



Family focus

Peter and Naomi have two children - Brenna and the lively Aiden, pictured above, who was diagnosed with a moderate to severe bi-lateral hearing loss at 12 weeks old. Naomi and Peter were very keen to start helping Aiden and nearly 5 years ago they visited the Centre and were impressed by what they saw.

Naomi is a committed member of the parents Community Wheel and Peter, with two other parents started Walking for Talking, the Cora Barclay City to Bay Fun Run team, which has been a very successful fundraiser for the past three years. Their generous support is greatly appreciated and Aiden is always a welcome and entertaining visitor to the Centre's Admin office.

Aiden's language continues to develop. He loves soccer and starts school in Term 3. Naomi says spending time together as a family, especially during the holidays, always helps his language grow.

Thank you to Our Supporters

To all the supporters of the Melbourne Street Christmas Appeal, the Arkaba Comedy Night and the Quiz Night, grateful thanks for helping keep our Early Intervention Program going. Special mention to Escape Travel North Adelaide, The Hurley Group for donating auction items and making the Arkaba Comedy Night possible; Prince Alfred College (PAC) for donating the Piper Pavilion for the Quiz Night, to PAC teacher Chris McGuire, for being a great quiz master and young dancers Sam Hall and Laura Roscioli who performed beautifully on the night. We received a great many donations for the Quiz Night – from Bleasdale Vineyards, Parish Hill, Wirra Wirra wineries, from KPMG, Menz Chocolates and Dreamy Donuts. Thanks to Nathan Mercurio, Rhonda Stone and CBC parents Lisa, Nicole and Amy for all their help.



The Quiz Night...one of the best dressed tables

The Cora Barclay Centre is a registered charity and our program is made possible by generous community support. To make a tax deductible donation please call Administration on 8267 9200 or online at www.corabarclay.com.au



Autumn 2011

Funding Breakthrough

On Thursday 24 March 2011 Minister Jay Weatherill visited our Centre to announce a new State Government funding package for the Centre for the next three years. This significantly increases our annual recurrent funding from the State Government and has put us back on a solid financial footing after many years of struggling to cope with our increasing caseloads in both our Early Intervention and School Support programs.

The board, staff and families are all thrilled at the news and are pleased to publicly express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Minister and Government for the additional funding. The money will quickly be put to good use in increasing clinical services, strengthening administration and fundraising and purchasing badly needed equipment and resources for our families.



The Hon Jay Weatherill Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development, meets a very curious Sophie

Mark your diary!

Dates and Events to Remember

Movie Night at the Chelsea Cinema
Water for Elephants
Friday 20th May

6pm: drinks & finger food 7.15pm: screening
Tickets \$20 contact Bianca 0413 350 660

All funds will go towards the Cora Barclay Centre

City to Bay Fun Run 18th September
Walking for Talking

Join Cora Barclay's team and raise much needed funds. Telephone Reception on 8267 9200

65th Anniversary Gala Dinner
Cora Barclay Celebrates 65 Years!
Saturday 14th October

John Di Fede Centre
Tickets through the Cora Barclay Centre 8267 9200

The Big Picnic at Walkerville Oval
late October 2011

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From the CEO

Disability Service Reform – It's Time.

It is widely accepted that disability services throughout Australia are urgently in need of a thorough overhaul and a substantial increase in funding. The Australian Productivity Commission has recently released a report advocating the introduction of a National Disability Insurance Scheme that would ensure that all Australians with disabilities would have access to an appropriate range and level of services and support, with more choice and control for people with disabilities and those who care for them. The Productivity Commission Report has identified a need for an increase in funding from around \$6 billion a year to over \$12 billion a year. The Commission is currently undertaking consultations across the nation before finalising its report to Government. At the local level, the State Government has commissioned the Social Inclusion Board to prepare a **Disability Blueprint** to lay the foundation for an entirely fresh approach to funding and services and support to people with disabilities in South Australia. Their report is due in the middle of the year. This is an exciting development and we have welcomed the opportunity to contribute over the past eight months or so.

