



breaking waves

Summer 2010/11



Gorgeous baby Jasmine

Cora Barclay Centre Baby Makes South Australian History

12 month old Jasmine, born profoundly deaf in both ears, made South Australian history as **the first SA child to have simultaneous bilateral cochlear implants** – a procedure in which a cochlear implant is surgically inserted into each ear during the one operation. The operation was performed by ENT surgeon Robert Briggs at the Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital on 8 November and Jasmine attends the Centre's cochlear Implant Clinic.

Her parents **Andrew** and **Angela** who live on Kangaroo Island said... 'we are so pleased we've done this as we believe cochlear implants for both ears is the best option for our baby which is why we took her to Melbourne for the operation'.

Christmas Appeal

Please donate & give children the gift of sound this Christmas...



Mark your diary!

Dates & Events to Remember

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 19th December Elder Park

Special guest Jessica Mauboy

20Twenty Cricket Tournament with Darren Lehman and Friends

Tuesday 11 January, 4pm-9pm

Adelaide University Ovals, Park 10
Mackinnon Parade, North Adelaide

It's the famous 'Boof' doing something more for charity with his good mate Dizzy. This is a brilliant chance to play with (former) greats from the Redbacks! Join a team with Darren Lehmann, Jason Gillespie, Greg Blewett and others. A BBQ cooked by Les Burdett is provided for spectators and players and an after-match cocktail party at The Lion Hotel.

Macquarie is partner in the event and all proceeds go to the Centre.

Tickets are \$300 per person, which includes your spot on the team, a framed team photograph, tournament t-shirt and hat, and post event cocktail party. Contact the Centre on 8267 9200.

Comedy Night at the Arkaba

late January 2011, date to be confirmed

Kick start Cora Barclay's 2011 fundraising year with a star-studded line-up of interstate and local comedy – headlining is the very funny, the very talented Tom Gleeson.

THANK YOU

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From the CEO

It never rains... it pours!

Since the introduction of newborn hearing screening in SA, the Cora Barclay caseload has grown and there

are now over 65 early intervention families. This year we have taken on 18 deaf children in early intervention and 21 in school support. While it's a privilege, and fun, to work with families there is an inevitable pressure on budget and facilities.

Next year we hope to fix both these problems in our 65th Anniversary Year. The budget will benefit from increased Commonwealth funding and we are hopeful of a positive response to our State Government funding submission which focuses on the financial impact of increased caseload over the past 4 years. We expect our long-awaited, three-storey building at the rear of the Centre to be built in the first half of the year. What a relief this will be!

Highlights of the year include:

- Jasmine - South Australia's first simultaneous bilateral cochlear implant
- increased Commonwealth funding through the **Better Start for Children with Disabilities** starting next July
- the immediate impact of our national association **First Voice** in regard to public funding, corporate sponsorship and research.

We have much to celebrate. My thanks to the board, staff, volunteers and, of course, our families who ultimately are the ones who make it all happen for their own children and for future generations of children who are deaf and hearing impaired. We hope you will continue to support us in helping these children..

May I wish all of the above and our generous supporters a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Michael Forwood

Matthew and Michelle run a chicken farm in the Adelaide Hills and are proud parents of four beautiful children - five year old Ethan, Jaiden aged four, two year old Josiah and baby Sophie who is six months. They have been coming to Cora Barclay for nearly 5 years since Ethan, who is profoundly deaf, was an infant. Josiah, like Ethan, is also deaf and both have cochlear implants. Sophie was diagnosed with a significant hearing loss when she was only two weeks old and will soon have cochlear implant surgery.

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Program Manager's Report

'It has been an excellent year on the clinical front. We have two wonderful new staff in Niva Nair and Joy Althorpe bringing new skills to the clinical team which is the greatest asset we have to offer our families. As mentioned in the CEO's report, numbers have continued to rise in both early intervention and school support which is gratifying, but challenging!

