



## ANNUAL REPORT 2014 – 2015

Well, it is that time again as we approach our Annual General Meeting and again it has been a busy year as we continuously endeavor to fulfill our Mission Statement in a number of different aspects. So many things are constantly changing as we try to keep our organisation up with the times and make it interesting and attractive to our membership.

Here's a short list of some of our achievements –

- Hosted patient educational seminars in Victoria and South Australia.
- Hosted a number of face to face support activities in most states of Australia.
- Conducted a small number of teleconferencing support evenings for members.
- Attended various industry meetings such as Endocrine Nurses Society of Australia, Global Pituitary Patient Advocacy Summit, Health Consumer Advocacy Workshop.
- Presented to a small number of corporate groups to give the patient perspective.
- Revamped the look of our website for easy navigation and launched the new Health Professional portal.
- Completed a number of fact sheets in readiness for upload to the Get Informed portal of the website.
- Updated the Health Professional & GP Fact file, with a large print run for hand-outs.
- Hosted GP awareness education seminars in collaboration with Loddon Mallee Medicare Local, in Bendigo, Vic, and GP Partners Australia in Adelaide, SA.
- Facilitated a successful Psychology workshop on the impact of pituitary disease on both patients and carers, touching on topics such as mood issues, fatigue, body image, sexuality, and fear of recurrence, with Dr Hayley Whitford.
  
- Developed a number of resources and promotional material for Pituitary Awareness.
- Contracted a company for a short period to assist with and set APF up for Fundraising.
- Commenced a series of GPCE events. Manned an information stall in the main exhibition area and provided workshops to GPs and other HP's on diagnosis and management of pituitary conditions.
- Collaborated with a small number of researchers to find participants in research studies.
- Continued involvement in advocacy to have Human Growth Hormone for deficient adults and adolescents listed for subsidy with the PBS.
- Released 4 editions of the Pituitary Connection newsletter.

All of the above achievements have only been possible through the generosity of our sponsors which include Novartis, Ipsen, Pfizer, Novo Nordisk, SciGen and Ferring to whom we express our very real gratitude.

Last but certainly not the least, we say "Thank You" to our Directors, State Co-ordinators and Volunteers who have devoted their valuable time to assisting throughout the year.

Since the end of the financial year we have said farewell and thank you to Simon White, who tendered his resignation as a Director. We also welcomed, to Malini Raj who was appointed by the Board as a Director recently.

Noel Hickey, Chairperson.