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About Us

ausEE Inc. is an Australian charity providing support and information to anyone diagnosed with or caring for someone with an Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorder (EGID) including Eosinophilic Oesophagitis (EoE), Eosinophilic Gastritis, Eosinophilic Duodenitis, Eosinophilic Enteritis, Eosinophilic Colitis and Eosinophilic Gastroenteritis.

We are committed to raising public awareness and supporting the medical community for further research into eosinophilic disorders in Australia.

Founded in 2009, ausEE Inc. is a Queensland Incorporated Association (IA38281). We are a registered 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). We are a National charity and hold fundraising licenses for every state and territory in Australia as required.

OUR CAUSE

Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorders (EGIDs) occur when eosinophils (pronounced ee-ooh-sin-oh-fills), a type of white blood cell, are found in above-normal amounts within the gastrointestinal tract. The eosinophils can accumulate in the gut in response to food and/or airborne allergens and can cause inflammation and tissue damage. People living with EGIDs often live with food restrictions which make it hard on physical, emotional and social levels. Endoscopy and biopsy is the only way to confirm the diagnosis of an EGID and effectively monitor the treatment.

There is no cure.
Our Mission

Our mission is to improve the lives of those affected by eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders by providing support and information and to campaign and raise 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 Achievements

ausEE Inc. provides valuable information relevant to eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders through our website to both patients and physicians. Online support is available through our Facebook group forums and we facilitate face-to-face support group meetings.

We strive to improve the quality of life for all people with eosinophilic disorders.

We provide all our information, services and support free for everyone and do not charge membership fees.

The Management Committee of ausEE Inc. is comprised entirely of volunteers and the association has no paid staff. All our volunteers are parents of children with an eosinophilic disorder or have an eosinophilic disorder themselves.

All donations received help ausEE Inc. to achieve our mission to improve the lives of those affected by eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders by providing support and information and by funding Australian medical research.

Our achievements are outlined in six key areas:

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

• ausEE website (www.ausee.org) with HONcode certification
• Information phone line: 1300 923 043
• Monthly Supporter/Member eNewsletters
• Quarterly Physicians eNewsletters
• Exhibited at Medical Conferences: FAMS 2017, GESQ 2017, ASCIA 2017 and GESA Research Workshop, AGW 2017

RESEARCH

• Awarded additional grant funding of $10,000 to Dr Hamish Philpott and Dr Evan Dellon for the continuing work of their research project titled 'Antigen presentation and acute inflammation in EoE'. This research is being conducted through the Monash University in collaboration with University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.
• Supported research by providing resources for participants ‘The lived experience of mothers who have a young child with a non-IgE mediated food allergy’.
RESOURCES

- EGID medical brochures
- Patient Information Folders
- A4 information posters
- Charity Information Card
- Children’s Books about living with an eosinophilic disorder: ‘Meet Arabella’, ‘Being Henry’ and ‘Olivia and Kate’
- Donated hand knitted ausEE dolls to gastroenterology clinics in hospitals to be given to kids undergoing endoscopies or surgery for EGID/EoE.
- Distributed Medikidetz Comics on Home Enteral Nutrition.

ADVOCACY

- Continued to support the National Allergy Strategy as a stakeholder organisation.
- Liaised with pharmaceutical companies about the product range of elemental formulas to try to reach the needs of all Australians living with EGIDs.
- Representative on the C-EOS (Coalition of Eosinophil Patient Advocacy Groups)
- Patient advocacy group of the Consortium of Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disease Researchers (CEGIR)
- Actively involved in the Rare Voices ‘Fair for Rare’ campaign which is in conjunction with the development of a National Rare Diseases Plan.
- Nominated in the WEGO Health Awards – Patient Leader category.
AWARENESS

