NEDA indicate that people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities experience related barriers gaining access to support services, as well as cultural and linguistic barriers. Till this day, it is clear that people from CALD backgrounds with disability are under-represented.

NEDA MEMBERS face -to -face meeting March 13, 2013

Following the NEDA NDIS round table NEDA held it face-to-face meeting consultation, in which this meeting brought together the NEDA membership to hold a Council meeting and to discuss issues pertaining to the governance of NEDA and the issues and directional aspects as perceived by the membership.

This was a good consultation with most members having a delegate present and it confirmed NEDA's strong place and relationships within the sector and with especially with its member organisations.

Department of Immigration, changes to the health requirements

DIAC Proposed Changes to Health Requirement (Joint Standing Committee on Migration (JSCM)) Migration Reporting this paper, NEDA presents its comments in relation to the Department's proposed changes to health requirement and; the need to promote and protect the rights of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD) and/or non-English speaking background (NESB) with disabilities. In this process, NEDA met up with the DIAC and its health requirement review team to discuss about issues affecting migrants with a disability.

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee Hearing for National Disability Insurance Scheme Bill 2012(Canberra)

The Committee commenced its public hearing into the National Disability Insurance Scheme Bill 2012 and NEDA presented its arguments on residency requirements; addressing the complex needs of individuals from NESB/CaLD backgrounds with a disability; additional supports necessary for participants from NESB/CaLD backgrounds with a disability; and Board membership to include one member from a NESB/CaLD backgrounds with a disability.

NEDA and the MEDIA

During the period NEDA was involved in several radio interviews:

- 2XX — NEDA has a regular spot with 2XX ie:1/5 weeks discussing the CaLD and NESB community and the disability sector.
- 3CR — NDIS/ CaLD /NESB issues. X 2
- 2CC — NDIS and the Canberra community, CaLD/ NESB. X1
- SBS — issues concerning FECCA/ NDIS start up points/CaLD/ NESB. X3
- ABC Radio Goldfields — Cultural issues. Regular presenter
- RPH Adelaide — NDIS/ CaLD / NESB issues x2

NEDA also released approximately 9 press releases during the period, most commenting on the NDIS and CaLD and NESB concerns. These releases were sent to most media outlets and Government officials with an interest in NEDA core work, they were also circulated to NEDA's stakeholders via our own internal network and also via the AFDO bounce network.

NEDA also developed a new interactive website with the assistance of Multicultural Services ACT via a small grant of $500.00 and the in-kind donation from CanberraWEB. The new site can be accessed at www.neda.org.au The new site has most NEDA documents, press releases and as well audio files, the site is also equipped with Google translator and has links to most Government stakeholders and the Ethnic/ disability community.

The grant held the stipulation that it must contain ACT content and so the site carries the local ACT Multicultural News letter and is updated every two weeks. The site is also linked to our Face book page and it carries some of NEDA statistical research that is available to the community.

Ministerial Contact

Minister Macklin, Senator Mc Lucas, Senator Fifield, Senator Boyce, Minister Bowen, Minister Brodtmann, Senator Lundy, Minister Ellis, Senator Siewert, Senator Smith, Senator Cash, Senator Humphries, Senator Oakeshott, Senator Leigh.

Local MLA contact: MLA Burch, MLA Dr Burke, MLA Smith, MLA Jones MLA Leader Opposition Hanson, Chief Minister Gallagher, MLA Bresnan.

As can be seen in this document NEDA has worked effectively in a number of areas to contribute to improve Government policy and service delivery for people from CaLD / NESB community with disability, their families and carers, NEDA has actively engaged its membership and the community in general as well as liaising with Government and during this process it has lost none of its autonomy as an independent National peak.

In closing I would like to thank the NEDA membership for its support and collaborative approach to our work as well as the NEDA council members for their sage advice and support and in allowing me the opportunity to just get on with it and do the job.

I would also like to thank the team that is; Bee, Brian and Liz our bookkeeper/ administrative support person for their work and help; they as most of us in this sector work beyond their contracted hours, going the extra mile in-order to see NEDA's work front and centre, their dedication to the cause is what helps us get the message out.

Thank you for your valued support.

Dwayne Cranfield
CEO (NEDA)*

NEDA Treasurers Report 2012 / 2013

Sajini Sumar

It has been an interesting year at NEDA and this was my first time within the position of Treasurer at NEDA. Coming of the end of 2011 /12 NEDA faced some major financial issues that needed addressing, these were due to the move from Melbourne to Canberra and the associated costs, we had run a deficit and had to fall back on our reserves.

