

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Families Australia is pleased to present its 2004-05 Annual Report. This is our 4th Annual Report.

The Report comprises: key background about Families Australia; a report by the Acting Chair; information about the Board; a report by the Executive Officer, a listing of Members as at 30 June 2005; a report on Families Australia's performance during 2004-05 in relation to the three goals contained in the Strategic Plan; and, the financial and auditor's reports.

It is hoped that this Report will assist readers to understand and evaluate Families Australia's work, and stimulate feedback about ways in which our work can further be improved.

ABOUT FAMILIES AUSTRALIA

Families Australia Incorporated was established in July 2001 and formally launched by Senator the Hon. Amanda Vanstone in March 2002. Families Australia is Australia's only national non-profit peak body representing and promoting the needs and interests of families.

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.

Families Australia's objectives 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 family policy and ensure that 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.

As at 30 June 2005, Families Australia had 361 Members across Australia, which in turn represented many tens of thousands of individuals, families and employees. The Board comprised 13 members, who bring expertise in family policy, practice and research, as well as extensive networks within the community, private and public sectors and society more broadly.

Families Australia is served by a Secretariat based in Canberra.

KEY STATEMENTS

Mission

To improve policies and programs affecting families through advocacy and representation at all levels of government

Values

An independent advocate for the cultural diversity and the value of families; reflecting Australia's diversity; pro-active in support of justice and equity for Australian Aboriginal and Islander peoples; broad and inclusive; practical, constructive and collaborative; highly strategic and targeted; politically astute; well managed and governed

Process

Work from a network of services, organisations, carers, consumers and communities, and develop policy and research informed by the rich diversity of families and communities

Goals

1. Strengthen policy and research work in order to improve policies and programs affecting families and communities
2. Establish Families Australia as a high profile peak body and a credible source of information and policy resource for public policy affecting families
3. Establish an effective, representative, well-managed and accountable organisation

ACTING CHAIR'S REPORT

In 2004-05, Families Australia made strong gains in promoting the interests of Australia's families. It did this by forging ahead in family policy development and advocacy, and informing Members and the public about family-related issues. Families Australia also consolidated its reputation for excellence in the delivery of National Families Week, and strengthened its governance and management arrangements in readiness for expansion.

Our achievements were based on the support of many organisations and individuals, and I wish to express thanks to the 361 Families Australia Members, including the 36 General Members, for their continued support. Special thanks are also due to the Board members, all of whom gave generously of their time, energy and expertise. In particular, I wish to recognise the outstanding work of our Chair, Sandie de Wolf, who has been Chair since our formation and is now taking leave of absence until late 2005.

The continuing support of the Federal Government, especially Senator the Hon. Kay Patterson, Minister for Family and Community Services, her Department, Centrelink and many other agencies is acknowledged and greatly valued.

In early 2005 our inaugural Executive Officer, Anne-Marie Mioche, resigned to live overseas. On behalf of the Board and Members I wish to record our sincere appreciation to Anne-Marie for the outstanding contribution she made in the formative years of the organisation and to wish her well for the future. Just prior to Anne-Marie's departure, we were able to welcome Brian Babington as our new EO. Brian has a wealth of knowledge and experience in both the government and non-government sectors and his expertise has been greatly valued by the Board since his arrival. I also wish to thank all our dedicated staff who have worked so hard to provide the services and assistance sought by Members and the Board during the year.

Families Australia is set to further enhance its delivery of policy and services in the coming year. The Board and staff look forward to expanding our research-based policy development and advocacy, especially in the areas of family wellbeing, work and family, Indigenous family issues, and child abuse and neglect. Consultation with Members, individuals and families is expected to intensify in the coming year, yielding valuable information which will assist Government and the family sector. We will also be seeking to establish new relationships, including with the corporate sector, and to expand links with the Government and community sectors.

I commend the Annual Report 2004-05 to you.



Bev Orr
Acting Chair

GOVERNANCE AND BOARD

The Families Australia Board of Management in 2004-05 comprised:

Name	Position	Nominating Organisation
Ms Sandie de Wolf (on leave of absence, June-December 2005)	Chair	Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia
Ms Bev Orr (acting Chair, June-December 2005)	Deputy Chair	Australian Foster Care Association
Ms Anne McLeish (joined 15 October 2004)(acting Deputy Chair, June-December 2005)	Secretary	Grandparents Australia
Ms Jane Allen	Member	Association of Services Supporting Australia's Families
Mr Adam Blakester (joined 15 October 2004)	Member	NAPCAN Foundation
Ms Anne Butcher (joined 15 October 2004)	Member	Australian Association of Social Workers
Dr Ray Cleary (resigned 15 October 2004)	Member	Anglicare Australia
Mr Richard Eckersley (joined 7 April 2005)	Co-opted Member	
Mr Robert Fitzgerald (resigned 15 October 2004)	Co-opted Member	National Roundtable of Nonprofit Organisations
Ms Dianne Gibson (resigned 15 October 2004)	Member	Relationships Australia
Dr Marie Leech (joined 15 October 2004)	Member	Mission Australia
Mr Ian O'Reilly	Member	Australian Youth Affairs Coalition
Mr Julian Pocock	Member	The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care
Mr Paul Rajan	Co-opted Member	
Mr Peter Richardson (resigned 15 October 2004)	Member	Australian Association of Social Workers
Ms Sue Tregagle (resigned 15 October 2004)	Member	Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia
Ms Prue Warrilow (joined 15 October 2004)	Member	National Association of Community Based Children's Services
Ms Sharron Williams	Member	The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care

In 2004-05, the Board held four meetings: 20 November 2004, Melbourne; 7-8 April 2005, Sydney; 27 May 2005, teleconference; and, 30 June-1 July 2005, Melbourne.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Families are Australia's greatest strength, yet pressures faced by many of them are intense and unrelenting. While Australia is experiencing strong economic growth, many families continue to face difficulty, challenging commonly held notions of equity, fairness and social wellbeing. In 2002-03 alone, more than 678,000 Australian children lived in jobless households; an estimated 408,000 people, of which 87% were women, were victims of domestic violence; 198,000 child protection notifications were issued; and, Indigenous children were only a third as likely as the rest of the population to have access to an early childhood or childcare services.