- Hosted Feeding Tube Awareness Week (5-11 February 2017)  
  (www.ausee.org/feeding-tube-awareness-week)
- Hosted National EOS Awareness Week (6-12 August 2017)  
  (www.eosaware.com)
- Top 8 Challenge Day held on 8/8 each year  
  (www.top8challenge.com)
- Member stories shared to raise awareness
- Stories published in print and online media
- ausEE YouTube Channels:  
  (ausEE Support Network)  
  (Allergy Friendly)
- Active on social media:  
  www.facebook.com/auseeinc  
  www.twitter.com/auseeorg  
  www.instagram.com/ausee_inc  
  https://plus.google.com/+AuseeOrg  
  www.pinterest.com/ausee
- Additional social media pages:  
  facebook.com/austallergyfriendlyfinds  
  facebook.com/top8challenge  
  facebook.com/allergyfreecookingontv

SUPPORT

- Online Facebook support forum:  
  www.facebook.com/groups/ausee
- Additional forum for adults diagnosed with an EGID:  
  www.facebook.com/groups/auseeadults
- Official ausEE Group on Livewire for anyone aged between 10 to 20 who is living with an EGID:  
  www.livewire.org.au
- Teen only Facebook support group
- Facebook group for Medical Professionals
- Keep in Touch Program 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 Group Meetings held across Australia so that adults, parents, and kids can meet each other face-to-face to share experiences and gain support.
- Support Australian businesses providing products to help those with EGID and allergies through free promotion on Australian Allergy Friendly Finds Facebook page and by running giveaways for our supporters and where possible provide discount offers for our members.
ausEE Boards

MANAGEMENT BOARD

Sarah Gray – President
Mercedez Hinchcliff – Vice President
Mariya Taylor – Secretary
Marion Stock – Treasurer
Dr 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)
Dr Sam Mehr (MBBS, BMedSci, FRACP, FRCP, Allergist/Immunologist)
Dr Hamish Philpott (MBBS, MRCP, FRACP, PhD, Consultant Gastroenterologist & Hepatologist)
Dr Jeremy Rosenbaum (MBBS (Hons) FRACP, Paediatric Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist)
Dr Ajay Sharma (MBBS, MD, FRACP, Paediatric Gastroenterologist and Hepatologist)
Wendy Birks (Paediatric Dietitian - Feeding Clinic & Allergy)
Future Goals

DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES

We aim to produce additional patient resources to provide information specific to Adults living with eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders. We will also be updating our current resources.

PATIENT CONFERENCE

Our goal for several years has been to host the first Australian Patient Conference for families caring for a child with an eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorder (EGID) or adults themselves living with an EGID. As we do not currently have the funding or resources for a conference we will be looking at other options including hosting online support group meetings or conferences in the future.

MEDICAL CONFERENCES

ausEE would like to further outreach to the medical community by attending more Australian medical conferences including in the field of dietetics and paediatrics for the opportunity to distribute our resources.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

We will be seeking grant funding or sponsorship to attend international conferences like those hosted by APFED (American Partnership for Eosinophilic Disorders) and CURED (Campaign Urging Research for Eosinophilic Diseases) to increase our networks and knowledge.

VOLUNTEERS

ausEE Inc. is a charity entirely run by volunteers. The progress and achievements we have made over the years could not have been done without this small group of volunteers. Looking ahead, we hope to attract and retain more volunteer support so that we can achieve more of our goals.
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 help us to improve lives affected by an EGID, particularly by funding vital research and by providing much needed support and information to families, friends and the community.

2017 DONATION COLLECTION BOXES

Butcher’s Pharmacy, Kew
Casey’s Pharmacy, North Balwyn
LiveLife Pharmacy, Peregian Springs

2017 FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

National EOS Awareness Week / Top 8 Challenge
Gift Shop Sales
Emma Sharkey - Park Lane Jewellery Fundraiser
Christmas Wish Appeal
2017 MEMBER FUNDRAISING

D Balfe - Swan Vale Golf Club Inc
A Cairnduff & K Gwynne - Sammy’s Top 8 Free Lemonade Stand
R Haddock – Workplace Free Dress Day
S Haddock – Birthday Cause
K Hedger - Edmund Rice College
K Paterson - Awareness for Andy - Perth City to Surf
Jon from Pentastic – Pen Auctions
T Sillers – Workplace Fundraising
J Thompson – Community Market Day

FUNDRAISING PLATFORMS

Our registered fundraising platforms are GiveEasy, GiveNow, MyCause and My Giving Circle.

FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS

We have active fundraising programs with Aid Arena, ARP Mobile Phone Recycling, Bright Star Kids, Entertainment Book, FOLO, Shopnate and The Give Back Campaign.

2017 DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ausEE Inc. would like to acknowledge the following donors who made contributions over $100.

N Albers K Stock Donors - Edmund Rice College
L Avanus J Walsh Donors - Awareness for Andy
W Ballard S Walsh Donors - Sammy’s Top 8 Challenge Lemonade Stand
B Bowling S Wood Emma Sharkey - Park Lane Jewellery
D Brandt LiveLife Pharmacy – Community Support Program
C Burke Swan Vale Golf Club Inc.
P Flynn Workplace Giving - R Haddock – Wallace Bishop Jewellery
K Homan Workplace Giving - T Sillers – QBE Foundation Australia

Special Acknowledgement: Emma and Tony Olsen (Flor-Hanly) - $10,000 donation
This generous donation was made in support of their son Lee and was directed to our medical research fund to fund an Australian research project into eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders.
Grants and Sponsorships

In 2017 ausEE Inc. has gratefully received support in the form of grants and sponsorships from the following.

2017 GRANTS

Department of Social Services - $4,000 for computer and electronic equipment

2017 PRIZE GIVEAWAY SPONSORS

Allergy Punk (www.allergypunk.com.au)
Butterfly House Illawarra (www.butterflyskyeye.com.au)
EazyHold (www.eazyhold.com)
Melissa Kent Author (www.melissakentauthor.com)
My Food Allergy Friends (www.myfoodallergyfriends.com)
Pure Paleo (www.purepaleo.net)
Wonsie Australia (www.wonsie.com.au)

2017 MEMBER DISCOUNT OFFERS

AllergEnd (www.allergend.com.au)
Amber Co (www.amberco.com.au)
Happy Tummies (www.happytummies.com.au)
MedBag (www.medbag.com.au)

2017 SPONSORS

Happy Tummies – sponsorship of monthly Member/Supporter eNewsletters
Nutricia Advanced Medical Nutrition – sponsorship of quarterly Physicians eNewsletters and reprint of children’s books ‘Meet Arabella’ and ‘Being Henry’
THASC Sales Company Inc. – donation of ausEE branded pens for gift shop and conferences
Coastal Labels – donation of ausEE bumper stickers and labels for knitted dolls
Medical Research

AusEE Inc. has funded nearly $50,000 in medical research grants since 2015 that aims to improve the diagnosis and treatment options for people living with eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders. Physician or researchers wanting to conduct a clinical trial or undertake medical research into EGIDS can apply for a medical research grant any time of the year by completing a Research Grant Application available on our website.

2017 RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

May 2017 – AusEE awarded additional grant funding of $10,000 to Dr Hamish Philpott and Dr Evan Dellon for the continuing work of their research project titled 'Antigen presentation and acute inflammation in EoE'. This research is being conducted through the Monash University in collaboration with University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH

As a patient advocacy group, AusEE supports the Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network (RDCRN) Consortium of Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disease Researchers (CEGIR) Contact Registry.

The RDCRN Contact Registry is a way for patients with eosinophilic gastrointestinal diseases and their family members to learn about CEGIR research studies they may be able to join.

This is an international registry. Participation is completely voluntary and you may choose to withdraw at any time. There is no cost to join the Contact Registry.
2017 SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FROM RESEARCH PROJECT

ausEE members were invited to participate in this research which commenced November 2015.

EXPLORING THE EXPERIENCES OF ausEE MEMBERS LIVING WITH EOSINOPHILIC OESOPHAGITIS

On behalf of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Allergy Unit we would like to thank members of ausEE for kindly donating their time to participate in a focus group and/or complete a questionnaire. Our research could not have been completed without your contributions.

