

Chief Executive Message



Nicole Graham, Chief Executive, **scosa**
Picture Andrew Scott Beveridge

Welcome to our summer edition of New Horizons. As we enter 2011 we reflect and celebrate many achievements of the past 12 months and look forward to another successful and fun-filled year.

2010 was our 60th birthday, a year of celebration with many events and opportunities to share our proud history and current achievements with the South Australian community. Our grand finale was a retrospective exhibition *Having a Ball*, held in November. It was a great opportunity for clients, families and friends to come together to reflect on our remarkable journey and celebrate our bright future.

To capture our 60 year history and to say thank you to the many thousands of people who have shared in our journey, our documentary *Walk a Little Slowly*, funded by the Woodville Women's Auxilliary was launched at the exhibition and is a lasting tribute to our founding families.

We continue to grow our **scosa** family with much needed services being extended across the state and the introduction of our School Holiday Programme which is full of exciting activities for students such as market tours, cooking classes and trips to Victor Harbor. We have welcomed many new staff and volunteers whose contributions are essential and truly valued.

Our bold, bright, iconic orange collection balls are still making a huge impact and our great friends in the community continue to amaze us with their generosity. You too can support our events, our vans, our every day by simply displaying a donation ball in your workplace.

We look to 2011 with fresh energy and excitement. Our first major event is the Adelaide Fringe Festival parade, where clients, families, volunteers and staff will once again join in the fun and excitement of the festival marching

together in front of crowds of spectators, be sure to look out for us!

2011 is certain to be full of fabulous events, achievements and surprises and we welcome your support, and invite you to share our year - we achieve, we connect, we are **scosa**.

scosa President, Judith Worrall, honoured with Order of Australia Medal

Judith Worrall was awarded the Order of Australia at a ceremony on Australia Day in recognition of her long-standing advocacy for the rights of people living with a disability.

'I'm very honoured and thrilled to be given this award. This achievement is in recognition of the work of everybody at **scosa**, staff and volunteers.' Judith said

Since her retirement from full time employment as the Public Trustee in South Australia Judith has made a significant contribution to **scosa** through a range of activities. She has a keen interest in social justice and improving the lives of marginalised people. Joining our Board in 2002 Judith became Treasurer in 2006 and was nominated and elected President in 2007.

Judith's passion, energy and commitment to the community is reflected in the number and range of positive and significant relationships she brings to **scosa**.

Judith says 'It's very important to give time to organizations that provide for people requiring significant or particular support as our clients do.'

Judith is a truly remarkable individual, able to quickly identify issues, mentor others and seek solutions that benefit everyone. She is warm, friendly and always ready to assist and support those around her.

We are very proud of Judith and congratulate her on this incredible achievement.



Judith Worrall, President, **scosa**
Picture: The Advertiser, Calum Robertson



John Trainer, Mayor City of West Torrens with Daphne Gum OAM, MBE, MACE

Happy 95th Birthday Miss Gum

It was a big week for Daphne, on Monday 24, January Miss Daphne Gum, the first Director of the Spastic Centre in South Australia, celebrated her 95th Birthday.

The celebrations continued, as on Australia Day the City of West Torrens awarded her the Anniversary Award – in recognition of outstanding volunteering contributions to the city. Daphne was nominated by John Trainer, Mayor, City of West Torrens.

After training as a primary school teacher, Daphne developed an interest working with children living with a disability. In 1946 Daphne was Director of the first education facility for children living with disabilities in South Australia at the Adelaide Children's Hospital. This gave long needed assistance and hope to the families of children living with cerebral palsy.

In 1960 Daphne was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for her work with children affected by cerebral palsy and in 1996 she was awarded the Order of Australia for her contribution to disability service.

Daphne has continued to contribute her expertise to **scosa** and we were delighted to hold a special afternoon tea to congratulate and thank Daphne for her long standing commitment and devotion.



John Hughes volunteering at our soccer showdown

International Day of People with a Disability – recognising achievements of people living with disabilities

scosa celebrated International Day of People with a Disability in early December.

At four separate locations across South Australia, we proudly showcased our many achievements. Clients shared their stories with the community and staff delivered information about our important work.

Established in 1992, this dedicated international awareness day is an opportunity to recognise inspirational people who have a multitude of skills, abilities and contribute to our community while living with a disability.

Inspirational people like John Hughes.

University, a scholarship, travel and more than a normal dose of hard work have seen John overcome many obstacles. With a passion for the wine industry, John has made his mark as a successful winemaker in the Barossa Valley.