In that context, Families Australia's job is to help nurture a public policy environment which supports and encourages family wellbeing. That means working closely with governments and the community to keep families at the forefront of their thinking and actions, and advocating for improvements in the situation of vulnerable groups.

Families Australia made significant progress in achieving these goals in 2004-05. Our efforts to promote the value of family through National Families Week, to highlight the need for better work/family balance, and to generate influence through networking, were particularly important outcomes. More information on this appears in the section entitled 'Goals and Performance'.

The organisation is well poised for expansion, a position which results from the dedication and hard work of many individuals and organisations, as well as the generous support of the Federal Government.

I would like to thank the Board for their unstinting support since my appointment in January 2005, and to pay tribute to my predecessor, Anne-Marie Mioche. I wish to thank fellow, and former staff – Jennifer Horsfield, Jerry Feng, Judy Swann, and Anne Meuronen – for their dedicated professionalism.

In the year ahead, we will do more to promote the interests of families at the national policy level, drawing on a strengthened in-house research capacity and the outcomes of regular consultations with Members and families themselves. We will be increasing the flow of information to Members and the public about national family policies, practice and research. We will be promoting ever greater celebrations of the importance of families through National Families Week.

Finally, feedback about our performance is vital, and we would welcome suggestions and ideas about ways we can do our job more effectively in the interest of all Australian families.



Brian Babington

LIST OF MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

As at 30 June 2005, there were 36 General and 325 Associate Members of Families Australia. They are listed below.

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

Advocates for Survivors of Child Abuse
Anglicare Australia
Australian African Children's Aid & Support Association Inc.
Australian Association of Social Workers
Australian Council for Adoption
Australian Local Government Association
Australian Red Cross
Australian Scholarships Group
Australian Youth Affairs Coalition
Barnardos
Care Leavers Australia Network Inc. (CLAN)
COTA National Seniors
CREATE Foundation
Depressionet
Family Services Australia
Good Beginnings Australia
Grandparents Australia
Lifeline Australia Inc
Lone Fathers Association (Australia)
Mission Australia
NAPCAN Foundation
National Association of Community Based Children's Services
National Council of YMCAs of Australia
National Ethnic Disability Alliance Inc
National Family Day Care Council
Parenting and Family Support Centre
Playgroup Australia Inc.
Relationships Australia
SIDS and Kids
The Salvation Army Eastern Territory
The Smith Family
Volunteering Australia

