

a charity dedicated to improving lives affected by eosinophilic disorders



2020

Annual Report



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About Us

ausEE Inc. is Australia's peak national support and patient advocacy organisation representing Australians living with an Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorder (EGID) including Eosinophilic Oesophagitis (EoE).

Founded in 2009, ausEE Inc. is a Queensland Incorporated Association (IA38281). We are a registered Australia wide charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR).



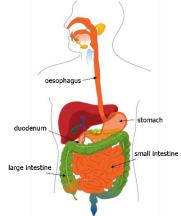
ausEE Inc. is a solely volunteer run organisation whose outreach extends to individuals, families, hospitals, health professionals, peak bodies, stakeholders and the wider community.

OUR CAUSE

EGIDs are chronic allergic inflammatory disorders characterized by eosinophilic infiltration in the gastrointestinal tract. In some individuals, eosinophils accumulate in the gut potentially in response to drugs, food, airborne allergens and other unknown triggers. Endoscopy with biopsies are the only way to confirm the diagnosis of an EGID and EoE at present.

The most common type of EGID is EoE, where the infiltration is found in the oesophagus, which causes inflammation and can lead to scarring, strictures and narrowing of the oesophagus, putting patients at risk of food impactions. EGIDs are rare diseases, however in EoE the prevalence has increased from 1 in 10,000 to 1 in 2,000 people and rising in the 11 years since ausEE's foundation.

EGIDs are chronic diseases that require ongoing monitoring and management. There is no cure and more research is needed.



Our Mission

Our mission is to improve the lives of those affected by eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders by providing support, evidence-based information, resources and campaigning to raise awareness and funds for further research in Australia.

OUR VISION

Our vision is:

- To reach all those affected by eosinophilic disorders in Australia.
- To become the catalyst for further research in the medical field; and ultimately find a cure.
- To become the most prominent eosinophilic support organisation in Australia.

OUR OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are:

- To provide support and information to individuals and families affected by eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders.
- To improve the quality of life for people with eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders.
- To create greater public awareness and understanding of eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders, their impact and appropriate management options.
- To help people recognize the symptoms of eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders.
- To be a credible source of information to physicians and patients.
- To campaign and raise funds to enable further research to be conducted in Australia for eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders.

OUR CHARITY AMBASSADOR

We are proud to have Eddie Woo (from <u>Wootube</u>) as our Charity Ambassador. Eddie understands the impact living with an eosinophilic disorder can have on the individual and family unit as he has a child diagnosed with EoE.



Our Achievements

There can be little doubt that 2020 was a very different and difficult year, with COVID-19 having a global impact on us all. In facing these additional challenges, ausEE's small team worked hard to find ways to adapt and innovate to ensure we continued to deliver and achieve in our mission through these unprecedented times.

As Australia's peak EGID patient support organisation with 11 years' experience supporting and advocating for the Australian EGID community, ausEE has the passion, drive, capability and expertise to deliver, however we are heavily under resourced. We continue to provide all our information, services, resources and support free for everyone as we strongly believe that there should be no obstacles for people to access what can help them on their journey living with an EGID. Being a 100% volunteer run charity that receives no state or federal funding, this is not easy as we are reliant on our fundraising efforts and the generosity of our supporters and donors.

We thank each and every one of our valued supporters that have contributed to our achievements, which are outlined in six key areas:

- Information
- Research
- Resources
- Advocacy
- Awareness
- Support

Highlights of what ausEE Inc. has accomplished in 2020, demonstrate that, together, we are making a difference.



INFORMATION

- ausEE website (<u>www.ausee.org</u>) with current HONcode certification.
- Information phone line: 1300 923 043
- Monthly Supporter/Member <u>eNewsletters</u>
- Health Professionals <u>eNewsletters</u>
- Distribution of EGID resources at Dietitians Australia's Qld Symposium, March 2020.
- Participation in Centre for Food & Allergy Research (CFAR) virtual Retreat, May 2020.
- Exhibition at Free From + Allergy Virtual Show's held in September and December 2020.
- Shared COVID-19 evidence-based resources and information relevant to EGIDs and allergies.
- Planned exhibitions for 2020 at medical conferences; Gastroenterological Society of Qld (GESQ), Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) and Gastroenterological Society of Australia's (GESA) Australian Gastroenterology Week (AGW) were all unfortunately cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.





