

## **Dystonia Network of Australia Inc. President's Report 2020/2021 Financial Year by Kerrie Jackson**

Dear members, many thanks for all the support we received in the 2020-2021 financial year. Our membership continues to grow and now stands at 250.

We were delighted to inform you that in partnership with BonadeaCare, the Dystonia App, Careforia, was launched in August 2020 and is available free of charge in Apple stores and Google Play.

We are hopeful that this App will provide an invaluable service to people with Dystonia by logging your daily symptoms and well-being, as well as providing a record to be shared with your clinicians.

We are hoping that over time, the App will be updated, with more interesting features, such as more researched educational articles, health information, and flyers on the rarer forms of Dystonia.

Or you might like to watch a video on our DNA dedicated YouTube channel

[Dystonia Network of Australia Inc. - YouTube](#)

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, DNA was unable to hold our usual hospital awareness days and seminars, but we continued to send out information and brochure packages to as many MDS consulting rooms and clinics that we are aware of around Australia.

However, Laraine and I were interviewed by Chris Carpenter on Hills Radio, Adelaide 88.9 FM on Thursday, 3 September 2020. Chris was very interested in hearing about DNA and Dystonia awareness week and played our radio ad during the Dystonia Awareness Week. DNA held a zoom talk by Dr. Julian Rodriguez from WA, held on 11 September 2020 on Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS). It has been embedded on the DNA website if you would like to watch it.

My thanks to the people who donated to DNA, many anonymously, and also to our committee and our multidisciplinary advisory board for giving up their time and working hard for the charity.

Warm regards  
Kerrie