



Our Journey Together

Annual Report 2014-2015



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David Daniels taking in the view
Photographer: Mark Kilpatrick

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“ONE OF THE MOST REMARKABLE ORGANISATIONS IN NORTH AUSTRALIA, THE MJD FOUNDATION PLAYS A CENTRAL ROLE IN HELPING PATIENTS AND RAISING AWARENESS OF THE CONDITION.

NICOLAS ROTHWELL, THE AUSTRALIAN, JUNE 2012.



Physio session on-country
Photographer: Justin Brown

THE MJD FOUNDATION

“We do what we say we will”

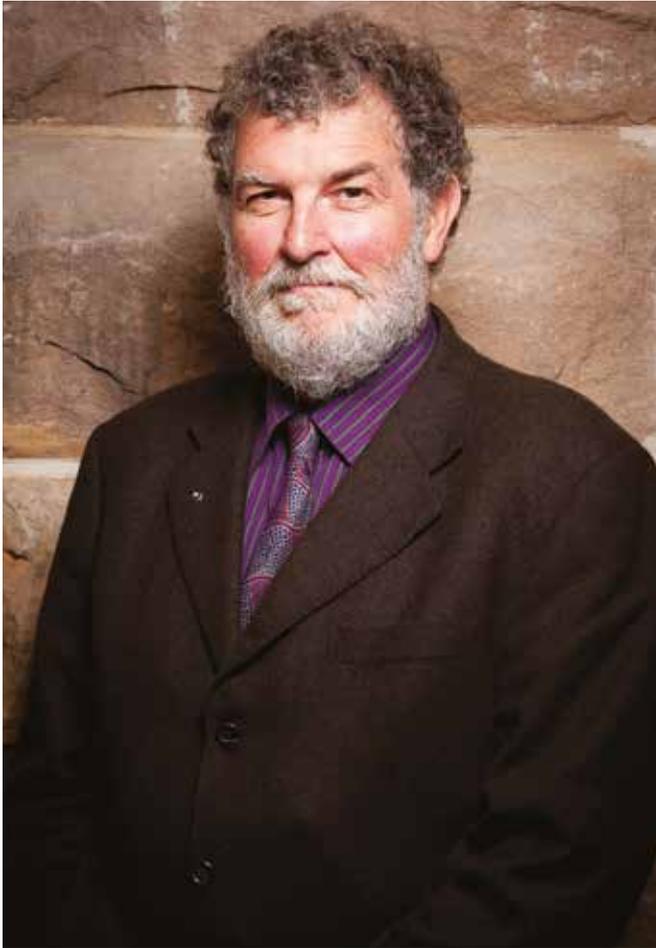
Established in 2008, the MJD Foundation seeks to improve the quality of life for Indigenous Australians and their families living with Machado Joseph Disease (MJD) in Arnhem Land and beyond.

Activities commenced on Groote Eylandt and have now rolled out to Bickerton Island (Milyakburra), Yirrkala, Elcho Island (Galiwin'ku), Darwin, Ngukurr, Urapunga, Numbulwar, Papunya (near Alice Springs), Hermannsburg (Ntaria), Santa Teresa, Goulburn Island (Warruwi), Oenpelli (Gunbalunya) and North Queensland, where the disease is prevalent.

The MJD Foundation is a charity with deductible gift recipient status. It prides itself on strong community and family connections, and working from a grass roots level to understand the needs of families affected by MJD.

The activities of the MJD Foundation are broad and ambitious for such a small organisation, but a great sense of pride is held in delivering on promises.

Activities range from provision of equipment and improving community services, to greater education opportunities for care workers and families and support of critical research into MJD. The MJD Foundation is also a strong voice for clients and puts significant effort into advocating to government and other service providers in a collaborative manner.



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Neil Westbury PSM

I am pleased that the MJD Foundation can again report a period of achievement over the past year of 2014-2015.

International MJD Conference

A significant milestone was MJD Foundation's success in planning and hosting the first international conference on MJD to be held in Australia, attended by some of the world's leading researchers and neurologists from Australia, Brazil, China, Germany, England, Israel and Portugal.

A very productive two days was spent sharing latest research findings, discussing the progress towards conducting human clinical trials aimed at securing preventative treatment, and practical strategies that deliver an improved quality of life for those living with MJD.

For a number of MJD Foundation clients and families this proved to be a rare opportunity to hear first-hand about the latest research findings and to directly provide researchers with their own views about where the research priorities ought to be focused.

The important findings to date of the Zebra Fish research originally funded by the Traditional Owners of Groote Eylandt and more recently via a NHMRC Grant awarded to the ANZAC Institute/Brain and Mind Institute, were a particular highlight.

MJD Foundation is very grateful to the principal sponsors: Anindilyakwa Land Council, South32, Arnold Bloch Leibler, NAB and Airnorth who made the conference possible.

One key outcome of the conference was agreement that MJD Foundation assume a key collaborative and coordinating role in working internationally with MJD researchers to secure the necessary financial and in kind support to support clinical trials. This follow-up work will be a key focus in 2016.



National Disability Insurance Scheme

Another continuing priority area is the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). MJD Foundation continues to play a constructive role providing policy input and advice, and the development of practical and realistic implementation models for the scheme's eventual roll out in remote Indigenous communities.

