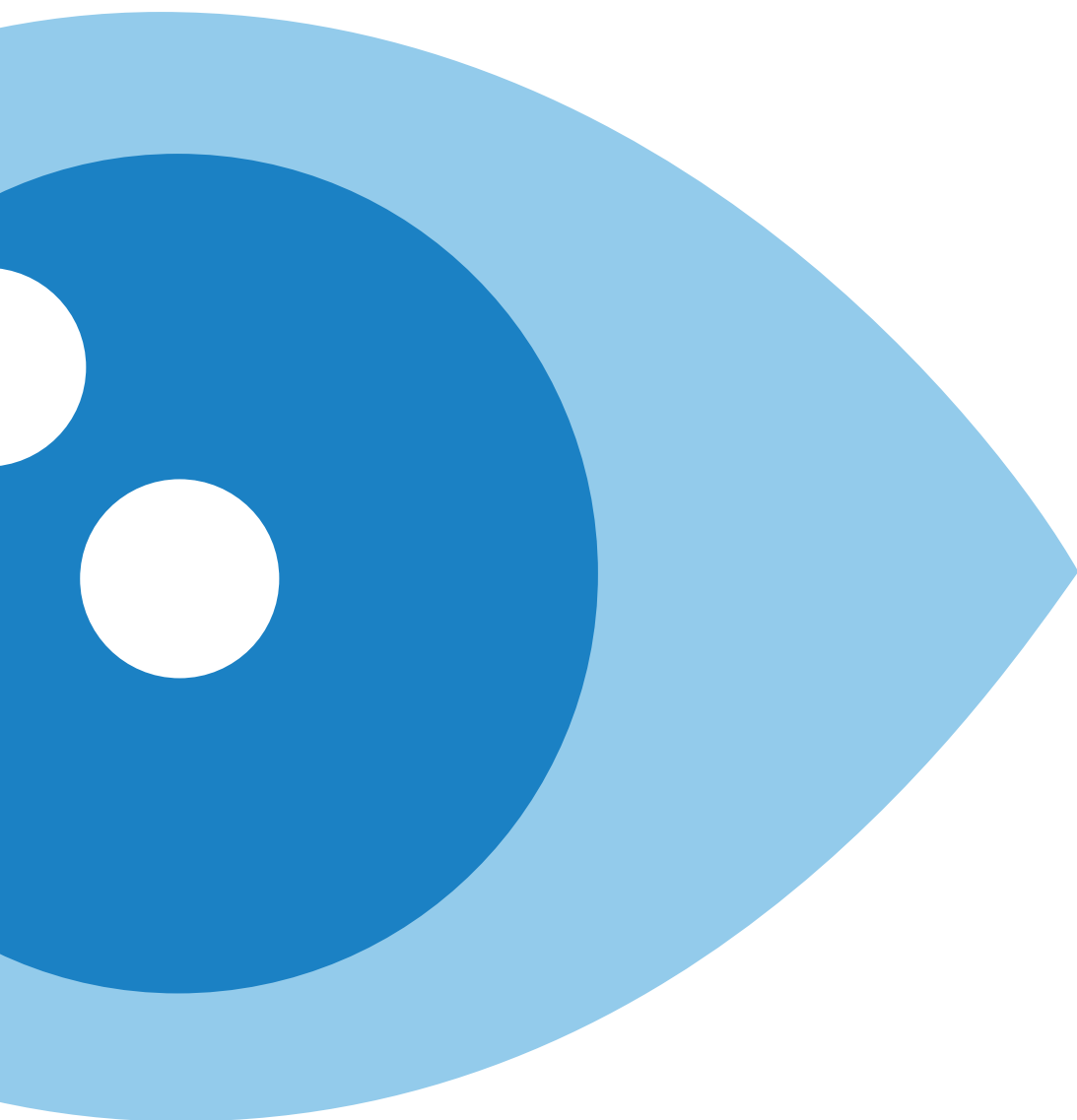


blind sporting council
annual report
2012-2013



our vision & mission.....

Our Vision is to provide all blind or vision impaired Australians the opportunity to participate in sport.

The Blind Sporting Council was established in 1996 to provide support to people who are blind or vision impaired participating in sport, recreation and community activities.

