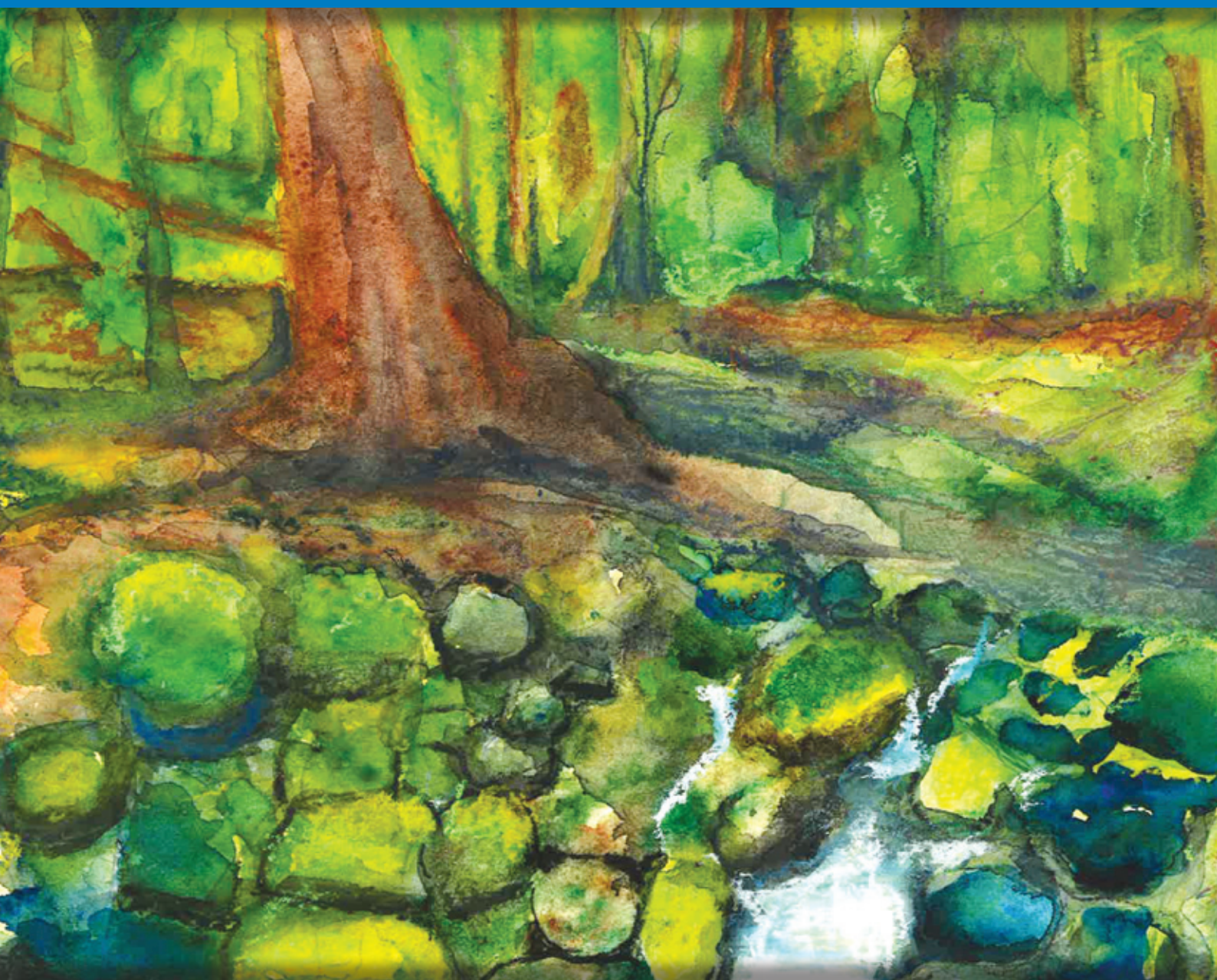


# Annual Report 2011/12





# About Us

Huntington's Victoria is the only specialist service in Victoria to support and assist people affected by Huntington's Disease (HD).

## Our Mission

To sustain a high quality of life for people affected by Huntington's, their carers and their family, while supporting/encouraging research towards a cure.

## Our Vision

All people affected by HD live meaningful and hopeful lives as valued members of the community with equitable and timely access to resources and empowered choices for care and support of the highest quality.

## Our Priorities

### The key focus for the organisation is:

- Provide high quality services to those impacted by HD including clients, carers and family.
- Support, understand and communicate high quality research that informs better care and leads to a cure.
- Advocate on behalf of HD clients, carers and family to ensure high quality services and research.
- Ensure Huntington's Victoria is a sustainable organization

## Huntington's Victoria Board 2011-2012

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| <b>President</b>         | Angela Weller                                   |
| <b>Vice President</b>    | Helen Walsh                                     |
| <b>Treasurer</b>         | Anne Sanderson                                  |
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# President's Report 2012

This is my final report as President of Huntington's Victoria. I have been a committed member of the board for several years now and have been honoured to fulfil the role of President throughout my time on the Board.

There have been many challenges and highlights during this time, I have been proud to serve as a member of a dedicated and courageous

community. We continue to focus on the integral concepts of Hope, Dignity and Awareness as we strive to respond to the needs of those who require our support.

During my time at Huntington's Victoria, I have been part of and seen so much significant change and progress. In that sense I know that I am leaving an organisation that has achieved so much and which has a bright and ambitious future. The areas that particularly stand out for me are service delivery, advocacy, community connections and financial security.

I believe that Huntington's Victoria understands the needs of those affected, and provides a timely, compassionate and responsive service. This is underpinned by a solid theoretical framework that is acknowledged locally as well as internationally as evidence based practice. We are piloting a regional service which will attempt to address the needs of community members at a local level. We continue to seek feedback from you, the community, about our services to ensure that we continue to provide high quality programs that are both effective and relevant to our clients and their support network.

As an organisation we have increased our visibility substantially in our role as advocate. The specific needs of our clients are being represented and articulated to government and stakeholders internationally and locally. We are engaged in vital conversations about research, policies and programs that affect us now and also in the future. Huntington's Victoria continues to foster a productive relationship with medical and research professionals including a community voice within research discussions.

Huntington's Victoria has hosted a number of awareness building events in the last year these include the International Huntington's Association Family Day as part of the World Congress on Huntington's disease. Huntington's Victoria organised and hosted the day which was a great success and led to a number of ongoing relationships. More recently, the Huntington's Disease Charity Gala Ball, was a remarkable effort in its flawless organisation and presentation. Many of you who attended would have experienced the poignant messages about Huntington's Victoria, as well as the sense of excitement and glamour the evening generated.