Michael Forwood

From the Program Manager

It's been a great start to the year with the early intervention program alive with new families, music groups on the increase, plans for reading groups and a new sensory integration assessment and workshop program. I hope it will be a productive year for us all and it is an exciting time with moves to expand the service and build a beautiful extension at the back of the building. I hope you all take the opportunity to come along and meet some more families at future social events and fundraisers. It's always good to share stories and experiences with other parents and this year we turn 65 so there are plenty of reasons to celebrate!

Robyn Phillips



Sounds Stereo for Sophie

Sophie was born profoundly deaf and at just 6 months became the second South Australian baby to have two cochlear implants inserted into each ear in the one operation. It was a traumatic time for Michelle and husband Matt but they knew they wanted their new baby to learn to hear, listen and speak. Sophie has three brothers and like her, two are also profoundly deaf. It will take immense commitment and hard work from Sophie's mum and dad and the family will continue to need years of significant support from the Cora Barclay's specialist staff and early intervention program.



Welcome! to new families who have come on service recently including, in Early Intervention - Hunter and his mum and dad Adele and George; Ava, Jade and Troy; Ayden and mum Ebony and dad Brian; Eva and parents Anthony and Rebecca.

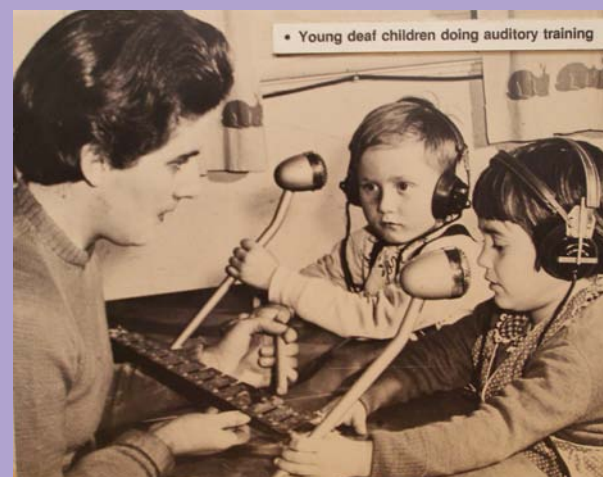
In School Support we welcome Jordan, Ava, Audrey, Sarah, Shania, Grace, Griffin and Matthew and all of their parents/carers and siblings



Cora Barclay celebrates 65 years! Join us at a Gala Dinner

The Centre was established in 1945 by a small group of women whose babies were born deaf or deaf and blind due to the rubella epidemic of the 1940's. These mums, including Elizabeth Forwood, started the SA Oral School in 1945; as the name reflected, they were united by their desire for their children to learn to speak despite their deafness.

In those early days it was often very difficult for profoundly deaf children to learn to communicate orally due to the technological limitations of hearing aids. A lot has changed since then; assistive listening technology has become increasingly sophisticated with better hearing aids, FM's and the advent of the cochlear implant combined with auditory verbal therapy and more recently universal newborn hearing screening. There is greater understanding and cause for celebrating the past and the future.



In October this year we are planning a series of celebratory events. Join us at the Gala Dinner on October 14th or the Big Picnic in late October.

We hope all South Australians with hearing impairments and those from the Deaf community including past students, friends and families of the Cora Barclay Centre (SA Oral School) and Cando for Kids (Townsend House), will join us at The Big Picnic.

Stop Press...news and gossip



Alex Phillips, pictured here with grandfather, Ken Noel, received his Masters Degree in Accounting and Finance from the University of Adelaide congratulations from us all!

Congratulations to all Year 12 students

and special mention to Adam Higgs and Chris Forster, both International Baccalaureate students and profoundly deaf, who received results in the 90's. Also to Kathrine Klocke and Fabian Conner for their outstanding results.

Variety SA awards \$650,000 for building extension at Melbourne Street

as long-standing very generous supporters of the Centre, Variety SA will donate funds for our much needed new building. There is a pressing need to expand at the Melbourne Street site to accommodate additional staff and expand our audiology, therapy, music and playgroup areas that are bursting at the seams.

New Parent DVD

Thanks to the Cherubs, 'The Future is Hear' a parent info DVD, is available to borrow from reception. It features inspiring stories and shows the benefits of early intervention.