BSC exists to finance associated projects to ensure blind & vision impaired people of all ages have opportunities to fulfil their dreams.

The 2012/2013 Financial Year has seen many changes to the Blind Sporting Council that has strengthened its position as a not-for-profit organization in Australia. It has been a successful year for both the organization and its clients.

The Blind Sporting Council has been progressing its way through its Strategic Plan and achieving positive outcomes. The organization looks forward to continuing its service to blind and vision impaired people and will strive to maximize potential for clients to be able to participate in the sport, recreation or community activity of their choice.





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overview: **blindness and vision impairment in Australia**

Blindness as a term refers to a person who may be totally blind or someone who is legally blind. Total blindness is when there is no perception of light and legal blindness in Australia is set at visual acuity of 6/60 or a visual field of less than 10 (normal visual field is around 150° wide). When a person cannot see at 6 metres what someone with normal vision can see at 60 metres then it is understood that the person is legally blind.

The 2007-2008 research data compiled by the Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed that well over 400,000 people aged less than 65 years old were living with blindness or vision impairment in Australia. Of which, roughly 61,000 were blind. Alarming, these figures are on the rise as seen in the more recent data from ABS. Specific statistics and the geographical spread of the condition is illustrated ahead in this report.

The disability poses various challenges in a person's day to day life. These range from physical to psychological to financial challenges. Cultural background and age also pose critical challenges in managing the disability and helping to lead a normal life.

Sports and recreation has emerged as an extremely effective solution to deal with most of the challenges faced by a person with blindness or vision impairment. Social interaction with a caring community and others faced with similar disabilities, all in a relaxed environment, has consistently delivered very positive outcomes.

The activities range from competitive sports like cricket, bowling, sailing, swimming, athletics etc., to non competitive activities like physical training, trekking, fishing, dancing, music, art and craft among others. Activities and participation take place at a local community level and extend to state and national levels.

overview: **relevance** **of blind sporting council**

Economic Importance

Financial costs attached with disabilities are usually debilitating to the point where a person either completely misses out or has limited experience opportunities that can uplift them.

Dependence on support systems and people result in increased costs for people with blindness or vision impairment while pursuing sports or recreational activities.

Lack of adequate employment opportunities are common for blind and vision impaired people and add to their financial stress.

Sports and recreation require regular funds to organize and operate. Currently there are not enough sources or initiatives to meet the growing demand within the community.

Blind Sporting Council is positioned in a unique way wherein financial assistance is provided to blind and vision impaired community to pursue sports and recreational activities of their choice through regular grants and sponsorships. Our grants and sponsorships have helped at local, state, national and international levels.



overview: social importance

Studies have shown that most disabilities come with some social stigmas which further result in certain amount of social isolation. This often leads to depression, anxiety and increased levels of stress. The risks are found to be 2 to 5 times higher among the blind and vision impaired

While this condition is preventable, the longer it is left unattended the harder it becomes to resolve and reverse. What makes the situation more complex is the lack of resources to fund specific disabilities and non-elite sporting activities.

Blind Sporting Council is not all about assisting elite disability sports. Operating at grass roots level and expanding its reach to non competitive sporting and recreational activities has helped bridge a significant gap. Over the last 15 years, Blind Sporting Council is significantly facilitating and contributing in creating social opportunities for the community where there was none.

Our focus is more memories than medals.