Associate Member Organisations

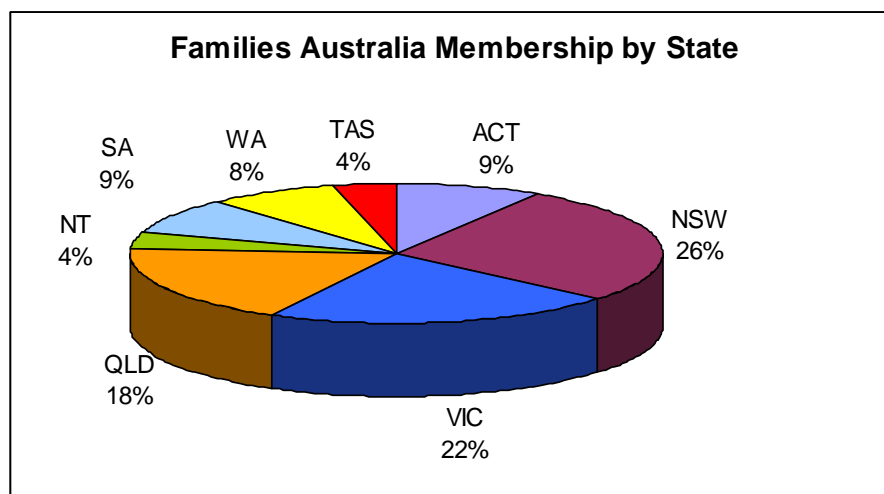
Aboriginal Children's Centre - TAS
Aboriginal Family Support Services - SA
Abused Child Trust - QLD
Adoptions International of Western Australia (AIWA) Inc - WA
Agencies for South West Accommodation (ASWA) Inc - WA
AGL - NSW
Albert Hall Preschool - NSW
Alcohol & Other Drugs Council of Australia - ACT
Alina Families Program - QLD
Anglican Community Care - SA
Anglican Counselling Service - NSW
Anglicare (Migrant Services) - NSW
Anglicare Diocese of Brisbane - QLD
Anglicare Diocese of Sydney - NSW
Anglicare South Australia - SA
Anglicare South Australia (Alternative Care) - SA
Anglicare Tasmania - TAS
Anglicare Victoria - VIC
Anglicare Youth and Family Services - NSW
Asteria Services - VIC
Atherton Neighbourhood Centre - QLD
Australian Conference of Leaders of Religious Institutes - VIC
Australian Institute of Family Studies - VIC
Australian Nursing Federation - ACT
Australian Red Cross New South Wales - NSW
Australian Society for Intercountry Aid for Children - NSW - NSW
Ballarat Community Health Centre - VIC
Bankstown Family Day Care Co-op Ltd - NSW
Banyule City Council - VIC
Baulkham Hills Shire Council (Human Services Manager) - NSW
Bay Islands Community Services Inc - QLD
Bayside City Council Children's Services Co-Ordinator - 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
Bramwell House - SA
Brighton Council Children's Services - TAS
Brisbane Youth Service - QLD
Broken Hill Family Support Inc - NSW
Business Liaison and Community Sector Relationships - ACT
Business Performance SA - SA
Caboolture Area Youth Service Inc - QLD
Caboolture Neighbourhood Centre - QLD
Camcare - VIC
Cape/Gulf Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care (RAATSICC)
Advisory Association - QLD
Care Leavers Australia Network Midland Inc - WA
Careforce Community Service - VIC
Carers Australia - ACT
Caroline Chisholm Society - VIC
Carpentaria Shire Council - QLD
Centacare Newcastle - NSW
Centacare Port Pirie Diocese - SA
Centacare Tasmania - TAS
Centacare Wollongong - NSW
Central Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency Inc - QLD
Centre for Community Child Health - VIC
Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare - VIC
Centre for Work Leisure and Community Research - QLD
Centrelink Darwin - NT
Cerebral Palsy Support Network - VIC
Child & Family Support Outreach Service, Kaziw Asesered Le Inc. - QLD
Child and Family Care Network - VIC
Child and Family Services Ballarat - VIC
Child Care NSW - NSW
Children's Services Resource and Advisory Program, ACT - ACT
Children's Services Support Program (Central Australia) - NT
Children's Services Support Unit (Western Australia) Inc - WA
Churches of Christ Care - QLD
Citizen Advocacy Northside Inc - NSW
City of Kingston - VIC
Colony 47 - TAS
Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre - NSW
Communicare Inc - WA
Communities @ Work - ACT
Community Accommodation and Respite Agency Inc - SA
Community Activities Lake Macquarie - NSW
Community Life, Fairfield City Council - NSW
Community Link & Network Inc. - WA
Community Link and Network Mirrabooka Inc. - WA

Community Programs Inc - NSW
 Craigieburn and Districts Family Day Care - VIC
 CRC - 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 - WA
 Department of Communities - QLD
 Department of Education & Children's Services - SA
 Department of Education & Children's Services - SA
 Department of Health and Human Services - TAS
 Department of Human Services South Australia - SA
 Department of Public Health - SA
 Dianella Community Health - VIC
 Dingley Village CAB - VIC
 Disability Advocacy & Complaints Service of SA Inc. - SA
 Djerriwarrh Health Services - VIC
 Doncaster Community Care and Counselling Centre - VIC
 Drummond Street Relationship Centre - VIC
 Early Childhood Management Services - VIC
 Eatons Hill Outside School Hours Club - QLD
 Eltham East OSHC - VIC
 ESCARE Inc - WA
 Expect A Star Education Services - NSW
 FaCS - South Australia State Office - SA
 Families First - SA
 Family Action Centre - NSW
 Family and Child Care Service - VIC
 Family Based Care Association North West Inc - TAS
 Family Day Care - West Group of Districts - SA
 Family Day Care Association Queensland - QLD
 Family Day Care Schemes of WA Inc. - WA
 Family Services City of Greater Geelong - VIC
 Family Support and Parenting Network - ACT
 Family Support Service - NSW
 Family Support Services Assoc Tasmania Inc - TAS
 Fern Valley Child Care Centre - NSW
 Fleurieu Regional Community Services Advisory Committee - SA
 Fredrick Street Child Care and Early Education Centre - QLD
 FSG Australia - QLD
 Gap Community Child Care Centre - NT
 Geraldton Family and Youth Support Service - WA
 Glastonbury Child and Family Services - VIC
 Glenhaven Family Care Inc - TAS
 Good Beginnings (Northern Suburbs) - TAS
 Goulburn Family Support Service - NSW
 Goulburn Valley Family Care Inc - VIC
 Greenacres Association - NSW
 Griffith Law School - QLD
 Hanover Welfare Services - VIC
 Hanover Welfare Services - VIC
 Harvey Early Learning Centre - WA
 Holdsworth Street Community Centre - NSW
 Holroyd Community Aid Inc - NSW
 Holy Family School - NT
 Homelink SA - SA
 Hornsby Kuring-gai Lifeline - NSW
 Hornsby Shire Council - NSW
 Humpty Doo Community and Child Care Centre - NT
 Illawarra Children's Services - NSW
 Ingle Farm East Primary School - SA
 Institute for Family Advocacy - NSW
 Integrated Family & Youth Service Inc - QLD
 International Social Service Australian Branch - VIC
 Jane Smyth & Associates - ACT
 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
 Kildonan Child and Family Services - VIC
 Kilmany Uniting Care - 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 Caboolture Family Day Care Scheme - QLD
 Lady Gowrie Child Centre - NSW
 Lapstone Preschool Kindergarten Assoc Inc - NSW
 Lavington Occasional Child Care Association - NSW
 Learning Centre Link - WA
 Lifeline Cairns Region - QLD
 Lifeline Family Support Programme - QLD
 Lifeline Newcastle and Hunter - NSW
 Lifeline Northern Beaches Inc - NSW
 Lisa Lodge - VIC
 Lismore District Family Day Care Inc - NSW
 Lorikeet Child Care Centre St George Hospital - NSW