The new financial year brought with it change in the form of a new CEO who was keen for change and saw a need for the fiscal management to be turned up a notch or two.

The turnaround from the previous deficit to our current position of having a 17K surplus has been the result of a team effort of prudent financial management under the supportive eye of the President and my role as treasurer and allowed us to fund small projects such as Brian Cooper and the Data Cube Project.

This year saw some additional funds; we received an additional 8K for our involvement in the SACS award process as part of our core funding and another 8K for the NDIS roundtable as well as 8K for the NDIS draft rules consultation.

It has been an expensive year with a great deal of travel by the CEO and the President but these expenses have been covered by the various grants mentioned above. We also held the NEDA Council round table face to face discussions that form part of our funding agreement; these were held back to back with the NDIS roundtable saving us considerable amounts of money. To say that we have been fiscally mindful is an understatement.

Over the last 6 months we have been engaging in discussion with a community bank (MECU) they were p[resent at a conference and our CEO stumbled across them and their trade tent as they were hawking for business, they are a bank that has a “social understanding” and are engaged within the not for profit sector by funding social research projects and holding forums.

It is hoped that this new relationship with make our internal banking system a easer process, reduce some of our fees incurred and allow us to form a collaborative partnership with them and help form some of their public social policy with regards to the disability sector and our CaLD community.

In closing I would like to thank the team; that is the staff under the guidance of our CEO Dwayne Cranfield for being a part of our fiscal reform and our President as well as the council members and their representatives on the NEDA Council. I would also like to thank our bookkeeper Liz Jermyn and our auditor Kim Hanna, two well respected people who do a great deal of work for the not for profit sector.

In closing it has been a great year financially for NEDA and I hope that the trend will continue into the future.

Thankyou

Sajini Sumar

Treasurer

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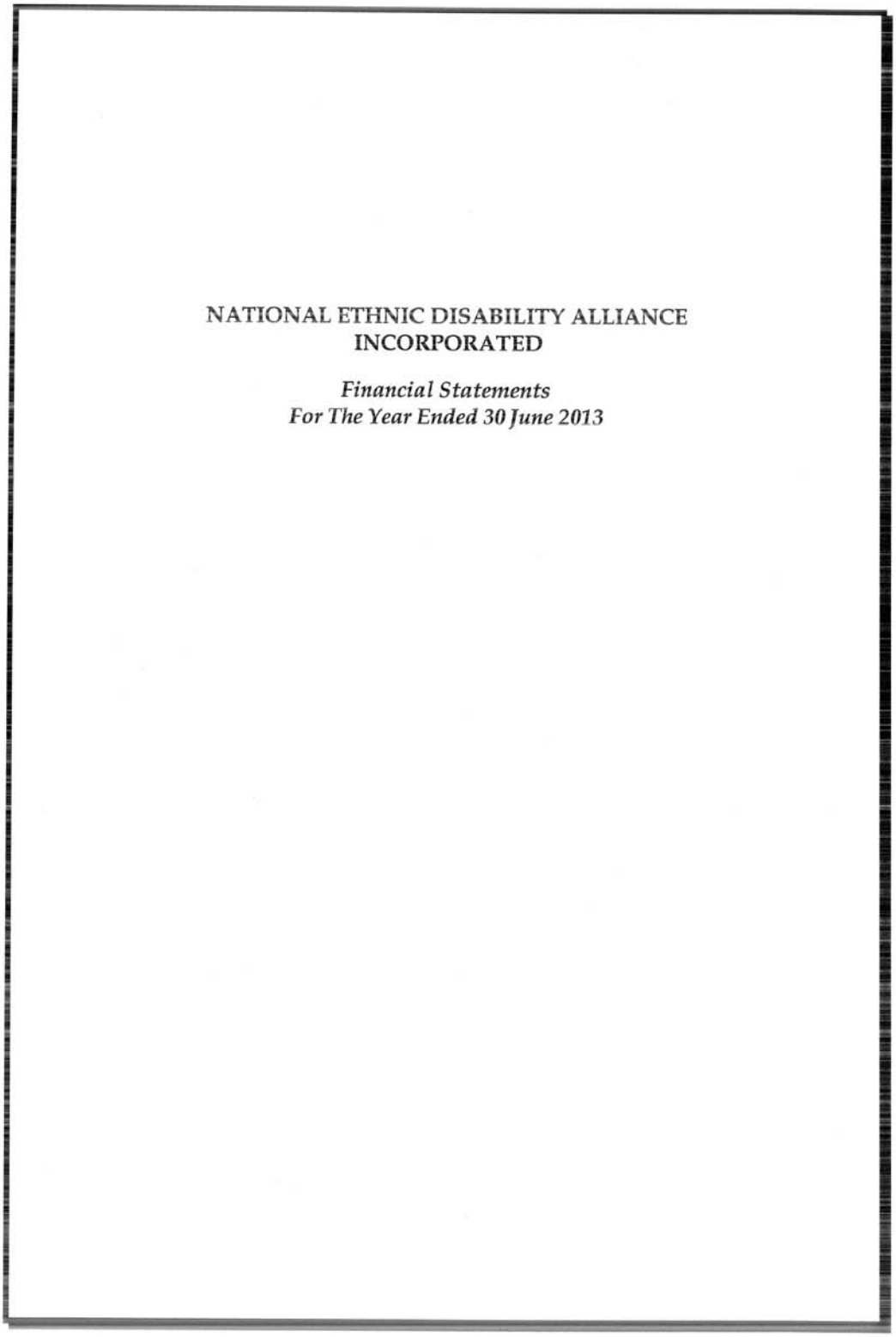

