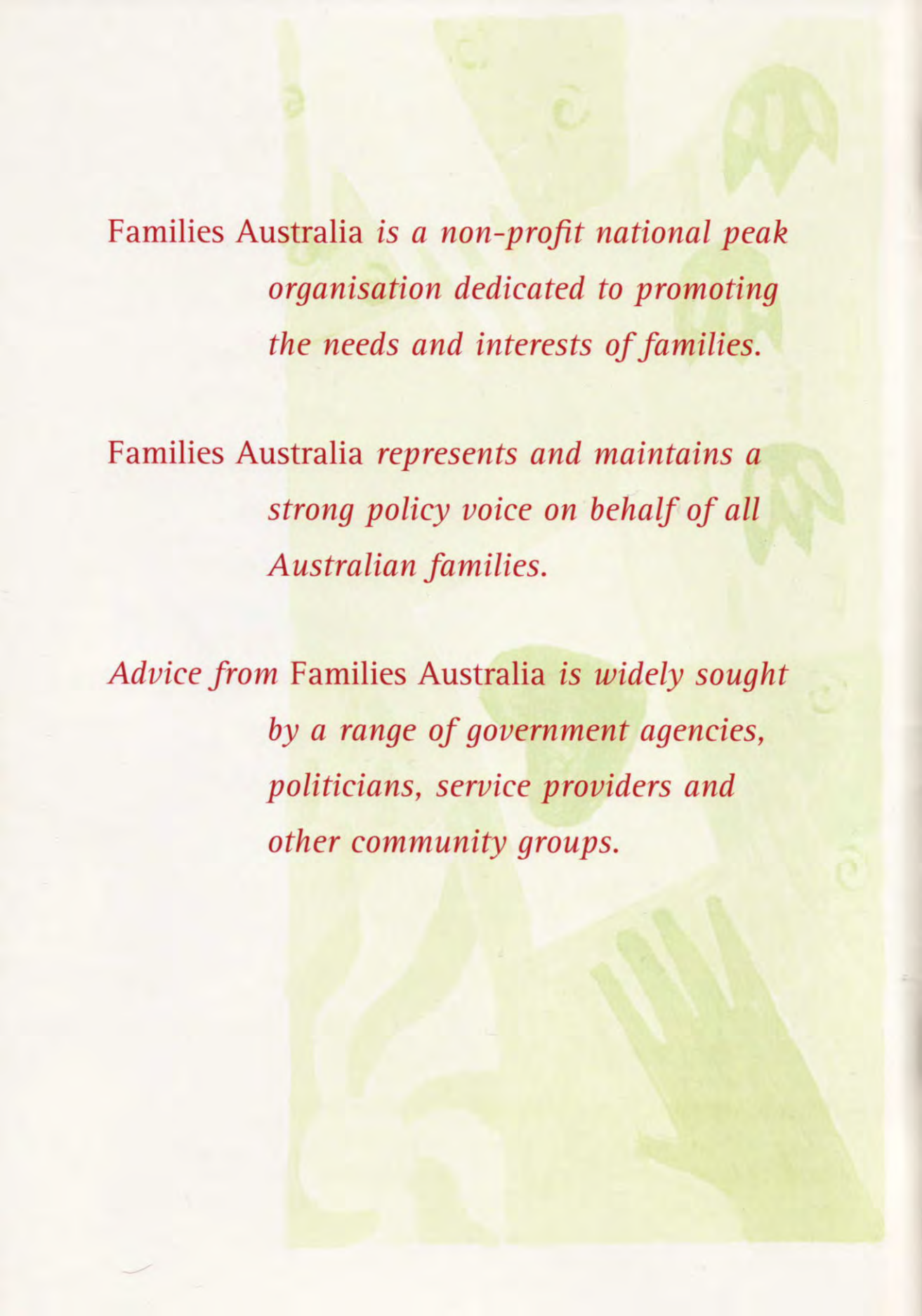


FAMILIES AUSTRALIA

Annual Report

2001–2002





Families Australia is a non-profit national peak organisation dedicated to promoting the needs and interests of families.

Families Australia represents and maintains a strong policy voice on behalf of all Australian families.

Advice from Families Australia is widely sought by a range of government agencies, politicians, service providers and other community groups.

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FAMILIES AUSTRALIA

Families Australia was launched in March 2002, and is the national peak body representing and promoting the needs and interests of families throughout Australia.

Families Australia does this through:

- advocacy and leadership with government and the community;
- information, communication and resource development;
- policy development and research; and
- community education.