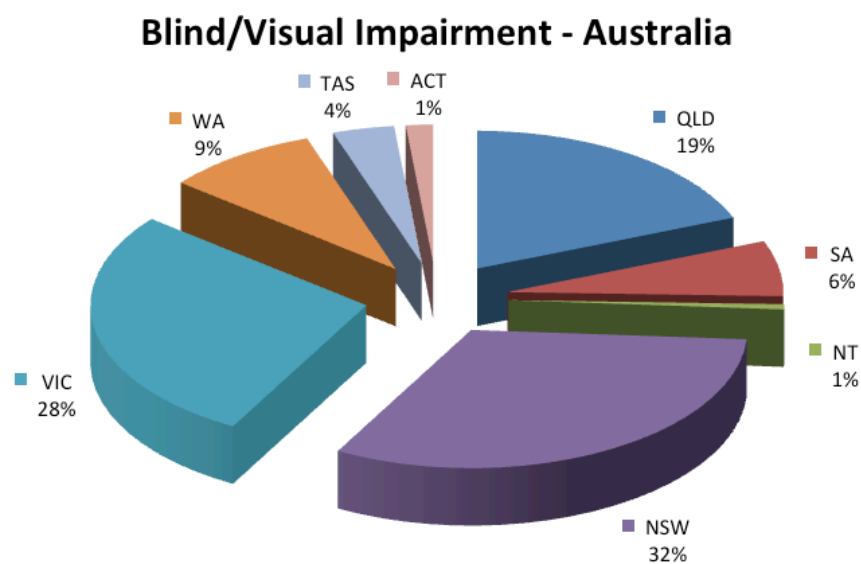


overview: statistics

There are approximately 527,600 people in Australia who suffer from blindness and other serious visual disturbances or loss of vision (As per Australian Bureau of Statistics survey report 2011-2012).

State	People ('000)
QLD	100.1
SA/NT	37.5
NSW	168.5
VIC	146.4
WA	47.6
TAS	19.1
ACT	8.4

The following pie chart illustrates the percentage of people who suffer from the aforementioned conditions around Australia.





president's report

I'd firstly like to thank the staff and board members for their continued support this year, and Ryan Mansell & Des Warner for their time and contribution to the board.

Of the 27 years I have been involved in fund raising, I believe the last 18 months have been the most difficult, due mainly to the financial crisis, bad publicity for charities and the political uproar. Tin collecting in Queensland ceased at Christmas, in WA from January, and SA's collections have also been lower than average.

Our CEO Raj's passion and hard work has seen several new initiatives put in place and BSC has received grants for the first time. Unfortunately, this has not compensated for the enormous loss in tin collections.

It will be up to us the board to assist Raj in implementing new income streams, such as Eye Support a Star.

During the early 2000s tin collecting and telemarketing was very profitable. So much so that we reserved some of the income for the leaner times we now face. This year we had to dig deep into our savings to continue financial support for the grant applications that came in from sporting groups.

It appears that mergers and collaborations with other like-minded and cause charities is the way forward to maintain a sustainable future. We've spent a significant time this year exploring various possibilities, including a merger with BSA. After due diligence and process from both parties, we have decided not to go ahead with the merger but we are all committed to working together for the benefit of our client group.

Over the last 12 months, Raj & Matt have been busy with speaking engagements all over Adelaide to promote and market our organization. These have led to not only greater awareness but new and exciting opportunities.

I believe that the future of our organization depends on a larger volunteer group to take on some of the tasks which are currently cost prohibitive for BSC.

Finally I'd like to show my appreciation to the board for the position they entrusted me with.

John Cornaggia

ceo report

In this very competitive climate, we have been busy at BSC learning to work as a responsible business, not just a charity. An inspired board with a Can Do attitude and a dedicated team of staff and volunteers ensured that we honoured our commitment to fund twice this year as well. We certainly did not let what we cannot do interfere with what we can!

This year has seen us establish new income streams to replace and / or supplement our traditional ones such as telemarketing and collections. We have revisited and updated our strategic and business plans, our policies and procedures, our image and its message, our board and its responsibilities, our various stakeholders and managing their expectations.

Our new EYE brand is due to be launched soon as is our new website and marketing collateral whilst our ongoing Sporting Chance program has been well supported by various grants. Our flagship campaign, Eye Support a Star is already receiving overwhelming response, Our Eye Achieve Lottery is now running twice a year and our signature event, the Eye to Eye Ball has welcomed new event sponsors in Fox Creek Wines and Coopers and many generous auction donors.

So, as the year draws to a close, it is time to give thanks. A warm thank you to our board, staff, volunteers, donors, sponsors and charity partners. I firmly believe that people give to people, not to causes. Donors invest in ideas and people in whom they believe. The support we have received this year gives me hope and confidence. An assurance that our work is important and relevant. There are many reasons why we receive support and many ways by which we receive it. We humbly surrender before the scope of human generosity and will just keep saying thank you, sincerely, for as long as we have a voice.

It is also time for a few farewells. We said goodbye to Ryan Mansell and Des Warner, long term volunteer board members who so generously gave of their time and skills with empathy and a passion that motivates all around them to give and do their best. A sincere thanks for their contribution and we look forward to their continued support.

