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AUSTRALIA'S PROFESSIONAL DIRECTOR

The CdLS Management Committee is pleased to announce that **Dr Meredith Wilson**, Clinical Genetics Westmead Children's Hospital, has agreed to become our professional director. This position includes her on the International CdLS Scientific Advisory Council (SAC) where she will represent Australian families' medical needs.

Dr Wilson has been actively involved in our support group since 1993, speaking at all of our conferences, and making herself available for medical guidance for our families.

A very warm welcome and thank you from all our families

JENNY ROLLO HONOURED!

Jenny Rollo has been named in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List. Jenny was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for "service to the community, specifically for the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Association of Australia". The Governor of NSW will present Jenny with her Medal at a ceremony at Government House later this year.

Jenny is a very commendable recipient for this Award as we all know how tirelessly she works for CdLS - sometimes juggling many roles. The Australian Association is the organisation it is today largely because of Jenny's dedication, commitment and enthusiasm.

Congratulations Jenny! - this is a very much deserved award. *(June 2002)*

SPECIAL PICNIC

*Written by Richard Tetley (Grandpa to Sean B)
(May 2003)*

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| 1. Just a few words to express
The joy we had today
When we met all of you
At this special picnic day! | 4. As little Sean grows
To become a little man
We will support him
In any way we can! |
| 2. To meet other children
With this CdLS
Was the main reason we met
Friendships will grow out of this! | 5. Not forgetting the parents
They need support too
We'll encourage them
In everything they do! |
| 3. They are all very special
In their own individual way
It was a great experience
To meet and say G'day! | 6. God bless these children
And the love they bring to us
He loves all children
Now that's a big plus! |
| 7. Once again thank you
For this wonderful day
We won't forget it
And for the children,
We'll always pray! | |