



# Gawith Foundation Inc

ABN 18 195 137 535

## President & Chief Executive Officer's report

2012-13 has been a busy year for the Gawith foundation. There are five main areas of activity that have occupied our attention over the past year.

### 1. Constitutional reform

In line with the Associations Incorporated Reform Act (2012) we have undertaken a review of the existing constitution and made a number of amendments to bring it into compliance with the new legislation. We have also completed further work to continue to ensure a distinct identity separate from Inclusion Melbourne that will in future serve to enhance supports for people with a disability. As part of the AGM a special motion will be put to the members to seek your support for the adoption of this new governing document.

### 2. Branding

Traditionally the focus of the Foundation has been cast in the shadow of Inclusion Melbourne. Through our branding we continue to signal that the Gawith Foundation will over time develop its own spirit and identity, utilising Inclusion Melbourne as its service partner, but also undertaking activities under its own banner, where these are deemed prudent by the board.

### 3. Website

The purpose of the website is provide an online identity enabling review by foundations and trusts as we seek funding. Over the past twelve months we have revised the wording to better suit our purposes, and intend over the coming period to also include a resources and links page to include copies of our annual reports and the guides that we have supported Inclusion Melbourne to produce.

### 4. Grant applications

Part of the strategy behind the Gawith Foundation is to seek funds for the delivery of innovative projects that support people with a disability. Over the past twelve months we have lodged small requests so that we have a greater chance of success and can build our profile. During the year the following grants were lodged:

Organisation	Purpose
Collier Charitable Trust	Discovery - Coordinator funding
Perpetual Trustees	Self-paced Volunteer eLearning
Helen Macpherson Smith Trust	RTO - developing an e-Learning capability
City of Stonnington	Vol Training Calendar
Newmans Own Foundation	Vol Training Calendar

I am pleased to report that we were successful in our application to the City of Stonnington, which awarded us \$2,200 for volunteer training.

### 5. Activities

There were two activities completed to raise awareness of the new name and our purpose:



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### *Gawith Lecture*

The Foundation held the inaugural Gawith Lecture on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012, at which we had the Hon Jan McLucas, address the topic of the NDIS. There were approximately 70 people in attendance including the Member for Yan Yean (Opposition spokesperson on Disability), and the Public Advocate.

All in attendance found the event valuable and we believe that it enhanced our mission and that of the Inclusion Melbourne.

### *It's my Choice! Toolkit*

Inclusion Melbourne received funding from FaHCSIA to undertake research in conjunction with RMIT University on the principle of choice and produce guides suitable for people with a disability, families and service providers.

To indicate the support from the Gawith Foundation, our logo is displayed on the back cover of each of the five guides.

In closing, we would like to thank the support of the all of the board and the staff and look forward to your continued support over the next 12 months.

Paul Gleeson  
President

Daniel Leighton  
Chief Executive Officer