Lower Mountains Family Support Service - NSW
 Lutheran Community Care - SA
 Lysterfield Primary School Outside School Hours Program - VIC
 Macarthur Legal Centre Inc - NSW
 Mackay Children's Support Programs Inc - QLD
 MacKillop Family Services - VIC
 Mai Wel Ltd - NSW
 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 & Family Centre - ACT
 McCarthy Management - NSW
 Meerilinga Young Children's Foundation - WA
 Melba Support Services Inc - VIC
 Melbourne City Mission - VIC
 Menzies Incorporated - VIC
 MercyCare - WA
 Micah Projects Inc - QLD
 Migrant Resource Centre North East - VIC
 Miller Community Preschool & Early Intervention Service - NSW
 Mirabel Foundation Inc - VIC
 Miriam High Special Needs Centre - SA
 MOFFLYN - WA
 Monaro Family Support Service - NSW
 Montessori Long Day Care Gordon - ACT
 Mookai Rosie-Bi-Bayan - QLD
 Mount Druitt Community Cottage - NSW
 Nambour Good Beginnings - QLD
 National Alliance of Disability Resource and Training Agencies (NADRATA) - VIC
 National MRC South East Region Migrant Resource Centre - VIC
 National Rural Health Alliance - ACT
 Nerang Neighbourhood Centre Inc - QLD
 Network of Community Activities - NSW
 New England Carer Respite Centre - NSW
 New England Resource and Support Programme - NSW
 New South Wales Indo-China Chinese Association Inc - NSW
 Newcastle Family Support Services - NSW
 Newtrain Inc - NSW
 Noah's Ark Family Resource - VIC
 North Belconnen Community Association Inc - ACT
 North Queensland Combined Womens Services Inc - QLD
 North West Advocacy Organisation Inc - QLD
 NSW Health Department - NSW
 NSW Working Women's Centre - NSW
 Office of the Employment Advocate - QLD
 Out of Home Care Policy - DoCS - NSW
 Ovens and King Community Health Service - VIC
 Paddington Childrens Centre - NSW
 Parent Advocacy Inc - SA
 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 - NSW
 Personal Advocacy Service - WA
 Petrie Community After School Care - QLD
 Phoenix Consulting - NT
 Pigeons & Doves Childcare Centre - QLD
 Pika Wiya Health Service Inc - SA
 Planit Community Solutions P/L - NSW
 Playgroup Western Australia - 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
 Public Health Association - ACT
 QLD Childcare Services - QLD
 Qld Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association - QLD
 QLD Working Women's Service Inc. - QLD
 Quantum Support Services - VIC
 Queen Elizabeth II Family Centre - ACT
 Queensland Children's Activities Network (QCAN) Inc - QLD
 Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association - QLD
 Ranges Youth Centre - SA
 Reach Recreation - SA
 Reconciliation Australia - ACT
 Redland Shire Council - QLD
 Royal College of Nursing Australia - ACT
 SA Career Consultants - SA
 Saltwater Child Care Centre - VIC
 Save the Children Fund Queensland - QLD
 School of Social Work and Community Welfare - QLD
 Scots Child Care Centre - TAS
 SDN Children's Services Inc - NSW
 Secret Harbour Childcare Centre - WA
 Share Care - VIC

Signpost Volunteer Advisory Service - NSW
 Snugglepot Day Care Centre Inc - NSW
 Somerville Community Service - NT
 Southside Community Services Inc - ACT
 Speak Out Association of Tas Inc - TAS
 Sphere of Influence - QLD
 Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau - VIC
 St Luke's Anglicare - VIC
 St Peter's Afterschool Care - QLD
 Starick Services Inc - WA
 Stepfamily Association of Victoria Inc - VIC
 Sussex Street Community Law Service - WA
 Sutherland Shire Family Support Service - NSW
 Tangentyre Council - NT
 Technical Aid to the Disabled - NSW
 Tennant Creek Child Care Centre - NT
 Tennant Creek Domestic Violence Counselling Service - NT
 The Benevolent Society - NSW
 The Cerebral Palsy Association of Western Australia - WA
 The Cottage-Centre for Families and Children (Brotherhood of St. Lawrence) - VIC
 The Mayumarri Trust Fund - NSW
 The Parenting Puzzle - NT
 The Salvation Army Community Services - SA
 The Salvation Army Crossroads West - WA
 The Salvation Army Peninsula Youth and Family Services - VIC
 The Salvation Army Southern Territory - VIC
 Toowoomba Youthservise - QLD
 Towards Independence - Top End - NT
 Travellers Aid Society of Victoria - VIC

Unicentre Children's Services University of Wollongong - NSW
 UnitingCare Connections - VIC
 UnitingCare Wesley Port Pirie - SA
 University of Melbourne Children's Services - VIC
 Upper Hume Community Health Service Inc - VIC
 Upper Murray Family Care - VIC
 Warlga Ngunra Womans and Childrens Refuge - NSW
 Warwick Farm Children's Centre - NSW
 Woden Community Service Inc - ACT
 Wollondilly Shire Community and Children's Services - NSW
 Wonthella House Inc - WA
 Wyndarra Centre Inc - TAS
 Wynnum Family Day Care - QLD
 Wyong Neighbourhood Centre Inc - 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 Ltd - NSW
 YWCA of NSW - NSW



Families Australia
 Membership by State/Territory 30 June 2005

GOALS AND PERFORMANCE

The Families Australia Strategic Plan 2003-05 specifies three goals:

1. Strengthen the policy and research work of Families Australia in order to improve policies and programs affecting families;
2. Establish Families Australia as a high profile peak body and a credible source of information and policy resource for public policy affecting families; and
3. Establish an effective, representative, well-managed and accountable organisation.