We also have John Cornaggia, a founding board member and chair for over 6 years passing the baton of chair at this year's AGM. John is truly an inspiration. Despite being totally blind himself, John has demonstrated that disability is no barrier to volunteering. John will continue to contribute in his capacity as board member and chair of the Mt. Barker Auxiliary of the Blind Sporting Council.

To use a sporting analogy, BSC's effort to compete in the fund-raising arena is a little bit like our paralympians at play. These extraordinary home-grown leaders and champions have shown by example that success on your terms is possible. Even when facing defeat, resistance or controversy they saw opportunities to innovate, grow and forge their own path to greatness.

Like the champions we represent, Blind Sporting Council will continue to demonstrate that the drive to succeed goes hand in hand with embracing change. We will keep pace with the continuously changing landscape of Australian philanthropy and continue to keep ourselves relevant, transparent and accountable.

Rajini Vasan

treasurer's report

BLIND SPORTING COUNCIL INCORPORATED **TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2013**

The year ended 30th June 2013 has resulted in a deficit of \$27,756

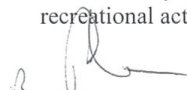
The areas of net income can be summarised as follows:-

	%	\$	%
Queensland	36	46,518	
South Australia	41	53,213	
Western Australia	23	<u>29,631</u>	
Net Tin collection activities		129,362	57
Eye2Eye function		17,851	8
Lottery		23,371	10
Grants		37,420	16
Donations		14,556	6
Investment		(657)	0
Other		<u>4,520</u>	<u>3</u>
		226,423	100
Grants		53,436	24
<u>Overheads</u>			
Rent & Outgoings		20,890	9
Wages + On Costs		142,093	63
Other		<u>37,760</u>	<u>17</u>
		254,179	113
Deficit		<u>(27,756)</u>	<u>(13)</u>

2013 has been a disappointing year with regard to our traditional tin collection fundraising income. Interstate collections have been significantly lower than expected due to collection agent and licencing issues. We are addressing this together with launching new fundraising activities. In order to assist vision impaired persons we have used reserves from prior years, but I am hopeful this trend will not continue. It is crucial that the organisation develop other fundraising income streams to reduce the reliance on one or few styles of fundraising.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow board members, in particular John Cornaggia for his leadership and Raj for dedication to the cause.

I look forward to more positive 2014 financial results which will allow the council to assist visually impaired persons to develop and achieve in their chosen sport or recreational activity.


PA Brooks
Treasurer

2013 income development notes

Productivity is not about managing your time, it's how you manage your choices, actions, habits, attention and energy in a world of overload!

Business Development strategy for the Blind Sporting Council required a fundamental shift in thinking.

We decided to move away from the traditional income streams and invest in campaigns with potential to directly engage with our stakeholders. This strategy helped us in sustaining the activities of BSC this year, despite some major setbacks with Collections, our key income source.



eye support a star

Conceived as an idea by two of our savvy board members Brad Jansen and Dmitri Voronenko, Eye Support a Star has now become the flagship campaign of BSC. The project fell into a twilight zone of creative serendipities and divine collaboration with the heaven sent Dan Kuss from Creative Grease, proving once again that by holding onto a vision in spite of appearances, taking action, and never giving up... dreams do come true!

Hotel Care Community Projects through the Australian Hotels Association (AHA) and Community Benefit SA have co-funded this campaign for Blind Sporting Council which will enable BSC to equip itself for communication, fund-raising and sustainability through the ESS program and ensure that we continue to deliver the services required of us in the community. Primarily aimed at our corporate supporters, the program will seek committed ongoing support and sponsorship for the blind & vision impaired to pursue their chosen sport or recreational activity. Packaged player profiles from an exhaustive database is presented and promoted on both offline as well as online platforms.

The project involved planning, identifying and securing the best value software and customer management system for BSC and developing a comprehensive website and other marketing collateral so that we can engage and connect with all our internal and external stakeholders in a meaningful and relevant way.

ESS is now ready to be officially launched in November and we already have commitments secured from many corporate supporters and individual donors.





events: **mt. barker auxiliary group activities**

This passionate group of volunteers were brought together by John Cornaggia, President of BSC and resident of Mt. Barker. Ever since they formed at the start of the year, the Mt. Barker Auxiliary has been busy organizing various mini events and raising awareness and funds for the Blind Sporting Council including a jewellery party in January, Zambesia movie night in May, Quiz Night in October as well as sausage sizzles and various raffles.