RESEARCH

- From February 2020 we invited our members to participate in a study from IQVIA to explore their experiences with Eosinophilic Gastroenteritis (EGE), Eosinophilic Gastritis (EG) or Eosinophilic Colitis (EC).
- In August 2020 we invited our members to participate in a market research survey on Adults with EoE being conducted by Dr Falk Pharma Australia Pty Ltd.
- In September 2020 we awarded grant funding of \$3,000 to support the research project 'Rapid increase in the prevalence of Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE) among Australasian children'.
- In December 2020 we invited our members to take part in a study by researchers from UNSW Sydney, School of Public Health and Community Medicine and Business School on the level of awareness of excipients (inactive ingredients) in medications.
- We became a patient advocacy group partner of <u>EGID Partners</u> and invited our members to join the new online cohort which is a way to conduct clinical research through surveys.
- Collaborating partner in <u>Join Us</u> which is a new online register that helps researchers prevent, treat and find cures for disease.
- ausEE conducts <u>member surveys</u> with the aim to understand our members' lived experience and we use this to shape our research agenda and advocacy.

RESOURCES

- EGID medical brochure patient resource
- Patient information folders
- A4 information posters
- Charity information card
- HealthShare EGID fact sheets
- Infographic on What is an EGID
- Eosinophilic disorders explained resource
- Children's Books about living with an eosinophilic disorder; 'Meet Arabella', 'Being Henry' and 'Olivia and Kate'.
- Hand knitted ausEE dolls donated to hospitals and clinics for kids undergoing endoscopies or surgery for EGID/EoE.
- Distribution of Medikidetz Comics on Home Enteral Nutrition.
- Working with ASCIA on developing EoE plans.
- Participant in an international eosinophilicdriven disease working group.
- ausEE recipe book in development.



ADVOCACY

- Appeared as a witness at the Brisbane public hearing of the <u>Parliamentary Inquiry into</u> <u>Allergies and Anaphylaxis</u>.
- Submitted feedback on the Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) Proposal P1044: Plain English Allergen Labelling (PEAL).
- Prepared a submission addressing the terms of reference in the <u>Parliamentary Inquiry into</u> <u>approval processes for new drugs and novel</u> <u>medical technologies in Australia</u>.
- Submitted feedback on the Acute Anaphylaxis Clinical Care Standard.
- Prepared comments to PBAC on Jorveza and Essential Care Jr. for inclusion on the PBS.
- Participated in a Queensland Genomics online scoping workshop.
- Stakeholder with Rare Voices Australia (RVA) in the development of the National Strategic Action Plan for Rare Diseases.
- Patient advocacy group of the Consortium of Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disease Researchers (CEGIR).
- ausEE founder, Sarah Gray was nominated in the 2021 Australian of the Year Awards.
- Joined the Continuity of Care Collaboration (CCC), a national collaboration of Peak Bodies, Industry and Healthcare Organisations.
- Liaised with pharmaceutical companies about pipeline medications, clinical trials and elemental formulas to advocate for timely access to effective treatments.

AWARENESS

- Hosted Feeding Tube Awareness Week (2-8 February 2020) <u>FTAW Infographic</u> (www.feedingtubeaware.com.au)
- Hosted National EOS Awareness Week (2-8 August 2020) <u>NEOSW Infographic</u> (<u>www.eosaware.com</u>) and Top 8 Challenge Day held on 8/8 (<u>www.top8challenge.com</u>)
- Supported awareness campaigns including <u>Rare Disease Day</u> and World Allergy Week.
- Speaker at the virtual launch of the Centre of Research Excellence in Digestive Health.
- Member <u>stories</u> shared to raise awareness.
- Articles published in print and online media.
- Actively engaged on our social media pages: <u>www.facebook.com/auseeinc</u> <u>www.twitter.com/auseeorg</u> <u>www.instagram.com/ausee_inc</u> <u>www.linkedin.com/company/ausee-inc</u> <u>www.pinterest.com/ausee</u> <u>ausEE YouTube Channel</u>
- Additional social media pages run by ausEE: <u>facebook.com/austallergyfriendlyfinds</u> <u>Instagram.com/austallergyfriendlyfinds</u> <u>facebook.com/top8challenge</u> <u>facebook.com/allergyfreecookingontv</u>