Charter

Families Australia's mission is to improve policies and programs affecting families through advocacy and representation at all levels of government. We plan to achieve this by working from a network of services, organisations, carers, consumers and communities, and developing policy and research that is informed by the rich diversity of families and communities.

Objectives

The objectives of *Families Australia* are to:

- be a leading organisation in the field of family policy by working in collaboration with other stakeholders;
- work towards the recognition of, and support for, the needs of families, young people and children;
- provide a strong, national voice and advice to government on issues that impact upon families, as well as facilitate the voices of families when they speak about family policy;
- improve policy, programs and service delivery with a particular focus on the interface between Commonwealth and State/Territory responsibilities;
- advocate for adequate resources for and ensure that family policy reflects the diversity of family forms, addresses disadvantaged circumstances experienced by many families, and has a primary emphasis on the best interests of children and young people; and
- initiate or undertake research that contributes to improved knowledge, policy, programs and service delivery practice.



Sue Ash



Sandie de Wolf



Robert Fitzgerald



Bev Orr



Sue Tregeagle



Frank Young

THE BOARD

Name, Position

Sue Ash

Sandie de Wolf, Chair

Robert Fitzgerald, Co-opted member

Teresa Findlay-Barnes, Secretary

Bev Orr, Deputy Chair

Sue Tregeagle

Sharron Williams

Frank Young

Julian Pocock

Muriel Cadd

Ann Ronburg

Nominating Organisation

The Association of Services Supporting Australia's Families (ASSAF)

The Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia (CAFWAA)

The Association of Services Supporting Australia's Families (ASSAF)

The Australian Foster Care Association (AFCA)

The Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia (CAFWAA)

The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC)

The Australian Foster Care Association (AFCA)

The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC)

(SNAICC Resigned August 2001)

(SNAICC Resigned February 2002)

About the Foundation Members

The Association of Services Supporting Australia's Families (ASSAF) is a national body that meets the needs of children, families and communities, especially those in disadvantaged circumstances. It seeks to keep families together and avoid entry of children into 'out of home' care. Through its State peaks ASSAF represents over 600 service locations across Australia, urban, regional, rural and remote. All States and Territories are represented through their State association (except the Northern Territory).

The Australian Foster Care Association (AFCA) is the national peak body for foster carers (including relative and kinship carers). The membership of the Association is comprised of the Foster Care Association of each Australian State or Territory and through them in excess of 12,500 Australian carer families from throughout Australia.

The Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia (CAFWAA) is a national body committed to meeting the needs of children and families. It has over 260 members, including the peak child and welfare bodies in each State and other community service organisations. CAFWAA represents all States and include members in regional, rural and remote areas.

The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) has operated as the national peak body representing the interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and children since the 1970's. It operates with a diverse membership base of community based residential and foster care agencies, family support services, child-care centres, pre schools, youth support and accommodation services. It has representatives in every State and Territory and includes all Aboriginal childcare agencies.

CHAIR'S REPORT

I have great pleasure in presenting this first Annual Report of *Families Australia*. *Families Australia* was established in 2001 by the Commonwealth Government (through funding via the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services) as the national peak body representing the interests of families. It was officially launched in March 2002. Three unfunded national organisations were given the task to establish *Families Australia*:

- Association of Services Supporting Australia's Families (ASSAF);
- Australian Foster Care Association (AFCFA); and
- Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia (CAFWAA).

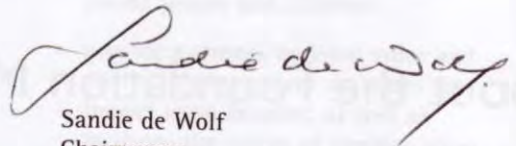
A Working Group was established from these three organisations with the Secretariat for National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) being subsequently invited to join the Working Group. These organisations formed an interim Board charged with governance matters until the first Annual General Meeting (scheduled for 27 November 2002).

Establishing a new national community organisation is hard work, challenging and exciting. As you will see in the "Highlights of the Year" section of this report, we have made considerable progress in our first year of existence and I feel we have laid a solid foundation for our future. I am pleased to report that *Families Australia* has received a strong mandate from the community sector with just under three hundred organisations joining as Associate Members and thirty national peak organisations becoming General Members.

Families Australia recognises that the organisation is a 'new kid on the block' and that there are many groups actively advocating for particular family issues. When we are all stretched for resources and time, it makes sense for *Families Australia* to complement what is already happening, add strength to initiatives being mounted by others, and identify issues that have previously been neglected. Many of the projects we have planned for next year will build on those networks and partnerships and continue to raise our profile.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank our Board members for their involvement and commitment and Anne-Marie Mioche, our Executive Officer, for her vision and contribution in establishing such a firm foundation for *Families Australia*.

