

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Families Australia is pleased to present its Annual Report for 2006-07. This is our sixth Annual Report.

The Report comprises: information about Families Australia; a report by the Chair; information about the Board; a report by the Executive Officer, a listing of Members as at 30 June 2007; a report on Families Australia's performance during 2006-07 in relation to the goals contained in the Strategic and Business Plans; 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

Established in 2001, Families Australia is the national independent, peak, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting the needs and interests of families. Families Australia is funded in part by members and in part by the Australian Government Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

Families Australia strives to represent the interests of families in Australia, working from a network of services, organisations, carers, consumers and communities, which takes in a rich diversity of families and communities.

Families Australia envisions a society that recognises the central role of families in our community and embraces its responsibilities for the development, nurturing and wellbeing of all families in Australia.

Specifically, Families Australia:

- provides policy advice to government on behalf of families;
- informs its members and the community about directions in national family policy, services and research; and
- actively promotes and celebrates the importance of families, including through National Families Week.

Families Australia has:

- a diverse membership base of 387 family and community sector organisations across Australia (with a combined estimated 150,000 workers), including 33 General Members, many of which are peak organisations in their own right. As well as national bodies, Families Australia also represents many local and regional community service organisations such as child care centres and youth services;
- mobilised around 400,000 people across Australia to celebrate the vital importance of families during National Families Week in May since 2003;
- raised national awareness of family issues such as child abuse and neglect, work and family, grandparenting, the impact of substance abuse on families, and family wellbeing through direct representations to Parliamentary Committees, Ministers and other Members of Parliament;
- hosted national conferences such as the 2007 National Family Wellbeing Symposium, the 2006 Work, Family and Wellbeing Forum, the 2004 Globalisation, Work and Family Conference and the 2004 National Child Abuse and Neglect Summit;
- advanced the views of families and family sector organisations to a wide range of Federal government agencies such as the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Australian Taxation Office, Centrelink, the Child Support Agency and Medicare;
- taken leadership in developing Australia's first national child protection strategy by participating actively in the National Child Protection Forum (2006), through involvement in planning and by providing the Chair for the

Forum. The Forum brought together leading political, government and community representatives;

- provided information to family and community sector organisations about latest developments in national family policy, practice and research through the Families Australia magazine *Family*, *National Family News* and the Families Australia website (www.familiesaustralia.org.au); and
- informed government and the family and community sector about the issues facing families by running focus groups for members of the public across Australia.

The Board comprises up to 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 ABOUT FAMILIES AUSTRALIA

Mission

To promote the wellbeing of all Australian families by working from a network of services, organisations, carers, consumers and communities and developing policy and research which is informed by the rich diversity of families and communities.

Values

Families Australia is: an independent advocate for the cultural diversity and the value of families; reflective of Australia's diversity; pro-active in support of justice and equity for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; broad and inclusive; practical, constructive and collaborative; highly strategic and targeted; politically astute; and well managed and governed.

Goals

Families Australia:

1. Informs and influences national policies in relation to families.
2. Promotes the importance and needs of families.
3. Acts as a two-way conduit for information to and from the family sector.
4. Seeks to strengthen and expand itself as an organisation.

CHAIR'S REPORT

In our sixth year of operation, Families Australia built on the firm foundations of the previous six years and made further strong gains in promoting the needs and interests of Australian families.

Despite an increase in single person households, 87% of us continue to live in family households. Of the 5.5 million families in Australia, 60% include children – 79% with dependent children and 21% with non-dependent children (ABS 2003). What happens to families remains a critical issue for the wellbeing of the Australian society.

This Annual Report highlights the many achievements of Families Australia over the past year. We continue to “punch above our weight” in terms of output and our contribution to policy development and key networks.

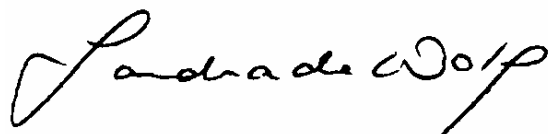
On behalf of the Board, I want to thank our small and very talented team – Jennifer Horsfield, Eris Harrison, Grace Concannon and Jerry Feng – led so capably by our CEO, Brian Babington.

I also want to thank all our Board members, who fit in Families Australia work on top of their very busy lives. In particular, I want to acknowledge the special contribution of retiring co-opted Board member, Richard Eckersley (two years), whose unique perspective on wellbeing was so valuable; Julian Pocock (four years), who represented SNAICC and played a critical role in the developmental stages of Families Australia; and Jane Allen (two years), who provided a strong link to family support services.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of the Australian Government and our colleagues in the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

Finally, I want to thank all our 387 members for their support of Families Australia and for the great work they do every day to support and promote the interests of families.

