

ANNUAL REPORT 2011



directors

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.



Nicole O'Reilly
President



Domenico Tripodi
Vice President



Amanda Bladen



Thelma Burnett



Peter Bothams
appointed
(28/05/2011)



Jan Erven



Therese Fitzpatrick
appointed
(1/07/2011)



Imelda Todd
appointed
(22/03/2011)



Jenny Ziviani
appointed
(20/01/2011)



Susan Gilbert Hunt
resigned
(7/3/2011)



Peta Raison
resigned
(1/07/2011)
Immediate Past
President



Occupational Therapy Australia embarked on an historic change in moving to a unified entity in 2011 with one of the most significant activities undertaken by the Association - ensuring that the transition to a single national entity was as efficient as possible for the Divisions and members alike.

With the help of members the Association also developed a new logo and brand identity to reflect the changes that will take us in to the future. The new logo, an iteration of the old OT AUSTRALIA emblem, was kept together with the existing colours [purple and gold] and the new entities name, Occupational Therapy Australia the main focus of the logo - so we can continue to put our name at the forefront of Australians.

Thank you once again to everyone who shared feedback during the consultation, we valued your advice and appreciated your assistance in helping to shape the logo.

We have introduced a number of significant internal changes aimed at improving our processes and improving the value of member services. Key highlights included:

- A new-look web site and database system providing members a more user-friendly, intuitive and improved online experience.
- National tours of Professional Development events such as the Dr. Michael Iwama Workshops allowed members access to quality CPD events closer to home.
- Reciprocal access to the British, Canadian and New Zealand OT journals for all members.
- A Membership Card combined with a benefits program that provides discounts to all members.
- A successful National Conference on the Gold Coast attracting over 700 delegates [the most on record].

The board is pleased to see that Occupational Therapists are responding to these improvements in member services and we are happy to report that Occupational Therapy Australia has the highest membership numbers ever recorded with 5,300 members. Thanks to each and everyone of you for becoming involved.

The Board underwent changes during this period and it was with sadness that we said farewell to a number of people who contributed enormously to the Association and the profession, and we are in a better position because of their individual and collective contributions.

March 2011 was the last Board meeting for Sue Gilbert Hunt who retired from her position as a Director of Occupational Therapy Australia. Sue was a Director, Divisional Chair of the South Australian Division, past President of OT AUSTRALIA SA, past Councillor and provided many valuable years of service to the profession.

At the 2010 AGM outgoing President Peta Raison, after 6 years service as State Elected Councillor and President, retired from the Board to dedicate some time to family, work and the Tasmanian Divisional Council. Peta's dedication to the Association was acknowledged at the National Conference and on behalf of the Board I do so here once again, thank you for all the support, effort and time you have given Peta.

The National Advisory Committee [NAC] appointed two new Directors, a result of the retirement of the two outgoing Directors, onto the Board of Occupational Therapy Australia. These vacancies were filled by Peter Bothams and Therese Fitzpatrick.

The Board also supported the nomination to Co-opt Professor Jenny Ziviani to the Board together with the nomination for Nationally Elected Director, Imelda Todd.

During 2011 the Board, keen to pursue best practice governance, developed a Charter to help guide its activities, assist with the accountability and performance evaluation for the Board and assist with learning and development for each individual Board Member. Over time, it will facilitate efficient use of limited time to process the workload.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Executive and Board together with all the staff at Occupational Therapy Australia across Australia for all their efforts in 2011. The Association and the profession have received great support throughout the year and I thank you all sincerely.



2011 was an eventful year for Occupational Therapy Australia, with the transition to a single entity taking the spotlight. Other highlights of this productive year included:

We were delighted to see that our membership number in 2011 reached its greatest number of members [5,300] ever recorded. We thank you for your continued membership and support of the Association. This can be accredited to some of the new member benefits and services introduced in 2011.

↘ Reciprocal Access to Journals

Occupational Therapy Australia members received free online access to the Occupational Therapy Journals of Britain, New Zealand, Canada and US opening the door to high quality international research which is important for the development of the profession.

↘ New Look Web site

Occupational Therapy Australia launched its new-look web site, www.otaus.com.au, a significant element of the Association's transformation to a single entity, providing members a more user-friendly, intuitive and improved online experience.

Improving and extending the digital services we offer our members continues to be a priority for the Association to ensure we provide a broad range of options for people to engage with us when and where they choose.

↘ Member Benefits Program

Occupational Therapy Australia introduced a new member benefit for all members of the Association offering an extensive range of exclusive benefits and savings that will appeal to everyone. We are confident that you and your family will receive substantial savings through this Member Benefits Program.