As Nadia and Libby's staff report attests, there is no precedent for this scheme in the remote locations where the MJD Foundation currently operates. Whilst the foundation applauds the NDIS' commitment to choice and control by the people most affected, the reality is that the existence of a competitive market upon which NDIS is predicated and delivered elsewhere, simply does not exist in these Indigenous communities. This poses special challenges for all involved.

These issues also reflect the fact that most of the MJD Foundation current and projected activities will not be supplanted by the NDIS, and will remain as relevant as ever for the foreseeable future.

Genetic Education and Counselling

Victorian Clinical Genetics Services has agreed to assist the MJD Foundation in continuing the late Associate Professor John MacMillan's ground breaking work in genetic education and counselling that occurred before his untimely death in December 2014. MJD Foundation welcomes Lindsay Tuer who will be undertaking this critical work.

Aboriginals Benefit Account

In 2013 Minister Scullion overturned a \$10m grant from the Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA) approved and publicly announced by the previous Minister. Following a unanimous Board decision, and thanks to pro-bono legal support from Gilbert + Tobin, the MJD Foundation has challenged Minister Scullion's decision to overturn the original ABA grant in the Federal Court.

The People who make our work possible

In closing I would also take this opportunity to again thank and acknowledge Nadia and Libby, and all the staff of MJD Foundation for their tremendous work and continued commitment. In the same vein I again sincerely thank our many partners, sponsors, funders, patrons and volunteers for ensuring the MJD Foundation can continue its work.

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On 4th Nov 2015, the Federal Court ruled in MJD Foundation's favour, stating that the Minister did not have the power to overturn the ABA grant. On 7th Dec 2015, the Federal Government filed an appeal. At the time of going to print, we do not have a court appeal date.



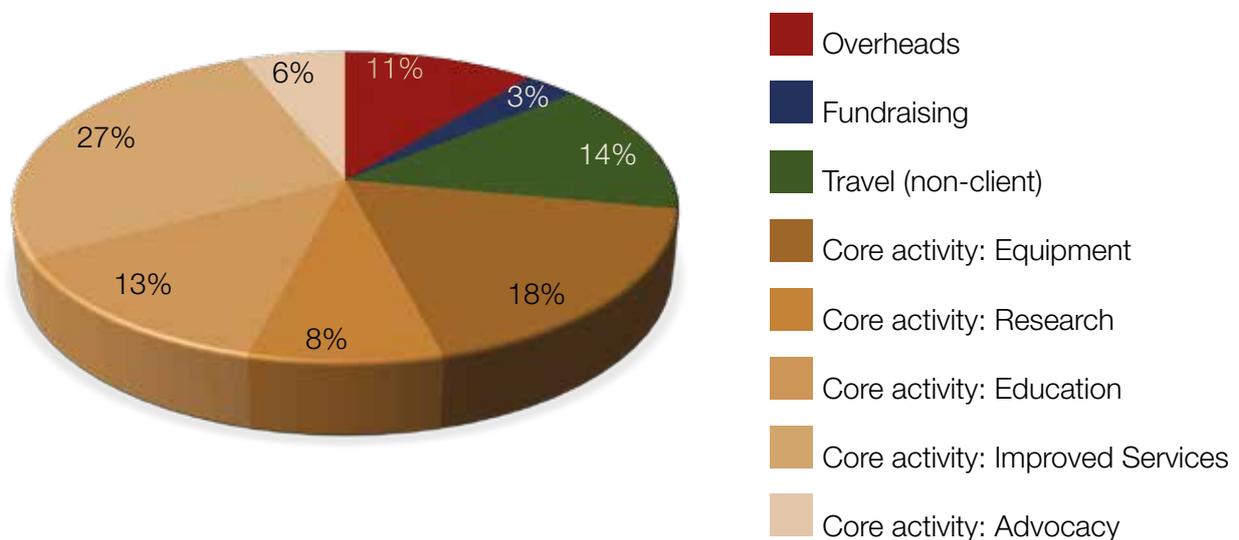
HIGHLIGHTS 2014-2015

- Approximately 100 Indigenous Australians are living with MJD in the NT and QLD, mostly in remote areas
- The prevalence of MJD in the NT is around 100 times the international prevalence
- MJD Foundation works directly with about 90 people living with MJD and approximately 400 people affected by MJD
- In Australia, over 650 Indigenous Australians are currently at risk of having MJD



MJD IN INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIA

WHERE THE MONEY WENT



FOCUS AREAS

EDUCATION



- Developed 2 training DVDs for Health Professionals
- Trained 91 health professionals and careworkers in caring for people living with MJD

RESEARCH



- Coordinated the first International MJD Conference in Australia - 68 attendees
- Supported 7 people living or affected by MJD to visit the zebra fish lab

EQUIPMENT



- 180 pieces of equipment to remote communities
- Purchased \$189,000 new equipment
- \$29,000 repairs and maintenance
- Imported first of their kind aisle wheelchairs from Spain into Australia

ADVOCACY



- Supported the ongoing design of NDIS for Indigenous remote communities via the NDIA Reference group.
- Established the 'John Macmillan Indigenous Australian Genetic Education' fund.

IMPROVED SERVICES



- Supported 3 clients living in supported accommodation to visit their home community via our Kin Connect program (first trip in Central Australia)
- Produced new medical protocols for management of MJD symptoms around Ocular disturbance, Oral care and Palliative care.
- Launched our Carer Support program.