NATIONAL ETHNIC DISABILITY ALLIANCE
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Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 30 June 2013

NATIONAL ETHNIC DISABILITY ALLIANCE INC

STATEMENTS OF INCOME & EXPENSE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

Your board members submit the financial report of the entity for the financial year ended 30 June 2013.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

a) Board Members

The names of board members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Names

President	Suresh Rajan WA
Vice President	Christine Williams VIC
Treasurer	Sajini Sumar TAS
Ordinary Member	Juan de la Torre ACT
Ordinary Member	Madhu Dasgupta NT
Ord Member	Chris Livanos NSW
Associate Councillor	Gustav Gebels QLD

b) Principal Activities

The principal activities of the entity during the year were:

1. Provide national leadership for people from non English speaking background with disability, their families and carers by representing the views of your constituents to government, business and the community. The views will be based on consultation with your members and where appropriate other stakeholders, be accurate and evidence based and coherent and well-constructed.

2. Contribute to public policy development for the benefit of people from non-English speading backgrounds with disability and provide advice to Government with a particular focus in 2011-2014 on human rights and social inclusion for people from NESB with disability with particular emphasis on the National Disability Strategy and the National Disability Insurance Scheme and other emerging issues.

3. Provide the Government with a policy paper (which could also take the form of a research paper, principles document or policy statement) prepared as part of this funding agreement and aligned with the key policy areas under the National Disability Strategy.

4. Raise awareness, using a reange of forums to promote greater inclusion of people from non-English speaking backgrounds with disability.

5. Maintain and continue to build our position and role as the national peak body for people from non-English speaking backgrounds with disability, their family and carers by:

    a. Building knowledge and exposure of key policy issues for people from non-English speaking backgrounds with disability.

    b. Maintaining effective membership representing people from non-English speaking backgrounds with disability.

    c. Informing members about relevant policy developments, consultation processes and service issues.

    d. Providing opportunities for national networking and dialogue among members.

    e. Maintaining links with other national peak organisations.

    f. Supporting and assisting state/terrirory peak organisations in the sector to address issues which prevent people fron NSEB with disability fulfilling their potential as equal citizens.

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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

c) Significant Changes
No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

2. OPERATING RESULTS

The Surplus (loss) of the entity for the financial year amounted to $ 17,434

3. OTHER ITEMS

a) Significant Changes in State of Affairs

No significant changes in the entity's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

b) After balance date events

No matters of circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the entity, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the entity in future financial years.

c) Proceedings on Behalf of Entity

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the entity or intervene in any proceedings to which the entity is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the entity for all or any part of those proceedings.

The Entity was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

d) Indemnifying Officers or Auditors
No indemnities have been given, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the entity.

Association Liability Insurance provides coverage in respect of any Claim made against any member of any Committee established by the Insured, in respect of any legal liability arising out of the conduct of the business or activities of such Committee.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board:

Board Member: Jim de la Torre

Board Member: P Williams

Dated this 21st day of November 2013.