We look forward to working with families, community organisations, peak bodies, State and Commonwealth Departments and all levels of Government to promote the interests of families.



Sandie de Wolf
Chairperson



LIST OF MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

Foundation Members

Association of Services Supporting Australia's Families (ASSAF)
Australian Foster Care Association (AFCA)
Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia (CAFWAA)
The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC)

General Member Organisations

Anglicare Australia
Australian African Children's Aid & Support Association Inc.
Australian Association of Social Workers
Australian Red Cross
Australian Youth Affairs Coalition
Barnardos
Care Leavers Australia Network
Carers Australia
Council on the Ageing (Australia)
CREATE
Family Services Australia
Good Beginnings Australia
Lifeline Australia Inc
Lone Fathers Association (Australia)
Mission Australia
National Association of Community Based Children's Services
National Council for Adoption
National Council of YMCAs of Australia
National Ethnic Disability Alliance
National Family Day Care Council
Playgroup Council of Australia
Relationships Australia
Salvation Army Eastern Territory
Salvation Army Southern Territory
The Smith Family
Volunteering Australia

Ballarat Community Health Centre (VIC)
Bankstown Family Day Care Co-op Ltd (NSW)
Banyule City Council (VIC)
Barkley Bumble Beez Childcare (NT)
Baulkham Hills Shire Council (NSW)
Bay Islands Community Services Inc (QLD)
Bayside City Council - Childcare Service (VIC)
Belconnen Community Service (ACT)
Berry Street Victoria (VIC)
Betania Christian Centre (SA)
Bethany Community Support Inc (VIC)
Blue Care Brisbane Central Region (Unicare) (QLD)
Boundary Lane Children's Centre (NSW)
Bowen Community Council (QLD)
Broken Hill Family Support Inc (NSW)

Caboolture Area Youth Service Inc (QLD)
Caboolture Neighbourhood Centre (QLD)
Camcare (VIC)
Cape/Gulf Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island
Child Care Advisory Association (QLD)
Care and Concern Ministries (NSW)
Care Leavers Australia Network - Mirrabooka (WA)
Careforce Community Service (VIC)
Caroline Chisholm Society (VIC)
Carpentaria Shire Council (QLD)
Centacare - Port Pirie Diocese (SA)
Centacare Newcastle (NSW)
Centacare Tasmania
Centacare Wollongong (NSW)
Central Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency
Inc (QLD)
Centre for Community Child Health (VIC)
Centre for Developmental Disability Studies (NSW)
Cerebral Palsy Support Network (VIC)
Child and Family Care Network (VIC)
Child and Family Services - Dept of Community Services (NSW)
Child and Family Services Ballarat (VIC)
Children's Services Resource and Advisory Program (ACT)
Children's Services Support Program (Central Australia) (NT)
Children's Services Support Unit (WA Inc)
Children's Welfare Association of Victoria
Churches of Christ Care (QLD)
Citizen Advocacy Northside Inc (NSW)
Cobaw Community Health Service (VIC)
Colony 47 (TAS)
Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre (NSW)
Communicare Inc (WA)
Community Accommodation and Respite Agency Inc (SA)
Community Activities Lake Macquarie (NSW)

Associate Member Organisations

Aboriginal Family Support Services (SA)
Abused Child Trust (QLD)
Adoptions International of Western Australia Inc (AIWA) (WA)
Adoptive Families Association of the ACT (ACT)
Advocates for Survivors of Child Abuse (NSW)
Agencies for South West Accommodation (ASWA) Inc (WA)
Albert Hall Preschool (NSW)
Alice Springs Family Day Care (NT)
Alina Families Program (QLD)
Anglican Community Care (SA)
Anglicare (Migrant Services) (NSW)
Anglicare Diocese of Brisbane (QLD)
Anglicare NSW
Anglicare SA (Alternative Care)
Anglicare SA
Anglicare Tasmania
Anglicare Victoria
Anglicare Youth and Family Services (NSW)
Atherton Neighbourhood Centre (QLD)
Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes (VIC)
Australian Nursing Federation (ACT)
Australian Red Cross (NSW)
Australian Society for Intercountry Aid for Children (NSW)