I commend the 2006-07 Annual Report to you.

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Sandie de Wolf
Chair – Families Australia

GOVERNANCE AND BOARD

The Families Australia Board of Management in 2006-07 comprised:

Name	Position	Nominating Organisation
Ms Sandie de Wolf	Chair	Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia
Ms Bev Orr	Deputy Chair Public Officer	Australian Foster Care Association
Ms Anne McLeish	Secretary	Grandparents Australia
Ms Jennie Hannan (elected 24 October 2006)	Member	Family Services Australia
Dr Marie Leech	Member	Mission Australia (until 22 June 2007) Co-opted (from 22 June 2007)
Mr Adam Blakester	Member	NAPCAN Foundation (until 22 June 2007) Co-opted (from 22 June 2007)
Ms Prue Warrilow	Member	National Association of Community Based Children's Services
Ms Mary Mertin-Ryan (elected 24 October 2006)	Member	Relationships Australia (National)
Ms Sharron Williams	Member	Secretariat National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC)
Mr Bob Nicholson (elected 24 October 2006)	Member	YMCA Australia
Mr Paul Rajan	Member	Co-opted
Ms Jane Allen (resigned 24 October 2006)	Member	Association of Services Supporting Australia's Families
Mr Richard Eckersley (resigned 24 October 2006)	Co-opted Member	National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, Australian National University
Mr Julian Pocock (resigned 24 October 2006)	Member	The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care

Board Meetings 2006-07

Date	Meeting type	Location
24–25 July 2006	Face-to-face	Canberra
21 September 2006	Teleconference	
15 December 2006	Teleconference	
26–27 February 2007	Face-to-face	Melbourne
20 April 2007	Teleconference	
22 June 2007	Face-to-face	Canberra

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Families Australia's primary role is to nurture a national policy environment which enhances the wellbeing of all Australian families. We strive to do that by working with families themselves, Families Australia's members, the Federal Government and its agencies, members of Parliament and the media.

2006-07 was a year of strong achievement and growth for Families Australia. We developed and promoted policy on more fronts than ever before.

A particular success was the National Family Wellbeing Symposium, the first such gathering of its kind to explore the meaning and measurement of family wellbeing. Families Australia obtained considerable public and political attention for its calls, including for the development of a National Family Wellbeing Framework and a comprehensive national State of the Family report.

We continued to take a national leadership position in relation to child protection through our facilitation of efforts to devise a National Child Protection Strategy which could inform intergovernmental considerations. We will continue to advance this matter with vigour.

Families Australia also made substantial headway in other policy areas. Our work on the challenges facing grandparents proved timely and of considerable political and public interest. Families Australia's policy work on substance abuse generated substantial interest with several of our propositions being reflected in the Report of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Human Services on the impact of illicit drugs on families. All these policy outcomes were contained in a new 'Family Policy Series', available on Families Australia's website.

Families Australia also advanced policy positions on issues such as the Federal Government's Northern Territory 'emergency measures', the proposed National Access Card and the Federal Government's welfare payment diversion proposal. We highlighted Indigenous family issues through coverage in our publications and through our representation on the Australian Council for Children and Parenting. We gave greater emphasis to issues facing people with disabilities, in particular by participation on the Australian Government's Carer Payment (Child) Review Taskforce.

National Families Week, which was held between 13 and 19 May 2007, set new records, with over 110,000 people participating in more than 1,000 community events around the country which were run by 750 organisations and their subsidiaries. National Families Week 2007 was given a particular boost by the appointment of 24 high profile Ambassadors who promoted this year's message of 'Families Investing in Time Together'.

We assisted Families Australia members in a variety of ways. Our publications provided up-to-date information about national developments in family policy, practice and research, including funding opportunities. We provided advice

and practical assistance to members about promoting their views to, and working with, government.

We gave even greater emphasis to consultation to inform our policy work. Several public focus groups were conducted in both urban and rural areas. Families Australia members were surveyed to obtain their views about family issues and possible policy solutions. The information obtained from these consultations was used in our ongoing discussions with Government, in submissions to Parliamentary inquiries and in Families Australia's representation roles on consultative committees run by government departments and agencies, such as Centrelink, Medicare, the Australian Taxation Office and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

We undertook a major project to assist people who were in institutional care as children (the "Forgotten Australians"). This has been very rewarding, and we learn from these survivors as we support them in promoting their interests.