HOW MJD AFFECTS YOUR BODY

"Worse and worse until I'm in a wheelchair then worse and worse still"



Sad / depressed



Slurred speech



Blurry/shaky vision



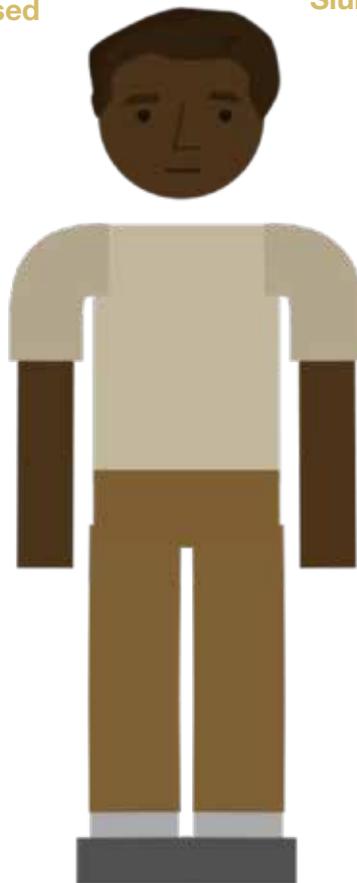
Loss of balance and muscle cramping



Sleep disturbance



Swallowing difficulties



Bowel / bladder problems



No strength and falling over

WHAT IS MACHADO JOSEPH DISEASE?

MJD occurs because of a fault in a chromosome that results in the production of an abnormal protein. This protein causes nerve cells to die prematurely in a part of the brain called the cerebellum. The damage to the cerebellum initially causes muscular weakness and progresses over time to a total lack of voluntary muscle control and very significant permanent physical disability.

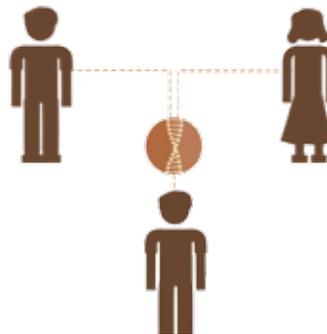
MJD is an inherited, autosomal

dominant disorder, meaning that each child of a person who carries the defective gene has a 50% chance of developing the disease. In addition the mutation is typically expanded (worsened) when it is passed to the next generation (known as an 'anticipation effect'). This means that symptoms of the disease can sometimes appear around 8 to 10 years earlier each generation and are more severe.

There is no known cure for MJD.

Progression to dependence occurs over 5 to 10 years after the onset of symptoms and most people are wheelchair bound and fully dependent for all activities of daily living within 10 to 15 years of the first symptoms emerging.

Machado Joseph Disease is a hereditary (genetic) neurodegenerative condition. It is in a 'family' of neurodegenerative diseases that includes Huntington's Disease.



MJD IN ARNHEM LAND AND BEYOND

The effects of MJD have been known to the Aboriginal people of this region for at least four generations, although the first confirmed case was not diagnosed until 1995. Research that was released in 2012 used DNA Haplotyping and linked the genetic strain of MJD found in Australia to that found in Asia.

Although it is impossible to predict the number of Indigenous Australians who will develop MJD, there are currently over 650 indigenous Australians thought to be "at risk" of developing the disease across the top end.

(At risk individuals are individuals alive today, who are direct

descendants of those with the disease. If a parent has MJD, their child has a 50% chance of being born with MJD and therefore developing the symptoms at some stage in their life)

WHERE WE WORK



The MJD Foundation seeks to provide a better quality of life for Indigenous Australians and their families living with Machado Joseph Disease in Arnhem Land and beyond.

OBJECTIVES

To provide a better quality of life for Indigenous Australians and their families living with Machado Joseph Disease in Arnhem Land and beyond by:

- Providing improved services by working with and supplementing those services provided by the government
- Contributing to local and international research, and gaining an understanding of how this research can benefit Indigenous Australians living with MJD
- The implementation of practical solutions to help individuals understand and manage their symptoms
- Providing greater levels of community infrastructure and transportation options to support the needs of individuals and their families living with MJD

- Facilitating comprehensive genetic education programs
- Advocating on behalf of individuals and families to all levels of the community and government
- Ensuring flow on benefits to the wider international MJD community through research and advocacy

Our objectives are achieved through our five focus areas:

FOCUS AREAS

- Research
- Education
- Equipment
- Advocacy
- Improved Services



ABOUT US

Grown in size – welcoming more people into our extended family – both staff and clients

Grown in knowledge – learning more about the disease and how to treat people with MJD

Grown up – as an organisation, maturing as we have tackled difficult decisions

Our determination to strive for the absolute best for people living with MJD is fuelled from within. Our fabulous community workers, health professionals, admin/support staff and the families and friends of those with MJD tackle the issues that set those with MJD apart from others on a daily basis.

Achieving genuine improvements to the quality of life of people living with MJD is the core of everything we do. To be effective this must be driven by those who have MJD - because they are the ones whose lives are affected.

In this orientation, we are in complete synch with the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) with its commitment to choice and control for people living with disabilities. In our frontline

work we are under no illusions as to the challenges that this brings. There are capacity issues, and there is no precedent for this in the remote communities we work in. The disability sector has been service driven and rudimentary for so long that people will need to be carefully educated about the choices they may make if the services are in fact available.

It will be our ongoing challenge to ensure that people with MJD are able to have the choices and control that they are entitled to by law and to position ourselves as an organisation in the best way to facilitate and support this.