I would like to acknowledge the staff, led by Tammy Gardner our General Manager. They are a professional and dedicated team, who increasingly strive meet the needs of our community. Tammy leads the staff with remarkable commitment, and I wish her and the team every success in the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the Board's support of me in the role of President as well as recognizing the Board's invaluable time, commitment and effort towards building awareness of HD and meeting the needs of those impacted by HD. I would like to thank everyone who has been part of my personal experience at Huntington's Victoria. It has led me to believe that Hope, Dignity and Awareness is possible and can be part of the lives of everyone connected to Huntington's Victoria

Angela Weller

President

# General Manager Report



As we farewell 2011/12 it is timely to reflect upon the achievements of the year. A time where the organisation has focused on the progression of our service delivery and the facilitation of considered partnerships to enable advocacy that is responsive to our current policy environment.

## Service Provision & Client Support Services

The Client Support Services program has experienced a growth in numbers of external referrals and contacts by members of our community. Requests for information, support and education sessions as well as numbers of case management cases are above mandated key performance indicators (KPI). The Individual Support Package (ISP) program is at capacity and has experienced a sustainable increase in the need for persons requiring an immediate allocation of an ISP to support them to remain living at home independently and prevent premature entry into residential care. I am currently in discussions with the Department of Human Services in relation to the reintroduction of an interim emergency fund as a stop gap option to support those members of our community awaiting an allocation of an ISP.

Given the current economic climate we are increasingly working with a growing number of vulnerable clients in need of assistance and advocacy. We continue to develop the capacity and accessibility of the Huntingtons Victoria website complimented by the launch of our Facebook page enabling Huntingtons Victoria to extend its reach to a wider audience in order to continue to build awareness of Huntingtons Disease. Huntington's Victoria also welcomed a new staff member Tali Troy into the Client Support Services team.

## Partnerships

Huntingtons Victoria have focused on maintaining and forging new partnerships across state and international lines. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all our service partners for their commitment towards promoting the needs of the HD community. I would like to welcome recent international partners HDBuzz and HDYO (Huntington's Disease Youth Organisation). From a local perspective new exciting

partnerships were established with Monash University School of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences and with JoAnne Bevilacqua a family therapist. Monash University School Community Based Practice Program is an education method in medical education that places medical students in community agencies. By being invited to participate in this program Huntington's Victoria was able to introduce future medical practitioners to HD and associated social justice and equity issues experienced by those living with the disease. A family therapy counseling program was launched this year in partnership with JoAnne Bevilacqua a private practitioner that is accessible to all families and has been well utilized.

## Advocacy

Hope, Dignity and Awareness are the essential tenant of building an understanding of HD in order to effectively advocate for the needs of our community. I have principally focused on advocating for our communities right to access early superannuation without penalties, to be included in discussions pertaining to the development of the National Disability Insurance Scheme framework and to commence consultations in relation to eliminating the financial barriers to Pre-implementation Genetic Diagnosis.

I would like to recognise our supporters for their continued commitment and dedication. To the team of Huntingtons Victoria we would not be the service that we are now without "your can do attitude" when overcoming obstacles in order to meet the needs of the clients you serve. I look forward to continuing to serve this community now and in the future.

Tammy Gardner  
General Manager  
Huntington's Victoria

# A Year In Review



## July, August, September 2011

### IHA Day & World Congress on HD

Melbourne played host to the World Congress on Huntington's disease as well as the International Huntington's Association Family Day. The World Congress and IHA Family Day provided the opportunity for both research and allied health professionals to network with the HD community and has attracted delegates and a number of well-respected and recognised researchers and HD specialists across the globe including Dr Martha Nance, Dr Nancy Wexler, A/ Prof Anthony Hannan, Prof Nellie Georgiou- Karistianis, Prof Julie Stout, Dr Andrew Churchyard, Dr Danny Hatters, Prof Martin Delatycki, and Prof Sarah Tabrizi to name a few.

The World Congress also introduced the HD community to HDBuzz, an HD research news site written in plain language making research accessible to all.



### International Allied Health Network

Huntington's Victoria as part of the WCHD hosted the inaugural International Allied Health Network Meeting with the aim of establishing a forum in which the global allied health community can provide peer support, collaborate on research and program initiatives, and be a point of reference for relevant knowledge and resources in relation to evidence based practice and research issues.

Following this meeting and at the conclusion of the WCHD, Huntington's Victoria via our website established an online forum where allied health professionals can register as a member and can utilise the discussion board or live chat to liaise with other allied health professionals.

### Genetic Support Network of Victoria- Patient Information Session

On Friday 2nd September 2011, two HD community members presented and provided their personal account on the impact of growing and living in family affected by HD and their own experiences of predictive testing to professionals and genetic counselling students. This talk was held at the Murdoch Institute at the Royal Children's Hospital and hosted by Genetic Services Network Victoria. The purpose was to educate both professionals and students on the 'human' elements of this process, and to encourage them to consider more than the CAG repeat.







## October, November, December 2011

### Annual General Meeting

October saw Huntington's Victoria host the 38th annual General Meeting (AGM) whereby Associate Professor Tony Hannan from the Howard Florey Neuroscience Institute and Dr Andrew Churchyard (Neurologist/HD Specialist) were invited to present on the recent World Congress. A/Prof Tony Hannan provided an overview of the scientific presentations from the WCHD into a format that could be well understood by those outside of the research industry while Dr Andrew Churchyard provided general feedback on the world congress and the link between the research/professional community and the 'lay' community.

### Stem Cell Science- hope, hype and reality

During December 2011 Huntington's Victoria provided part sponsorship and opened a discussion forum on stem cell research as part of the Labour Party National Conference in Sydney.

Stem cell research is an area highly discussed and debated in reference to conditions where current medical intervention is neither available nor successful in treating or curing that condition. Leading Australian stem cell researchers, patient advocates, as well as a number of special guests were invited to speak on the viability of this type of research and the role of Government and

policy makers to ensure that there remains a place for stem cell research in Australia. Of those invited to speak on this matter included the Hon Kate Lundy, MP and Professor Martin Pera, Director of Stem Cell Australia.

### Community Cabinet

On Wednesday 9th November Huntington's Victoria team attended a community cabinet meeting with the Prime Minister the Hon Julia Gillard MP and a number of Federal Ministers were also in attendance.