Families Australia's growth has derived from the dedication and energy of many individuals and organisations, as well as the valued support of the Australian Government and the Australian Government Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

I wish to thank the Board for their unstinting support throughout the year and my fellow staff members – Jennifer Horsfield, Eris Harrison, Grace Concannon and Jerry Feng – for their outstanding work. I wish also to thank the Families Australia members for their participation across a range of activities through the year, such as National Families Week and in the development of policy positions.

The year ahead will see Families Australia do more to promote the interests of families at the national level. We will add to the range of policy subjects we advance and increase the flow of information to members and the public about national family policies, practice and research. We will strive further to expand and diversify the organisation's financial base as well as seek to increase the number of members and the quality of services we provide to them.

We would welcome suggestions and ideas about ways we can do our job more effectively in the interest of all Australian families.

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Brian Babington

LIST OF MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

As at 30 June 2007, there were 33 General and 354 Associate Members of Families Australia. They are listed below.

Foundation Members

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
Australian Association of Social Workers
Australian Breastfeeding Association
Australian Council for Adoption Inc.
Australian Council of the Ageing
Australian Red Cross
Australian Scholarships Group
Australian Youth Affairs Coalition
Barnardos
CREATE Foundation
DepressioNet
Family Day Care Australia
Family Relationship Services Australia
Good Beginnings Australia
Grandparents Australia Inc.
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
NetAlert
Parenting & Family Support Centre
Playgroup Australia Inc.
Relationships Australia National
SIDS and Kids
The Salvation Army Eastern Territory
The Smith Family
Volunteering Australia

Associate Member Organisations

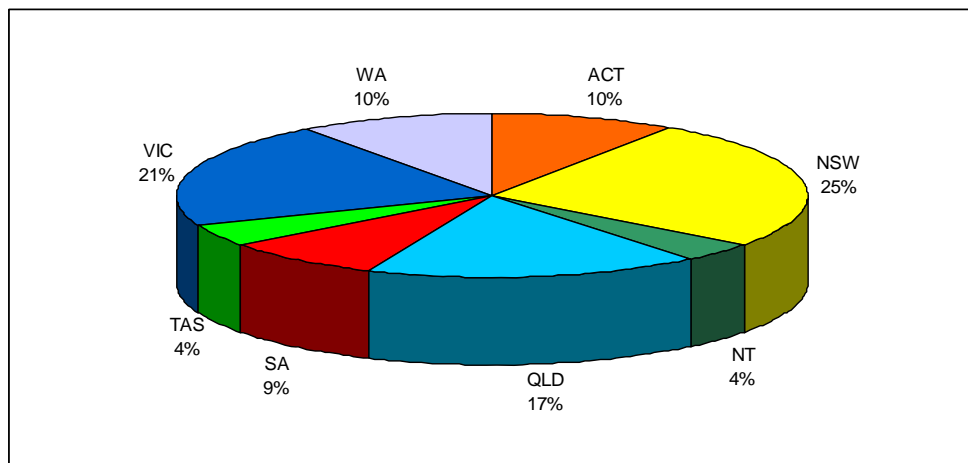
Aboriginal Children's Centre
Aboriginal Family Support Services
Abused Child Trust
Agencies for South West Accommodation (ASWA) Inc
AGL
Albert Hall Preschool
Anglican Community Care
Anglican Counselling Service
Anglicare (Migrant Services)
Anglicare Diocese of Sydney
Anglicare South Australia
Anglicare South Australia (Alternative Care)
Anglicare Tasmania
Anglicare Victoria
Anglicare WA
Anglicare Youth and Family Services
Association for Children with Disability
ASTERIA Services
Atherton Neighbourhood Centre
Australian Family & Marriage Education (OZFAME)
Australian Family Association WA
Australian Institute of Family Studies
Australian Institute of Health & Welfare
Australian Nursing Federation
Australian Society for Intercountry Aid for Children - NSW
Axis Development Inc
Ballarat Community Health Centre
Bankstown Family Day Care Co-op Ltd
Banyule City Council
Baulkham Hills Shire Council (Group Manager Community Development)
Bay Islands Community Services Inc
Bayside City Council Children's Services Co-Ordinator
Belconnen Community Service
Berry Street Victoria
Betania Christian Centre
Bethany Community Support Inc
Blue Care Brisbane Central Region (Unicare)
Boundary Lane Children's Centre
Bowen Community Council
Bramwell House
Brighton Council Children's Services
Brisbane Youth Service
Broken Hill Family Support Inc
Brotherhood of St Laurence
Business Performance SA
Caboolture Area Youth Service Inc
Caboolture Neighbourhood Centre
Camcare
Canberra Men's Centre
Canberra One Parent Family Support
CAPACT Inc
Cape/Gulf Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care (RAATSICC) Advisory Association
Careforce Community Service
CareforKids.com.au
Carers Australia
Caroline Chisholm Society
Carpentaria Shire Council
Centacare Adelaide
Centacare Newcastle
Centacare Tasmania
Centacare Wollongong
Central Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency Inc
Centre for Community Child Health
Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare
Centre for Work Leisure and Community Research
Centrelink Darwin
Cerebral Palsy Support Network
Child & Family Support Outreach Service, Kaziw Asesered Le Inc.
Child and Family Care Network
Child and Family Services Ballarat
Child Care NSW
Children's Services Support Program (Central Australia)
Children's Services Support Unit (Western Australia) Inc
Chrysalis Support Services
Churches of Christ Care
City of Kingston
CLAN WA
CLAN WA - Mirrabooka
CLASS Inc
Colony 47
Commonwealth Carer Respite Centre
Communicare Inc
Communities @ Work
Community Accommodation and Respite Agency Inc
Community Activities Lake Macquarie
Community Life, Fairfield City Council
Community Link & Network Midland Inc
Community Living Association
Community Programs Inc
Community Vision
Connect Child & Family Services Inc
Craigieburn and Districts Family Day Care
CRC
Creative Times - Samaritans
Daisy Hill Playschool Child Care Centre
Darebin Family Services, Darebin City Council
Darwin Skills Development Scheme
DECS Family Day Care - West Group of Districts

