

Craniofacial Australia Newsletter

September 16th-19th is the date for the 18th Congress of the International Society of Craniofacial Surgery in Paris, the birthplace of Craniofacial Surgery. The Society was founded more than 20 years ago under the Presidency of Mr. Paul Tessier.

Founder and former Head of the Australian Craniofacial Unit, Professor David, will be attending the meeting in order to receive the Tessier Medal, for his long service and contribution to the development of Craniofacial surgery in the world. This comes at a time when Professor David was honoured as the 2018 South Australian of the Year. Professor David has been requested to share his vision on the delivery of health care to those with Craniofacial deformities on a global basis, when he receives the Tessier Medal.

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of ACFU
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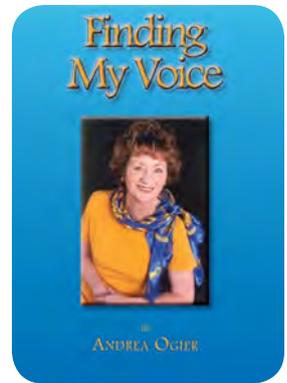
Andrea Ogier - Finding my Voice

In 2010 Andrea Ogier decided to tell us her story, an incredibly personal journey of her life and how she overcame cruelty and adversity to find happiness. Here is a small extract of this, 9 years later, to remind us all of how we can achieve anything if we put our mind to it.

I was born in the early 1940's, the middle child of three with a severe palate deformity with no roof to my mouth which meant that I was never able to speak. In those days there was no hospital support and, I was not capable of sucking like a normal baby, I had to be fed either by a tube through my nose to my stomach or intravenously. My mother found it very difficult to cope alone as my father was away at the war.

The first four years of my life were spent either in and out of the Children's Hospital or with an Aunt. When I turned five the question of schooling arose. I didn't qualify as a handicapped child so was sent to a mainstream school which began a nightmare for me. There were groups of children (mainly boys) who waited for me every morning at the gate to tease and taunt me. They gathered at morning recess and lunchtime too, following me and making fun of my inability to speak or to eat properly. Each time I drank or ate, some of it would come out of my nose. I had no roof in my mouth to control this so you can imagine the torments of cruel kids when this happened.

You can discover the rest of Andrea's story by purchasing her book or booking Andrea for your next speaking engagement. Andrea is an Ambassador for Craniofacial Australia and is a much sought after corporate speaker. If you would like to book Andrea for your next event please contact us here at the Foundation on (08) 8267 4128. Copies of Andrea's book are available for purchase through our office.



Andrea Ogier

Ambassador ACMFF

Author of Finding My Voice



Would you like to share your story?

Please send your letters to

info@acmff.org.au

We would love to hear from you



All new patients receive a care package from the Foundation. If you or anyone you know is looking for some assistance or wants to know more about what we offer, then please either send us an email or telephone (08) 8267 4128 to find out more.

International Society of Craniofacial Surgery

Also heading over to Paris will be Mr Mark Moore, Head Of Department ACFU; Professor Peter Anderson, Head of Research ACFU; Mr Walter Flapper, Consultant ACFU; Mr Vani Prasad, Consultant ACFU and Mr Ben Grave, Cranio Maxillo facial Surgeon.

Amanda Osborn, Research Officer, School of Psychology, University of Adelaide, will be attending to present the findings on behalf of the Metopic Synostosis research team. The topic will be “NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL, BEHAVIOURAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING OF CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH UNOPERATED METOPIC SYNOSTOSIS” and she will give a short talk on this. This important research was funded by Major Sponsor APEX and the Australian Cranio-Maxillo Facial Foundation.



Training for World Record Attempt

Jordan “Biggie” Steffens is at it again. This man mountain is in training for our next event, a World Record attempt of pulling an A380 plane to raise funds for Craniofacial Australia.

Unlike most of us who train at the gym for any endurance events, Jordan can be found pulling trains, competing in Medieval Fares or pulling Kenworth trucks.