The community cabinet meeting provided the forum for the local community to ask questions and raise issues of direct concern to them and the community they live within. As part of this forum, HV had the opportunity to secure a private meeting with the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs, Honourable Jenny Macklin MP in relation to matters that affect the HD and the extended neurological community. HV raised and discussed some the issues including:

- Inclusion of representatives from the neurodegenerative community in the discourse in relation to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
- Funding limitations in relation to IVF Pre-Implementation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD).
- Early access to Superannuation





## January, February, March 2012

### HV Welcomes new staff member

In January Huntington's Victoria welcomed Tali Troy as a new staff member to the team. Tali joined the Client Support Services team as a graduate social worker. Tali have been a terrific addition to the team, fulfilling roles within case management and information services.

### Meeting with the Hon Bill Shorten MP

After the busy holiday period, January saw Huntington's Victoria meet with the Hon Bill Shorten MP to discuss some issues pertinent to the HD community and the extended neurological family. These issues were in relation to Superannuation, IVF Pre-Implementation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD) and Medicare and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) with the main discussion points outlined below.

#### Superannuation

- Early access to superannuation for those under the age of retirement incurs a tax fee. Under certain circumstances, early access to your superannuation is tax free for example if you are diagnosed with a 'terminal illness'. HV has begun discussions with the government in relation to the definition of what is a terminal illness.

#### National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

- The NDIS is to revolutionise the way disability is funded not only within Victoria but throughout Australia with the premise that all Australians should have access to appropriate and timely support to help maintain a person's independence and autonomy in the community. HV met with the Hon Bill Shorten MP to ensure that the needs of those with a neurological condition like HD are considered when this system is being developed.

#### Pre-implantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD)

- This process enables parents to ensure that they can have a child that does not carry the Huntington's gene. This process is costly and is currently not covered by Medicare or any government funding scheme. We were fortunate enough to bring it to the attention of the government through our meeting with the Hon Bill Shorten. This remains on our agenda and will seek as an organisation to remove this financial obstacle to ensure equal access for those to choose this path.

## April, May, June 2012

### NDIS Roundtable

Huntington's Victoria attended a roundtable discussion with Mike Symon the Federal Member for Deakin and Senator the Hon Jan McLucas, Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities & Carers, with other peak bodies regarding the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

Discussion Points raised by HV included:

1. Establishing a transparent communication pathway to enable the free flow of information between the Neurological Alliance and the current NDIS advisory committee.
2. The current lack of representation of the neurological group as part of the NDIS advisory committee

### HV and Rotary International

HV was selected by Rotary International to host two visitors from America who were on a Group Study Exchange. Both these visitors are professionals from the health /disability area with specialities in marketing and working with young children. HV utilised this opportunity to establish a network as well as promoting awareness about HD.

### Partnership with Monash University Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

Two students from the Monash University Community Based Practice Program (CBP Program) have undertaken their placement with HV and participated in project designed to engage the younger members of the HD community. Their project brief was to design a mechanism by which:

- To engage with the younger members of the HD community
- Promote awareness of HD
- Provide opportunities to engage in peer support
- Provide access to experts in the area of HD

Based on the brief provided, the students assisted HV to engage with social media. A plan to utilise social media for engagement purposes was completed and acted upon in the 2012/2013 financial year.



# Our Services

“To achieve realistic outcomes for individuals and their families through direct service provision and secondary consultation with other healthcare professionals and global experts to increase awareness and understanding HD and its impact on individuals, families and the community in general.”

## Huntington's Victoria Client Support Services

Huntington's Victoria once again demonstrated an ongoing and inclusive service provision through its Client Support Services program by providing practical support to individuals and their families through direct service provision and secondary consultation.

As part of Huntington's Victoria ongoing direct service provision and dedication to provide best practice to the HD community, Huntington's Victoria have been active in writing and submitting papers on innovative models of care to relevant internationally recognized conferences. Included below is one of the papers successfully considered and presented at the World Congress on Huntington's disease (WCHD) in September 2011 held in Melbourne.

**Innovative approaches to psychosocial care with clients affected by Huntington's disease:**  
**A model of service delivery within a community context practice**  
T Gardner, A Maur, M Brinsmead, L Linerthol, Huntington's Victoria, Melbourne, Australia

Huntington's Victoria is a state wide organisation interested in human significance, communication and the facilitation of individual choice. Its stated principles align with the social work international doctrine of:

- Respect for and promotion of individual rights to self-determination
- Responsibility to promote the welfare and well-being of all persons
- Respect for people as social beings
- To combat inequality and structural oppression
- To ensure access to justice

Social worker practitioners more than any other professional group, are appropriately located between the individual and their environments. It is argued that the practice of social work within the current economic context of cost effectiveness is creating immense and perplexing challenges to the way services are delivered.

Huntington's Victoria has responded to the economic context of practice through the development and application of a two tiered system. This has enabled social work practitioners to engage with a conceptual understanding of the dynamics between the HD population, the economic environment of service delivery and the relationship to professional values and program design. The two tiered system considers from a person centred approach to care how to meet the individual needs of the client in an appropriate and timely manner across the care continuum. The adoption of a person centred theoretical framework allows that facilitation of evidence based service provision that is responsive to client need and is also cost effective.

**The Costs of Huntington's disease**  
It is well known that a diagnosis of HD precipitates various costs inclusive of emotional, social, health and economic to both those with the disease, their families and carers. HD occurs in younger people at a time when they are completing studies and establishing careers, entering relationships and establishing homes and families. It is normally a high cost time in anyone's life and the extra costs of health care, medications, uncertain employment status or enforced early retirement are obvious ways in which HD can have an economic and social impact on people with HD and their families. The evidence with respect to HD and socio-economic costs is directly attributable to status. In Australia it is unequivocal that those who occupy positions at lower levels of the socioeconomic hierarchy face significantly worse in terms of their health and the associated direct and indirect costs.

**Program Design and Effective Client Outcomes**  
Heightened community expectation and individual choice has increased the emphasis on maintaining and supporting a person's participation and independence within their own community. In order to respond to the current practice inclusive of community expectations Huntington's Victoria has, by means of program design and development produced and implemented a two tier system of psychosocial support that is informed by Maslow's hierarchy of need and a person centred care both theoretical verified modes of intervention.