SUPPORT

- Online Facebook support forums: <u>www.facebook.com/groups/ausee</u> <u>www.facebook.com/groups/auseeadults</u>
- Our face-to-face Support Group Meetups were put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic and we began hosting regular <u>Virtual Support</u> <u>Group Chats</u> through Zoom as a new opportunity for our members to share/hear stories, chat and support each other.
- Support the tube feeding community through our feeding tube aware website which shares stories, support options, resources and links.
- Official ausEE Group on Livewire for anyone aged between 12 to 20 who is living with an EGID: www.livewire.org.au
- <u>Keep in Touch Program</u> for children (and their siblings) to connect with other children who have also been diagnosed with an EGID via email, Facetime/Skype, or written letters.
- Support businesses providing allergy friendly foods and products to help those with EGIDs and allergies through free promotion on our Australian Allergy Friendly Finds Facebook and Instagram pages and support our followers by sharing products, places, resources, recipes and tips to help them on their journey.



ausEE Boards

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT BOARD

Sarah Gray – President Mercedez Hinchcliff – Vice President Mariya Taylor – Secretary Kristin Paterson – Treasurer Kylie Gwynne – Board Member

Facebook Groups Admins and Moderators: Tracie Sillers, Sarah Gray, Mercedez Hinchcliff

ausEE is also supported by: ausEE Inc. Committee Members Knitted dolls volunteers ausEE Inc. Volunteers



MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD

Professor Pete Smith MBBS, BMedSci, FRACP PhD, Allergist & Immunologist
Dr Looi Ee MBBS, FRACP, PhD, Paediatric Gastroenterologist & Hepatologist
Dr Sam Mehr MBBS, BMedSci, FRACP, FRCPA, Paediatric Allergist, Immunologist & Immunopathologist
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Dr Jeremy Rosenbaum MBBS (Hons), FRACP, Paediatric Gastroenterologist & Hepatologist
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Dr Vicki McWilliam PhD, AdvAPD, Clinical Allergy Dietitian and Researcher
Wendy Birks Paediatric Dietitian - Feeding Clinic & Allergy

ORGANISATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Partnership for Eosinophilic Disorders (APFED) Connect Groups Consumers Health Forum of Australia (CHF) Genetic and Rare Disease Network (GaRDN) Genetic Services Network Victoria (GSNV) Rare Voices Australia (RVA) Small Non-Profits Alliance

Future Goals

Over the years demand for our services and resources has continued to grow however we have remained unfunded, unsupported and unvalued by the Australian Government. EGIDs, particularly EoE, has become a more common chronic disease and has been totally overlooked in national health priorities. Funding is now critical for ausEE to continue to provide the support and services to Australians living with EGIDs and achieve these important goals.

- **DIAGNOSIS PATHWAY** The development of a referral/diagnosis pathway for EGIDs in Australia by collaborating with healthcare services and peak medical bodies to improve the timeliness of patient diagnosis.
- **STANDARDS OF CARE GUIDELINES** The development of Standards of Care Guidelines would substantially benefit health professionals, healthcare institutions and ultimately their patients and is pivotal to achieve best clinical practice for EGIDs as well as influencing and improving quality of care and patient outcomes.
- **INFORMATION RESOURCES** ausEE provides evidence-based information on EGIDs to individuals, families, schools, key stakeholders and the general community to help raise awareness and understanding and provide practical resources to assist those impacted. We aim to update, revise and extend our information and patient resources.
- **SUPPORT SERVICES** The ongoing pandemic has taken a toll on the mental health of the greater population including feelings of isolation, fear of illness, uncertainty for the future and additional strain on finances. These challenges are amplified for people living with a chronic condition like EGIDs. We aim to further grow our support services with a dedicated focus on extending our reach to those in regional, rural and remote locations.
- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH** EGIDs are complex to diagnose and treat and awareness raising activities are vital to assist in an improved pathway to diagnosis and to provide greater knowledge and understanding of EGIDs and the impact on those affected to the wider community. Developing and promoting more awareness campaigns is high on our agenda.

