

Executive Director's Report – George Owen

We trust you all had a very happy Christmas and a good break over the New Year.

As is often the case, the Christmas break extends into all activities including that for StepAhead so the beginning of the year has been relatively quiet. We are now starting to step up the pace with visits to Western Australia chasing funds.

Our West Australian project is going ahead with cells being produced locally. This has meant the addition of another assistant to the West Australian team. They have submitted their report to the VNI and we'll see if we can get a summary of that report together for you to read.

Jesse Owens is off to Buenos Aires to participate in a meeting hosted by Gustavo Moviglia. You will remember that Gustavo reported on his clinical trials with some impressive results at our November meeting. The program for this meeting again, has an emphasis on clinical trials just as we had at our last meeting.

We have had final confirmation of the Federal funding for the administration of the organization. The detailed business plan submitted to them has met their approval. This business plan is a living document and has been fine tuned and updated extensively by Stephen Livesey. We are very grateful for the enormous amount of work that he has put into that.

The remainder of the year looks as though it is going to be pretty hectic and provided we can get the funding support, we have a terrific program ready to go.

Please keep in touch with your ideas and suggestions.

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