



Annual Report 2006 - 2007

Child and Family Welfare

Association of Australia Inc.

CAFWAA's aim:

**To promote the welfare of children and young people in out-of-home care
and those at risk of placement, together with their families**

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Chairperson's Report

2006/7

Where to for Australia's children and families, particularly for those who are vulnerable and excluded from the benefits of Australia's strong economy? There are many national and state based advocacy groups posing the same or similar questions, all arguing for improved opportunities, services and the protection of rights for those experiencing disadvantage and discrimination.

CAFWAA's position has always been to provide a constructive voice and ideas rather than to merely highlight the problems and critique the inadequacy of government responses. To this end 2006/7 has proven to be another significant year in the life and work of CAFWAA.

Firstly, CAFWAA released its second policy position paper "Call to Action for Australia's Children" in mid 2007, the first comprehensive policy paper since the release of "A Time to Invest" in 2002.

The purpose of a "Call to Action" was to present real policy alternatives to addressing the risks and deprivation experienced by too many Australian children and young people. The paper argues the case for national leadership to put in place a strategic plan for child protection including out of home care; a national anti-poverty plan and a concerted program of early intervention initiatives to stem the rising tide of family breakdown and child neglect and abuse.

The report draws on the growing body of evidence both nationally and internationally in what is needed and what is most likely to make a difference for improving the wellbeing of families under pressure and children and young people at risk. CAFWAA will continue to press the Australian Government and the broader community to take notice and address the trauma and associated needs of families and children including those who increasingly gravitate to out of home care placements as a result of significant safety and care concerns.

When the Northern Territory Government released the "Little Children are Sacred" report following the investigation of child sexual abuse of Aboriginal children, all of Australia took note. The report was the most recent in a long line of damning investigations in recent years into the plight of children experiencing abuse undertaken at a State or Territory level. However "Little Children are Sacred" received a response like no previous report had from the Australian Government. CAFWAA, like many other bodies expressed its deep concern with the heavy handed and non-inclusive approach adopted by the Australian Government through its series of interventions and legislative program. However, CAFWAA was also

keen to make a constructive contribution to the debate on what could be done to address what was clearly a significant and unacceptable situation facing many Aboriginal children and women living in remote communities in the Territory. Our response was to prepare a position paper on the issue with suggested avenues to address Child Protection through a combined program of early intervention and treatment options.

CAFWAA's role and focus though stretches beyond our contribution to policy and programs to facilitating the enhancement of practice in child and family welfare. Every two years CAFWAA co-hosts a major national practice symposium for managers, practitioners, researchers and others involved in working with children, young people and families with complex needs.

In May 2007 CAFWAA, in collaboration with Peak Care, hosted a highly successful symposium entitled "Their Lives Our Work" in Brisbane. With strong participation from across Australia and a high calibre of presenters, headlined by James Anglin, the symposium once again proved that those working in the field of child welfare are eager to participate and learn from quality, relevant and engaging presentations and discussions. CAFWAA has enjoyed the opportunity to partner our State Peak members in the organisation and delivery of such forums and I acknowledge and congratulate the enthusiasm and professionalism of Peak Care in helping to host such a successful symposium.

This will be my last report as Chair of CAFWAA after five years in the role. It has been a privilege to represent the Association and its members and to learn from those who have served on the Board over this time. I would like to thank all present and past Board members for their support and for their contributions made not just to the functioning and work of CAFWAA but more generally towards improving the wellbeing of children and young people across Australia.

I would like to particularly acknowledge the help and tireless contribution of my Deputy Chair, Lisa Hillan, over the past two years. Lisa has enormous energy and leadership qualities which have come to the fore in her work on CAFWAA's policy development and in the background work in securing speakers and leading discussions at the national symposium. In closing I would also like to thank ACWA for its continuing role as CAFWAA secretariat and to pay tribute to Eric Scott for his sterling service to CAFWAA over the years.

Let the fight for Australian children and young people continue until all children have the opportunity to grow up safely in a healthy, nurturing and stimulating environment.

Simon Schrapel
Chairperson

Treasurer's report

2006-2007

CAFWAA has completed the year with a \$9,295 surplus. The major expenditure item was the policy document, *A Call to Action*, undertaken to highlight the areas in which CAFWAA members are involved and to use as a tool in discussions with national and state governments.

I acknowledge the support provided by ACWA in maintaining the finances, providing quarterly statements and preparing for the audit to be undertaken. It has been completed and there are no outstanding issues.

There is a need for the fees paid to CAFWAA to cover the administrative costs of the association and a recommendation for a slight increase will be made at the 2007 AGM. This will enable the income from symposia and other activities to be used for project work that will benefit members in their work with children and families.