Following is a report on performance in relation to these goals.

GOAL 1: STRENGTHEN THE POLICY AND RESEARCH WORK OF FAMILIES AUSTRALIA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS AFFECTING FAMILIES.

Families Australia's policy research and advocacy program strengthened the organisation's reputation and visibility.

- ***Policy development.*** Based on the views of Members from the 2004 *Conference on Globalisation, Families and Work*, Families Australia provided a major written submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Human Services inquiry on 'Balancing Work and Family'.

Families Australia also provided advice to Government and other stakeholders in the form of the outcomes of the June 2004 *National Summit on Child Abuse and Neglect*.

The Board decided that Families Australia should develop an overarching policy framework, and work commenced on the development of the Family Wellbeing Framework. This work has been assisted in particular by Mr Richard Eckersley, who was co-opted to the Board in April 2005.

The Board confirmed that other major policy areas were to be: work and family, Indigenous family issues, child abuse and neglect, as well as those specified under National Secretariat Program and National Families Week Agreements between Families Australia and the Department of Family and Community Services.

- ***Advocacy and representation.*** Families Australia represented the interests of families by participating in a range of high-level government consultative forums, including Centrelink's *Australians Working Together* Community Reference Group, the Australian Taxation Office's Personal Tax Advisory Group, and the Community Consultation Working Group for the Community Service Ministers' Advisory Committee (CSMAC) National Plan for Foster Children, Young People and their Carers 2004-2006.

GOAL 2: ESTABLISH FAMILIES AUSTRALIA AS A HIGH PROFILE PEAK BODY AND A CREDIBLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION AND POLICY RESOURCE FOR PUBLIC POLICY AFFECTING FAMILIES.

Families Australia's profile as a peak body on family-related policy was advanced by successfully running National Families Week, expanding and strengthening relationships with key stakeholders, and enhancing services to Members and the public.

- **National Families Week.** Families Australia has run National Families Week annually since 2001, with the aim of celebrating the vital role families play in Australian society. The 3rd National Families Week (15-21 May 2005) succeeded in again attracting broad and enthusiastic national participation. The importance of the early childhood years (ages 0-5) was added as a sub-theme. The Australian Government, through the Department of Family and Community Services, sponsored National Families Week. Centrelink also promoted National Families Week and provided support through its national network. Their support was greatly appreciated.

National Families Week 2005 was officially launched by the Minister for Family and Community Services, Senator the Hon. Kay Patterson at the Melbourne Museum on 16 May. Over 64,000 people were involved in various activities across every Australian State and Territory. Over 450 events were held nationwide, the overwhelming majority of which were held at a grassroots level in local communities. Events included: morning teas, barbecues, sausage sizzles, playgroup visits, family picnics, artwork displays, family information days, drawing competitions, dances, art displays, photo competitions, seminars and workshops, breakfast gatherings, story-telling events, and fashion parades.

A selection of events during National Families Week 15-21 May 2005

...a community of 1,200 Indigenous people in Cape York Peninsula celebrated the Week at local pre-school events...a small accounting firm in Chinchilla, Queensland, helped a foster family

...Canberra Girl Guides took time to consider the value of families...a playgroup in Ceduna painted artwork for their family tree...Sudanese refugees played soccer with Centrelink staff and the local community in Launceston

...children from Melbourne University's Early Learning Centre did wonderful paintings of their families...a Fun Day was held in a park in Broome for isolated and remote families.

Television was utilised to increase public awareness. Board members and staff participated in various National Families Week activities, such as facilitating the 'Being a Dad' Forum, which was held in conjunction with the ACT Parent Support Service at the ACT Legislative Assembly. The Department of Family and Community Services will again fund National Families Week in 2006 and 2007.

- **Relationship-building.** Considerable attention was devoted to building relationships with key stakeholders, including Ministers, Ministerial Advisers and Government officials, through meetings and written communication. We held meetings with Senator the Hon. Kay Patterson, Minister for Family and Community Services, her

Family Policy Adviser, and senior officials of her Department to discuss Government policies, Families Australia's future directions, and projects such as National Families Week.

In addition to the foregoing, Families Australia met a wide range of Parliamentarians, Ministerial Advisers, and Government agencies, including the Federal Opposition spokesperson on family issues, Ms Tanya Plibersek MP, the Department of Health and Ageing, the Department of Transport and Regional Services, and Centrelink to increase the two-way flow of information between the family sector and Government.

- ***Member services and public information.*** Families Australia actively promoted informed public debate on family-related issues to Members and the public *via* the website, publications, emails, media interviews, and public speaking.

There was regular contact with Members about Families Australia's activities. In October 2004, Families Australia organised a national forum attended by 40 organisations to discuss strategies to strengthen public policy debate.