The 24th National Conference on the Gold Coast was the culmination of two years planning and preparation by the Conference Senior Management Team and we would like to once again extend a thank you for their personal support and dedication to the Conference success: Jan Erven, Natasha Lannin, Kerry Adam, Marco Bello, Julie Newton and Denise Broeren from Think Business Events.

Over the three days delegates had the opportunity to hear from guest speakers from Australia and abroad as they addressed a

broad range of issues built around the theme of Making Evidence Work: Informing practices, organisations and the profession. A special thank you to the Conference Scientific Program Committee and in particular the Program Chair, Dr. Natasha Lannin, for building an excellent program that was both exciting and topical.

The much anticipated event brought together 722 delegates, the largest attendance on record for a National Conference for the Association, and attracted close to 80 exhibitors.

Thank you once again to everyone who made the 24th National Conference such an amazing event - for sharing your ideas and work so generously, for sharing your passion, laughter and commitment to the profession.

We look forward to seeing you all in Adelaide in 2013!

↘ Looking Forward

As we move into another eventful year we begin 2012 on a positive note having negotiated access for our members to substantially reduced Professional Indemnity Insurance premiums via Aon. The Association has enjoyed a great relationship with Aon for the past 18 years and we look forward to the continued services and benefits provided.

Preparing for national registration has begun in earnest with staff assisting members to understand the registration requirements on a range of issues, including fees, application processes, and the difference between registration and Occupational Therapy Australia membership.

In closing I would like to thank the volunteers who gave up their valuable time, money and resources to advance the profession of occupational therapy. In addition I would like to acknowledge the office staff in each state and territory for their ongoing commitment and dedication in making sure the all offices run smoothly.

The 2011 Financial Report is the first full years report for the single entity, Occupational Therapy Australia Limited, with some of the Divisions having only been transferred in this financial year - represented in both the sizeable rise in revenue and expenses from 2010.

The Board of Occupational Therapy Australia is pleased to report that the Association's financial position has improved in 2011 but does however recognise that the financial climate is changing and that this will require careful and considered decisions in the future.

The report shows a profit result of \$228,593, well above budget, a result due to the stronger than expected membership, advertising/sponsorship and the successful National Conference.

Membership

Membership grew by 8.6% in 2011 with the Association recording its greatest number of members ever recorded. We have an enormous opportunity to increase membership further, and that will continue to be our challenge for the coming year.

State	2011	2010
ACT	97	67
NSW	1478	1330
QLD	1235	1029
SA	406	369
TAS	117	90
VIC	1726	1658
WA	182	276
NT	61	63
Total	5,300	4,882

National Conference

The positive financial outcome of the conference was made possible due to the sale of booths for the Exhibition which was \$218,000 against a budget of \$116,000, or \$102,000 over budget. The total registration fees (719 registrants) and expenses were broadly in line with budget.

The Statement of Financial Position at the end of December 2011 reports a net equity figure of \$3,424,560.

Members can access a full copy of the financial report via the Occupational Therapy Australia web site (www.otaus.com.au) or by contacting the Association.

Income Statement

for the Year Ended 31 December 2011

	2011	2010
Revenue	3,725,979	1,329,794
Expenses		
Employee benefits expense	(1,577,861)	(659,786)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	(37,981)	(29,563)
Finance costs	(19,396)	-
Rental expense	(31,638)	(2,717)
Audit, legal and consultancy expense	(138,433)	(95,461)
Production expenses	(168,831)	(157,207)
Marketing expenses	(78,048)	(53,654)
Advocacy Activities	(278,184)	(93,126)
Conference costs	(507,024)	(72,925)
Continual professional development costs	(317,074)	(55,870)
Course accreditation	(19,290)	(23,790)
Project expenses	(45,043)	(98,556)
Other expenses	(278,582)	(111,283)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	228,593	(124,143)
Other comprehensive income:		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of non-current assets	247,405	-
Equity transfers from liquidated affiliated entities	1,712,865	1,423,642
Total comprehensive income for the year	1,960,270	1,423,642
Total comprehensive income attributable to the entity	2,188,863	1,299,499