We will continue to explore more funding options, requests to the Government, make budget submissions and apply for grants for support to strengthen our capacity, reach and impact to ensure our sustainability so that all individuals, families and carers of those with EGIDs receive the appropriate information, optimal care and support they deserve.

Want to help us achieve these important goals? Please register your interest to volunteer for ausEE <u>here</u>.



Fundraising and Donations

ausEE Inc. is a registered charity with the ACNC and a registered charity in Queensland (CH1899), New South Wales (CFN/21530), ACT (L 19000791), Victoria (59406), South Australia (CCP2998), Western Australia (CC21779) and Tasmania (C/31).

Donations received help us to improve lives affected by an EGID, particularly by funding vital research and by providing much needed awareness, support and information to families, friends and the community. We are thankful for our members and donors who support us in our mission.

2020 DONATION COLLECTION BOXES

Advantage Willsmere Village Pharmacy, Kew, VIC Casey's Pharmacy, North Balwyn, VIC LiveLife Pharmacy, Peregian Springs, QLD

2020 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

National EOS Awareness Week Top 8 Challenge Online <u>Gift Shop</u> sales Giving Tuesday Christmas 2020 Research Appeal

2020 FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS

In 2020 we were registered with the following fundraising programs: <u>ARP Mobile Phone Recycling</u>, <u>Bright Star Kids</u>, <u>Cashrewards</u>, <u>Entertainment Memberships</u>, <u>Play for Purpose</u> and <u>Shopnate</u>.

2020 FUNDRAISING PLATFORMS

Our registered fundraising platforms are: <u>Facebook Fundraisers</u>, <u>GiveEasy</u>, <u>GiveNow</u>, <u>MyCause</u>, <u>My Giving Circle</u>, <u>PayPal Giving</u> and <u>Raisely</u>.









2020 MEMBER FUNDRAISING

Member/Supporter	Fundraiser Name	Amount Raised	
James Doyle	Top 8 Challenge	\$	1,691
Nicole Farrant	Top 8 Challenge	\$	1,108
Tegan Smith	Top 8 Challenge	\$	481
Bini Varghese	Top 8 Challenge	\$	194
Nioka Watson	Top 8 Challenge	\$	142
Tannielle Sezer	Top 8 Challenge	\$	78
Melissa Robinson	Top 8 Challenge	\$	71
Olivia Gray	Top 8 Challenge	\$	58
Indra Bone	Top 8 Challenge	\$	54
Veronica Green	Top 8 Challenge	\$	50
Jeannie Devine	Top 8 Challenge	\$	10
Lisa Mascolo	Top 8 Challenge	\$	10
Kate's Fundraiser for ausEE Inc.	Facebook Fundraiser	\$	406
Jodi's Birthday Fundraiser for ausEE Inc.	Facebook Fundraiser	\$	170
Kristin Paterson (Team Andy)	South32 Rottnest Channel Swim	\$	1,502



James

find a cure.









taking the







I want to raise money so that more research can go into this disease and hopefully myself, and others who suffer with this horrible condition can one dau be blessed with a cure.

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2020 DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMNTS

ausEE Inc. would like to thank the following donors who made contributions of \$100 or over:

Anonymous through Facebook G Armstead J Bowland Curtis D Brandt J Brown C Burke B & J & L Burns/Patterson S & J Doyle G Farrant

- P Finkelstein S Flynn Grill'd Local Matters K Gwynne G Heinrich D Hickmott G Kennedy M Luong A MacDougal
- My Giving Circle B Paterson K Paterson M & B Patterson K Scott D Smith E van Embden J & M Walsh

Thank you to our Monthly Donors:

K Stock A Triglone

Special Acknowledgements:

Abbott Nutrition A Terrey Emma and Tony Olsen (Flor-Hanly) \$ 600 Honorarium Speaker Fees
\$1,032 Donation to support our mission
\$5,000 Donation to ausEE's Medical Research Fund





Sponsorships

In 2020 ausEE Inc. received support in the form of sponsorships from the following:

2020 SUPPORTERS



FTAW SPONSORS







2020 NEWSLETTER SPONSORS





2020 PRIZE GIVEAWAY SPONSORS

Simone Albert Food Allergy Counselling Eddie Woo's Magical Maths 2 Happy Tummies NeWDS Eat Safer The Safe Snacker **Bella Gray Photography**

Follow us on social media to enter our giveaways! Join our support groups to find out more!