John was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy after complications at birth affecting the right side of his body and his speech, his twin brother was not affected. John now in his 30's is grateful for his family's support, acceptance and love; he was always treated with respect by his family. With their support, acceptance in his community and **scosa**, where he gained his earliest exposure to schooling, John was able to reach his potential.

Impact Day

Leading Adelaide accounting firm, Deloitte made a real impact at their recent annual Impact Day, generously partnering with us to donate a day's hard work.

Ten Deloitte staff members turned up in force to our Thebarton Hub in November. They gave a new lease of life to the outdoor verandah area, painting and building while our staff and clients put on a scrumptious BBQ lunch to thank the volunteers for their valued efforts.



Deloitte volunteers at our Thebarton Hub

Not only does Impact Day benefit the community it gives volunteers an opportunity to see first-hand the valuable work we do.

'We share some fundamental principles with Deloitte, an appreciation of having fun and celebrating as well as a culture of continuous development.' said Chief Executive, Nicole Graham.

For corporate opportunities and information or to have a speaker address your business, committee or organisation contact David Swaine, Manager, Community Development on Tel 08 8347 2664 or email dswaine@scosa.com.au

we recycle

To help support the 'Don't Dump it, Donate it' campaign; please place your old Mobile Phones in Recycling bins at your local Big W.

We receive between \$3 and \$5 from the Aussie Recycling Program (ARP) for every phone donated. Phones that are not damaged or too old get cleaned, repaired and sent overseas for re-sale in developing countries where access to mobile phones is limited.

All other mobile phones are fully recycled, and all component parts including gold, copper, toxic metals and plastics are extracted and put back to productive use, rather than going into landfill. It's a great way to help the planet and donate some serious money too.

If you or a business you know wish to be a phone collection point – we will supply a corporate collection bin – there is no cost involved and it's a win win for you, the environment and **scosa**. To participate phone 08 8347 2664

New Chairperson of the Client Consultative Committee - CCC

The Client Consultative Committee (CCC) is a representative committee ensuring people living with a disability have a voice and are recognised in our community. The CCC meets monthly at our Woodville Hub to discuss current and emerging issues.

Recently the CCC elected a new Chairperson as the two year appointment of Debbie Radogna came to an end. Craig Sparre was appointed Chair with Brendon Rowan, Deputy Chair.

We thank outgoing Chairperson Debbie Radogna for her excellent work over the past two years. As CCC chairperson, Debbie was awarded the St Vinnies, St Louise de Marillac, Social Justice Award for a Post-Secondary, young adult who is an advocate for social justice through service and leadership. This award was for Debbie's work as Chairperson of the CCC committee.



Outgoing CCC Chairperson Debbie Radogna with new Deputy Chair Brendon Rowan and new Chairperson Craig Sparre

Brady's bunch- Digging Deep

At **scosa** we have many generous supporters like Owner/ Director Brady from Atlas Tree and Stump Removal who not only donated a truck load of mulch but volunteered staff to deliver it to our Willaston Hub. The much needed mulch was soon spread, creating a garden and providing clients and staff an opportunity to get their hands dirty in a very big way! With plenty of rain, we should see a thriving Willaston garden.

Atlas Tree and Stump Removal, we thank you.



Luke Farquhar at our Willaston Hub spreading the mulch

Nicole Graham wins Board Diversity Scholarship

Our Chief Executive Nicole Graham is one of only four South Australian businesswomen to win a place in the Federal Governments *Board Diversity Scholarship Program*.

The new scholarship program aims to lift the representation of women on Australian Boards. The program further develops the skills of senior executive women to become company directors or chairpersons.

'The program has been extremely popular with more than 1,900 applications received from across the country.' said John Colvin, Chief Executive of the Australian Institute of Company Directors

The scholarship also includes a 12 month mentoring relationship with the ASX 200 Chairmen's Mentoring Program, which involves leading chairmen and senior directors of ASX companies working with highly talented and qualified women.

Celebration Night at the Governor Hindmarsh Hotel

Our Celebration Night is an annual event, and an important part of our culture in recognising the achievements of the **scosa** community. President, Judith Worrall and Chief Executive, Nicole Graham congratulated and presented certificates to 122 staff, clients and volunteers for their dedication and commitment over the past 12 months.