Heartfelt thanks for the dedication, hard work and commitment of the Mt. Barker Auxiliary, under the inspiring leadership of John. Their combined efforts raised significant fund-raising dollars and equally importantly, awareness of the work of BSC in the local community.

events: **going the distance at the city to bay**

The City Bay Fun Run is as much a challenge for charities as it is for the runners and walkers who attempt the 12 kilometre course. Our City to Bay was made much easier this year thanks to Victor from Refined Real Estate, who kindly let the Blind Sporting Council use his business headquarters on Anzac Highway during the event. It was a hive of activity as 42,000 competitors, some doing it easy, others doing it tough, made their way past Refined Real Estate's front door. We helped Victor and his team hand out hundreds of lollies and ice-blocks, along with Blind Sporting Council wrist bands.

The success of the Blind Sporting Council depends very much on the kindness of people like Victor, who is a long time supporter of the BSC, board member and even an auctioneer at our gala events. Thanks Victor!

events: **unisa collaborates with bsc**

The event management students of UniSA decided that it was 'About Time' they put their theoretical knowledge to good use in helping the Blind Sporting Council raise much needed funds for their various programs. The students organized a fund raiser movie night on Monday, the 14th of October at the Norwood Hoyts Cinema, handling the project from start to finish. The event introduced BSC to many new supporters and local businesses.

This is the second year that UniSA students have collaborated with BSC in fulfilling their work experience obligations and we would like to thank Matt Schmidt, course coordinator, for facilitating this project and look forward to their continued support.

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events: **connecting with our community**

Through speaking engagements, informal meetings and other gatherings, we are constantly engaging with the community we serve as well as our supporters. This helps us in understanding each other better and forge long term rewarding relationships.

BSC has been able to reach out to, and address several service clubs, schools and colleges raising awareness on the importance of sport and recreation for people with blindness or vision impairment and the invaluable work of The Blind Sporting Council. We also met with the blind golf competitors at the Stableford Championships and with the members of South Australian Blind Bowlers Club. Raj made a visit to Perth in August and hosted a morning tea for all the blind sporting clubs in WA which was a great opportunity to network, discuss ideas, opportunities and concerns.

We thank each of them for the opportunity and their generous hospitality.

events: **2013 disability expo**

BLIND Sporting Council participated in the 2013 expo held on the 16th of August 2013 at the Adelaide Show Grounds. The annual event organized by DIRC (Disability Information Resource Centre Inc) attracts participants involved and communities impacted with most forms of disabilities. The 2013 expo had over 100 exhibitors under one roof.



events: eye achieve lottery

2012 marked the launch of BSC's very own lottery campaigns. Our first EYE ACHIEVE Summer lottery witnessed an overwhelming response which prompted our second lottery, WHITE HOT CASH. The draw took place on the 31st of January 2013 with the winner walking away with \$25,000/-

Dr. Helen Schinkel was the lucky winner who had to retrieve her winning ticket from the garbage bin to claim her prize. While the prize money was certainly attractive, the motivation for most of our participants to buy a ticket was to associate with a worthy cause.

Our next Eye Achieve Spring Lottery commenced mid October with the draw date on the 21st of December. Plans are in place to run the lotteries campaign nationally. I would like to acknowledge our charity partner, Epilepsy SA, with special mention of Robert Cole, Janine Colson and Robyn Wakefield, who through Community links run our Lotteries with a passion and ownership that is reflected in our success year after year.



events: eye to eye ball

COME November and friends and supporters of the Blind Sporting Council are seen excitedly waiting to attend the annual EYE TO Eye Ball. 2012 was no exception and the gala event took place at The Crowne Plaza on November 10th.

The well attended evening was hosted by Adelaide's favourite sports presenter Graham Cornes. His Q&A session with blind & vision impaired athletes had everyone engaged and gave rare insights into the lives of these champions on and off the arena. The evening saw sporting champs like Felicity Johnson, Michael Zannis, Jonathan Goerlach, Anthony Clarke and Matthew Carey share their stories. Vision impaired tri-athlete, Jonathan Goerlach from NSW went on to win the coveted 2012 Karen Cornaggia Scholarship.

