

Annual Report
Annual General Meeting
October 29th, 2022

The past year has been a positive one for our organization, but not without its challenges.

In addition to supporting our members, your committee has been busy with efforts to strengthen and grow our organization this includes:

- Registering as an Incorporated Organization
- Reviewing our Mission and Vision Statements.
- Updating our financial reporting and set up.
- Improving two factor authorizations on all banking transactions
- Creating member focused Policies and Procedures.
- Development and refocus of our organizational plan.
- Strengthening our relationship with Manufacturers and Audiologists.

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Secretary	Penny Phillips
Treasurer	Deborah Bordin
Committee	Joyclyn Turner
Committee	Helen Court
Committee	Laura Drexler

Effective June 2022 and into the coming few years, we have received a significant government grant approval by Queensland Health.

As I write this report, we currently have in our combined accounts over \$105,000.

You will see this reflected more so in future financial reports.

With the recent purchase of designated equipment for coordinators and committee members to facilitate live captions at our meetings in the future, our associations assets have also increased.

In the coming year we will begin to branch out in other area's and support more people as well as updating equipment and providing members with better assistive listening equipment and regular captions when attending the meet ups.

A total of 35 Meet Ups were held over the year in various locations with guest speakers at many of the events, as well as normal cuppa and chats held on alternate months.

We continue to increase our membership as more and more people receive a Cochlear Implant and are looking for support and information.

The new look CICADA Chorus continues to improve as we gain more experience in producing this important source of information, along with the new web site and logo, which has been greeted with overwhelming positive vibes, thank YOU!



Our aim next year is to:

- Increase our presence in Brisbane and the Gold Coast, our Roma Street Sunday meetups have been greatly attended and received, special thanks goes to Kymm Smith.
- To commence new groups in Townsville and Cairns. We hold our first meetings there November 7th this year.
- Attending Disability Workshops having a presence at Expo's making our presence more publicly known.
- To liaise with other related organizations and build up more contact and information for our members.
- To be available to our members and offer more support to those struggling with hearing loss not just Cochlear Implant recipients.
- In 2023 we also intend to launch a more targeted support to partners and families of those with a Hearing Loss and Cochlear Implant. "it is their journey too".

A huge thank you goes too all Volunteer helpers, without you, we would cease to exist, this includes the Committee members, Coordinators, and the quiet volunteers in the background.

Your Executive has spent an incredible number of hours behind the scenes rebuilding from the ground up the infrastructure of our new association.

We are now registered with Google Business as a Not for Profit and with this platform comes a lot of administration change, however it has tidied up so many areas and will give us a completely new and fresh clean slate as we move forward into 2023.

Just these few things mentioned have taken not hours but months to achieve, without the help of Penny Phillips, Samantha Stockwell, Deborah Bordin and the rest of the committee none of this would be possible and we would not be standing here looking so strong and established ready for next year.

I would also like to thank every partner, patron, and supporter we have grown in every area this year, especially with the Manufacturers and the Independent Audiologists of Australia.

We look forward to supporting more people and expanding our services in the coming year.

Thank YOU for your support.

Yours Sincerely



John Ross
President