2020 MEMBER DISCOUNT OFFERS

AllergEnd **Friendly Bites** Happy Tummies Jellyfish Mattresses MedBag Shirley Haddock Family Day Care Subo Products

Medical Research

ausEE has been funding medical research grants since 2015 that aim to improve the diagnosis and treatment options for people living with eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders. These grants wouldn't be possible without the generous donations from our supporters. You can make a tax deductible donation to our Medical Research Fund <u>here</u>.

Health professionals and/or researchers wanting to conduct a clinical trial or undertake medical research into EGIDs are invited to apply for a medical research grant by completing a Research Grant Application available on our <u>website</u>.

2020 RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

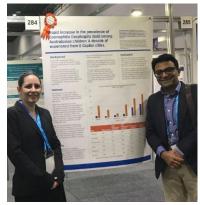
September 2020 - ausEE made a contribution from our Medical Research Fund of \$3,000 to support the project 'Rapid increase in the prevalence of Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE) among Australasian children: A decade of experience from 6 Capital cities' which is a collaboration research study from Australian specialists; Dr Ajay Sharma (pictured AGW2019), Dr Hamish Philpott and Dr Avi Lemberg.

We look forward to sharing with you results and publications from this study when completed.

2020 RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

From September 2018 to February 2019 we called for parents or carers of a child with EoE in Australia to participate in a research project led by Nicole Hannan titled 'Exploring healthcare use, burden of disease and satisfaction with care in paediatric eosinophilic oesophagitis'.

In April 2020 the first paper from this research was published titled <u>'Health Service Use and</u> <u>Treatment Choices for Pediatric Eosinophilic Esophagitis: Findings From a Cross-Sectional Survey</u> <u>of Australian Carers'</u>. In November 2020 a subsequent paper was published titled <u>'Treatment</u> <u>Burden for Pediatric Eosinophilic Esophagitis: A Cross-Sectional Survey of Carers'</u>.





Financial Statements

AUSEE INC. AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

Independent Auditors Report to the members of the Association

We have audited the <u>accompanying financial report</u>, being a special purpose financial report, of ausEE Inc. (the association), which comprises the committee's report, the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2020, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, cash flow statement, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of ausEE Inc. is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of ausEE Inc. and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, 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 judgment, 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 association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, 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 association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of

accounting estimates made by the committee, 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.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects (or gives a true and fair view –refer to Associations Incorporation Act Queensland, the financial position of ausEE Inc. as at 30 June 2020 and (of) its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the ausEE Inc.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist ausEE Inc. to meet the requirements of ausEE Inc. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Auditor's signature:

Auditor's name: Rowena Anderson CA

Auditor's address: Coolum Accountants, 8/21 Birtwill Street, Coolum Beach Qld 4573

Dated: 11/12/2020

ausEE Inc.
Assets and Liabilities Statement
As at 30 June 2020

Assets		2020		2019
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	51,265.46	\$	40,376.28
Total Assets	\$	51,265.46	\$	40,376.28
Member's Funds				
Capital Reserve	\$	51,265.46	\$	40,376.28
Total Member's Funds	\$	51,265.46	\$	40,376.28
Cash on Hand				
Suncorp Account - Medical Research Fund	\$	38,118.09	\$	25,364.46
Suncorp Account - Operational PayPal Account	\$ \$	13,097.46 49.91	\$ \$	15,011.82
Total Cash on Hand	\$	51,265.46	\$	40,376.28
Equity				
Opening Balance	\$	40,376.28	\$	39,284.46
Profit for the Period	\$	10,889.18	\$	1,091.82
Total Equity	\$	51,265.46	\$	40,376.28