Back on popular demand, Shaker entertained the guests with a good mix of music. However the evening belonged to the Tutti Ensemble who owned the stage and guests alike. Fox Creek Wines complimented the evening with their superb range of wines and were also the generous sponsor of the event. Coopers, Coca-Cola, Highway Hotel, MBF Financial Strategists also contributed to the success of the event as sponsors.

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grants

BSC has been fortunate in winning several grants this year which helped keep our projects afloat and our funding rounds open, despite the steep fall in Collection activities. We extend a heartfelt thank you to all our generous supporters including ANZ Foundation, Community Benefit SA, Australian Executor Trustees (AET), Australian Hotels Association and Liquor Industry Charity Golf Day, for their generous grants to The Blind Sporting Council.

grants distributed 2012/13

A total of 20 grants were distributed to blind/vision impaired athletes/sports people and organizations supporting them during the 2012/13 financial year. This assisted people to take part in various competitions and events throughout the year. The total amount of distributed grants was \$52,436.25.

Grants were distributed to participants who took part in the following sports:

Cricket

Lawn Bowls

Goal ball

Golf

Gym Training

Tenpin Bowling

Please see the following page for a list of grants distributed during the 2011/2012 financial year.

blind sporting council

2012-2013 grants

Sport	Details	Date	Grant
Physical Training Mark Costello - Gym Instructor	Gym Training	Oct 2012	\$490.00
Cricket - Blind Cricket Australia	T20 World Cup (IND)	Nov 2012	\$12225.00
Cricket - Qld Blind Cricket Club	T20 World Cup (IND)	Nov 2012	\$704.40
Cricket - SA Blind Cricket Club	T20 World Cup (IND)	Nov 2012	\$352.20
Cricket - Mark Hasket	T20 World Cup (IND)	Nov 2012	\$200.00
Cricket - Michael Zannis	T20 World Cup (IND)	Nov 2012	\$200.00
Goal ball - Goalball WA	2012 National Goalball Championship	Dec 2012	\$5496.60
Lawn Bowls Australian Blind Bowlers Association	Training Camp	Dec 2012	\$1122.00
Golf - Blind Golf SA	Australian Open (WA)	Jan 2013	\$188.00
Physical Training Mark Costello - Gym Instructor	Gym Training	Jan 2013	\$560.00
Lawn Bowls - SA Blind Bowlers Club	Bowls Aus Australian Open (VIC)	Jan 2013	\$498.00
Ten Pin Bowling - Matthew Burrows	Natl. Disabled 10 Pin Champ. (Canberra)	Mar 2013	\$532.20
Ten Pin Bowling - Andrew Bernhardt	Natl. Disabled 10 Pin Champ (Canberra)	Mar 2013	\$516.60
Lawn Bowls - SA Blind Bowlers Club	34th Nationals (VIC)	Mar 2013	\$6355.00
Ten Pin Bowling VB's Tenpin Bowling League WA	6th Nationals (WA)	April 2013	\$1000.00
Lawn Bowls - WA Blind Bowlers Association	34th Nationals (VIC)	Apr 2013	\$8473.15
Cricket - Qld Blind Cricket Club	QBCA v/s NSWBC	Apr 2013	\$1436.20
Physical Training Mark Costello - Gym Instructor	Gym Training	May 2013	\$560.00
Golf - Blind Golf SA	Stableford (SA)	May 2013	\$500.00
Lawn Bowls Australian Blind Bowlers Association	IBBA World Championships (UK)	Jun 2013	\$11026.90
Total			\$52436.25



president: **John Cornaggia**

Close to 3 decades of fund raising experience under his belt and John Cornaggia is still passionate and raring to go. Being an integral part on the BSC board for over 12 years, John has also held senior positions on the SA Disabled Tenpin Bowling Tournament Committee for 20 years.

Earlier this year, John formed the Mt. Barker Voluntary group, one of the first Blind Sporting Council Auxiliary groups. His way to prove that charity actually begins at home. Ever since formation, the group has been regularly conducting small localized fund raising and awareness building activities. These activities ranging from movie screenings, quiz nights, art markets to other group sessions, have all been extremely successful in achieving goals. All funds raised by the group go on to assist BSC in its mission to help the blind and vision impaired enjoy sports.