- Community Health Bendigo (VIC)
 Community Programs Inc (NSW)
 Craigieburn and Districts Family Day Care (VIC)
 CRC Justice Support (NSW)
 Creative Times - Samaritans (NSW)
 Cross Cultural Child Care Unit (QLD)
- Daisy Hill Playschool Child Care Centre (QLD)
 Darebin Family Services - Darebin City Council (VIC)
 Department for Community Development - Family and Children's Services (WA)
 Department of Community Development (WA)
 Department of Health and Human Services (TAS)
 Department of Human Services (SA)
 Dianella Community Health (VIC)
 Dingley Village CAB (VIC)
 Disability Complaints Service (SA)
 Doncaster Community Care and Counselling Centre (VIC)
 Drummond Street Relationship Centre (VIC)
- Eatons Hill Outside School Hours Club (QLD)
 Eltham East Outside School Hours Care (VIC)
- Family Action Centre (NSW)
 Family Based Care Association (NSW) Inc (TAS)
 Family Day Care Association (QLD)
 Family Day Care Schemes of WA (Inc)
 Family Services - City of Greater Geelong (VIC)
 Family Support and Parenting Network (ACT)
 Family Support Service - Cooma (NSW)
 Family Support Service - Denilquin (NSW)
 Family Support Services Association Tasmania Inc
 Fern Valley Child Care Centre (NSW)
 Financial Counsellors Resource Project (WA)
 Fredrick Street Child Care and Early Education Centre (QLD)
- Gap Community Child Care Centre (NT)
 Geraldton Family and Youth Support Service (WA)
 Geraldton Sexual Assault Resource Centre (WA)
 Glastonbury Child and Family Services (VIC)
 Gold Coast Family Support Group (QLD)
 Goulburn Family Support Service (NSW)
 Goulburn Valley Family Care Inc (VIC)
 Greenacres Association (NSW)
 Greensborough Campout Community Child Care Centre (VIC)
- Haemophilia Foundation Australia (VIC)
 Hanover Welfare Services (VIC)
 Harvey Early Learning Centre (WA)
 Holdsworth Street Community Centre (NSW)
 Holroyd Community Aid and Information Service (NSW)
 Holy Family School (NT)
 Homelink SA
 Hornsby Kuring-gai Lifeline (NSW)
 Humpty Doo Community and Child Care Centre (NT)
- Illawarra Children's Services (NSW)
 Ingle Farm East Primary School (SA)
 Inner Western Region Migrant Resource Centre (VIC)
 Institute for Family Advocacy (NSW)
 Integrated Youth Service Inc (QLD)
 International Social Service - Australian Branch (VIC)
- Jobco Employment Services Inc (VIC)
 Johnson Street Out of School Hours Care Inc (NSW)
- Kaziw Asesered Le Association (QLD)
 Kemblawarra Child and Family Centre (NSW)
 Kids First Foundation
 Kildonan Child and Family Services (VIC)
 Kindy Korner Pre-School (NSW)
 Kingston East Community Centre (QLD)
 Koolyangarra Kindergarten and Child Care Centre (NSW)
 KU Children's Services - Resource Centre (NSW)
 Kyabra Community Association Inc (QLD)
 Kyabram Community and Learning Centre (VIC)
- Lady Gowrie Child Centre (NSW)
 Lady Gowrie Family Day Care Caboolture (QLD)
 Lapstone Preschool Kindergarten Association Inc (NSW)
 Lavington Occasional Child Care Association (NSW)
 Learning Centre Link (WA)
 Lifeline Cairns Region (QLD)
 Lifeline Manly Warringah Pittwater Inc (NSW)
 Lisa Lodge (VIC)
 Lismore District Family Day Care Inc (NSW)
 Lower Mountains Family Support Service (NSW)
 Lutheran Community Care (SA)
 Lysterfield Primary School Outside School Hours Care Program (VIC)
- Macarthur Legal Centre Inc (NSW)
 Mackay Children's Support Programs Inc (QLD)
 MacKillop Family Services (VIC)
 Mallee Family Care Inc (VIC)
 Mareeba Information and Support Centre (QLD)
 Marian Centre (NSW)
 Maroochy Child Care Services (QLD)
 Maroochy Neighbourhood Centre - Family Support Program (QLD)
 Martin Street Community Child Care Centre (QLD)
 Marymead Child and Family Centre (ACT)
 Meerilinga Young Children's Foundation (WA)
 Menzies Incorporated (VIC)
 Mercy Community Care (WA)
 Mia Wei Ltd (NSW)
 Micah Projects Inc (QLD)
 Migrant Resource Centre North East (MRCNE) (VIC)
 Mirabel Foundation Inc (VIC)
 Miriam High Special Needs Centre (SA)
 Mission Australia (NSW)
 Mofflyn (WA)
 Montessori Long Day Care Gordon (ACT)
 Mookai Rosie-Bi-Bayan (ATSIC) (QLD)
 Mount Isa Skills Association Inc (QLD)
 Ms Cynthia Turner (QLD)
 Ms Eve Cottral (VIC)
 Ms Judy Richards (VIC)
 Ms Linda Lane (WA)
 Ms Vicki Ashford (QLD)
 Mt Druit Community Cottage (NSW)
 Multicultural Children's Services Program (QLD)
- Nambour Good Beginnings (QLD)
 Nerang Neighbourhood Centre Inc (QLD)