Our internal motto “to do what we say we will” is fundamental to maintaining good relationships with families. Our capacity to do this is in no small measure a function of the amazing and resolute support of our sponsors and partners. South 32, Telstra Foundation, Anindilyakwa Land Council, GEBIE, The Federal Department of Health, The Federal Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, NAB, Groote Eylandt Lodge, Toll Marine Logistics,



ALPA, Gilbert + Tobin, McCullough Robertson, Arnold Block Leibler, Groote Eylandt Lodge, Airnorth and Variety NT, all enable us to extend our services, participate in research, educate others, advocate for change and provide equipment to our clients. This support, engagement and interest is fundamental to the work we currently do and our future plans.

The next 12 months will no doubt bring more challenges and more growth – we know that we will have more to do and more to learn.



Nadia Lindop – Chief Executive Officer

Libby Massey – Director, Research & Community Services

OUR WORK

Improving community capacity was the focus of our work for 2014-2015. Projects built the capacity of remote communities to support people living with a disability through the provision of supportive equipment, increased client access to services and improved understanding and treatment of MJD. Bringing the larger international MJD research community together for the first ever MJD conference in the Southern hemisphere enabled sharing of knowledge and new collaborations to form with the shared objective of improving treatment outcomes and the hope for a cure for people living with MJD.



Bronwyn Daniels tries out the new 'turny'



Clients see first hand the progress of the Groote Eylandt (ALC) funded Anzac Institute project at the Brain and Mind Institute that is looking for a treatment for MJD by working with zebra fish. The MJD Foundation supported travel and accommodation for seven people living with or affected by MJD

RESEARCH

The MJD Foundation continues to fund and support research projects through a grant of \$1 million provided in 2009 by the Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC) and Groote Eylandt Bickerton Island Enterprises (GEBIE).

Our areas of focus

1. Zebra fish lab at the Brain and Mind Institute Research visits
2. International MJD conference Australia 2015 – excellence in Research – a world of hope. Hosted by the MJD Foundation

The focus and highlight for this year was planning and hosting the International MJD Conference in August 2015 in Cairns, Queensland. Through the support of the Anindilyakwa Land Council, Arnold Bloch Leibler, NAB, South32 and Airnorth, the MJD Foundation was able to provide travel scholarships for the leading international MJD researchers to come to Australia to share their research and to form new collaborative partnerships.

Outcomes for the MJD Foundation

1. Committed to play a key role in organising the next MJD conference in 2018
2. To lead the way to form an international MJD research fund
3. Increased collaboration with individual and institutions leading research into MJD



IMPROVED SERVICES – CHANGING LIVES

The provision of health services, along with social & emotional support is a critical component of the MJD Foundation's work – providing physical and psycho-social support to improve the lives of people living with and affected by MJD. Highlighted below are a few areas of focus for 2014-2015.

MJD Therapy Program

We continued our therapy program in Groote Eylandt, Ngukurr, Elcho Island and Darwin, thanks to South32 (GEMCO) who continue to sponsor Active Performance's time.

This adds to other formalised therapeutic activities such as hydrotherapy, speech therapy, and strategic on-country informal activities such as fishing and shopping, which all build upon the physical, social, mental and emotional health gains people experience when participating in their communities and lives.

Carer Support

We strengthened our focus on carer support activities. People living with MJD in the severe stage require 24/7 care for all activities of daily living. The pressure on family carers is immeasurable, and we will continue to customise the support we provide based on family's individual needs. Activities range from morning teas and social outings, to supplementing government funded respite and transport assistance. The core principles of the program are: Recognition; Health and Wellbeing; Community Support Services; Education and Training.

New Experiences

Social outings are provided by the MJD Foundation to clients from remote communities when on government funded respite in 'town', and during Kin Connect trips home to community. Connecting to country is an important component of social and emotional well-being and for people living with MJD based in permanent residential care

Physiotherapy on-country,
photographer: Mark Kilpatrick



EDUCATION



A special thanks goes to Steve (Bakala) Wurramara and all our clients who graciously shared their stories and experience for the benefit of others living with MJD.

Education is central to our ongoing achievement and we've continued to focus training on careworkers, health professionals and families living with MJD.

Highlights from this year include:

1. DVD production

To reach a broader audience and expand the scope of our education efforts, two DVD's were developed with the support of the Federal Department of Health

- [MJD A Clinical Approach](#)
- [MJDF A Proper Approach](#)

2. MJD health care worker training

Over 90 allied health professionals, primary health professionals, aboriginal health workers, and careworkers have been trained in working with people living with MJD through clinical workshops, student workshops, in-services and careworker workshops. With the support of the federal Department of Health, MJD Foundation ran a one-day workshop in Darwin for 40 participants including allied health workers, aboriginal health workers,

nurses and students, from NT Government, private practice and several remote communities. The workshop provided clinical and personal insights into managing MJD.

HIGHLIGHTS



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Imported first of their kind aisle wheelchairs from Spain into Australia



EQUIPMENT

In March 2015, the MJD Foundation imported and launched a new Spanish aircraft aisle wheelchair, which is slightly narrower and shorter than standard aisle wheelchairs. This has been a significant improvement to the experience of people travelling in smaller aircraft to remote locations as the new aisle wheelchair can fit down the aisle enabling a safer and more dignified travel experience. The MJD Foundation is working closely with Airnorth and remote community airport staff to provide training.

Throughout this year, the MJD Foundation has also completed the program to modify our community vehicles to ensure they all have wheelchair accessibility either through a wheelchair lift, or a passenger seat turny.