In March 2005, Families Australia consulted all Members about family policy issues and Member services. The incoming Executive Officer undertook an extensive program of meetings with Members. On Federal Budget Night, 10 May 2005, Families Australia participated in the Budget lock-up and immediately informed Members by email of the main outcomes for families.

Consultation with relevant organisations was also undertaken by Board Members who are assigned responsibility for maintaining close liaison with identified Member organisations to ensure that information flowed both ways in a timely and effective manner and the Board was informed of current issues in the wider sector.

The website, www.familiesaustralia.org.au, continued successfully to communicate with Members, potential Members, the public, and other interested parties. Over 22,750 visits were made to the website in 2004-05, or an average of approximately 1,895 per month. The website provided information on Families Australia's policies and publications, links to other organisations, and National Families Week.

The *Bulletin* provided organisations and individuals with information about what Families Australia was doing, as well as seeking their input and comment. The *Bulletin* was issued in hard copy to all Members and other stakeholder groups, including members of Parliament and Government departments and agencies. *Bulletin* No.5 (Winter 2004) showcased National Families Week 2004, the Federal Government's Stronger Families and Communities Strategy, the outcomes of the April 2004 Families Australia *Conference on Globalisation, Families and Work*, the economics of caring, grandparenting, SIDS and Kids, internet resources, and a calendar of events.

Families Australia undertook numerous public representation activities. For example, the Deputy Chair addressed a Centrelink senior management strategic planning conference on relative/kinship and foster carer needs and an ACT Parent Support Service Forum on 'Being a Dad: Balancing Life, Work and Kids in 2005' (with EO); and the Executive Officer spoke at the Family Support and Parenting Network Meeting, Canberra, the ANU Forum on 'Work and Family', the ACT Indigenous Health Service forum on parenting, and conducted several radio interviews.

GOAL 3: ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE, REPRESENTATIVE, WELL-MANAGED AND ACCOUNTABLE ORGANISATION.

Families Australia was further strengthened by increased Membership numbers, enhanced governance and management practices, and improved financial viability.

- **Membership.** As at 30 June 2005, there were 361 Members, an increase of 10 compared with 30 June 2004. Plans were devised for a major Membership drive commencing in early 2005-06.
- **Governance and management.** The Board met four times in 2004-05, and also received monthly written briefings from the EO on organisational performance and key developments. A *Governance Manual* was developed to provide guidance on issues such as the role of the Board, policy-making, risk management, financial responsibilities, and Board/EO relationships. Work commenced on finance, human resources and information technology policies and practices. Office and IT systems were upgraded to ensure that the organisation was well placed to meet expected increased demands in a timely and cost-effective manner. The Board evaluated and monitored organisational performance using the 2003-05 Strategic Plan, and, in June 2005, the Board approved the Strategic Plan for 2005-06–2007-08 and the Business Plan for 2005-06.
- **Contract management.** Families Australia fulfilled its obligations under the contracts with the Department of Family and Community Services in relation to the National Secretariat Program and National Families Week. In doing so, Families Australia enhanced and streamlined its reporting, and held discussions with the Department to discuss performance and expectations.
- **Financial accountability and transparency.** Families Australia is committed to ensuring that all its financial policies and practices are of the highest standard and reflect the values of the organisation. Accordingly, the Board reviewed and upgraded the financial systems to ensure that records complied with all relevant laws, corporate oversight requirements and funding agreement conditions. The Board and staff closely monitored financial performance, including at regular Board meetings.

Long-term financial viability. In addition to a healthy growth in the organisation's financial surplus (please see Audit Report), financial viability was further improved by

the decision of the Department of Family and Community Services to fund Families Australia to run National Families Week for three years (previously, funding was approved annually). Looking to the future, a corporate sponsorship strategy was devised, and contacts were initiated with Government agencies and corporations which may be sources of future project funding.

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FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005**

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

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FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your Committee members submit the financial report of the Families Australia Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2005.

Committee Members

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

Bev Orr

Dianne Gibson (Resigned 15 October 2004)

Ian O'Reilly

Julian Pocock

Peter Richardson (Resigned 15 October 2004)

Ray Cleary (Resigned 15 October 2004)

Sue Tregeagle (Resigned 15 October 2004)

Robert Fitzgerald (Resigned 15 October 2004)

Sandie de Wolf

Sharon Williams

Jane Allen

Gordon Gregory

Paul Rajan

Anne McLeish (Appointed 15 October 2004)

Adam Blakester (Appointed 15 October 2004)

Anne Butcher (Appointed 15 October 2004)

Richard Eckersley (Appointed 7 April 2005)

Marie Leech (Appointed 15 October 2004)

Prue Warrilow (Appointed 15 October 2004)

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Association during the financial year was to represent the interest 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 profit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to \$46,347.

