HEARING CRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The HEARING CRC is accountable to the Commonwealth, the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and our Members and we strive for governance and oversight of all activities.

To avoid the board in fulfilling its duties, there is established:
- Finance and Audit Committee
- Commercialisation Working Group
- Science Advisory Group
- Support Members Group

RICHARD SEARBY
Managing Director
Macquarie University

BARRY HALL
Non Executive Director
Siemens Hearing Instruments Pty Ltd

RICHARD SEARBY
Independent Director
Macquarie University

MICHELE ALLAN
Independent Director
University of Melbourne

LISA SPRINGER
Independent Director
Cochlear Ltd

LISA NORDEN
Executive Assistant
A/Prof Robert Cowan
Chief Executive Officer

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Displaying sound value

RICHARD SEARBY
Chair

To assist the board in fulfilling its duties, it has established a:
- FOR GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT OF ACTIVITIES.
- THE AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES AND INVESTMENTS COMMISSION AND OUR MEMBERS
- THE HEARING CRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE COMMONWEALTH,

MANAGEMENT TEAM

The HEARING CRC MANAGING DIRECTOR is responsible for management and coordination of all activities at the Centre.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
- A/Prof Robert Cowan

COMMUNICATION AND EXECUTIOn DIRECTOR
- Dr. Maree Kotsch (Acting)
- Dr. Gail Cameron

RESEARCH PROJECT COORDINATORS
- Dr. Dennis Low (Canberra)
- Dr. Rachel Hession
- Dr. Katharine Ng

DIFFERENTIATION AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICIAL
- Dr. Keryn Croke

SUPPORT MEMBERS

THE HEARING CRC is a MULTIDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION of FIVE CORE and 21 SUPPORT MEMBERS, EACH OF WHICH CONTRIBUTES SPECIFIC EXPERTISE AND INFRASTRUCTURE TO OUR RESEARCH, COMMERCIALISATION AND EDUCATION PROJECTS.

CORE MEMBERS

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Successes in research depend on the dedication and support of Project Leaders, and their Project Teams and partners. HEARING CRC is fortunate in having a number of key Members that support our activities. The CRC’s achievements illustrate that a multi-agency approach can lead to enhanced outcomes.

Recent commercial successes include the trainable hearing aid released by Siemens AG, licencing of NAL-NL2 fitting software, to international hearing aid manufacturers. These outcomes underline that the HEARING CRC’s focus on developing technology meets the needs of industry and clinical service.

It is especially pleasing to note that revenue generated from commercialisation is being reinvested in our research and education projects.

During 2010/11 we undertook a Third Year Review and are excited by the outcomes of this CRC Program. This review report was very positive, rating that The Hearing CRC was on track to deliver all proposed projects, and extend its benefits to a wider population of end-users.

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We are looking forward to further successes in 2011/12 and it is our hope that the end-user environment will continue to grow and beneﬁt from our work. We are particularly looking forward to the continued success of the HEARING CRC’s partnership with the Commonwealth and The University of Melbourne.

Ultimately, hearing loss is a disabling condition that impacts every aspect of our lives. The HEARING CRC is appreciative of our Members for their ongoing support and interest in our research and educational programs.

In summary, the HEARING CRC is well positioned to continue to make a major contribution to hearing research, education and public awareness, and will be engaging new initiatives that will enable to beneﬁt a wider population of end-users.

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Finally, the Board recognises the future challenges facing the HEARING CRC in a more and potentially difﬁcult ﬁnancial environment. The Board continues to pay careful attention to the appropriate use of funds and the impact on our research and education projects.

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WHAT HAPPENED AT THE HEARING CRC IN 2010/11?

THE HEARING CRC’S RESEARCH ACTIVITY IS ARRANGED INTO FOUR PROGRAM AREAS, AIMED AT DEVELOPING NEW KNOWLEDGE AND DISCOVERING THAT RESULTS IN BOTH TECHNOLOGICAL OR CLINICAL BENEFIT IN THE PREVENTION OR BETTER REMEDIATION OF HEARING LOSS. HIGHLIGHTS FROM EACH PROGRAM ARE DETAILED BELOW.

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EDUCATION

THE HEARING CRC’S DELIVERING INDUSTRY-READY GRADUATES AND INCREASING CLINICAL CAPACITY FOR AUSTRALIAN-HEARING HEALTHCARE. THE PROGRAM HAS TWO ELEMENTS.

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM

Students undertaking research projects through the HEARING CRC can undertake industry and clinical training. They develop commercial and project management skills alongside advanced research and technical skills. Student are also participate in voice and audition tests as training, networking opportunities and as an assess research opportunities.

COMMERCIALISATION AND UTILISATION

ALL HEARING CRC PROJECTS HAVE A CLEARLY DEFINED STRATEGY FOR CREATING IMPACT, EITHER THROUGH COMMERCIALISATION OR CLINICAL APPLICATION. COMMERCIALISATION usually occurs through pre-existing arrangements with industry partners who are directly involved as project participants. All intellectual property and commercial activity is managed by HEARworks Pty Ltd.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVERVIEW

POSTGRADUATE PROGRAM

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PHD 1

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