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**Child &  
Family Welfare  
Association of  
Australia Inc.**

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ABN 65 962 251 319

# **Annual Report 2007/2008**

# Report from the Chairperson

CAFWAA last year highlighted the growing crisis across our nation of the 35% increase of children in out of home care across our country in the last 5 years. In media releases and interviews undertaken at the time of the release of our policy paper we highlighted the fact that if there had of been this increase in unemployment that there would have been a national outcry and significant dollars invested to address these issues immediately. Unfortunately a national outcry did not occur and it is for this reason that the state peaks for child protection and CAFWAA have such a pertinent place in our social system in elevating the voice and rights of vulnerable children, young people and families where it relates to issues of protection.

2007/2008 has been a busy year for CAFWAA, with the election of the Rudd government has come many opportunities for us as an organisation to contribute to the development of a new social agenda. No more so has this been the case than our involvement in the National Strategy on Child Protection. This has been on the CAFWAA agenda for many years and was part of the basis of our “A call to Action for Australia’s Children”. Commonwealth leadership and development in providing for the well-being of our children across the spectrum of their health, and their development is essential if we are to reduce the numbers of children entering the care system.

The National Strategy on Child Protection has provided the sector with a unique opportunity to work with the Commonwealth and the States on creating a system that will enable us in a united way to address many of the issues that have contributed to the doubling of notifications across Australia in less than 5 years. It is evident that a joined up response working at multi-levels is an opportunity to provide interventions that focus on prevention and reduce the numbers of children in care. However, the sectors voice and place at this table is equally important.

It has been pleasing to see the Commonwealth working with the National Coalition to progress this initiative, however it is imperative that the Commonwealth and the States value the NGO sector as an equal partner given our wealth of experience in the area and the responsibilities that NGO’s hold working to provide services for vulnerable children and families across our country. This will no doubt be a central challenge for the coming time period and I thank all of the CAFWAA Board members who have participated in this process and continue to do so as we work to ensure that the development of any strategy is one that is truly tripartite so that the implementation of the strategy can be one that promotes the strength of our society and be embraced by all.

CAFWAA provided additional material to the National Strategy on Child Protection through a response paper highlighting our key points. It was also pleasing to see the Commonwealth utilise the “A call to Action” in their preparation of the discussion paper and a great compliment to the many hours of work that went in from across the country in the preparation of this document.

Whilst participating in the historic apology to the Stolen Generations was a significant moment for many of us the continued challenges of redressing disadvantage and ensuring appropriate opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people and their families to ensure that we can move beyond rhetoric to real action that will ensure change. CAFWAA was pleased to write to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Families, Communities, Housing and Indigenous Affairs to congratulate them on their renewed commitment to this area.

CAFWAA sees the development of Indigenous agencies and communities as critical in this regard and believe that services for Aboriginal children, young people, families and communities should be delivered through Indigenous agencies. This will be a continued area of development for our organisation and one that we have committed ourselves to working with SNAICC on. In this regard a discussion paper was prepared that enabled CAFWAA to clarify its position and provide feedback to our members.

Keeping our members and the broader public aware of our efforts has had a renewed focus in the last 12 months with more material now available on our website and publication of email news that can ensure that our developed and published material is readily available to members across the country. Thanks to ACWA for their continued work in this area especially Sylvia that has ensured the updating of the website.

None of these efforts can be achieved without the assistance of a hardworking board and the support of our secretariat ACWA. It has been my pleasure to be the chair of CAFWAA in the last 12 months. All CAFWAA Board members hold down very busy jobs and their contribution to the struggle to ensure that children, young people and their families are enabled to live free from abuse is not only commendable but essential to creating a society that is just. I thank all the Board for their efforts in the last 12 months and thank them for the additional time they have provided to CAFWAA to further our mission.

It is a true honour to work alongside Australia's leading human services personnel in this effort. The coming 12 months promises to be one for CAFWAA where we will continue to raise the importance of providing a robust child protection system for children and their families that goes beyond punitive action and moves to strengthening families and communities to provide nurturing and consistent care. Whilst gains have been made in the last 12 months there is still further to go in ensuring that children, young people, families and communities have access to the types of services and resources needed to halt the increases of families coming into contact with the child protection system.

This will include elevating the importance of the non-government sector in this process. CAFWAA will continue to advocate for a true partnership with government in the arena of child protection and early intervention promoting the importance of the sector and our place in the building of the fabric of our nation.