Network of Community Activities (NSW)
 New England Carer Respite Centre (NSW)
 New England Resource and Support Programme (NSW)
 Newcastle Family Support Services (NSW)
 Newtrain Inc (NSW)
 Noah's Ark Family Resource (VIC)
 North Belconnen Community Association Inc (ACT)
 North Queensland Combined Women's Services Inc (QLD)
 North West Advocacy Organisation Inc (QLD)
 Northside Community Service Inc (ACT)
 NSW Indo-China Chinese Association Inc

Ovens and King Community Health Service (VIC)

Paddington Children's Centre (NSW)
 Parent Support Service (ACT)
 Parenting Australia (VIC)
 Parentline Queensland (QLD)
 Parkerville Children's Home Inc (WA)
 Parkes/Forbes Family Day Care - Parkes Shire Council (NSW)
 PeakCare Queensland Inc (QLD)
 Pennell Child Care Centre (VIC)
 People with Disabilities (NSW) Inc
 Personal Advocacy Service (WA)
 Petrie Community After School Care (QLD)
 Phoenix Consulting (NT)
 Pika Wiya Health Service Inc (SA)
 Planit Community Solutions (NSW)
 Playgroup (WA)
 Playtime Child Care Centre (QLD)
 Port Mission Family Centre (SA)
 Port Stephens Family Support Service Inc (NSW)
 Positive Solutions (TAS)
 Possum Children's Support Service Inc (NSW)
 Possum Place Child Care Centre (NSW)
 Pregnancy Counselling Link (QLD)
 Prison Transport Group Inc (QLD)
 Prof Rosamund Thorpe (QLD)
 Public Health Association (ACT)

Quantum Support Services (VIC)
 Queen Elizabeth II Family Centre (ACT)
 Queensland Children's Activities Network (QCAN) Inc
 Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association

Ranges Youth Centre (SA)
 Reach Recreation (SA)
 Redlynch Daycare Centre (QLD)
 Royal College of Nursing - Australia (ACT)

Saltwater Child Care Centre (VIC)
 Salvation Army Peninsula Youth and Family Services (VIC)
 Salvation Army (SA) Property Trust
 Save the Children Fund (QLD)
 Scots Child Care Centre (TAS)
 SDN Children's Services Inc (NSW)
 Somerville Community Service (NT)
 South Australia Career Consultants
 Southside Community Services Inc (ACT)
 Spalding Family Centre (WA)
 Speak Out Association of Tasmania Inc

Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau (VIC)
 St Luke's Anglicare (VIC)
 Starick Services Inc (WA)
 Stepfamily Association of Victoria Inc
 Sussex Street Community Law Service (WA)
 Sutherland Shire Family Support Service (NSW)

Tangentyre Council (NT)
 Technical Aid to the Disabled (NSW)
 Tennant Creek Domestic Violence Counselling Service (NT)
 The Benevolent Society (NSW)
 The Cerebral Palsy Association of WA
 The Cottage-Centre for Families and Children (VIC)
 The Parenting Puzzle (NT)
 The Salvation Army Crossroads West (WA)
 The YWCA of Sydney (NSW)
 Toowoomba City Church Inc (QLD)
 Toowoomba Youthservice (QLD)

Unicentre Children's Services - University of Wollongong (NSW)
 UnitingCare Connections (VIC)
 UnitingCare Port Pirie Central Mission (SA)
 University of Melbourne Children's Services (VIC)
 Upper Murray Family Care (VIC)

Warlga Ngurra Woman's and Children's Refuge (NSW)
 Warwick Farm Children's Centre (NSW)
 Wattle Human Services Inc (VIC)
 Woden Community Service Inc (ACT)
 Wollondilly Shire Community and Children's Services (NSW)
 Wyndarra Centre Inc (TAS)
 Wyong Neighbourhood Centre (NSW)
 Wyong Shire Family Day Care (NSW)

YMCA of Darwin Inc (NT)
 YMCA of Sydney (NSW)
 Yorganop Child Care Aboriginal Corporation (WA)
 Youth Involvement Council (WA)
 Youth off the Streets (NSW)

Percentage of Associate Members from the different States



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

Membership Invitation – seeking a mandate from the community

A key priority for *Families Australia* in its first year of existence was to ensure *Families Australia* had a strong membership base and achieved its goal to be representative of the diversity of the sector. It was also essential to gain a mandate from the community to operate in the family sector.