Tricia Lee
Treasurer

CAFWAA Board 2006 – 2007

Position	First Name	Surname	Organisation
Executive			
Chairperson	Simon	Schrapel	CAFWA South Australia
Vice Chairperson	Lisa	Hillan	Save The Children
Treasurer	Tricia	Lee	Wanslea Family Services
Secretary	Sandie	de Wolf	Berry Street Victoria
Ordinary Members - State and Territory Peak Representatives (other than those elected as office bearers)			
ACT	Annette	Kelly-Egerton	CYFAACT c/-Barnardos
NSW	Michael	Tizard	Benevolent Society
Qld	Russell	Bricknell	Churches of Christ Care
Tas	Daryl	Lamb	CFWAT
Vic	Judy	Wookey	Glastonbury Child & Family Services
WA	Paul	Everall	Mercy Family Care
Ordinary Members - Allocated Positions			
	Steve	Larkins	SNAICC
	Ric	Hubbard	CREATE
Ordinary Members - Elected			
	Sue	Sarlos	Wesley Dalmar
	Sue	Tregeagle	Barnardos Australia
Ex-Officio Members - Funded Peaks			
	Coleen	Clare	Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare
	Gail	Slocombe	PeakCare
	Andrew	McCallum	ACWA
Co-opted member			
	Bev	Orr	AFCA

CAFWAA Members 2006/2007

Organisational members

Abused Child Trust Inc
Anglicare
Anglicare - WA
Anglicare NT - The Depot program
Anglicare SA
Anglicare Victoria
Association of Childrens Welfare Agencies
Barnardos Australia
Benevolent Society
Berry Street Victoria
Boystown
Centacare Catholic Family Services
Centacare Tasmania
Centacare Wagga Wagga
Child & Family Services - Ballarat
Child & Family Welfare Association of Tasmania Inc.
Child, Youth & Family Agencies of the ACT (CYFAACT)
Clarendon Children and Family Services
Community Care Inc
CREATE Foundation
Glastonbury Child & Family Services
Glenhaven Family Care Inc
Kildonan Child & Family Services
Kilmany Family Care
Lifeline Community Care - Families Division
Lisa Lodge - Hayeslee
MacKillop Family Services
Marist Youth Care
Marymead Child & Family Centre
Menzies Incorporated
Mercy Community Services
Mission Australia
Northern Parenting Resource Centre (Northern District CHS)
Oz Child - Children Australia
Parkerville Children and Youth Care
PeakCare
Presbyterian Social Services
Richmond Fellowship
Save the Children Fund - Queensland Div.
Secretariat National Aboriginal Islander Child Care
Silky Oaks - Child, Youth & Family Care
Southern CAMHS
St Luke's Anglicare

St. Josephs Cowper Inc
Stretch-A-Family Inc
The Salvation Army
The Salvation Army - South East Services Network
The Salvation Army Crossroads West
Uniting Care Burnside
Uniting Care Port Pirie Central Mission [Alternative Care]
Wanslea Family Services Inc
Wesley Dalmar Child & Family Care

Associate Members

Frank Ainsworth
Howard Bath
Lloyd Owen
Rosamund Thorpe
Carries Place Co-op
Lutanda Children's Homes
YWCA of Canberra - Family Housing Service

CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
ABN 65 962 251 319

FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
Revenue from ordinary activities	2	33,439	51,435
Seminar expenses		(156)	(11,073)
Other expenses from ordinary activities	3	<u>(23,988)</u>	<u>(7,224)</u>
Surplus from ordinary activities before income tax		9,295	33,138
Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities	1 (a)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus from ordinary activities after income tax		<u>9,295</u>	<u>33,138</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2007

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	4	28,268	50,974
Receivables	5	<u>39,458</u>	<u>275</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>67,726</u>	<u>51,249</u>
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CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	6	<u>9,472</u>	<u>2,290</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>9,472</u>	<u>2,290</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>9,472</u>	<u>2,290</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>58,254</u>	<u>48,959</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Accumulated surplus		<u>58,254</u>	<u>48,959</u>
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>58,254</u>	<u>48,959</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

	Accumulated Surplus	Total
	\$	\$
Balance as at 1 July 2005	15,821	15,821
Surplus attributable to members	<u>33,138</u>	<u>33,138</u>
Balance as at 30 June 2006	48,959	48,959
Surplus attributable to members	<u>9,295</u>	<u>9,295</u>
Balance as at 30 June 2007	<u>58,254</u>	<u>58,254</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of Victoria. The Board of Management has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act of Victoria and the following applicable Accounting Standards:

AASB 110: Events after the balance sheet date

AASB 1031: Materiality

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The report is also prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied to all years presented.

(a) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(b) Revenue

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customer.