**The costs of Huntington's disease**

As outlined in the above diagram the delivery of a **direct service** in conjunction with **secondary consultation** allows the provision of a relevant, sustainable and cost effective service in the community. The purpose and associated tasks of this flexible approach to the provision of psychosocial care are:

**To provide assistance with care planning**

- To refer to appropriate services that will enable clients to meet their goals and needs
- To provide assistance with navigating the service sector
- Completion of relevant referral tool/forms
- To facilitate person directed planning for current and future client needs
- Working with the individual and family to ensure that a comprehensive care plan is established that is specific to the psychosocial needs of the client

**Provide Support Coordination:**

- To monitor the implementation of support arrangements
- To advocate on behalf of the client to ensure that supports provided are in line with client goals
- To improve and/or develop networks with local services thereby progressing local knowledge of HD
- To have an extensive knowledge of local services to enable HD families to engage with support services without fear of breach of confidentiality
- To enable clients receive equitable, efficient and effective services across the care continuum.

**Provide Secondary Consultation**

- Attend care planning meetings with relevant stakeholders to provide expert knowledge to inform decision making when necessary
- To educate stakeholders across the care continuum with respect to client needs
- Provide education to external agencies
- To advocate for adaptation of existing services to address the shifts in target demographic composition of clients that now includes children and adolescents
- To advocate for greater community inclusiveness to ensure services cannot discriminate in relation to access on the basis of progressive neurological disorder

Given the unpredictable progressive nature of the disease the needs of the Huntington's population will only further increase the demand for flexible service provision. A key challenge for Huntington's Victoria has been how to effectively facilitate access and delivery to services to our client base. Accordingly, Huntington's Victoria through the adoption of the person centred approach to care has implemented an adaptable two tier system of service delivery in order to effectively define and meet the needs of the HD client. This innovative system of service delivery enables a responsible association between the content of practice and achieving client directed outcomes in order to respond to client need within existing limited resources.

## International Huntington's disease Association (IHA) Family Day

As part of the World Congress on Huntington's disease (WCHD), HV Client Support Services team played a key role in the organising and running of the IHA Family Day on Sunday 11th September 2011.

This day was opened by Tammy Gardner General Manager of HV, with keynote addresses from Dr Nancy Wexler and Charles Sabine. The day was well attended by over 300 delegates having both the opportunity for the research and professional community to network with the HD community.

The IHA Family day upheld the essential principle that the HD community and lay persons' participation is fundamental for community capacity building. The day was divided into two streams with each stream showcasing a number of nationally and internationally recognised speakers qualified to present on their area of expertise. Panel members were represented by both community members and professionals who were able to answer questions in relation to the relevant topic which include:

- Youth living with HD
- Coping strategies
- Starting a family
- Integration of Multidisciplinary care in HD
- Relationships
- Living with HD

The team was fortunate to not only attend the congress but also contribute by forming a great relationship with the HD Buzz team; Dr Jeff Carroll, Dr Ed Wild and Charles Sabine. Melanie Brinsmead, a member of our Client Support Services Team has also played an important part at their "HD Oz" news casts at the end of each day during the World Congress.

A stronger relationship between Huntington's Victoria and the Florey Neuroscience Institute through A/Prof Anthony Hannan was also demonstrated after the HD Congress in Melbourne.



### **The International Allied Health Network Alliance**

The International Allied Health Network Alliance was also established in September 2011 at the World Congress on Huntington's disease. The network provides allied health professionals with a common international platform by which to establish and develop the basis for closer working relationships across the international professional community. The inaugural meeting also took place during the Congress and was facilitated by Tammy Gardner.

Huntington's Victoria website now hosts a platform where members of the Allied Health Network can communicate and share information and their knowledge and experience on HD.

### **Education Sessions**

This financial year, Huntington's Victoria also noticed a remarkable increase in requests for fee for service education sessions. Some of these sessions conducted include:

- Genetic Support Network Victoria
- Residential Aged Care
- Office of the Public Advocate
- Department of Human Services – Youth Justice
- Department of Human Services – Child and Family Services
- Department of Human Services – Disability Services
- Mental Health Services

As the community awareness continues to grow, we anticipate a further increase in education requests for next financial year.





# Community Profile

## Jill Delahunty's story as written by her daughter Mikhaela Delahunty

It's hard to say with certainty when Huntington's Disease (HD) started to affect Jill Delahunty but the gait started when she was 38. Understandably, it took Jill a few years to accept that HD would take over, despite the speed of her deterioration. Fearful, isolated and angry at age 42 Jill made the agonising decision to leave her teenage daughter in the care of grandparents and to The Arthur Preston Respite Centre in Burwood, a Huntington's Disease specific care facility. It was a reluctant but necessary move.

Having HD was in no way a blessing, but Jill was still able to enjoy life. It was perhaps having HD that opened her eyes to new ways of thinking, experiencing and interpreting the world and it was widely acknowledged that Jill handled her adversity with dignity and courage. Some even called it noble.

Previously a staunch Atheist, watching Jill explore her spirituality was an interesting experience- and she didn't discriminate. She prayed to her 'goddess,' had a dream diary where she documented her many New Age 'astro travels' (all over the world, to India, China, to Alice Springs to visit an Aboriginal tribes) and occasionally she attended Uniting Church to pray. Jill left this world believing in the power of prayer and positive energy and life beyond death.

It was thanks to a renewed interest in Huntington's Disease research, new recreation programs at ARPS and the support of family, friends and staff that by 2004/05 it seemed as if Jill began to join the dots and find some purpose in her suffering.

Attending Huntington's Disease conferences helped Jill feel positive about advancements and treatments in HD. She became known for interjecting mid presentation with questions. Jill was admired for ignoring her communication issues and having the confidence to speak to anyone, anytime, no matter how unclear.

There were still a few words that she could say with distinction right until her death- one was a swear word, the other was the names, Mikhaela (her daughter) and Ruby (her granddaughter).

Volunteers helped Jill use the Internet to keep up to date on the latest in HD advancements and stem cell research and she was able to keep in touch with people she met via email. Jill genuinely believed that a cure was around the corner and when cured she would move to France and become a teacher. Jill was also motivated to set an example and show other people with HD that they were entitled to have quality of life, too.

Jill certainly challenged people's perception of a person living with HD. Through Jill's 'persistent reminding' she organized a 'structure' that ensured she was informed of every concert coming to Melbourne and she made it quite clear that the poor recreation staff were to move heaven and earth to make sure she was in the crowd. Regardless of exclusivity, she got there- among many she saw Elton John (each time he was in Melbourne) Ac/Dc, the Eagles, Cold Chisel, The Angels, John Farnham, Suzie Quatro, Rock of Ages and many more. Eventually her room resembled that of a bat cave of dangling merchandise scored at concerts.