Special Thanks

Our equipment was purchased with thanks to the Anindilyakwa Land Council, South32, Telstra Foundation, Federal Government, Toll Marine Logistics, Darwin Airport Corporate Giving Committee and generous donations from our individual supporters.



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Nothing stops Blue in his powered wheelchair. Not rain, not rivers and not remote community roads. This is wheelchair repair number 6000 courtesy of our MJD Foundation nurse and physio.

2014-2015 equipment purchases

- Toyota Hiace with wheelchair lift modification
- Apple iPads (thanks to the Telstra Foundation)
- Electric bed and pressure care mattress
- Ramps and grab rails
- Washing machines and clothes dryers
- Shower Commodes
- Wheelchairs
- Beach wheelchair
- Exercise bikes
- Beds/mattresses
- Air conditioners (for clients with severe MJD)
- Disability parking bollards

Photo p16: Simon Mead and Desiree LaGrappe train ground crew on Elcho.



ADVOCACY

MJD remains poorly understood by the majority of Australians, ‘hidden’ as it is in some of the most remote parts of the country. Raising the profile of indigenous people living with and affected by MJD continued to be a focus of our advocacy work for 2014-2015. As a charity, the MJD Foundation is also reliant on funds from members of the public, corporate sponsorship, Aboriginal traditional owners, philanthropic organisations and the government. In order to demonstrate the ‘need’ for greater contribution and to show where the money goes, individuals and families living with and affected by MJD go above and beyond by sharing their personal stories of living with a disabling and ultimately terminal disease through mainstream media. We are grateful to our clients for the courage it takes to speak out and share their personal journeys.

The overturning of the previously approved Aboriginals Benefit Accounts grant also helped raised the profile of MJD, particularly given the interest by mainstream media, due to the ground breaking nature of this case.

Photo above: Rowena and her family visited the ABC Radio studio in Sydney as part of their Holiday of a Lifetime to talk about their experiences with MJD



It's the combination of our dedicated staff, amazing volunteers, patrons, donors, community organisations we work with and our wonderful clients and families who make this work possible. You make us laugh, sometimes cry, but allow each day and each year to be different and provide us with the opportunity to grow – thank you for making this possible!



THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT POSSIBLE

BOARD MEMBERS

- Chairperson Neil Westbury
- V-Chairperson Gayangwa Lalara
- Treasurer Janice Oake
- Secretary Kathy Massey
- ALC Rep Tony Wurramarrba
- Family Rep Jennifer Baird
- Ex-Officio Libby Massey
- Ex-Officio Nadia Lindop

STAFF (2014-2015)

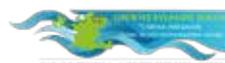
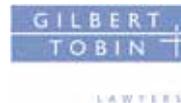
- Chief Executive Officer Nadia Lindop
- Director, Research and Community Services Libby Massey
- Senior Cultural Advisor Gayangwa Lalara
- Manager, Community Services Ellen Christian
- Manager, Community Services Mark Kilpatrick
- Manager, Community Services Ali Beckwith
- Manager, Community Services Desireé LaGrappe
- Manager, Community Services Melinda Fajerman
- Travel/Respite Coordinator Kathy Massey
- Manager, Education Roslyn Kempton
- Community Worker Joyce Lalara
- Community Worker Steve Wurramara
- Community Worker Brett Mamarika
- Community Worker Julie Gungunbuy
- Community Worker Wunungmurra
- Community Worker Bronwyn Daniels
- Community Worker Maymuna Yunupingu
- Genealogist Janine Ryan
- Procurement and Administrative Officer Tina Hebblewhite
- Bookkeeper Zeng Jones

OUR PARTNERS



Our partners are the organisations that work directly with the MJD Foundation, and with the support of our sponsors allow us to directly achieve our objectives. We wish to thank our partners and government, philanthropic and corporate sponsors for helping us achieve our objectives in 2014-2015. Your contribution makes an enormous difference.

OUR SPONSORS



Blue Star Computers



Volunteer speech therapist Michaela Jackson with Melinda and Joyce Lalara. Photographer: Hugo Sharp



VOLUNTEERS

Michaela Jackson, Melinda Lalara, Bryan Massey, Greg Creecy, David Conley, Sally Lang, Nicola Rangeley, Karen Munro, Lorna Brunton, Nan Jamieson, Peter Fisher, Kate Pope.

GRANTS FROM

Telstra Foundation (Digital Inclusion iPad program), Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Federal Department of Health, Carers NT (Carers week event), Variety NT.

DONOR ORGANISATIONS

South32 (GEMCO), Groote Eylandt & Bickerton Island Enterprises (GEBIE), Telstra Foundation, Groote Eylandt Aboriginal Trust (GEAT), Darwin International Airport Corporate Giving Committee, Overgrove, Alyangula Cycling Club, Alyangula Golf Club, Lions Club of Quambatook, Westbury & Associates, Human Genetics Society of Australia (QLD branch), Don Whyte Framing.