On the sporting front, John has been previously involved in the SA Blind Lawn Bowls for 9 years and has represented Australia at the Trans Tasman Lawn Bowls Competition. John has regularly won national titles for tenpin bowling and has invented specialized equipment for the sport.



vice president: **Bradley Jansen**

Brad is self employed in his own business Qattro, being one of Adelaide's leading residential property developers and home builders. Brad is a member of the Lockleys Bowling Club and plays in division 1 and is also a member of the SA high performance squad. Brad has guided the establishment of the 'Change for Blind Sport' Program with Ryan and has championed our Eye Support a Star campaign with Dmitri.



treasurer: **Pam Brooks**

Pam is an accountant with S.G. Kerley and Associates and is a long serving and highly regarded member of the Blind Sporting Council which relies heavily on her financial expertise. She also has an extensive sporting history, enjoying basketball, scuba diving, hiking and cycling. Some of her hikes have included the Inca Trail, Base Camp, Kokoda track and Mount Kilimanjaro.

board member: **Steve Holmes**

For Steve, whether it's being a dad, an under 9's footy coach, a director of the Blind Sporting Council or a professional in the financial services industry, one thing is consistent, it's that rewarding feeling of adding value and giving back to the people around you. It is nice to see a business or someone's lifestyle improve because you have played a part.

Steve is a self employed Marketing Specialist conducting two businesses. SHMarketing, is a graphic design and consulting business helping advisers market the value of quality financial advice. Feedsy, is a communication business, allowing businesses to challenge the status quo of client communication and to facilitate meaningful relationships at scale with their very own branded app. Feedsy allows advisers to provide their clients with an uncluttered channel of free information and gourmet news from the world's best journalists.

Steve is married, and enjoys playing tennis, camping, water-skiing, listening to music and watching his kids play sport. One of Steve's biggest challenges was walking the Kokoda trail in 2007.



board member: **Ryan Mansell**

Ryan joined the Blind Sporting Council Board in November 2010. He works as a Sales & Distribution Manager with Pine Design. Ryan is keen to use his business management and marketing expertise to progress the aims and objectives of the Blind Sporting Council. In his spare time Ryan enjoys spending time with his two young daughters.



board member: **Dmitri Voronenko**

Dmitri is an IT professional with extensive industry experience both as a developer and a business manager. Branching out from IT Patterns to concentrate on online business technologies and customised software development, Dmitri started Virtual Integrity and is its Managing Director.

His solution based approach helps clients find improvements through internal systems and processes.

He joined the Blind Sporting Council board in October 2011 and contributes his expertise to drive BSC's strategic goals. Currently Dmitri is exploring the possibilities of using online donations schemes after successfully implementing all aspects of launching Eye Support a Star online.





board member: **Victor Velgush**

As Principal of a highly successful Adelaide based boutique agency, Victor Velgush is a passionate and dedicated Real Estate professional. Throughout his career, Victor has proven himself as a high achiever and, as a result, finds himself in constant demand in the Real Estate and business domains. Victor has been a business owner for practically all of his working life and does keep his feet on the ground. He is appreciated for his humble and empathetic approach to all business and client situations. Victor has a strong sales and marketing background as well as significant skill sets as a professional property investor, developer and auctioneer. His large private holdings in Adelaide mean that he is acutely aware of what buyers and vendors go through, as he is buying and selling property daily himself. Victor's degree in Economics and post graduate studies in business and Real Estate add to his overall understanding and results-based track record. Trusting Victor as a vendor to sell your largest asset is an easy decision. When not working with properties he enjoys spending quality time with his family.



national ceo: **Rajini Vasan**

Raj has over 20 years experience spanning three countries, across various industries including hospitality, tourism, arts and the not-for-profit sectors. A Hotel Management graduate from India with a degree in Sociology and a post graduate degree in English Literature, Raj arrived in Adelaide in 1996, and has taken on various executive roles with Hyatt Regency Adelaide, Adelaide Festival Centre and Novita Children's Services, to name a few.

During her time as the Executive Manager for Kids Future Kids in 2006, the organization won the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Community Business Partnerships and Raj was the SA Ambassador for FACSIA promoting community - business links.

