About LDA

LDA was established in December 1998 as a non-profit company limited by guarantee. Its activities are regulated by a Board of Management, which comprises:

Mr. Ken Hatton (Treasurer) (NSW)

Ken is a retired business-man who is still involved with building and vine-yard developments, and has been a long-time supporter and benefactor of genetic disorder groups. Ken is also involved with Rotary and is a Past President of the Rotary Club of Brookvale.

Professor John Hopwood (Chairman) (SA)

John heads the Lysosomal Diseases Research Unit at the Women's and Children's Hospital in Adelaide. Over the last 20 years, he and his group have researched methods to achieve diag-nosis at birth and effective therapy for patients affected by lysosomal storage disorders.

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Dr. Peter MacDonald (NSW)

Peter is a general medical practitioner and was an Independent Member of Parliament in the New South Wales legislature between 1991 and 1998. He has been a member and chairman of a number of parliamentary committees dealing with health and social issues.

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Jim is a metabolic physician and clinical geneticist at the Royal Children's Hospital and Mater Children's Hospital in Brisbane. He has many years' experience with manag-ing the care of patients affected by lysosomal storage disorders.

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Ms. Margaret Sahhar (VIC)

Margaret is a social worker at the Victorian Clinical Genetics Service. She has extensive involvement in the establishment of a number of support groups throughout Victoria. In 1998, she established the Genetic Support Network of Victoria, an umbrella group for all the genetic support groups.

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Mrs. Ros Smith (Deputy Chairman) (NSW)

Ros had a child affected by a lysoso-mal storage disorder and has been involved with the Mucopolysaccharide and Related Diseases Society of Australia since its inception in 1983. Her comm-itment to families affected by genetic disorders is demonstrated by her continued involvement with umbrella organisations such as The Association of Genetic Support of Australasia.

Patron

Dr Peter Doherty is a well-respected Australian scientist who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine in 1996 for his work on the immune system.

The discoveries have had an impact on the development of vaccine design and organ transplantation, and have led to further understanding of the mechanisms involved in immunity.

Dr. Doherty is Chairman of the Department of Immunology at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, USA

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