PATRONS

Professor Garth Nicholson

INDIVIDUALS

Ali Lloyd, Professor Bart Currie, Suzanna Elliott, Bernadette De Zylva, Santana Khurana, Lesley & John Zylstra, Jackie Coates, Graeme & Jane Frazer, Elizabeth Milewicz-Tyson, Ruth Avery, Ian Lee, Andrea Shanley, Georgina Whitehead, Lucy Apiafi, Jan & Max Boyley, Lauren Clark, Hayley Dargan, James Walker, Russell Martin, Kathy Matuschka, Patrick & Sabine O'Doherty, John Payne, Mark Radley, Justine Rogers, Jessica Wagner, Judy Wolff, John Wright, WR Hearn, Sally & Michael Lang, Reg & Margaret Platt, Pascale Stendell, Angela Horadam, Lisa Howatson, Lorraine Richardson, Matthew Stormont, Isobel Walker, Jenat Kitchen, Michael Gabbett, Karin Browne, Helen Mar Fan, Carolyn James, Susan Carr, Jule White, Jennifer Berkman, Emma Kowal, Caroline Sindall, Louise Smith, Cliff & Jenny Farmer, Deborah Theodoros, Neil Westbury, Philip Thomas and the awesome Darwin Marathon running boys.

KAITLEEN GARRAWURRA

Kaitleen's smile radiated across her face on the day she returned to school after the extended break.

Seventeen year old Kaitleen lives on Elcho Island. She first exhibited symptoms of MJD when she was around 12. Her family was familiar with the disease as her father is also affected.

Shepherdson College in Galiwin'ku had been assisting Kaitleen's attendance at school for many years, driving her to and from school. But due to her progressively decreasing mobility, the vehicle used by the school

was no longer appropriate and Kaitleen could not attend school.

In 2015, the MJD Foundation was gifted a Toyota Hilux from the NT Government. The MJD Foundation installed a 'Turny' in the passenger seat, which is hydraulically operated to allow the passenger seat to swivel and lower out the side of the vehicle. The MJD Foundation partnered with Shepherdson College to enable the teachers to use the MJD Foundation vehicle to pickup and drop off Kaitleen each day.



“ Going back to school has been so good. Seeing my friends. Not just being at home all day with nothing to do.



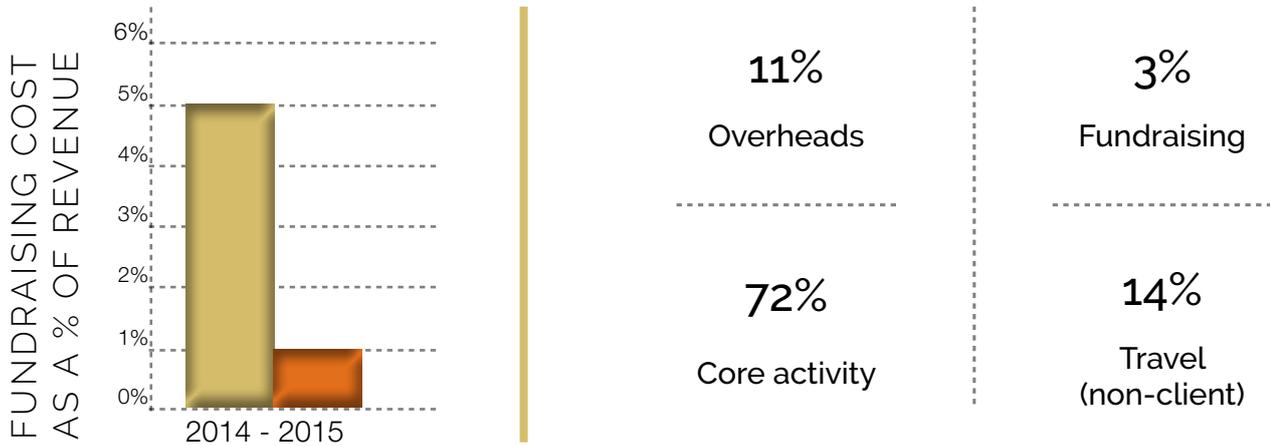
In addition, Variety NT funded the procurement of a range of equipment so that the school can meet Kaitleen's needs.

Kaitleen has now returned to school with her friends, “Going back to school has been so good. Seeing my friends. Not just being at home all day with nothing to do.”



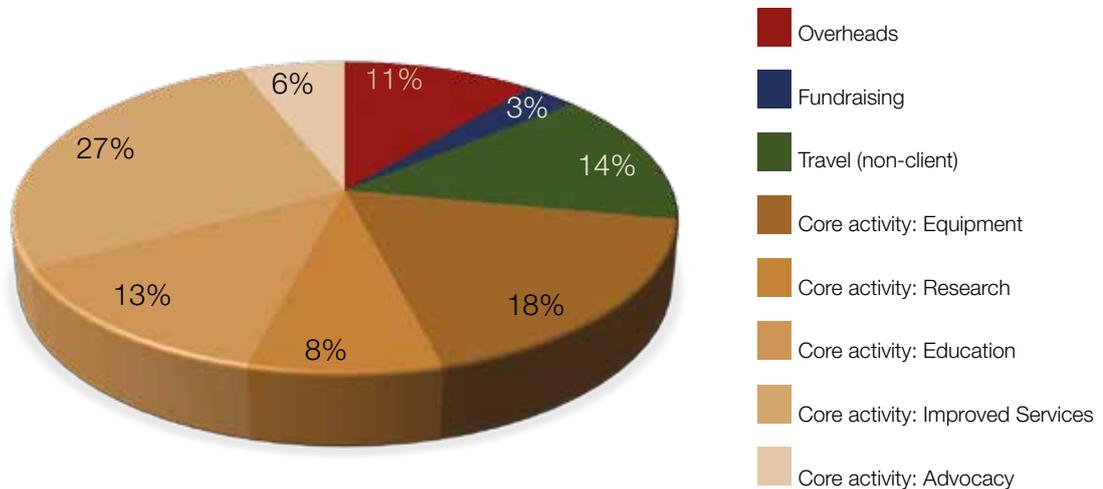
OUR FINANCIAL STORY

For a full copy of the MJD Foundation Annual Financial Report including all notes to the financial statements, visit www.mjd.org.au.