Our selected representatives in the Tri-State Games also received their uniforms to the rowdy and enthusiastic applause of the audience who wished them well for their trip to the games held in Stawell, Victoria late last year.



scosa staff members Richard Lyons, Kerry Blunden, Tania Carson and Sharon Bain on Celebration Night

Sandra Stevens receives the 2010 Advantage SA Regional Award

scosa staff member Sandra Stephens from our Port Pirie Hub was recently awarded the 2010 Advantage SA Regional Award, Community Individual, Mid-North and Yorke Peninsula.

The award is in recognition of Sandra's community work in and around Port Pirie supporting children, young mothers, families and **scosa**. Sandra has selflessly and tirelessly contributed to her community for many years without ever seeking recognition for her tremendous community spirit, her reward is "the smile of the many she has supported and cared for" Sandra said

Nominated by **scosa**, Sandra received her award at the 2010 Advantage SA Regional Award Mid-North and Yorke Peninsula dinner in front of the three regional Mayors, State

Members of Parliament, the Advantage SA Executive and more than 200 people from the region.

We congratulate Sandra on this wonderful achievement and for her fantastic contribution to the community.



Sandra Stevens with her award

Kicking Goals for scosa

For each goal Port Power kicks at AAMI home games, we receive \$100 from our sponsors Liberty International Underwriters.

This year we're proud to again partner with Liberty International Underwriters and the Power of Dreams, 'Kicking Goals for **scosa**'. This unique campaign allows us to engage with Liberty and the Power of Dreams who share our fundamental values in supporting people in the community. Working alongside these organisations is of great benefit and is an avenue for **scosa** to deliver our message to the broader community and a younger demographic of supporters.

The partnership raised \$12,700 through goals kicked with a further \$7,300 generously donated by Liberty. Let's hope this season sees Port Power kicking plenty of goals for **scosa**!

Last year this campaign was the recipient of a prestigious State Marketing Award for Marketing Excellence in Sponsorship, presented by the Australian Marketing Institute.

If you have an event, concept or wish to discuss a fundraising initiative please contact: Gabrielle Overton, General Manager, Marketing and Business Development on: 08 8347 2664 or email: goverton@scosa.com.au



scosa Chief Executive, Nicole Graham with Port Power Community and Charity Manager, Darren Adamson

Comedian Julia Morris stands up for **scosa**

In December 2010 the Australian Institute of Management (AIM) held their Women in Management Christmas Lunch.

Guest speaker, standup comedian Julia Morris, delivered an hilarious insight into 'The Year That Was'. She then proceeded to whip up the audience by waving our orange collection balls, and successfully challenging guests to step up and make sure their company had the balls to make a difference!



Comedian Julia Morris

scosa was AIM's charity in 2010. We are delighted to announce this fantastic partnership will continue in 2011.

AIM supported **scosa** throughout the year promoting our important work to their extensive networks. Our Chief Executive, Nicole Graham is a regular guest speaker at AIM events, where she shares insights with the business community into our work. Funds raised at the luncheon, together with an AIM donation, saw a presentation of over \$6000, a wonderful Christmas gift.

If you would like more information on how you can support **scosa** with a collection ball in your business please phone 08 8374 2664



Dance therapist Cinzia Schincario

New Dance Movement Therapy at **scosa**

As part of a new **scosa** initiative Dance Movement Therapy will now be available to our clients. This new and innovative activity will expand on our already extensive range of exciting activities.

With support from the International Dance Therapy Institute of Australia and dance therapist Cinzia Schincario, clients will take part in weekly workshops.

"Participation in this form of activity provides enormous opportunities for physical, and sensory development, and also an opportunity to enjoy personal expression in a safe, fun and social environment. I look forward to great outcomes for all involved" said Anita Bayford, General Manager, Client Services.

Dance Movement Therapy first emerged as a profession in the 1960's in the USA and made its way to Australia in the 1970's. The therapy consists of a wide range of multi-sensory experiences including: movement and a sensory component, participants experience self expression and awareness of communication through movement.

Dance Movement Therapy will commence this month and run over 25 weeks at our Woodville Hub.

School Holiday Programme

Our School Holiday Programme is delivering fun and excitement for teens during their school term breaks. We recently completed our third School Holiday Programme which was another great success.

Established to cater for school aged youth living with a disability, the programme offers a wide range of activities, games and adventures including trips to the zoo, beach, park and museum.

Victoria Donato (*mother of Stefan who attended the programme*) says "I am really impressed with the programme, each day Stefan comes home he is excited about all the fantastic adventures he has taken part in that day. I'm really pleased by the wide range of activities and the mix of both outdoor and indoor options."