On Sunday May 26th, Jordan will be attempting to pull the SteamRanger train to help them raise funds for restoration works. However, for us it is another training session to ready him for our challenge later this year. Stay tuned to our social media pages for updates.



Jordan “Biggie” Steffens

Pulling the Qantas jet last year



Stay up to date with us on Social Media

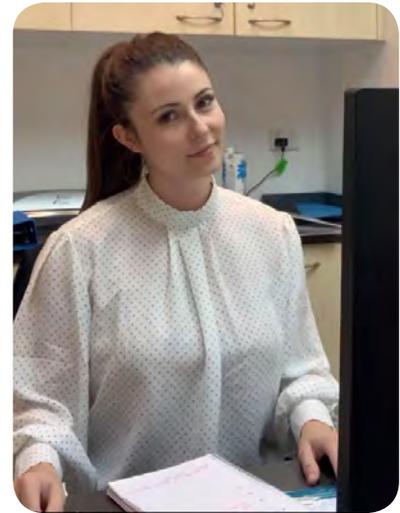
The Chairman and Board of Management would like to advise that our CEO, Robert Snewin, has retired after 13 years in his role. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Bob all the best for his retirement and thank him for his services to the Foundation.



Welcome to our two new staff members



Matthew Sandstrom
Marketing & Administration Assistant



Nina Potoczky
Administration Assistant

It is with pleasure we welcome Nina Potoczky as our Administration Assistant and Matthew Sandstrom as Marketing and Administration Assistant to our Craniofacial office family. Nina commenced with us on May 1st and quickly settled in to her role. Visitors will notice a warm and friendly welcome and subtle changes to our reception area. Matthew who has a degree in creative writing is a welcome addition to the marketing team and we look forward to his input in cataloging our vast media files onto video and social media channels.

Look who dropped in to see us



Cruz Gorman loves to drop in and visit when he is here in Adelaide and this month was no different. Bec and Cruz were happy to update us on his progress and Cruz stole the morning with his delightful stories about what he has been doing at school. Cruz tells us he would like to be a policeman one day and had even written a story to share with us. We reminded Cruz of his trip to the zoo and showed him the photo taken back then. The challenge, set by Cruz, was to recreate it for us and he did just that. You can see Cruz is clever at ensuring the details were there. See you again soon.

SALA



You are not going to want to miss this year's SALA event. You will be taken into an immersive world of Virtual Reality unlike anything you have experienced before.

Date to be confirmed for August 2019

Stay tuned via our social media channels for further information

Melbourne Cup 2019

We have just opened our bookings for Melbourne Cup 2019 and already 25% is presold. If you want a seat at one of the most sought after Melbourne Cup Lunch events then make sure you book early. Tickets are \$150 per person and include a 2 course meal with drink package and a "to die for" dessert share platter. Follow our social media channels for further updates and don't forget to secure your seat early.

Pre booking enquiries can be directed to info@acmff.org.au



Annual Christmas Picnic

Santa is back in town Saturday November 9th to see all our Craniofacial families. Come along and join us in a fun filled day offering rides, ice creams, BBQ lunch, drinks and more.

Santas' helpers will be on hand to ensure every child receives their gift from the jolly man himself, SANTA!!

Families can book by sending their full name, address, contact phone, email and age to info@acmff.org.au

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KI CUP Update



In our last edition we advised that Ambassador Eran Boyd would be donating funds from her prize money to the Foundation.

We are pleased to announce that this totalled \$1,000 and Eran called in to see us with her donation.

Thank you Eran for your support.

Brickstacular



Former patient Brent Prins, who resides in Tasmania, is running an event called Brickstacular, to raise monies to buy lego sets for the children who attend ACFU and Kate Hill Ward.

We are working with Brent and he will be coming to visit us in July this year.

For further details visit his facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/384342485745408/>

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