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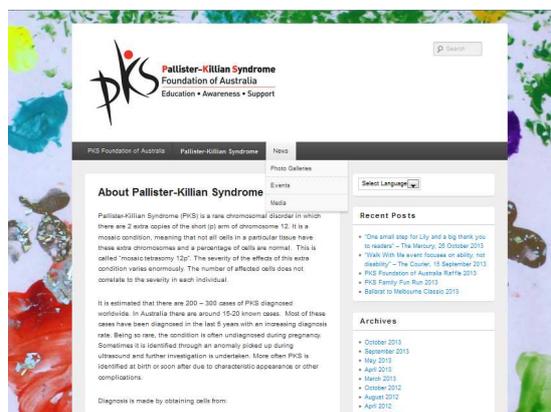


## From the president, Nic Acquarola:

The Foundation has worked tirelessly over the past 18 months to get itself established in Australia. The official accreditations are required in order to properly operate. We now have charity collection status in 4 states (WA, TAS, NSW and QLD) and are in the process of attaining authority in Vic. These approvals will allow us to fundraise in those states, opening up exciting opportunities for 2014. These fundraising events just don't happen and a lot of effort goes into them. You will be informed when events are underway in your area. Please support them in any way possible.

Another goal of the PKSFA is to undertake a membership drive. Through this, we hope to raise greater awareness as well as give members first opportunity to participate and support in any fundraising events. There are many other benefits in being a member. Please take the time to go to our web page to find out more and to download and submit the forms. Don't forget to pass the information on to your family and friends so they too can join and show their support.

Whilst you are online, have a browse around our new and improved web site. Tim Paton and Shefali Adlaka have volunteered many hours of their time to build up this new site and should be commended on the results. This work is ongoing and pages are updated on a regular basis. Please take the opportunity to regularly access our page so we can keep you up-to-date with developments in PKS events and research here and abroad. We do have social media presence on both Facebook and Twitter however the most detailed information will be on the official web site.



In other big news for 2013, PKSFA this year we awarded our first grants. Two families took up the offer and have used the funds to acquire and complete renovations that have made a big difference to the lives of those individuals with PKS. This year we have decided to increase the grant to \$1500 per individual and will have no date deadline. Awarding these grants is central to the objectives of PKSFA. Please contact the foundation if you have a need that one of these grants could help meet. All correspondence with regards to the grant will be kept confidential.



In early 2012 we held our first family meeting in Sydney. Feedback from the meeting showed that those attending were keen to have such an event every two years. In October 2014 we are organising another conference, in beautiful Melbourne. Details have already been sent out to the families for whom we have contact details. If you have not received this information and are interested in attending, please contact us. Fundraising events this year will be dedicated

towards funding the conference relieve the financial burden to the families to attend the meeting. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Another aspect of raising funds is developing corporate support. This can provide valuable links within any charity organisation. We each have a large network of people we know both socially and professionally and many organisations are keen to contribute to charities, especially if they have a direct connection to the cause. If you are aware of any potential partnerships, please contact the PKSFA committee. No support is too small.

Suddenly Christmas and 2014 are just around the corner. The Executive Committee wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We know 2013 has been a challenging year for many of our PKS families. Let's hope that the worst is all behind all of us and that 2014 is going to be looking up for all members of the PKS family.



*“A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.” - Christopher Reeve.*