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STATEMENTS OF INCOME & EXPENSE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

2012 $		2013 $
	Income	
163,039	Grant - Core	165,987
-	FaHCSIA NDIS Consultation	8,000
19,000	Attorney General's Department HR Project	-
-	Roundtable Grant	8,000
-	ACT Govt Multicultural Grant	500
145	NEDA Membership	60
4,698	Other Income	18
5,232	Sitting Fees	-
3,172	Interest Received	1,880
195,286	**Total Income**	184,445
	Expenses	
2,368	Audit Fees	2,069
574	Bank & Government Charges	487
2,720	Accounting Fees	5,105
2,369	Advertising & Promotion	-
3,094	Catering & Room Hire	1,215
4,484	Conference/Seminars	2,031
2,048	Computer & Office Equipment	2,805
12,930	Consultancy	-
16,331	Council Expenses	3,735
2,831	Depreciation	3,066
3,203	Insurance	4,667
989	Membership & Incorporation	385
2,987	Printing & Stationery/ Sundry	1,740
-	Rent	3,095
18,876	Travel & Accommodation	21,053
3,199	Telephone & Communication	1,432
1,816	Web Site/Internet/Telephone	6,092
7,310	Translation & Interpreting	-
130,427	Wages & Salaries	94,585
3,318	Staff Training/ Recruitment/Part time admin	2,644
11,179	Superannuation	8,420
568	Casual Support Wages/Data Project Contract	2,500
1,381	Workers Compensation Insurance	723
(4,017)	Annual Leave Accurual	(838)
230,983	Total Expenses	167,011
(35,697)	OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	**17,434**

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES FORM PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NATIONAL ETHNIC DISABILITY ALLIANCE INC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2013

2012 $		2013 $
	ASSETS	
	Current Assets	
36,880	Cash at Bank	56,658
-	Prepayment	548
20	Sundry Asset accounts	120
36,900	**Total current assets**	57,326
	Non current assets	
5,245	Plant and equipment @ WDV	2,179
5,245	**Total non current assets**	2,179
42,145	**TOTAL ASSETS**	59,505
	LIABILITIES	
	Current liabilities	
2,228	Credit Card Accounts	-
(1,549)	GST Collected/Paid (net) & PAYG	2,475
934	Fringe Benefits Clearing Account	617
716	Superannuation Payable	-
7,830	Provision for Annual Leave	6,992
10,158	**Total current liabilities**	10,084
31,987	**NET ASSETS**	**49,421**
	EQUITY	
67,685	Accumulated Funds	31,987
(35,697)	Operating Surplus (Deficit)	17,434
31,987	**TOTAL EQUITY**	**49,421**

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES FORM PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

National Ethnic Disability Alliance Incorporated

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) General information

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations and the Associations Incorporations Act (ACT) 1991.

The financial report covers National Ethnic Disability Alliance Incorporated as an individual entity.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(b) Basis of Preparation

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

(c) Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(d) Property, Plant and Equipment

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of fixed assets is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Plant and equipment

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including building and capitalised leased assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each of the depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Office Equipment	20.0%
Furniture and Fittings	20.0%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.

(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

(f) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

(g) Revenue

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(h) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the Cash Flow Statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating.

(i) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(j) Rounding of Amounts

Amounts in the financial report and directors' report have been rounded off to the nearest $1.

(k) Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The directors evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the group.

NATIONAL ETHNIC DISABILITY ALLIANCE INC

STATEMENT BY THE BOARD

In the opinion of the board the financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of National Ethnic disability Alliance Incorporated as at 30 June 2013 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that National Ethnic Disability Alliance Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board Members and is signed for and on behalf of the Board Members by:

Board Member: John de la Torre

Board Member: C Williams

Dated: 20-11-13

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ETHNIC DISABILITY ALLIANCE INCORPORATED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013.

Scope.

I have audited the attached financial statements of National Ethnic Disability Alliance Incorporated (The Association) for the year ended 30 June 2013. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Association.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the 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 financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's position and the results of its operations.

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

Audit Opinion.

In my opinion,

(a) the financial statements of the Association are properly drawn up:

- (i) So as to give a true and fair view of matters required by subsection 72(2) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 to be dealt with in the financial statements
- (ii) in accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991; and
- (iii) in accordance with proper accounting standards, being Applicable Accounting Standards;

(b) I have obtained all the information and explanations required;
(c) Proper accounting records have been kept by the Association as required by the Act; and
(d) The audit was conducted in accordance with the rules of the Association.

Kim Hanna FCA
Registered Company Auditor
Date 21/11/13