Balance Sheet

for the Year Ended 31 December 2011

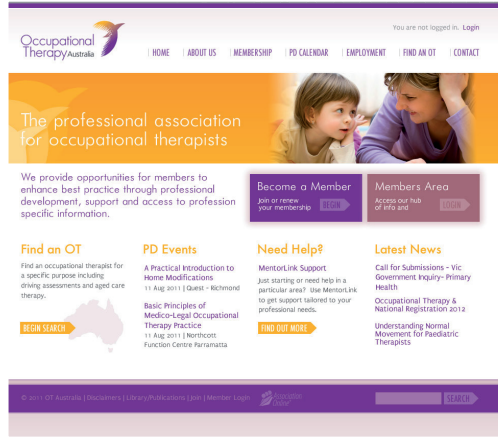
	2011	2010
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,026,316	174,930
Trade and other receivables	53,272	100,249
Other assets	20,853	27,976
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	2,100,441	303,154
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Financial assets	132,421	147,634
Property, plant and equipment	2,465,949	1,035,678
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	2,598,370	1,183,312
TOTAL ASSETS	4,698,811	1,486,466
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	772,172	168,116
Provisions	124,711	82,654
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	896,883	250,771
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Borrowings	354,193	-
Provisions	23,175	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	377,368	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,274,251	250,771
NET ASSETS	3,424,560	1,235,697
EQUITY		
Retained earnings	40,648	(187,945)
Reserves	247,405	-
Equity transfers from liquidated affiliated entities	3,136,507	1,423,642
TOTAL EQUITY	3,424,560	1,235,697

ot week 2011

high

database

new web site &



journals

access to overseas



national pd tours



24th national conference



lights

awards

2011 was a consolidation year for Occupational Therapy Australia drawing on its long and proud history to help shape its future.

Some significant achievements occurred during this period - the introduction of a new logo, new web site, new benefits and services and a fresh new outlook for the Association.

The Honours Panel, established to ensure all the innovation, creativity and passion continued in the single entity, commemorated the launch of the new entity by launching the Inaugural Members Roll at the National Conference on the Gold Coast.

The 24th National Conference was very successful with very positive feedback from delegates. The summary of registrant feedback showed delegates had very high satisfaction with the conference overall (4.19 out of 5.00), and with the trade displays (4.24), and speakers (4.22). Delegates had high satisfaction with the program (4.06) .

In 2011 professional representation took a more strategic and coordinated focus with Joy Pennock assisting to provide oversight and development to this important function of the Association. A big thank you to everyone, office bearers, member representatives and staff, who help provide input into representation .

The Australian Occupational Therapy Journal and Member magazine, Connections, released a special issue in 2011. The Journal and Connections acknowledged the role the profession has made in helping to close the gaps that separate indigenous and non-indigenous health.

Jeannine Millsteed



The Occupational Therapy Australia National Award, to recognise outstanding honorary service to the Association, was awarded to Jeannine Millsteed

Emma Cowie

Emma Cowie was excited to be the recipient of the Elaine B Wilson Memorial Award. Receiving this Award has furthered Emma's passion for working in paediatrics.



Sylvia Rodger

Professor Sylvia Rodger presented her lecture at the 24th National Conference as the winner of the Sylvia Docker Award for her significant contribution to professional and educational occupational therapy communities at local, state, national and international levels.

This report presents significant events and activities undertaken by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists in 2011 and those that specifically involved the Australian delegate and alternate delegate.

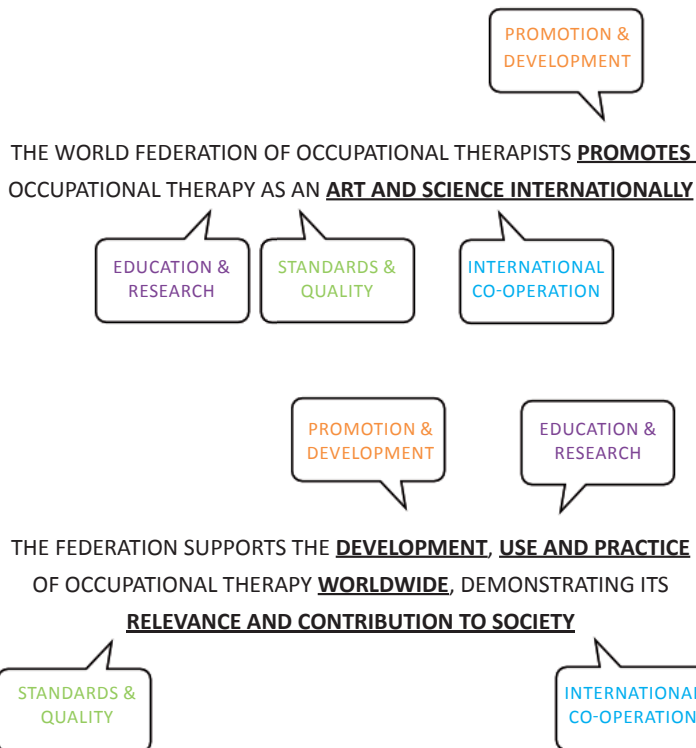
WFOT structure

At the 2011 Occupational Therapy Australia conference, Thelma Burnett, WFOT delegate, presented a paper that outlined the structure of the WFOT. This is the section related to the program areas

Program Areas – there are 5 program areas



WFOT Mission Statement and how it relates to its program area



Educational Program Information on the WFOT web site

Only entry level programs are approved by the WFOT and this information is available on the web site. Information about other occupational therapy programs is not included as WFOT does not approve post professional or graduate programs. However universities may advertise these programs on the WFOT web site in the “Advertising” section.