Despite some initial reservations about *Families Australia*, the sector has been overwhelmingly supportive of the development of *Families Australia* with thirty national peak organisations joining as General Members and just under three hundred organisations and individuals joining as Associate Members.

This was achieved through an intensive multi-pronged approach encompassing:

- a membership invitation letter to over 13 000 organisations;
- a membership invitation with a complimentary copy of the first edition of our Bulletin;
- face to face meetings with key organisations to follow up the membership invitation.

Families Australia has also invited two co-opted members to its current Board (two positions are available under the *Families Australia* Constitution). A position was offered to Mr Robert Fitzgerald, former President of ACOSS and currently Commissioner, NSW Community Services Commission, who agreed to join the Board. An offer was also made to Anglicare Australia who also accepted the invitation and will join the Board after June 2002.

Communication Strategy Launch and Corporate image

In March 2002, *Families Australia* was formally launched at Parliament House by Senator the Hon. Amanda Vanstone, Commonwealth Minister for Family and Community Services. An invitation from the Minister to the launch was sent to over 700 organisations and individuals and the launch was the focus of some media. The launch, which was attended by around 100 guests, also provided an opportunity to release *Families Australia's* distinctive corporate image, (in the form of posters and information kits). Feedback on our corporate image has been overwhelmingly positive.

A smaller "welcome" was held in August at our new office in Barton.

Mailing list, Bulletin and website

Families Australia has developed a mailing list of over 13 000 organisations and individuals. Our Bulletin was published in June 2002 and was extremely well received. The Bulletin is an important communication tool for *Families Australia*, letting organisations and individuals know what *Families Australia* is doing and seeking their input and comments. The second edition of the Bulletin will be published in Spring 2002.

Families Australia has also developed a modest website which provides another avenue for informing organisations about our activities and seeking their feedback.

Networks

A critical part of successfully establishing *Families Australia* in its first year involved the development of strong links with community organisations, academic institutions, professional organisations and others. A close working relationship has been established with a number of Commonwealth Government Departments, including Family and Community Services, Centrelink, Attorney Generals, and Employment and Workplace Relations.

Strategic Planning & Governance

A Strategic Planning session was undertaken by the Board at its meeting of 7-9 December 2001.

A draft Strategic Plan 2002 - 2004 is being widely circulated to our member organisations and to stakeholders and will be finalised by the new Board of *Families Australia*.

Policy

Families Australia is committed to the development of broad-based and relevant policy.

This objective is important given the diversity of family forms in Australia today, the significance of extended families to the health and well-being of families, and the complexities of the current split of responsibilities between Commonwealth and State and Territory Governments. The focus of the organisation will be on developing and contributing to public policy which impacts on families, young people and children nationally.

Families Australia has developed and is active in a number of policy priority areas. These include the *Australians Working Together* policy implementation and, the *Stronger Families and Communities* initiative, as specified in our contract with the Department of Family and Community Services.

We are also interested and active in the areas of foster care and child welfare, Family Laws Pathways, youth allowance, age discrimination legislation, and mature age workers. We have also maintained watching briefs on maternity leave, refugee issues, disability support pension, immunisation and ageing population issues.

Families Australia is working very closely with the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services and with the office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, the

Hon. Larry Anthony, on the issue of foster care and child welfare and believe that we have made substantial progress on this issue. We have developed a policy framework for the child and family welfare area. The policy areas were selected after consultation with the organisations (over 800) represented by the current Board. Policy development meetings were arranged with the Boards of CAFWAA, AFCA, ASSAF and SNAICC.

Committees & Reference Groups

Our policy work is facilitated through our representation on a number of committees and reference groups. We are now represented on the Centrelink *Australians Working Together* (AWT) reference group, as well as with the Department of Family and Community Services Evaluation of *'Helping Parents Return to Work'* Measure Steering Committee.

This year *Families Australia* has also been involved in the Commonwealth Department of Employment and Workplace Relations *Consultation Group on Ageing Workforce*. In addition, we are represented on the *Parenting Quality Service Forum* (Centrelink) and on the Attorney General's *Age Discrimination Core Consultative Group*.

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD 7 SEPTEMBER 2001 TO 30 JUNE 2002
BOARD REPORT

Your Board members submit the financial report of the *Families Australia* Incorporated for the period 7 September 2001 to 30 June 2002.