Department for Community Development
 Department of Child Safety
 Department of Communities
 Department of Education & Children's Services
 Department of Education & Children's Services
 Department of Health and Human Services
 Devonport City Council
 Dianella Community Health
 Dingley Village CAB
 Disability Advocacy & Complaints Service of SA Inc.
 Djerriwarrh Health Services
 Doncaster Community Care and Counselling Centre
 Drummond Street Relationship Centre
 Early Childhood Management Services
 Eatons Hill Outside School Hours Club
 Edith Cowan University
 Eltham East OSHC
 ESCARE Inc
 Essential Baby
 Expect A Star Education Services
 FABRIC
 FaCSIA - South Australia State Office
 FACT Inc
 Family Action Centre
 Family Advocacy Inc
 Family and Child Care Service
 Family Based Care Association North West Inc
 Family Day Care Association Queensland
 Family Relationship Centre
 Family Services City of Greater Geelong
 Family Support Services Assoc Tasmania Inc
 Fleurieu Families - Alexandrina Council
 Fleurieu Regional Community Services Advisory Committee
 Foundation Christian College
 Foundation Housing Ltd
 Fredrick Street Child Care and Early Education Centre
 FSG Australia
 Galilee Inc
 Gap Community Child Care Centre
 George St Neighbourhood Centre
 Geraldton Family and Youth Support Service
 Glastonbury Child and Family Services
 Glenhaven Family Care Inc
 GM Southern Services
 Gold Coast Inclusion Support Agency
 Good Beginnings (Northern Suburbs)
 Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service
 Goulburn Family Support Service
 Goulburn Valley Family Care Inc
 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Tasmania
 Greenacres Association
 Griffith Law School
 Hanover Welfare Services
 Hanover Welfare Services
 Harvey Early Learning Centre
 Holdsworth Street Community Centre
 Holroyd Community Aid Inc
 Holy Family School
 Homestart National Inc
 Hornsby Shire Council
 Humpty Doo Community and Child Care Centre
 IFSU
 Illawarra Children's Services
 Ingle Farm East Primary School
 Institute for Family Advocacy
 Integrated Family & Youth Service Inc
 International Social Service Australian Branch
 International Social Services Australia
 Jane Smyth & Associates
 Johnson Street Out of School Hours Care Inc
 Joondalup Early Learning Centre
 Kaziw Asesered Le Association
 Kemblawarra Child and Family Centre
 Kids Help Line
 Kids Under Cover
 Kildonan Child and Family Services
 Kilmany Uniting Care
 Kingston East Neighbourhood Group Inc
 Koolyangarra Kindergarten and Child Care Centre
 KU Children's Services Resource Centre
 Kyabra Community Association Inc
 Kyabram Community and Learning Centre
 Lady Gowrie Caboolture Family Day Care Scheme
 Lady Gowrie Child Centre
 Lapstone Preschool Kindergarten Assoc Inc
 Lavington Occasional Child Care Association
 Learning Centre Link
 Lifeline Cairns Region
 Lifeline Community Care - Families Plus
 Lifeline Family Support Programme
 Lifeline Newcastle and Hunter
 Lifeline Northern Beaches Inc
 Lisa Lodge
 Lismore District Family Day Care Inc
 Lorikeet Child Care Centre St George Hospital
 Lower Mountains Family Support Service
 Lutheran Community Care
 Macarthur Legal Centre Inc
 Mackay Children's Support Programs Inc
 MacKillop Family Services