Raj continues to also serve on several boards including the Premier's South Australia India Advisory Council, Ambassador for OzAsia Festival and Youth inc. She is inspired by the resilience and strength of the clients she represents on the Blind Sporting Council and looks forward to growing BSC for the benefit of the community.

administration manager: **Tom Peter Changarathil**

Administration is one of the many hats worn by Tom who became part of the BSC family in 2012. Since then he has also been looking after communications, through the website and social pages. His keen interest and previous experience in international media, marketing and entertainment have assisted him in promoting the BSC brand.

Internet and social media are of particular interest to Tom which he believes is yet to be tapped to its full fund-raising potential. He is intricately involved in the launch of BSC's prestigious fund raising program Eye Support a Star and believes it will be a game changer.

Prior to joining BSC, content production and presentation has been the mainstay of his career over five years in Adelaide, spanning multimedia broadcast and publishing across online, radio, television and print.

He spends his free time exploring Adelaide with his wife and young child.



community liaison administrator: **Matthew Carey**

Matthew Carey has been totally blind since birth. However, assisted by the determination and support of his parents, Linda and Peter Carey, he has not allowed his blindness to hold him back from fully participating in all aspects of life.

Matthew participated in the Pan Pacific games for the blind on three occasions. At age seven, he won six medals including 3 gold at the Pan Pacific games in Sydney. He then went on to win 8 medals in Darwin, and nine medals including eight gold medals in New Zealand at age ten and twelve respectively. Matthew has also participated in Goal Ball, Blind Cricket and Tenpin Bowling.

Matthew has long had an interest in radio, and was a regular on the KG Sports Show for five years. Along with brother Justin, he also hosted his own radio show on community radio station Coast Fm, and went on to the position of Program Coordinator at youth station Fresh Fm.

He is now nearing the end of his second year with the Blind Sporting Council.



bsc benefactors

Blind Sporting Council warmly thanks its supporters without whose support we couldn't have continued with our good work in the community. Your generosity and donations, either in-kind, product or financial has contributed to maximizing our fund-raising dollar to the end user, namely, the blind and vision impaired people of South Australia. We encourage you to support the businesses that support us. These are the businesses that have made donations:

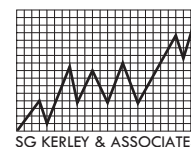
Adelaide Festival Centre
ANZ Staff Foundation
Adelaide Statue Manufacturers
Advertiser Sunday Mail Foundation
Alchemy Ironworks
AMF Noarlunga Super Bowl
Artistic License Gallery & Studio
Australian Executive Trustees
Australian Hotels Association
Beerenberg
Bennetts Magill Pottery
Billy Baxters
Bridgestone Tyre Centre
Burts Bees
Capri Theatre
Cast Stone
Charlesworth Nuts
Cheap as Chips
Chicken Joint
Chifley Hotel
Chimnea
Chocoholics
Civic Park Family Restaurant
Clipsal
Coles
Coopers
Columbia
Communities Benefits SA
Creative Grease
Crowies Paints - Mount Barker
Crown Inn Hotel
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Deviation Road Wines
Eddible Blooms
Endota Spa
Enzo's
Evida Bar & Grill, Henley Beach
Fasta Pasta
Felmeri Homes
Festival City Photo graphy
Forty Winks
Fox Creek Wines
Fringe Benefits

Garage Mahal
Goodlife
Greenhills Adventure Park
GW Cox
Haggle & Co.
Hair Machine
Harris Scarfe
Heeb Hair
Highway Hotels
Hub Photo Shop
Hungry Jack's
International College Hotel Mana
Jealousy
Joe Adelaide Furniture & Electrical
John Cornaggia
Julies of Burnside Village
Jurlique
Just Cuts
Kwik Kopy Norwood
La Tombola Italian Restaurant
Laubman & Pank
Leanne Michaels Jewellery
Living Sculpture Statues
Liz Ann's
Lions Club
Maggie Beer
Marcellina
Marion Bowland
MBA Financial Strategists
Mediterranean Ristorante
Miss Gladys Sym Choon
Mitcham Amcal Pharmacy
Morphett Vale Drug Store
Mt. Barker Auxiliary Group
National Pharmacies
National Railway Musuem
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