Lisa Hillan  
Chairperson

# Treasurer's Report

The 2007-08 financial year represented a very low level of activity for CAFWAA. One face to face meeting was held with airfares being averaged across the participants who submitted claims and the cost of teleconferences were the only expenditure items apart from our accountability requirements to ACWA and the audit process. Membership fees were largely received in the previous financial year and are shown in the balance sheet. These along with this years' income have met the fixed costs of the Association.  
The Association remains in a healthy position.

Tricia Lee  
Treasurer

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**\*UNAUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

**\*At the time of print the annual audit is underway,  
however completion will not be until after the AGM.**

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INCOME STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
Revenue from ordinary activities	2	6,567	33,439
Seminar expenses		0	(156)
Other expenses from ordinary activities	3	<u>(10,870)</u>	<u>(23,988)</u>
<b>Surplus from ordinary activities before income tax</b>		<b>(4,303)</b>	9,295
Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities	1 (a)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Surplus from ordinary activities after income tax</b>		<b><u>(4,303)</u></b>	<b><u>9,295</u></b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2008

	Notes	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash assets	4	58,541	28,268
Receivables	5	<u>0</u>	<u>39,458</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u><b>58,541</b></u>	<u><b>67,726</b></u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><b>58,541</b></u>	<u><b>67,726</b></u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Payables	6	<u>4,590</u>	<u>9,472</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u><b>4,590</b></u>	<u><b>9,472</b></u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u><b>4,590</b></u>	<u><b>9,472</b></u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u><b>53,952</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>58,254</b></u></u>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>			
Accumulated surplus		<u>53,952</u>	<u>58,254</u>
<b>TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>		<u><u><b>53,952</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>58,254</b></u></u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ACCUMULATED FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	Accumulated Surplus	Total
	\$	\$
<b>Balance as at 1 July 2006</b>	<b>48,959</b>	<b>48,959</b>
Surplus attributable to members	<u>9,295</u>	<u>9,295</u>
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2007</b>	<b>58,254</b>	<b>58,254</b>
Surplus attributable to members	<u>(4,303)</u>	<u>(4,303)</u>
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2008</b>	<u><b>53,952</b></u>	<u><b>53,952</b></u>



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

**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 2008**

**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 29<sup>th</sup> October 2008 by the Board of Management.

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	\$	\$

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**NOTE 2: REVENUE**

**Operating activities**

- seminar revenue	0	26,780
- member subscriptions	6,145	6,404
- other revenue	<u>80</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><b>6,225</b></u>	<u><b>33,184</b></u>

**Non - operating activities**

- Interest received	<u>342</u>	<u>255</u>
Total Revenue	<u><b>6,567</b></u>	<u><b>33,439</b></u>

**NOTE 3: SURPLUS FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES**

Surplus from ordinary activities has been determined after:

(a) Expenses:

- consultants fees	1,500	15,600
- administration fees	5,000	5,000
- other fees	<u>570</u>	<u>388</u>
	<u><b>7,070</b></u>	<u><b>20,988</b></u>

(b) Remuneration of the auditors for:

- audit or review services	<u><b>3,800</b></u>	<u><b>3,000</b></u>
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	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NOTE 4: CASH ASSETS</b>		
<b>(a) Current</b>		
Cash at bank	<u><b>58,541</b></u>	<u><b>28,268</b></u>

**(b) Terms and Conditions**

The weighted average interest rate of cash assets at 30 June 2008 is 1%p.a. (20067: 0.60%p.a.)

**NOTE 5: RECEIVABLES**

**Current**

Other debtors	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>39,458</b></u>
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**NOTE 6: PAYABLES**

**Current**

Trade creditors	<b>5,300</b>	3,050
Membership Fees in Advance	<b>0</b>	4,794
Net GST Payable	<u><b>(710)</b></u>	<u><b>1,628</b></u>
	<u><b>4,590</b></u>	<u><b>9,472</b></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 2008 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

LISA HILLAN

Treasurer

TRICIA LEE

Dated in Sydney, this            day of August 2008.

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**CERTIFICATE BY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT**

I, LISA HILLAN, of 47 Cordelia St, South Brisbane, QUEENSLAND 4101 and I, TRICIA LEE, of 110 Scarborough Beach Rd, Scarborough, WESTERN AUSTRALIA 6019 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 held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2008.
- (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

LISA HILLAN

Treasurer

TRICIA LEE

Dated in Sydney, this        day of August 2008.