The research aimed to explore patient views of diagnosis, management and treatment of EoE, including how this journey could be improved. The main areas identified for improvement are summarised below:

* Increasing awareness of EoE amongst health professionals is vital and may assist in reducing diagnostic delays.
* Ongoing research and introduction of alternatives to endoscopies.
* All health professionals involved in the management of EoE should be encouraged to provide information about treatment options to patients. Treatment decisions and plans should be made in conjunction with patients, families and the multidisciplinary team to provide holistic care.
* Ongoing research into alternative drug therapies and improved dietary testing methods could improve experiences and outcomes of patients with EoE now and in the future.
* Improve the knowledge and capacity of dietitians to provide individualised dietary advice.
* Increased awareness of the importance of nutritional assessment in the management of EoE is needed amongst all health professionals.
* Further research into the relationship of commonly associated conditions with EoE is required to establish if their management may impact on EoE. It is also important for physicians to be aware of these conditions and make appropriate referrals as required.

The findings from this research have led us to explore the knowledge of dietitians working with patients with EoE as well as looking at developing training and resources to improve dietitian care.

We have also been exploring commonly associated conditions and an alternative dietary testing protocol.

Annabel Clancy
Research Dietitian | Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Allergy Unit
December 2017
Financial Statements

AUSEE INC. AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

We advise that we have completed the Audit of the books of account of ausEE Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2017. However, before an opinion can be given the following qualification must be noted:-

(1) It is not possible to verify that all monies received have been receipted intact, However, I am satisfied that all monies receipted have been banked intact.

Subject to this qualification, in our opinion:-

(a) The accompanying Financial Statements, which have been prepared from the books and records supplied by the Association, present a true and fair view of the operations of ausEE Inc.as disclosed in the books of account for the year ended 30 June 2017.

(b) The Accounting and other records have been properly maintained.

(c) There is no other matter to be advised to the Committee and members at the Annual General Meeting.

DATED THIS 10th day of October 2017

Karina Stanley MIPA AFA Cdec
COOLUM ACCOUNTANTS
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### ausEE INC

**PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

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Feedback

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING...

‘ausEE has helped me realise I’m not the only one with this condition.’ – Josh age 15

‘Thank you so much for your time and dedication. The ausEE facebook group has provided so much valuable information and much needed support.’ – Kirrilie

‘My son was diagnosed 2 years ago with EoE but I only found out about the group less than a year ago. The group support from the ausEE members has been invaluable and I can honestly say sometimes greater than from all the professionals all together. We've met beautiful people, shared stories and journeys and for once I feel that I'm not alone with the worry and concern! Thank you for doing an amazing job keeping the group going!’ - Helen

‘aueEE is awesome. It's helped my parents to help me get better!’ – Sammy age 10

‘Thanks ausEE for providing such a supportive network, and for the activities you guys do to raise funds for research into this disease. Well done!’ – Julia via Facebook review

‘ausEE has been an amazing support to our family after my son was diagnosed with EoE. The children’s books we purchase off the site, and other resources such as action plan for the school have been a great help for all of us to understand the disease, and be empowered to manage it better.’ - Nancy

‘Sometimes I’m sore, but the book ‘Being Henry’ is like me, the same name, and I like reading it.’ - Henry age 6

‘The first time I heard about ausEE was the day of my son’s first endoscope. The specialist reeled off a huge word ‘Eosinophilic Oesophagitis’ and while writing it down for me wrote the 5 most important letters I would need - AUSEE. He told me that he would confirm the diagnosis at our next appointment. I immediately went to ausEE and found a wealth of information about EoE and a group who were there to help answer my questions and provide support and advice when things weren’t going so well.’ – Jodie

‘ausEE has helped us so much... to not only understand more about our son’s disease but to feel like we aren’t alone in this journey.’ – Kristin via Facebook review
Our Members

WHAT THEY ARE DOING...

‘Love that Riley can still fight battles on the outside and come out victorious cause the battles inside are not always how he would like them. Thank you ausEE for all you do for us in the battle.’ – Tegan

“Live life to the fullest, don’t let this disease get you down.” This is the motto Jacob aged 14 lives by. Here he is pictured doing the 2km Ocean swim at Yamba. ‘So very proud of this boy, so unlike other kids (living with such severe food restrictions) but he tries anything and everything.’ - Jacob’s Mum
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