Zeng and Nadia keeping the team accountable

OVERALL COSTS AS A % OF TOTAL EXPENDITURE



BALANCE SHEET

(FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015)

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Cash Assets – Operating		
Cash at Bank	417,507	255,612
NAB term deposits	1,418,439	1,421,381
Undeposited funds	7,746	9,815
Total Cash On Hand	1,843,692	1,686,809
Available-for-Sale Investments		
NAB term deposits	1,866,026	2,923,799
Fixed interest	2,172,137	1,951,714
Property funds	0	228,762
Domestic equity	1,310,000	539,924
International equity	1,090,000	390,000
NAB - CMF	71,776	40,881
NAB - 11am	110,030	127,907
Total Available-for-Sale Investments	6,619,969	6,202,987
Receivables		
Trade debtors	61,072	42,993
Accrued income	127,657	87,764
Current Tax Assets		
GST payable control account	(15,212)	(19)
Input tax credit control account	24,669	24,166
Total Current Assets	8,759,666	8,044,700
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant & equipment - at cost	122,542	85,832
Less: accumulated depreciation	(51,031)	(40,781)
Motor vehicles - at cost	223,416	116,992
Less: accumulated depreciation	(68,909)	(50,842)
Total Non-Current Assets	226,018	111,200
Total Assets	8,887,865	8,155,900
Current Liabilities		
Payables		
Trade creditors	33,167	26,112
Holiday pay liability	42,230	37,864
Other creditors	(1,108)	(422)
Current Tax Liabilities		
Amounts withheld from salary and wages	25,048	19,131
Amounts withheld from ABN not quoted	96	0
Total Current Liabilities	99,433	82,665
Non-Current Liabilities		
Long service leave provision	28,766	0
Total Liabilities	128,199	82,665
Net Assets	8,759,666	8,073,235

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

(FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015)

	2015 \$	2014 \$
Income		
Grants	1,054,001	58,800
Donations	552,690	420,532
Bequests	0	0
Sponsorship	336,242	345,000
Merchandise sales	95	1,081
Other agency programs	6,588	13,653
Distribution from trust	328,194	80,526
Interest received	28,880	319,259
Imputation credit refund	11,039	0
Other income	4,214	21,818
Capital gain/loss	150,217	62,775
Rebates and refunds	748	950
Total income	2,472,909	1,324,394
Expenses		
Accountancy	900	900
Advertising and promotion	25,243	7,553
Bad debts	0	0
Bank fees and charges	833	837
Books and publications	803	434
Client carers (non salary)	48,547	108,557
Client meals	10,012	8,694
Computer software & others	5,700	3,556
Conference/seminar costs	15,190	5,031
Consultants fees	161,055	161,802
Customs Duty	341	0
Delivery (freight)	11,734	10,271
Depreciation	28,448	23,808
Asset write-down	244	3,275
Equipment (<\$300)	19,568	12,795
Equipment (>\$300)	55,199	82,218
Filing fees	0	0
Gift	2,509	1,210
Insurance	23,600	13,533
Interest - Australia	1,031	1,302
Legal fees	3,320	3,000
Materials & supplies (merchandise)	10,848	0
Medical supplies	5,977	5,248
Medical research	100,000	220,000
Medical services	80,578	3,363
Medical resources (education)	55,479	8,221
Office consumables	9,086	5,347
Postage	2,670	3,454
Repairs & maintenance	29,877	18,297
Salaries - ordinary	496,075	438,036
Holiday pay provision	4,366	5,314

Long service leave provision	28,766	0
Employee fringe benefits	129,860	75,600
Rent / storage	9,427	1,912
Staff amenities	133	14
Staff training	2,038	3,396
Stamp duty	0	0
Subscriptions	6,328	3,074
Superannuation	46,916	39,219
Telephone/internet	15,496	12,136
Travel & accommodation	247,821	186,394
Travel - client respite/holidays	80,357	72,380
Total expenses	1,776,440	1,550,183
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	696,469	(225,791)



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

MJD FOUNDATION LIMITED ABN 65 159 208 867

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the MJD Foundation Limited, which comprises the Statement by Directors of the Board, Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material mismanagement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Standards require that we 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 Company'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 Company's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Auditor's Opinion