People were always impressed by Jill's humour, wit and intelligence. A born show off, Jill was able to entertain as well as anyone. She had an array of practical jokes- like telling the cooks she 'hated their cooking' or telling people 'she doesn't like them anymore' and teasing staff; she even called herself Melissa for a time, just to confuse people.

She loved art, books, history, ballet, was passionate about human rights, politics and world affairs. She could also talk forever about rock music, Lord Of the Rings, sci-fi but was best known for a strange, inexplicable obsession with Dragons. When she died,



her daughter had to find space for more than 100 rather odd looking, lizards figurines.

During the 10 years she spent at ARPS many new programs were implemented and it might have just been luck that they seemed to be directly related to Jill's key interests: meditation, music therapy and art therapy. At some point there were hand massages and yoga lessons going around too. Jill got a lot out of swimming, gossiping with the amazing staff, going home to see friends and family. Her life was enhanced by people who opened their hearts and lives to Jill and she was able to thrive because of the support of the people around her. Most of all, her biggest thrill was becoming a grandmother in Feb 2011.

Jill confided that she found the disease hard, that she could feel her body deteriorate. Regardless, she put on a brave face. Her daughter Mikhaela says that she never really knew how much Jill struggled because she never once complained and that she 'always had a smile on her face, excited about something, someone, somewhere.'

Jill always said Huntington's would not beat her and it didn't, as Jill died from unrelated complications. Jill would be chuffed to know her marvellous brain was donated to the Brain Bank, which will help in Huntington's Research.

In many ways it is a blessing that Jill was spared the end stages of her disease, but none the less Jill will be missed.

Jill died on the 29th of January 2012, she was 51. She was survived by her daughter, mother and granddaughter.

## David (1950 – 1999)

He really was a wonderful guy  
I was only 16 when he caught my eye  
We dated and wed, and had lots of fun  
A wonderful adventure had barely begun.

He was an artist, a teacher, a musician and pilot,  
Bush walker, film lover and had a book collection he loved a lot.  
A man of vision – passionate about life.  
I was so amazed to be his wife.

A family came, a daughter, a son.  
Our home in the bush, beauty second to none.  
An LE Monaro was our V8 family car.  
We went on journeys near and far, (mostly the Grampians).

But then one day he stumbled and fell.  
Things weren't the same, you could start to tell.  
The word Huntington's into our family came.  
And to find out about it brought up many a name.

Cousins, aunts, uncles, Father, Brother.  
Who could tell, maybe some other?  
But instead of shrinking, our family grew.  
A worldwide H.D. Community came out of the blue.

And so they enrich us as we travel along,  
Pulling together is how we stay strong.  
Each family with its own special story to tell.  
Our loved ones are remembered, and treasured so well.

By Gloria, 11.09.12.



# Our Partners 2011/12

“We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided.”

*J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*

Working in collaboration with our invaluable partners enables our Victorian based community to not only support but have immediate access to local and international forums.

## HD Buzz

Huntington's Victoria is a proud financial supporter of HDBuzz. HV is a firm believer of ensuring our community has the most up to date and easily accessible research from around the globe. HDBuzz translates research into information that is meaningful to the general community. Direct feeds of information from HDBuzz are now available on the Huntington's Victoria website

Huntington's Victoria has been a proud partner of HDBuzz since October 2011 and look forward to maintaining this partnership well into the future.



## HDYO

HDYO – Huntington's Disease Youth Organisation was introduced by Matt Ellison at the World Congress on Huntington's Disease in September 2011 and was officially launched in February 2012. HDYO is a not for profit organisation run by young people for young people impacted by HD. Huntington's Victoria financially supports the work of HDYO.



## HV and Family Therapy Program

Huntington's Victoria has partnered with JoAnne Bevilacqua in establishing a family therapy counseling program for the benefit of our community, located at the office of HV. She promotes family inclusion in all of her work, with family being both the family of origin, (parents/grandparents) and the family of creation (partners, children). This program recognises the direct emotional impact of Huntington's disease on the family network. This program is accessible to all families under the Mental Health Care Plan as covered by Medicare.

## Partnership with Monash University School of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

We are excited to have entered into a partnership with Monash University School of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences by accepting second year students to undertake a community placement. This placement provides future doctors with the opportunity to learn about Huntington's disease, the challenges and barriers clients face when living with this condition and the importance of working in collaboration with other professionals and key stakeholders.

Each placement requires the students to undertake a project and therefore we engaged the students to develop a social media framework for younger adults. The utilisation of social media forums will enable younger members of our community to access information and supports as well as opportunities for networking in a manner both relevant and familiar to their generation.



# Annual Financial Report

## For the year ended 30 June 2012

### Committee Of Management's Report

The Committee of Management submits their report, together with financial statements of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2012.

#### Committee of Management

The Committee of Management of the Association in office any time during or since the end of the financial year and up to the date of this report are:

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>President</b>          | Angela Weller  |
| <b>Treasurer</b>          | Anne Sanderson   |
| <b>Committee members:</b> | Richard Weston<br>Faye Faulkner<br>Helen Walsh<br>Fran Poisson |

#### Principal Activities

The Association offers a wide variety of services to people living throughout the state of Victoria to assist people with HO, those at risk and their families. These services include individual and family counselling and support; information; education; advocacy and community development; short term groups; social and recreational activities; assistance with respite and accommodation; ongoing support for carers and those at risk; and creative responses to the needs of the HO community.

#### Significant Changes

There were no significant changes in the nature of those activities during the year.

#### Results for the year

The net amount of surplus of the Association for the financial year was \$80,057 (2011: \$152,950). During the year the Association invested in shares of Australian listed corporations and made a gain of \$4,628 on the disposal of a shareholding in its portfolio of investments.

These financial assets are stated at fair values at the end of the reporting period.

#### Reserves, provisions

The amounts transferred to or from reserves or provisions during the year were as follows:

Transfer to (from) Provision for Annual Leave \$14,722 (2011: \$11,538)

Transfer to Financial Asset Reserve - net gain on re-measurement of investments in listed shares \$13,562 (2011: Nil).

#### Current Assets

The Committee of Management has taken reasonable steps to ascertain whether any current assets were unlikely to realise in the ordinary course of business their value as shown in the accounting records of the Association and have caused those assets to be written down to an amount that they might be expected to realise.

The Committee of Management at the date of this report was not aware of any circumstances not otherwise dealt with in this report or accounts which would render any amount stated in the accounts misleading.