The School Holiday Programme runs for nine weeks over the year and is based at our Thebarton Hub.

For more information about our School Holiday Programme please contact Caroline Mannix on Tel 08 8347 2664 or email: cmannix@scosa.com.au



Alex Tang bravely holding a snake while attending our School Holiday Program

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"Dad would have been proud" Kym Darcy
(Harry Darcy, Assistant and General Secretary of **scosa** from
1961 for over 20 years)

"Great and fitting celebration of the work of **scosa**"
Chris Thompson

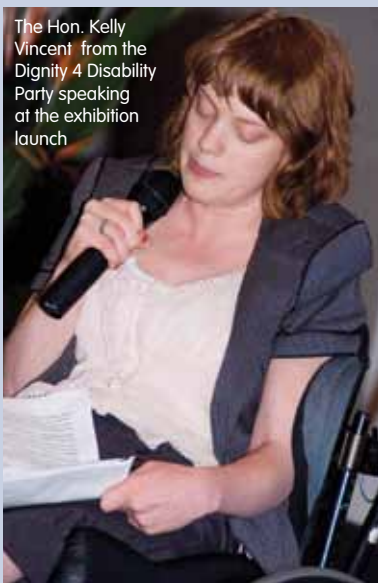
Having a Ball

We proudly held our final 60th Birthday celebration, 'Having a Ball' a retrospective exhibition showcasing our history and many achievements since 1950. Held at UniSA's City West campus, in the Hawke Centre, the exhibition wrapped up in December.

'Having a Ball' featured on Channel 7's Today Tonight and Channel 9's Postcards programmes, delivering disability awareness into the homes of thousands. The exhibition was an opportunity to connect with our many supporters past and present and welcome them into our **scosa** family. In just two weeks we saw hundreds of visitors absorb our rich history of which we are so very proud.



Former Miss South Australia and Charity award winners at the exhibition launch



The Hon. Kelly Vincent from the Dignity 4 Disability Party speaking at the exhibition launch



General Manager of Channel 9, Graeme Gilbertson with **scosa** Patron Hedley Bachmann AM at the exhibition launch



scosa staff members Craig Walker, Nam Arunakasikar, Anita Bayford & Natalie Davies



scosa President, Judith Worrall & Chief Executive, Nicole Graham welcomed guests



Former 1950 Miss South Australia Gillian Wallace with **scosa** General Manager, Marketing & Business Development, Gabrielle Overton interviewed by 5aa presenter Amanda Blair



scosa staff member Brenton Matthews with wife Jenny viewing exhibition memorabilia



David Sherwell & Jason Wright at the Miss South Australia photo display



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- Community Lottery
Opens February 1, 2011
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- Adelaide Fringe Festival Parade
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- Kate Skipper Scholarship Awarded
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- Gilles Plains Hub Open Day
March 1, 2011
- Port Pirie Hub Open Day
March 9, 2011
- Blyth Hub Open Day
March 18, 2011
- Hackham Hub Open Day
April 6, 2011
- Teen Hub (School Holiday Programme)
April 18 - 29, 2011
- Kicking Goals for **scosa** Power
Home Game Showdown
April 16, 2011
- Sailability on the Torrens Lake
April 20, 2011
- Performability at the Starplex Gawler
April 29, 2011

Outstanding Volunteer Profile

We are very fortunate at **scosa** to have many dedicated volunteers who take time out from their lives to join our family in making a difference.

In this edition our outstanding volunteer is Kate Sugars.



Kate joined **scosa** as a volunteer in May 2010, working with our Thebarton Hub team. She first heard of **scosa** when she was in High School from her friend, 1983 Miss South Australia and Miss Australia, Lisa Cornelius. She admired the time and dedication that Lisa provided working with **scosa**.

In September last year after four months volunteering with us, Kate enrolled in a Certificate III in Disability Services.

'I enrolled in the course so that I could participate in all the activities – I enjoyed the work but wanted to help out more than I was able to without the qualification.' Kate said.

Kate loves the fantastic friendships she has made since volunteering with **scosa**. She has participated in a diverse range of activities; her favourites are gardening and with a classical music background she loves the music sessions.

Kate is another example of the positive experience that a volunteer can have and is an inspiration to others.

If you would like to get involved and volunteer we would love to hear from you.

For further information contact Craig Walker on Tel 08 8347 2664 or email: cwalker@scosa.com.au

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