



## ausEE Inc. *President's Report* 2011/2012

It is with great pleasure that I can report on all of ausEE's achievements over the past year! We've come a long way since our foundation just three years ago.

Mercedez and I are pleased to share with you some of our highlights from the year:

- Held a successful second Australian awareness week - National EOS Awareness Week 12-18 August 2012
- Continued to distribute EGID medical brochures and 'Meet Arabella' children's book to hospitals and other medical professionals across Australia
- Our ausEE knitted dolls are now in most major children's hospitals in Australia which are given to children just diagnosed or undergoing repeat endoscopies for an EGID. We have 5 volunteer knitters from around Australia.
- Published a Patient Information Folder which includes 3 information sheets
- Maintained and operated our website ([www.ausee.org](http://www.ausee.org)) which now has over 250 members and contains lots of information on EGIDs
- Distributed monthly newsletters to a database of over 450 contacts and actively communicate through social media Facebook, Google+ and Twitter
- We now have 4 YouTube videos on our channel
- Hosted and supported the establishment of support group meetings in QLD, NSW, WA
- Provided support network forums through our website and Facebook groups
- Exhibited at two national medical conferences - Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy 2012 Scientific Meeting and Australian Gastroenterology Week 2012
- Operated community awareness stalls at shopping centres, markets and a public library
- Submitted countless grant applications and were awarded two grants to assist with publication and distribution costs of 'Being Henry' which will be printed late 2012
- Hosted fundraising events including a trivia night, Mother's Day and Father's Day raffle.
- Continued to promote and introduce new options for our members and supporters to get involved including our Top 8 Challenge, mobile phone recycling, my cause fundraising pages, free dress days, fundraising programs and online shopping, and products through our online gift shop
- Had awareness raising stories published in local print media and online media
- Received national coverage of Bella's story through That's Life magazine and aired on Today Tonight
- During National EOS Awareness Week there was an interview aired on ABC radio with Sarah Gray and Alyson Kakakios (from our Medical Advisory Board)
- Continued support from our esteemed Medical Advisory Board of 8 specialists in the field
- There are three exciting research projects underway!!

Thank you to all our members and supporters for their contributions throughout the year!

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