### **Charges and contingent liabilities**

There exists at the date of this report:

- No charge on the assets of the Association that has risen since the end of the financial year and secures the liabilities of any other person
- No contingent liability that has risen since the end of the financial year.

### **Material and unusual items and events**

The Committee of Management at the date of this report is not aware of any circumstances not otherwise dealt with in this report or accounts that would render any amount stated in the accounts misleading.

The results of the Association operations during the financial year were not in the opinion of the Committee of Management substantially affected by any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature.

### **Events after the Reporting Period**

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Committee of Management, to affect substantially the results of the Association's operations for the next succeeding financial year.

### **Committee Members' benefits and contracts**

Since the end of the previous financial year, Committee of Management members have not received or become entitled to receive a benefit (other than a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by the Committee of Management as shown in the accounts, or the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the Association), by reason of a contract made by the Association with the Committee of Management members or with a firm of which they are members or with a company in which they have substantial financial interests.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Management and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee of Management.

Signed at Melbourne on 17 October 2012



Angela Weller  
President



Anne Sanderson  
Treasurer



## Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2012

|   | Note | 2012<br>\$     | 2011<br>\$     |
|---|------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>  |      |                |                |
| Donations   |      | 46,115         | 88,354         |
| Government Grants   |      | 513,146        | 498,936        |
| Grants - others   |      | 10,707         | 14,040         |
| Fundraising   |      | 11,942         | 19,739         |
| Investment income - interest received   |      | 127,091        | 130,203        |
| Membership  |      | 1,860          | 5,780          |
| Net gain (losses) on sale of available-for-sale financial assets                    |      | 4,628          | -              |
| Telemarketing   |      | 58,062         | 76,868         |
| Dividends received (including franking credits)                                     |      | 13,824         | -              |
| Other income  |      | 4,539          | 1,679          |
| <b>Total revenue</b>  |      | <b>791,914</b> | <b>835,599</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>   |      |                |                |
| Advertising & sponsorship   |      | 9,400          | 1,874          |
| Annual leave expense  |      | 14,722         | (11,538)       |
| Attendant care  |      | -              | 953            |
| Audit expenses  |      | 100            | -              |
| Audit fees  |      | 4,250          | 4,250          |
| Bank & investment charges   |      | 6,087          | 6,658          |
| Computer costs  |      | 17,364         | 14,716         |
| Contractors & temporary staff   |      | 21,749         | 17,017         |
| Depreciation of property, plant & equipment   |      | 27,299         | 36,295         |
| Entertainment & travel  |      | 512            | 714            |
| Fundraising expenses  |      | -              | -              |
| General expenses  |      | 7,324          | 10,693         |
| Individual & Extraordinary support  |      | 21,169         | 8,731          |
| Insurance   |      | 3,448          | 3,081          |
| Lease charges   |      | 13,893         | 20,346         |
| Legal fees  |      | 1,818          | -              |
| Long service leave expense  |      | -              | -              |
| Motor vehicle expenses  |      | 8,423          | 7,743          |
| Printing, stationery & postage  |      | 10,769         | 13,305         |
| Rates & utilities (incl. Electricity)   |      | 10,515         | 7,024          |
| Recruitment costs   |      | 5,430          | 5,090          |
| Rent  |      | 75,105         | 63,019         |
| Repairs & maintenance   |      | 5,648          | 6,897          |
| Salaries & wages  |      | 378,445        | 398,892        |
| Staff training & Conferences  |      | 21,004         | 2,263          |
| Subscriptions & donations   |      | 1,604          | 1,731          |
| Superannuation  |      | 33,831         | 34,642         |
| Telephone & facsimile   |      | 7,389          | 9,182          |
| Website costs   |      | 275            | 13,166         |
| Workcover   |      | 4,284          | 5,904          |
| <b>Total expenses</b>   |      | <b>711,857</b> | <b>682,649</b> |
| <b>Current year surplus (deficit) before income tax</b>                             | 2    | 80,057         | 152,950        |
| Income tax expense  | 1(a) | -              | -              |
| <b>Net current year surplus (deficit)</b>   |      | 80,057         | 152,950        |
| <b>Other comprehensive income after income tax:</b>                                 |      |                |                |
| Net gain (loss) on remeasurement of investments in listed shares available for sale |      | 13,562         | -              |
| Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax                                 |      | 13,562         | -              |
| <b>Total comprehensive income attributable to:</b>                                  |      |                |                |
| Members of the entity   |      | 93,619         | 152,950        |

## Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2012

|                                  | Note | 2012<br>\$ | 2011<br>\$ |
|----------------------------------|------|------------|------------|
| <b>Current assets</b>            |      |            |            |
| Cash and cash equivalents        | 4    | 2,481,564  | 2,717,030  |
| Trade and other receivables      | 5    | 45,241     | 24,277     |
| Other current assets             | 6    | 4,605      | 4,725      |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>      |      | 2,531,410  | 2,746,032  |
| <b>Non-current assets</b>        |      |            |            |
| Financial assets                 | 8    | 330,916    | -          |
| Plant and equipment              | 7    | 107,664    | 118,132    |
| <b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>  |      | 438,580    | 118,132    |
| <b>Total Assets</b>              |      | 2,969,990  | 2,864,164  |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>       |      |            |            |
| Trade and other payables         | 9    | 51,315     | 53,830     |
| Short-term provisions            | 10   | 37,732     | 23,010     |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b> |      | 89,047     | 76,840     |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>         |      | 89,047     | 76,840     |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                |      | 2,880,943  | 2,787,324  |
| <b>Equity</b>                    |      |            |            |
| Reserves                         | 11   | 13,562     | -          |
| Retained surplus                 |      | 2,867,381  | 2,787,324  |
| <b>Total Equity</b>              |      | 2,880,943  | 2,787,324  |

## Statement of changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2012

|   | Note | Retained<br>Earnings<br>\$ | Financial Asset<br>Reserve<br>\$ | Total<br>\$ |
|---|------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Balance at 1 July 2010</b>                     |      | 2,634,374                  | -                                | 2,634,374   |
| <b>Comprehensive income</b>                       |      |                            |                                  |             |
| Net surplus attributable to members of the entity |      | 152,950                    | -                                | 152,950     |
| <b>Balance at 30 June 2011</b>                    |      | 2,787,324                  | -                                | 2,787,324   |
| <b>Comprehensive income</b>                       |      |                            |                                  |             |
| Net surplus attributable to members of the entity |      | 80,057                     | -                                | 80,057      |
| Other comprehensive income for the year           |      | -                          | 13,562                           | 13,562      |
| <b>Balance at 30 June 2012</b>                    |      | 2,867,381                  | 13,562                           | 2,880,943   |

## Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2012

|   | Note | 2012<br>\$ | 2011<br>\$ |
|---|------|------------|------------|
| <b>Cash Flow From Operating Activities</b>          |      |            |            |
| Government grants                                   |      | 571,468    | 625,943    |
| Grants - others                                     |      | 10,707     | 14,040     |
| Donations   |      | 46,115     | 88,354     |
| Dividends received                                  |      | 8,923      | -          |
| Payments to suppliers and employees                 |      | (759,187)  | (945,076)  |
| Interest received                                   |      | 113,248    | 135,935    |
| Finance costs paid                                  |      | -          | -          |
| Other income  |      | 102,817    | 105,743    |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | 1b   | 94,091     | 24,939     |
| <b>Cash Flow From Investing Activities</b>          |      |            |            |
| Payments for property, plant and equipment          |      | (16,831)   | (53,937)   |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment   |      | -          | 750,000    |
| Payments for financial assets                       |      | (344,374)  | -          |
| Proceeds from sale of financial assets              |      | 31,648     | -          |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities |      | (329,557)  | 696,063    |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash held                |      | (235,466)  | 721,002    |
| Cash at beginning of year                           |      | 2,717,030  | 1,996,028  |
| Cash at end of year                                 | 1a   | 2,481,564  | 2,717,030  |



## Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2012

|  | Note | 2012<br>\$ | 2011<br>\$ |
|--|------|------------|------------|
| <b>1 Cash Flow information</b>   |      |            |            |
| <b>a. Reconciliation of cash</b>   |      |            |            |
| For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash at bank including interest bearing deposits. Cash at end of the financial year as shown in the Statement of Cash Flows is reconciled to the related items in the Statement of Financial Position as follows: |      |            |            |
| Cash at bank   |      | 666,784    | 1,638,229  |
| Interest bearing deposits  |      | 1,814,780  | 1,078,801  |
|  |      | 2,481,564  | 2,717,030  |
| <b>b. Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with profit (loss) after Income Tax</b>  |      |            |            |
| Profit (loss) after income tax   |      | 80,057     | 152,950    |
| Non-cash flows in profit (loss):   |      |            |            |
| Depreciation   |      | 27,299     | 36,295     |
| (Profit) Loss on disposal of non-current assets  |      | (4,628)    | -          |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:   |      |            |            |
| Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables   |      | (20,844)   | 17,104     |
| (Decrease)/increase in payables  |      | (2,515)    | (169,872)  |
| (Decrease)/increase in provisions  |      | 14,722     | (11,538)   |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities  |      | 94,091     | 24,939     |
| <b>c. Non-cash financing and investing activities</b>  |      |            |            |
| There were no non-cash financing and investing activities during the year.   |      |            |            |
| <b>d. Credit standby arrangement and loan facilities</b>   |      |            |            |
| The association has no present credit standby arrangement; bank overdraft and loan facilities with the financial institution.  |      |            |            |

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012

The financial statements cover Huntington's Victoria Inc as an individual entity. Huntington's Victoria Inc is an association incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act 1981. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions to which they apply. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

#### Accounting Policies

##### a. Income Tax

No provision for income tax is necessary for the Association is exempt from income tax under Subdivision 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

##### b. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

##### Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses. The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually

by the Committee of Management to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal.

#### Depreciation

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

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

Class of Fixed Asset Plant and equipment (over 10 years)

Depreciation Rate 10%

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

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### c. Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

#### d. 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.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012 (Cont)

### e. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at bank, 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 statement of financial position.

### f. 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 the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position 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 cash flows.

### g. Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to Huntington's Victoria Inc and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised.

#### Government and Other Grants

Revenue from grants is recognised when Huntington's Victoria Inc has control of the grant funds which is usually the receipt of funds..

#### Donations

Revenue from donations is recognised when received.

#### Investment income

Interest earned on investments held is recognised as the interest accrues. Dividend revenue is recognized when the right to receive a dividend has been established. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

### h. Financial Instruments

#### Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the association commits

itself to either purchase or sell the asset (ie trade date accounting is adopted). Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss' in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

#### Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at either fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest rate method or cost.

#### (i) Receivables

Receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

#### (ii) Available-for-sale financial assets- Listed Investments

Available-for-sale investments are non-derivative financial assets that are either not capable of being classified into other categories of financial assets due to their nature or they are designated as such by management. They comprise investments in the equity of other entities where there is neither a fixed maturity nor fixed or determinable payments.

They are subsequently measured at fair value with any remeasurements other than impairment losses and foreign exchange gains and losses recognised in other comprehensive income. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss pertaining to that asset previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified into profit or loss. Available-for-sale financial assets are classified as current assets when they are expected to be sold within 12 months after the end of the reporting period. All other available-for-sale financial assets are classified as non-current assets.

#### (iii) Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

#### Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. Impairment losses are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.



## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012 (cont)

### **Derecognition**

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual right to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are either discharged, cancelled or expire. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

### **i. Impairment of Assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the association reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of comprehensive income.

### **j. Comparative Figures**

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

### **k. Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

### **l. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments**

The association evaluates 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 are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the association.

The Committee of Management believes that the estimates and assumptions used during the year would not have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

### **m. New Accounting Standards for application in future periods**

The AASB has issued a number of new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods, some of which are relevant to the association. The association has decided not to early adopt any of the new and amended pronouncements. The Committee of Management does not expect that they will have a material impact on the financial statements.