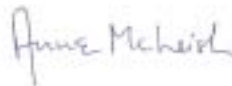
After Balance Date Events

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 Committee:



Bev Orr



Anne McLeish

Dated this 21st day of October 2005

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

	Notes	2005 \$	2004 \$
Revenue from ordinary activities		381,742	614,784
Employee benefits expense		(143,607)	(227,803)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	2	(3,758)	(6,719)
Advertising		(23,883)	(31,469)
Other expenses from ordinary activities		(164,147)	(341,560)
Profit from ordinary activities		<u>46,347</u>	<u>7,233</u>
Total changes in equity other than those resulting from transactions with owners as owners		<u><u>46,347</u></u>	<u><u>7,233</u></u>

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2005**

	Notes	2005 \$	2004 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	3	133,605	107,975
Receivables	4	317	317
Other	5	<u>9,485</u>	<u>6,246</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>143,407</u>	<u>114,538</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	<u>16,084</u>	16,879
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>16,084</u>	<u>16,879</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>159,491</u>	<u>131,417</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	7	49,444	51,328
Provisions	8	<u>5,577</u>	<u>16,615</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>55,021</u>	<u>67,943</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	8	<u>-</u>	<u>5,351</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>-</u>	<u>5,351</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>55,021</u>	<u>73,294</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>104,470</u>	<u>58,123</u>
EQUITY			
Retained profits	9	<u>104,470</u>	<u>58,123</u>
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>104,470</u>	<u>58,123</u>

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005**

	Notes	2005 \$	2004 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from members		17,135	83,812
Operating grant receipts		399,640	494,750
Receipts from sale of publications		-	89,038
Payments to suppliers and employees		(388,833)	(550,142)
Interest received		<u>2,856</u>	<u>2,184</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	11(b)	<u>30,798</u>	<u>119,642</u>
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of other non current assets		4,364	-
Payment for property, plant and equipment		<u>(9,532)</u>	<u>(1,899)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(5,168)</u>	<u>(1,899)</u>
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of borrowings		<u>-</u>	<u>(9,968)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(9,968)</u>
Net increase in cash held		25,630	107,775
Cash at beginning of financial year		<u>107,975</u>	<u>200</u>
Cash at end of financial year	11 (a)	<u><u>133,605</u></u>	<u><u>107,975</u></u>

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

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 of the 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 the Australian Capital Territory under the Associations Incorporation 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.

(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.

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 depreciation rates and useful lives used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rates/useful lives	Depreciation basis
Office Equipment	20 %	Straight Line
Computer Equipment	33 %	Diminishing Value

(c) Leases

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership, are transferred to the Association are classified as finance leases. Finance leases are capitalised, recording an asset and a liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Leased assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that the Association will obtain ownership of the asset, or over the term of the lease. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Lease incentives received under operating leases are recognised as a liability. Lease payments received reduced the liability.

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) Investments

Non-current investments are measured on the cost basis. The carrying amount of investments is reviewed annually by directors' to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of these investments. The recoverable amount is assessed from the quoted market value for shares in listed companies or the underlying net assets for other non-listed corporations. The expected net cash flows from investments have not been discounted to their present value in determining the recoverable amounts.

(e) Employee Benefits

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

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

(f) Cash

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand, at banks and on deposit.

(g) Revenue

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

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(h) 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.

(i) Comparative Figures

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(j) Impact of Adoption of Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards

The Association is preparing and managing the transition to Australian Equivalent of International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) effective for financial years commencing from 1 January 2005. The adoption of AIFRS will be reflected in the Association's financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2006. On first time adoption of AIFRS, comparatives for the financial year ended 30 June 2005 are required to be restated. The majority of the AIFRS transitional adjustments will be made retrospectively against retained earnings at 1 July 2004.

The Association's management are assessing the significance of these changes and preparing for their implementation.

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005**

	Note	2005 \$	2004 \$
NOTE 2: PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Profit (losses) from ordinary activities has been determined after:			
(a) Expenses			
Depreciation of non-current assets			
- Office Equipment		<u>3,758</u>	<u>6,719</u>
Remuneration of the auditors for			
- audit or review services		<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,100</u>
- other services		<u>-</u>	<u>600</u>
Net loss on disposal of non-current assets			
- Property, plant and equipment		<u>2,205</u>	<u>-</u>
NOTE 3: CASH ASSETS			
Cash on hand		<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
Cash at bank		<u>133,405</u>	<u>107,775</u>
		<u><u>133,605</u></u>	<u><u>107,975</u></u>
NOTE 4: RECEIVABLES			
CURRENT			
Other debtors		<u><u>317</u></u>	<u><u>317</u></u>
NOTE 5: OTHER ASSETS			
CURRENT			
Prepayments		<u>3,201</u>	<u>-</u>
Other current assets		<u>6,284</u>	<u>6,246</u>
		<u><u>9,485</u></u>	<u><u>6,246</u></u>
NOTE 6: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT			
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT			
(a) Office equipment			
At cost		<u>7,352</u>	<u>6,300</u>
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(4,688)</u>	<u>(2,573)</u>
		<u><u>2,664</u></u>	<u><u>3,727</u></u>
(b) Computer equipment			
At cost		<u>24,651</u>	<u>23,689</u>
Less accumulated depreciation		<u>(11,231)</u>	<u>(10,537)</u>
		<u><u>13,420</u></u>	<u><u>13,152</u></u>
Total property, plant and equipment		<u><u>16,084</u></u>	<u><u>16,879</u></u>

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005**

NOTE 6: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

(a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year

	Office equipment	Computer equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$
2005			
Balance at the beginning of the year	3,727	13,152	16,879
Additions	1,052	8,480	9,532
Disposals	(847)	(3,517)	(4,364)
Depreciation expense	(1,268)	(2,490)	(3,758)
Write offs	-	(2,205)	(2,205)
Carrying amount at end of year	<u>2,664</u>	<u>13,420</u>	<u>16,084</u>

NOTE 7: PAYABLES

CURRENT

Unsecured liabilities

Trade creditors	17,512	14,278
Sundry creditors and accruals	31,932	37,050
	<u>49,444</u>	<u>51,328</u>