World Disasters

The Executive Management Team extended sincere support to the occupational therapists directly affected by these events – Japan’s earthquake and tsunami, Queensland floods, earthquake in Turkey, floods in Thailand. “Disaster and Development - An Occupational Perspective” is scheduled to be available in 2012.

WFOT Web site

A new WFOT web site was launched in October 2011. This updated web site brings new information and services to WFOT members and the public. Improved functionality, easier navigation, better user experience and conforming to international disability standards are just a part of the new features of the web site.

To access the member section of the WFOT web site you need to use your WFOT membership number which is the same as your Occupational Therapy Australia membership number.

World report on disability

The World report on disability jointly published by WHO and the World Bank was launched in June 2011. The World report summarises the best available scientific evidence on disability and makes recommendations for action to support the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006).

To promote the World report on disability and its messages, four short films are available on the theme “What’s disability to me?”. The films are available on the WHO YouTube channel and the WHO web site. http://www.who.int/disabilities/world_report/en/index.html <http://www.youtube.com/who>

Award for an Australian Occupational Therapist

Marilyn Pattison was presented with an ‘Honorary Membership’ of the Swedish Association at their national conference. The president outlined Marilyn’s many contributions including President of the Australian Association of Occupational Therapists, and her involvement in WFOT as a delegate, consultant, and now as the Executive Director and member of the Executive Management Team.

World OT Day

This was celebrated on 27th October 2011. It is the day for occupational therapists to celebrate and promote the profession. On the WFOT

web site the logo was available to use as well as other free resources – calendar, posters. This is a one of the projects undertaken by the Promotion and Development Program.

Social networking

The World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) announced the launch of its Facebook page - www.facebook.com/wfot.org. This is aimed at promoting the organisation's activities to those who choose to participate in social networking

WFOT Delegate, Hong Kong

Jenny Chung, WFOT Delegate Hong Kong passed away in October 2011. She was admired for her many contributions in particular to the Education and Research Programme. Jenny was vice-president of the Asia Pacific Occupational Therapy Regional Group since 2006.

5th Asia Pacific Occupational Therapy Congress

The congress commenced with an Education Day then a day of Pre-Congress Workshops followed by 4 days of conference sessions. Several keynote addresses, workshops and papers were presented by Australian therapists at the congress. Australia was well represented at the congress. The Tsutoshi Sato Memorial Lecture was presented by Dr Kit Sinclair, past President of WFOT. Kit's address looked back at the history of the profession in the Asia Pacific region and looked forward to challenges in the future. Occupational Therapy students from Chiang Mai University entertained delegates with traditional Thai dances at the opening session, welcome function, Congress dinner and the closing session.

Asia Pacific Occupational Therapy Regional Group (APOTRG)

The APOTRG held the 2nd General Assembly prior to the Congress in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

It was held over two evenings and attended by delegates from Australia, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand. Some outcomes from the meetings were

- The 6th APOTC will be held in Rotorua, NZ in 2015
- Election of new APOTRG Executive: President – Nathan Vytialingam (Malaysia), Vice President – Thelma Burnett (Australia), Secretary – Athena Tsai (Taiwan) and Treasurer – Patrick Ker (Singapore).
- Plans to develop formal processes and guidelines for APOTRG activities.
- Meeting of the APOTRG will be held each year.



Thelma Burnett
Delegate



Lee Zakrzewski
Alternate delegate

The Australian Occupational Therapy Journal is edited by Dr Elspeth Froude and is published by Wiley Blackwell six times per year. The following information is provided by Wiley Blackwell and derived from their 2011 annual report.

AOTJ is listed with Thomson Reuters ISI web of knowledge the Impact factor and ISI ranking for 2010 is 0.63, up from 0.43 for 2009.

The average publication time was 79 days from receipt of accepted manuscript to early view publication.

The special issue for 2011 was titled "Indigenous health, well-being, social and economic inclusion - closing the gaps"

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Full text downloads increased by 20% in 2011 to 231,103.



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