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012

|  | Note | 2012<br>\$                  | 2011<br>\$ |
|--|------|-----------------------------|------------|
| <b>2 Significant revenue and expenses</b>  |      |                             |            |
| There were no significant revenue and expense items which are relevant in explaining the financial performance.      |      |                             |            |
| <b>3 Key Management Personnel Compensation</b>   |      |                             |            |
| The totals of remuneration paid to key management personnel (KMP) of the association during the year are as follows: |      |                             |            |
| Short-term employee benefits   |      | 95,000                      | 95,497     |
| Post-employment benefits   |      | 8,550                       | 8,559      |
|  |      | 103,550                     | 104,056    |
| <b>4 Cash and cash equivalents</b>   |      |                             |            |
| Cash at bank   |      | 666,784                     | 1,638,229  |
| Interest bearing deposits  |      | 1,814,780                   | 1,078,801  |
|  |      | 2,481,564                   | 2,717,030  |
| <b>5 Trade and other receivables</b>   |      |                             |            |
| <b>Current</b>   |      |                             |            |
| Rental & other deposits/bonds  |      | 22,129                      | 19,950     |
| Interest receivable  |      | 17,991                      | 4,327      |
| Other receivables  |      | 5,121                       | -          |
|  |      | 45,241                      | 24,277     |
| <b>6 Other current assets</b>  |      |                             |            |
| <b>Current</b>   |      |                             |            |
| Prepayments  |      | 4,605                       | 4,725      |
|  |      | 4,605                       | 4,725      |
| <b>7 Plant and equipment</b>   |      |                             |            |
| Office equipment - at cost   |      | 133,512                     | 139,153    |
| Less accumulated depreciation  |      | (25,848)                    | (21,021)   |
| <b>Total plant &amp; equipment</b>   |      | 107,664                     | 118,132    |
| <b>a Movements in carrying amounts</b>   |      |                             |            |
| Movements in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment:                                   |      |                             |            |
|  |      | <b>Office<br/>equipment</b> |            |
|  |      | <b>\$</b>                   |            |
| Balance at 1/7/10  |      | 100,490                     |            |
| Additions  |      | 53,937                      |            |
| Disposals  |      | -                           |            |
| Depreciation/amortisation expense  |      | (36,295)                    |            |
| Balance at 30/6/11   |      | 118,132                     |            |
| Additions  |      | 16,831                      |            |
| Disposal   |      | -                           |            |
| Depreciation/amortisation expense  |      | (27,299)                    |            |
| Carrying amount at 30/6/12   |      | 107,664                     |            |





## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012 (Cont)

|   | Note | 2012<br>\$ | 2011<br>\$ |
|---|------|------------|------------|
| <b>16 Related party transactions</b>  |      |            |            |
| Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other persons unless otherwise stated.  |      |            |            |
| <b>Key Management Personnel</b>   |      |            |            |
| Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the association, directly or indirectly, including its committee members, is considered key management personnel. |      |            |            |
| MSI Ragg Weir Computer Services Pty Ltd for whom Anne Sanderson, a committee member of the Association, acts as director:   |      |            |            |
| - purchase of computer equipments and services  |      | 9,256      | -          |
| <b>17 Financial risk management</b>   |      |            |            |
| <b>Significant financial risk management policies</b>   |      |            |            |
| Huntington's Victoria Inc principal financial instruments are cash and cash investments and available-for-sale financial assets.  |      |            |            |
| The main risks arising from Huntington's financial instruments are interest rate risk and market prices of quoted securities.   |      |            |            |
| Primary responsibility for identification and control of financial risks rests with the Committee of Management.  |      |            |            |
| <b>Fair Values</b>  |      |            |            |
| The fair values of Huntington's financial instruments are materially consistent with the carrying amounts recognised in the financial statements.   |      |            |            |
| For listed available-for-sale financial assets, closing quoted bid prices at the end of the reporting period are used.  |      |            |            |
| <b>Risk exposures and responses</b>   |      |            |            |
| <b>Interest rate risk</b>   |      |            |            |
| Huntington's Victoria Inc is exposed to market risk for changes in interest rates and market prices, primarily related to cash and cash equivalents and available-for-sale financial assets.                                  |      |            |            |
| At balance date Huntington's Victoria Inc had the following financial assets exposed to Australian variable interest rate risk and market prices.   |      |            |            |
| Cash held by Huntington's Victoria Inc.   |      | 2,481,564  | 2,717,030  |
| Available-for-sale financial assets   |      | 330,916    | -          |
| Cash at bank is held in cash management accounts with the National Australia Bank and Macquarie Bank Limited.   |      |            |            |
| Interest bearing deposit accounts are held with the National Australia Bank Limited and Macquarie Bank Limited.   |      |            |            |

## Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2012 (Cont)

|   | Note | 2012<br>\$ | 2011<br>\$ |
|---|------|------------|------------|
| <b>18 Operating lease commitments</b>   |      |            |            |
| Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements                                     |      |            |            |
| (a) The Association has entered into commercial leases on certain motor vehicles and items of office equipment.                     |      |            |            |
| Payable - minimum lease payments:   |      |            |            |
| - not later than 1 year   |      | 19,334     | 17,745     |
| - later than 1 year but not later than 5 years  |      | 29,870     | 27,454     |
|   |      | 49,204     | 45,199     |
| (b) Property lease commitment   |      |            |            |
| The property lease commitment is a non-cancellable operating lease with a three-year term, with rent payable monthly in advance.    |      |            |            |
| Contingent rental provisions within the lease agreement require that the minimum lease payments shall be increased by 4% per annum. |      |            |            |
| An option exists to renew the lease at the end of the three-year term for an additional two further terms of two years.             |      |            |            |
| Payable - minimum lease payments:   |      |            |            |
| - not later than 1 year   |      | 77,875     | 75,130     |
| - later than 1 year but not later than 5 years  |      | -          | 77,875     |
|   |      | 77,875     | 153,005    |
| The above committed payments are exclusive of GST.  |      |            |            |

## Statement by Members of the Committee of Management

In the opinion of the Committee of Management, the financial report as set out on pages 3 to 18 is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Huntington's Victoria Inc. as at 30 June 2012 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Huntington's Victoria Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due

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



Angela Weller  
President



Anne Sanderson  
Treasurer

Date: 17 October 2012



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HUNTINGTON'S VICTORIA INC.

### **Report on the Financial Report**

I have audited the accompanying financial report of Huntington's Victoria Inc. (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2012, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by the committee of management.

### ***The Committee of Management's Responsibility for the Financial Report***

The Association's committee of management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporations Act Vic 1981 and for such internal control as the committee of management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on the audit. I conducted the audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee of management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

### ***Basis for Qualified Auditor's Opinion***

The Association's controls in respect of cash receipts are restricted to initial recording in the receipts book and upon entry into the banking records. As a result, my audit was limited to ensuring the amounts banked are properly recorded in the financial report. Accordingly, I do not express my opinion on whether all receipts have been entered in the banking records and recorded in the financial report and I cannot determine the effects of such adjustments, if any as might have been determined to be necessary had this not existed.



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF HUNTINGTON'S VICTORIA INC. (CONT)**

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***Qualified Auditor's Opinion***

In my opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report of Huntington's Victoria Inc. is in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act Victoria 1981 including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2012 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards.

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ASIC Auditor Registration Number: 215014

**Date: 17 October 2012**



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