NOTE 8: PROVISIONS

CURRENT

Employee benefits	8(a)	<u>5,577</u>	<u>16,615</u>
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NON-CURRENT

Employee benefits	8(a)	<u>-</u>	<u>5,351</u>
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(a) Aggregate employee benefits liability		<u>5,577</u>	<u>21,966</u>
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NOTE 9: RETAINED PROFITS

Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year	58,123	50,890
Net profit (loss) attributable to members of the entity	46,347	7,233
Retained profits at the end of the financial year	<u>104,470</u>	<u>58,123</u>

NOTE 10: SEGMENT REPORTING

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

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005**

	Note	2005 \$	2004 \$
NOTE 11: CASH FLOW INFORMATION			
(a) Reconciliation of cash			
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of Cash			
Flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:			
Cash on hand		200	200
Cash at bank		<u>133,405</u>	<u>107,775</u>
		<u><u>133,605</u></u>	<u><u>107,975</u></u>
(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit from ordinary activities after income tax			
Surplus from ordinary activities after income tax		46,347	7,233
Non-cash flows in profit from ordinary activities			
Depreciation		3,758	6,719
Net (gain) / loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		2,205	-
Changes in assets and liabilities			
Decrease in receivables		-	55,000
(Increase)/decrease in other assets		(3,239)	4,500
Increase/(decrease) in payables		(1,884)	40,835
Increase/(decrease) in provisions		<u>(16,389)</u>	<u>5,355</u>
Cash flows from operations		<u><u>30,798</u></u>	<u><u>119,642</u></u>

NOTE 12: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Interest Rate Risk

The Association's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on classes of financial assets and financial liabilities, is as follows:

	Weighted Average Effective		Floating Interest Rate		Non Interest Bearing		Total	
	Interest Rate							
	2005 %	2004 %	2005 \$	2004 \$	2005 \$	2004 \$	2005 \$	2004 \$
Financial Assets:								
Cash	4.00	2.00	133,405	107,775	200	200	133,605	107,975
Receivables	-	-	-	-	6,601	6,563	6,601	6,563
Total Financial Assets			<u>133,405</u>	<u>107,775</u>	<u>6,801</u>	<u>6,763</u>	<u>140,206</u>	<u>114,538</u>
Financial Liabilities:								
Trade and sundry creditors	-	-	-	-	49,444	51,328	49,444	51,328
Total Financial Liabilities			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,444</u>	<u>51,328</u>	<u>49,444</u>	<u>51,328</u>

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005

NOTE 13: ECONOMIC DEPENDANCE

The Association is dependent upon Government funding for its continued operations.

NOTE 14: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The principal place of business of the Association is:

Families Australia Incorporated

Suite 3, 7 National Circuit

BARTON

ACT 2600

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the Committee the financial report as set out on pages 2 to 10:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Families Australia Incorporated as at 30 June 2005 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 Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Bev Orr

Anne McLeish

Dated this 21st day of October 2005

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 year ended 30 June 2005 being the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows, notes to the Financial Statements and the Statement by Members of the Committee. The Committee 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 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 of the Australian Capital Territory, and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia 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 and its cash flows.

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 a true and fair view in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, the Association Incorporation Act of the Australian Capital Territory and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, the financial position of Families Australia Incorporated as at 30 June 2005 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the financial year then ended.

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
CERTIFICATE BY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE

I, Bev Orr of 2 Malindi Place Giralang ACT, and I, Anne McLeish of 14 Youlden Street Kensington VIC, certify that:

- (a) We are members of the Committee of Families Australia Incorporated.
- (b) We are authorised by the attached resolution of the Committee to sign this certificate.
- (c) This annual statement was submitted to the members of the Association at its annual general meeting.

Dated this 21st day of October 2005

Bev Orr (Committee Member)

Anne McLeish (Committee Member)

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

**DISCLAIMER TO THE MEMBERS OF
FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**

The additional financial data presented on page 15 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 year ended 30 June 2005. 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.

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

**PRIVATE INFORMATION FOR THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT ON THE 2005
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2005**

	2005 \$	2004 \$
INCOME		
Sales income	-	89,038
Subsidies and grants	363,309	494,750
Membership subscriptions	15,577	16,830
Interest	2,856	2,184
Other income	-	11,982
TOTAL INCOME	381,742	614,784
LESS EXPENSES		
Salaries and wages	143,608	203,893
Administration costs	39,142	37,069
Printing and stationery	27,622	24,595
Rent	24,243	23,700
Advertising	23,883	31,469
Motor vehicle expenses	15,592	11,215
Accounting fees	14,270	8,375
Superannuation	13,782	14,714
Postage	5,436	8,149
Telephone	5,417	8,673
Operating expenses	5,364	4,102
Recruitment costs	4,680	-
Sundry expenses	4,175	-
Depreciation	3,758	6,719
Audit fees	3,000	2,700
Computer expenses	3,065	1,647
Insurance	2,282	4,853
Loss on disposal/revaluation of non current assets	2,205	-
Magazines, journals and periodicals	1,816	-
Travelling expenses	1,802	9,234
Staff training and welfare	1,485	3,840
Cleaning	1,357	1,331
Consultancy fees	1,200	-
Repairs and maintenance	788	1,673
Electricity	684	637
Office expenses	189	-
Long service leave	-	1,786
Conference/Seminar costs	(182)	193,606
Holiday pay	(15,268)	3,571
TOTAL EXPENSES	335,395	607,551
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	46,347	7,233

Notes

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