ausEE Inc. Income and Expenditure Statement			
For the year ended 30 June 2020			
INCOME	2020		2019
Grants – Other	\$ 2,500.00	\$	2,760.00
Donations Received	\$ 19,793.89	\$	27,075.84
Non Tax-Deductible Gifts	\$ 148.05	\$	85.95
Contributions	\$ 600.00	\$	600.00
Sales of Goods	\$ 2,903.32	\$	1,518.00
Sponsorship and Licensing Fees	\$ 720.00	\$	6,120.00
Interest	\$ 258.63	\$	632.64
Recoupments	\$ -	\$	150.00
Total Income	\$ 26,923.89	\$	38,942.43
EXPENDITURE			
Advertising & Promotion	\$ 71.99	\$	50.95
Assets Purchased <\$5,000	\$ 2,429.00	т	-
Audit Fees	\$ 330.00	\$	330.00
Bank Charges	\$ 6.45	\$	49.77
Client Support Services	\$ 2,449.15	\$	1,000.00
Computer Expenses	\$ 903.28	\$	588.91
Credit Card Fees	\$ 32.60	\$	135.97
Donations Paid (Medical Research Grant)	\$ -	\$	25,000.00
Fees and Permits	\$ 56.60	\$	55.35
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 225.29	\$	584.22
Insurance - Public Liability	\$ 1,055.55	\$	845.76
Insurance - Professional Indemnity	\$ 2,808.94	•	-
Insurance - Volunteers	\$ 220.85	\$	300.85
Membership Fees Paid	\$ 155.00	\$	55.00
Postage, Freight and Courier	\$ 683.39	\$	871.32
Printing & Stationery	\$ 317.01	\$	166.68
Publications and Information Resources	\$ 1,108.79	\$	6,158.83
Telephone & Internet	\$ 276.58	\$	252.72
Volunteer Costs	\$ 2,904.24	\$	1,404.28
Total Expenses	\$ 16,034.71	\$	37,850.61
Net Surplus	\$ 10,899.18	\$	1,091.82

Member Stories and Feedback

G My first impaction was around age 30, the following impactions were almost weekly until finally I landed in the emergency department. Before my diagnosis I was told to chew better, eat slower, try a liquid diet, try anti-anxiety medication, allergy testing - all didn't work.

Madeline

6 ausEE has been a part of our lives for 8 years, from the first day Alex was diagnosed. When we did our first google search and found ausEE and subsequently the book Meet Arabella that I went into school and read to Alex's kindy classmates. Your books are amazing and so helpful!

Evonne

6 Thank you for the Facebook support group. It is such a great tool for us and a real comfort for us to know that there are others out there that are affected by EGID diseases. It makes us feel less alienated.

Emily

6 I was diagnosed with EoE after a long, frustrating journey trying to find out why I was so unwell. I attributed initial symptoms of chronic heart burn on pregnancy and coffee. More mild impactions I thought were caused from eating too fast. In the last 12 months I have had 6 gastroscopies. Testing has found that I have multiple food allergies. Food challenges through the dietitian has found that I also have intolerances to multiple food chemicals and additives. **9**

Liana

6 6 We were declined a referral to an allergy specialist for my son as our local hospital didn't have an understanding of how to handle EoE. When we finally had an appointment with a gastroenterologist who is an EoE specialist at the capital city hospital he said he would never have put our son on the treatment he had been put on when he was first diagnosed. Our EoE specialist has now arranged for a new referral to an allergy specialist.

Amy

6 We live in regional Australia where there are no paediatric gastroenterologists, so we need to travel 8 hours by train for endoscopies and appointments. Doctors in our area don't have any knowledge of anything 'out of the ordinary' and would benefit from receiving some evidence-based education. **9 9**



6 Thank you so very much for your posts on Australian Allergy Friendly Finds and support. Without people like you, families like ours would have no one for support and you understand the difficulties we face each day. Thank you we appreciate you. **9**

Lachelle

6 It took 16 years to finally get a diagnosis. Even after complaining of constant pain when I swallowed food and having multiple trips to hospital with food stuck in my oesophagus. I now have monthly dilations to try and widen my severely damaged oesophagus. **9**

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