Revenue from sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

Grant revenue is recognised when the Association has received and is expecting to comply with the terms and conditions of the grant.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Other revenue is recognised when the right to receive the revenue has been established.

(c) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the Balance Sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as a current asset or liability in the Balance Sheet.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) Operating Segment

The Association operates only in Australia and its principal activity is to promote the welfare of children and young people in out-of-home care and those at risk of placement, together with their families.

The financial report was authorised for issue on 29th October 2007 by the Board of Management.

	2007 \$	2006 \$
NOTE 2: REVENUE		
Operating activities		
- seminar revenue	26,780	34,721
- member subscriptions	6,404	6,624
- other revenue	-	10,000
	<u>33,184</u>	<u>51,345</u>
Non - operating activities		
- Interest received	255	90
Total Revenue	<u>33,439</u>	<u>51,435</u>

NOTE 3: SURPLUS FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

Surplus from ordinary activities has been determined after:

(a) Expenses:

- consultants fees	15,600	-
- administration fees	5,000	5,000
- other fees	388	324
	<u>20,988</u>	<u>5,324</u>

(b) Remuneration of the auditors for:

- audit or review services	<u>3,000</u>	<u>1,900</u>
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
NOTE 4: CASH ASSETS		
(a) Current		
Cash at bank	<u>28,268</u>	<u>50,974</u>

(b) Terms and Conditions

The weighted average interest rate of cash assets at 30 June 2007 is 0.60%p.a. (2006: 0.60%p.a.)

NOTE 5: RECEIVABLES

Current

Other debtors	<u>39,458</u>	<u>275</u>
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NOTE 6: PAYABLES

Current

Trade creditors	3,050	2,290
Membership Fees in Advance	4,794	-
Net GST Payable	<u>1,628</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>9,472</u>	<u>2,290</u>

NOTE 7: INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED UNDER CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING ACT 1991

The Association is authorised to fundraise under the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991. No fundraising appeals were conducted during the period and as such the Association did not utilise this authority in order to meet its charitable fundraising purposes.

NOTE 8: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The principal place of business of the Association is:
 Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia
 Incorporated
 c/- Association of Childrens Welfare Agencies
 Level 4, 695 - 699 George Street
 Sydney, NSW, 2000

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board of Management the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 6:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia Incorporated as at 30 June 2007 and its performance for the financial year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board of Management by:

Chairperson



SIMON SCHRAPEL

Treasurer



TRICIA LEE

Dated in Sydney, this 29th day of October 2007.

PARTNERS:

Howard Badger CA
 Andrew Blackwell CA
 Chris Chandran CA
 Stephen Humphrys FCA
 Garry Leyshon FCA
 Allan Mortel CA
 Wayne Morton FCA
 Brett Sato CA
 Joe Shannon CA
 Robert Southwell CA
 Spiro Tzannes FCA
 Charlie Viola (Affiliate ICAA)
 Scott Whiddett CA

CONSULTANTS:

Pat Bugden FCA
 Anja Dorrell CA
 Bob Webster FCA

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CHILD AND FAMILY WELFARE ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia Incorporated ("the Association"), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2007, and the income statement, statement of changes in accumulated funds, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Statement by Members of the Board of Management.

Board of Management's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board of Management of the Association is responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Victoria)* and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Board of Management's responsibilities also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board of Management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the member's financial reporting under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Victoria)*. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia Incorporated presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia Incorporated as at 30 June 2007 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial statements.

Moore Stephens Sydney
MOORE STEPHENS SYDNEY
Chartered Accountants



C. CHANDRAN
Partner

Dated in Sydney, this *29th* day of October 2007.

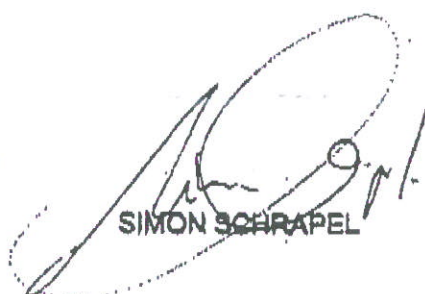
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CERTIFICATE BY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

I, SIMON SCHRAPEL OF 18 King William Road, North Adelaide, South Australia, and I
TRICIA LEE of 110 Scarborough Beach Rd, Scarborough, Western Australia certify that:

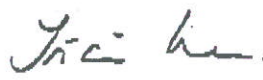
- (a) We are members of the committee of Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia Incorporated.
- (b) We attended the annual general meeting of the Association of Australia
- (c) We are authorised by the attached resolution of the committee to sign this certificate.
- (d) This annual statement was submitted to the members of the Association at its annual general meeting.

Chairperson



SIMON SCHRAPEL

Treasurer



TRICIA LEE

Dated in Sydney, this 29th day of October 2007.