Board Members

The names of Board members throughout the financial year and at the date of this report are:

Sharon Williams
Muriel Cadd (Resigned August 2001)
Sue Ash
Frank Young
Sandie de Wolf
Teresa Findlay-Barnes
Beverley Orr
Sue Treggeagle
Robert Fitzgerald
Julian Pocock
Ann Ronburg (Resigned February 2002)

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Association during the financial year was to represent the interests of families in Australia.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

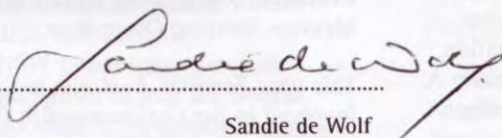
Operating Result

The surplus after providing for income tax amounted to \$11,408.

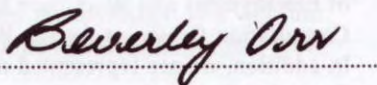
After Balance Date Events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board:

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Sandie de Wolf

.....


Beverley Orr

Dated:

28/10/02.

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE PERIOD 7 SEPTEMBER 2001 TO 30 JUNE 2002

| | Notes | 07/09/01-30/06/02 |
|---|----------|----------------------|
| | | \$ |
| Revenue from ordinary activities | | 250,654 |
| Employee benefits expense | | (80,038) |
| Other expenses from ordinary activities | | <u>(159,208)</u> |
| Surplus from ordinary activities | 2 | <u>11,408</u> |

The financial report has been prepared on a historical cost basis and is based on historical accounting information. The following is a summary of the accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The following is a summary of the accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the financial report.

(i) Income Tax

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

(ii) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less accumulated depreciation.

Plant and equipment are depreciated over their useful lives.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the Association to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of expected cash flows which will be received over the asset's remaining useful life and disposal. The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reduced to the recoverable amount if necessary.

Freehold land and buildings are depreciated over their useful lives.

The carrying amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset was first used by the Association. Improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the calculated useful lives of the improvements.

The useful lives used for each class of asset are:

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Cost of fixed asset | Depreciation Rate | Depreciation Basis |
| Office Equipment | 33.3 % | Diminishing Value |
| Computer Equipment | 33.3 % | Diminishing Value |

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2002

| | Notes | 2002 |
|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------------|
| | | \$ |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Cash assets | 3 | 39,299 |
| Receivables | 4 | 17,299 |
| Prepayments | 5 | <u>9,569</u> |
| TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>66,167</u> |
| NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 6 | <u>12,258</u> |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>12,258</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | <u>78,425</u> |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Payables | 7 | 31,866 |
| Income in advance | | 30,194 |
| Provisions | 8 | <u>3,830</u> |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>65,890</u> |
| NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | |
| Provisions | 8 | <u>1,127</u> |
| TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>1,127</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | <u>67,017</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | <u>11,408</u> |
| MEMBERS' FUNDS | | |
| Accumulated surplus | | <u>11,408</u> |
| TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS | | <u>11,408</u> |

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD 7 SEPTEMBER 2001 TO 30 JUNE 2002

Note 1: Statement of significant accounting policies

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and other authoritative pronouncements of the *Australian Accounting Standards Board* and the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act (1991)* of Australian Capital Territory.

The financial report is for the entity *Families Australia* Incorporated as an individual entity. *Families Australia* Incorporated is an Association incorporated in Australian Capital Territory under the *Associations Incorporations Act (1991)*.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs. It does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Association in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

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(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) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the Association to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Freehold land and buildings are brought to account at cost or at independent or directors valuation.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset was held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The useful lives used for each class of assets are:

| <i>Class of fixed asset</i> | <i>Depreciation Rate</i> | <i>Depreciation basis</i> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Office Equipment | 37.5 % | Diminishing Value |
| Computer Equipment | 37.5 % | Diminishing Value |

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(c) Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements expected to be settled within one year together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave which will be settled after one year, have been measured at their nominal amount. Other employee entitlements payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those entitlements.

Contributions are made by the Association to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

(d) Cash

Cash includes cash on hand, at banks and on deposit.

(e) Revenue

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

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

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.

(f) 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. 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 Statement of Financial Position are shown inclusive of GST.

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Note 2: Profit from ordinary activities

Surplus from ordinary activities has been determined after:

(a) Expenses:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Depreciation | 970 |
| Rental expenses | 4,679 |
| Salaries and wages | 80,038 |
| Remuneration of the auditors for: | |
| - audit services | <u>2,250</u> |

(c) Significant Revenues and Expenses:

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| Operating grants | <u>250,000</u> |
|------------------|----------------|

Note 3: Cash assets

| | |
|--------------|---------------|
| Cash on hand | 200 |
| Cash at bank | <u>39,099</u> |
| | <u>39,299</u> |

Note 4: Receivables

CURRENT

| | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Deposits paid | 6,246 |
| Other Receivables | 317 |
| GST paid | <u>10,736</u> |
| Receivables | <u>17,299</u> |