The parent network has thrived during 2010. So many parents have helped with fundraising, parent-to-parent support, the EI and Centre newsletters, the parent directory, and by planning and attending family events. The year culminated with the well attended Family Christmas Picnic at the lovely Regency Park on Sunday 28 November.

The most important clinical development for the year was the introduction of uniform assessment protocols for the First Voice centres which will give us speech and language outcomes for more than 500 children in AVT programs around Australia and New Zealand. With this has come the publication of our own Cora Barclay outcomes. The first 31 children assessed under the new protocols show, on average, that children receiving AVT at CBC have speech and language development that is equal, and often above, the development of hearing children of the same age. These are results of which everyone can be truly proud.

Wishing all members of the extended CBC community happiness, good health and a restful break.

Robyn Phillips

Family Focus

Michelle Braendler with her four beautiful children



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Kelly Vincent MLC visits the Centre

Tuesday 16 Nov 2010

The inspirational Kelly Vincent, Dignity for Disability MLC, visited the Centre in November. She met staff and talked with CEO Michael Forwood and Program Manager Robyn Phillips about the challenges children with hearing loss face as they learn to hear, listen and speak.



Visit from the Leader of the Opposition

Our thanks to Isobel Redmond and the State Liberal Party for supporting Loud Shirt Day. This led to a visit to the Centre on 10 August when we discussed developments in hearing technology, cochlear implants, service growth and funding issues.



Isobel Redmond, Vickie Chapman, David Pisoni and Michael Forwood

First Voice Launch 7 October 2010

On the 7th October at Admiralty House the Governor-General, Ms Quentin Bryce AC, launched **First Voice** – an alliance of Australia/New Zealand auditory verbal therapy Centre's of which Cora Barclay is a member. It is an honour to have the Governor-General as our Patron and her first 'official' duty was to unveil a bust of cochlear implant inventor Professor Graeme Clark AC. Professor Clark, who revolutionised lives for deaf people, is pictured with Ms Bryce and children from The Shepherd Centre in Sydney.



Stop Press

News, gossip & snippets

Cora Barclay Centre graduates secure their dream jobs

Michelle Hendriks (22) and Alexander Phillips (23) are both profoundly deaf and have cochlear implants. Upon finishing their high school education with CBC support, at Tatchilla Lutheran College and Concordia College, respectively, Michelle and Alex, who are both WHISPA founding mentors, continued with their studies at post graduate level.

Michelle, after a period of work experience with Southern Veterinary Clinic, impressed so much, that she was employed as a trainee veterinary nurse. She will study for two years at TAFE while working full-time.

Alex completed his Masters Degree in Commerce and Finance, at Adelaide University this month and will commence employment as a Senior Business Analyst, with a national insolvency accountancy firm, in January.



Edwin in the Chicken Club

Watch out for Urrbrae Agricultural High Student Edwin...

in an SBS television's Happy 30th Birthday advert. Edwin, who has bilateral cochlear implants and is supported by Cora Barclay's Audiology Department, took the opportunity to celebrate subtitles for deaf people while wishing SBS a happy birthday!

The Pandas Perform for Cora Barclay students

Thanks to the AMP volunteer program, Melanie Carvill and team at AMP in Dulwich and Wayne Smith from United Way for making possible a trip to the Adelaide Zoo for a group of Cora Barclay Centre children. We were lucky enough to see the pandas, enjoy the beautiful zoo and get to know some wonderful volunteers from the AMP. A great day was had by all!

In 2011 the Cora Barclay Centre celebrates 65 years and we would love to hear from past students, staff and families. Call Admin on 8267 9200 or email reception@corabraclay.com.au

Staff Farewell and thank you to Marguerite Westlake, we wish her well in her new employment. Welcome to Diane Gregory who replaces Marguerite as administration coordinator.

Further On in 2010

His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce and Mrs. Liz Scarce joined the extended Cora Barclay community



and supporters at Further On 2010. The event, which celebrates the achievement of school students was held in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Walkerville. It was an inspiration to hear from some very impressive students who shared their poignant and often humorous experiences. His Excellency addressed the audience before presenting students with acknowledgement certificates.

