

President Report - October 2020

By Andrea Porte

As an organization, the Child Health Association has navigated significant challenges and constant change during 2020. The health and safety of our team and their families has been our utmost priority. To our wonderful staff, Board, and volunteers I am indebted to you all for everything that you are doing to support each other. I am constantly impressed by the ways our team are demonstrating resilience, agility, trust and creativity to support our organization.

The true power of the Child Health Association comes from our people. With lockdown came exciting new ways to provide support, education and advocacy opportunities to the Tasmanian families we serve. The uptake and appreciation for our virtual services has been unprecedented, and shall have a lasting impact on the way we offer services.

As a Board, early and decisive action was taken to utilize technology to facilitate our continued connectivity and strength. To that end our board commenced virtual board meetings, and our staff worked remotely. We have continued to develop our professional skills utilizing online resources, with a particular focus on effective governance.

The Board shall engage in the strategic planning process in early 2021 that shall set the direction of the organization for the future. The Child Health Association continues to be supported by the Tasmanian State Government, whom provide our core funding through the Department of Communities Tasmania, whilst our Family Food Patch program is funded via Public Health Services. On behalf of the organization, I offer our sincere thanks for the continued support.

We are all in this together. We are passing this test and emerging as a stronger organization.



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