Note 5: Other assets

CURRENT

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| Prepayments | <u>9,569</u> |
|-------------|--------------|

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Note 6: Property, plant and equipment

(a) Office equipment

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| At cost | 4,500 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | <u>(134)</u> |
| | <u>4,366</u> |

(b) Computer equipment

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| At cost | 8,729 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | <u>(837)</u> |
| | <u>7,892</u> |

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Total property, plant and equipment | <u>12,258</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|

Note 7: Payables

CURRENT

Unsecured liabilities

| | |
|------------------|---------------|
| Trade creditors | 18,883 |
| GST Collected | 8,850 |
| Sundry creditors | <u>4,133</u> |
| | <u>31,866</u> |

Note 8: Provisions

CURRENT

| | | |
|-----------------------|-----|--------------|
| Employee entitlements | (a) | <u>3,830</u> |
|-----------------------|-----|--------------|

NON-CURRENT

| | | |
|---|-----|--------------|
| Employee entitlements | (a) | <u>1,127</u> |
| (a) Aggregate employee entitlements liability | | <u>4,957</u> |

Note 9: Segment reporting

Families Australia Incorporated resides and operates within the Australian Capital Territory.

Note 10: Association details

The principal place of business of the Association is:

Families Australia Incorporated

Unit 3, 7 National Circuit

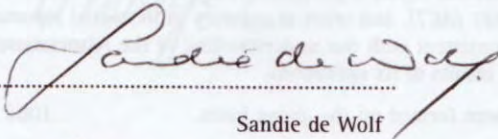
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FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

In the opinion of the Board the financial report as set out on pages 12 to 22:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of *Families Australia* Incorporated for the period 7 September 2001 to 30 June 2002 and its performance for the financial year ended on that date in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that *Families 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 by:


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Sandie de Wolf


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Beverley Orr

Dated:

28/10/02.

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF
FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

Scope

We have audited the financial report of *Families Australia* Incorporated for the financial period 7 September 2001 to 30 June 2002 being the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, notes to the Financial Statements and the Statement by Members of the Board. The Board is responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards, the *Association Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT)*, and other mandatory professional reporting requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position and performance as represented by the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of *Families Australia* Incorporated presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, the financial position of *Families Australia* Incorporated for the period 7 September 2001 to 30 June 2002 and the results of its operations for the financial year then ended.

Bentleys MRI
Chartered Accountants
GPO Box 554
Canberra ACT 2601

Bentley MRI

ROBERT J ELLISON
Partner
Canberra
Dated:

R. J. Ellison
30/6/02

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DISCLAIMER
TO THE MEMBERS OF
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The additional financial data presented on page 22 is in accordance with the books and records of the Association which have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our statutory audit of the Association for the financial period 7 September 2001 to 30 June 2002. It will be appreciated that our statutory audit did not cover all details of the additional financial data. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on such financial data and we give no warranty of accuracy or reliability in respect of the data provided. Neither the firm nor any member or employee of the firm undertakes responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person (other than *Families Australia Incorporated*) in respect of such data, including any errors of omissions therein however caused.

Bentleys MRI
Chartered Accountants
GPO Box 554
Canberra ACT 2601

Bentley MRE

ROBERT J ELLISON
Partner
Canberra
Dated:

R. J. Ellison
30/10/02.

INCOME

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Interest income | 654 |
| Subsidies and grants | <u>250,000</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME | <u>250,654</u> |

LESS EXPENSES

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Accounting fees | 4,418 |
| Advertising | 15,146 |
| Audit fees | 2,250 |
| Bank charges | 207 |
| Board Meetings and conferences | 8,278 |
| Bulletin expenses | 6,669 |
| Cleaning | 440 |
| Computer expenses | 3,474 |
| Consumables | 172 |
| Conference expenses | 554 |
| Contracted staff | 2,750 |
| Depreciation | 970 |
| Insurance | 3,128 |
| Leave entitlements | 4,958 |
| Motor vehicle expenses | 1,308 |
| Office equipment expenses | 16,422 |
| Policy development | 31,000 |
| Postage | 545 |
| Printing and stationery | 29,875 |
| Publications | 139 |
| Rent | 4,679 |
| Salaries and wages | 73,543 |
| Staff training | 2,205 |
| Sundry expenses | 650 |
| Superannuation | 4,290 |
| Telephone | 6,490 |
| Travelling expenses | <u>14,686</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>239,246</u> |

11,408

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Equipment expenses | 13,229 |
| Capitalised equipment expenses | (13,229) |

OPERATING SURPLUS **11,408**



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