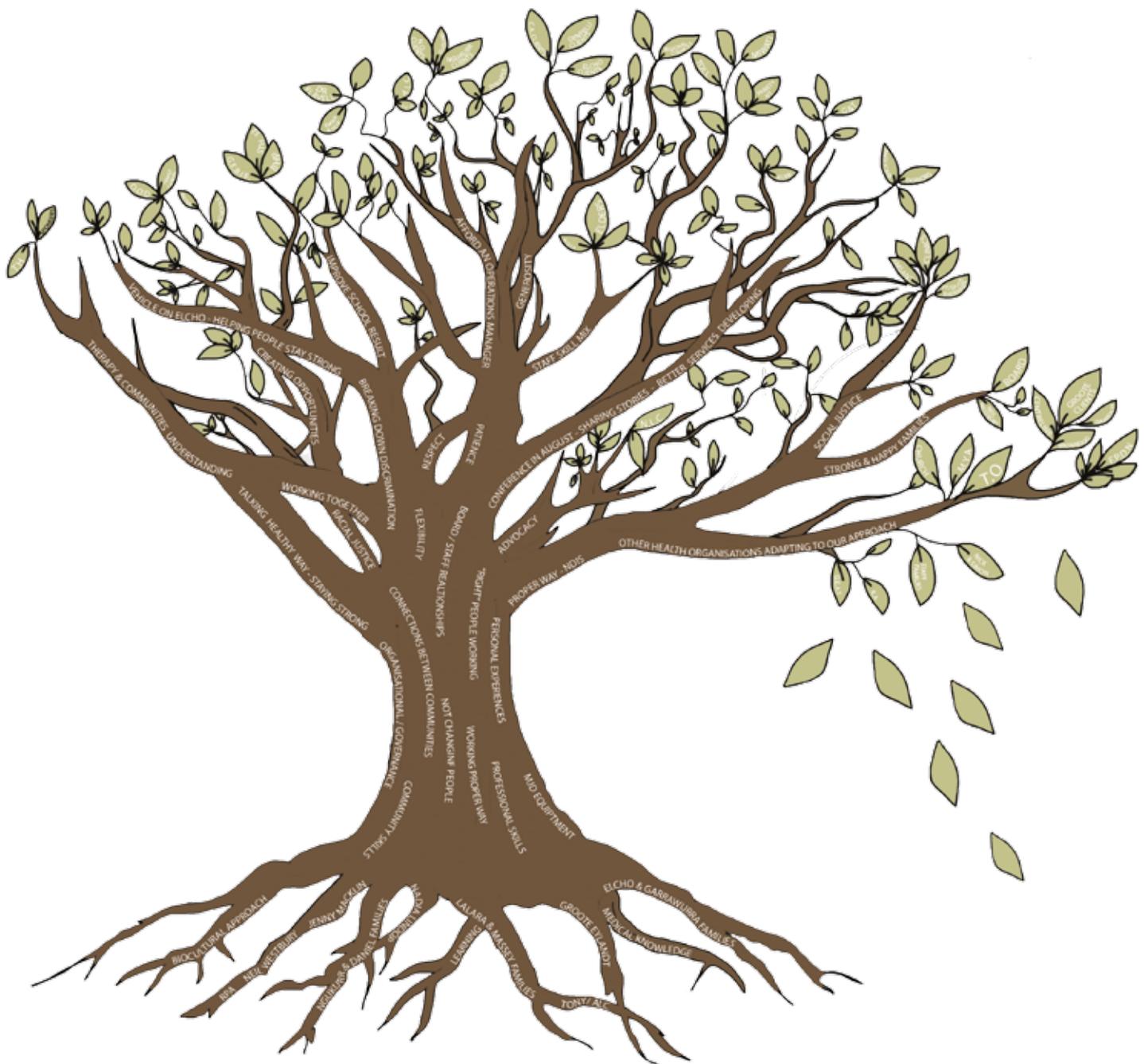
In our opinion, the financial report of MJD Foundation Limited has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- a) Giving a true and fair view of the MJD Foundation's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- b) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Regulation 2013.

Nina De Luca

TREE OF LIFE

The tree of life is a strength based process, used with clients and also our staff throughout 2014-2015. This graphic representation of the tree of life shows The MJD Foundation's journey, starting with its roots as an organisation finishing with the branches that represent hopes, dreams and aspirations. The ground represents our present life and shows some of our day-to-day activities, the trunk symbolises our skills and abilities and the leaves important people in our life. Fallen leaves represent those who have passed.



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WE ARE ALL VISITORS TO THIS TIME, THIS PLACE. WE ARE JUST PASSING THROUGH. OUR PURPOSE HERE IS TO OBSERVE, TO LEARN, TO GROW, TO LOVE... AND THEN WE RETURN HOME.
ABORIGINAL PROVERB



Natalya Lalara

01/06/1993 – 02/10/2014

This very beautiful young lady was the absolute centre of an amazing strong and caring family. She shared a wonderful bond with her younger sisters; Alzana, Mariah, Danielle and Italiana and along with Greta, Norelle and Dulcie, there were many happy day trips and adventures shared. Natalya especially loved outings with her family and was a big fan of spending time at the Grootte Eylandt Resort or the boat ramp at Alyangula, eating picnics and enjoying the view. Natalya and her family had a very special way of communicating, they were able to understand each other - as if by magic, with almost no words spoken and the care that she received from these incredible women was heart-warming to see. She had the most gorgeous smile and was always interested in what was going on for everyone around her. Beautiful Natalya was not with us for very long, but she will be missed forever.



Nyambi Yunipingu

2/11/1948 – 1/11/2014

When this wonderful man left us far too soon, his lovely wife also died just a few months later. Together they had raised 8 children at Galiwin'ku who miss them very much, as does the whole of the close knit community. Nyambi was a proud traditional man who spent most of his life on Elcho Island and especially loved being on country. As his mobility deteriorated and he was less and less able to go fishing and hunting on his own, his most common request was to be taken out bush. When he was able to get out his joy was contagious. Nyambi will be remembered for his ready smile, his calm manner and his cheeky sense of humour.



“The MJD Foundation is extremely appreciative of the support of South32 in funding the publication of this Annual Report. It is through this publication that we are able to provide an annual picture of the important work being done for families living with MJD”.

Front cover: Joyce Lalara and Michaela Jackson in a therapy session,
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