Mai Wel Ltd
 Mallee Family Care Inc
 Mareeba Information and Support Centre
 Marian Centre
 Maroochy Family Day Care
 Maroochy Neighbourhood Centre, Family Support Program
 Martin Street Community Child Care Centre
 Marymead Child & Family Centre
 McCarthy Management
 Meerilinga Young Children's Foundation
 Melba Support Services Inc
 Melbourne Citymission
 Men's Advisory Network
 Mens Information & Support Association
 Mensheds Pty Ltd
 Menzies Incorporated
 MercyCare
 Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre
 Micah Projects Inc
 Migrant Resource Centre North East
 Miller Community Preschool & Early Intervention Service
 Mirabel Foundation Inc
 Miriam High Special Needs Centre
 Mission Australia
 MOFFLYN
 Monaro Family Support Service
 Montessori Long Day Care Gordon
 Mookai Rosie-Bi-Bayan
 Mount Druitt Community Cottage
 Nambour Good Beginnings
 Napier Street Children and Family Resource Centre
 National Alliance of Disability Resource and Training Agencies (NADRATA)
 National MRC South East Region Migrant Resource Centre
 National Rural Health Alliance
 Nerang Neighbourhood Centre Inc
 Network of Community Activities
 New England Carer Respite Centre
 New England Resource and Support Programme
 New South Wales Indo-China Chinese Association Inc
 Newcastle Family Support Services
 Newtrain Inc
 Noah's Ark - Learning and Development
 North Belconnen Community Association Inc
 North Queensland Combined Womens Services Inc
 North West Advocacy Organisation Inc
 Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission
 Office For Children, Youth and Family Support
 Office of the Employment Advocate
 Out of Home Care Policy - DoCS
 Ovens and King Community Health Service
 Paddington Childrens Centre
 Paediatrics & Child Health Division - RACP
 Parenting Australia
 ParentLine
 Parkerville Children & Youth Care
 Parkes/Forbes Family Day Care Parkes Shire Council
 Pennell Child Care Centre
 People with Disability Australia
 Personal Advocacy Service
 Petrie Community After School Care
 Phoenix Consulting
 Pigeons & Doves Childcare Centre
 Pika Wiya Health Service Inc
 Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Association Inc
 Playgroup Western Australia
 Port Mission Family Centre
 Port Stephens Family Support Service Inc
 Positive Solutions
 Possum Place Child Care Centre
 Public Health Association
 QLD Childcare Services
 Qld Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association
 QLD Working Women's Service Inc.
 Quantum Support Services
 Queen Elizabeth II Family Centre
 Queensland Children's Activities Network (QCAN) Inc
 Ranges Youth Centre
 Reconciliation Australia
 Regional Social Development Group Inc.
 Royal College of Nursing Australia
 RUCSN
 SA Career Consultants
 Saltwater Child Care Centre
 Salvation Army Counselling Service
 Samaritans Foundation
 Save the Children Fund Queensland
 School of Social Work and Community Welfare
 Scots Child Care Centre
 SDN Children's Services Inc
 Secret Harbour Childcare Centre
 Siblings Australia
 Signpost Volunteer Advisory Service
 Snugglepot Day Care Centre Inc
 Somerville Community Service
 Southside Community Services Inc
 Speak Out Association of Tas Inc
 Spiritus Care Services
 Springvale Community Aid and Advice Bureau
 St Luke's Anglicare
 St Peter's Afterschool Care
 Starick Services Inc

Stepfamily Association of Victoria Inc
 Stockton School Kids Fun Club
 Sydney Children's Hospital
 Tangentyre Council
 Technical Aid to the Disabled
 Tennant Creek Child Care Centre
 Tennant Creek Domestic Violence
 Counselling Service
 The Benevolent Society
 The Cerebral Palsy Association of
 Western Australia
 The Mayumarri Trust Fund
 The Parenting Puzzle
 The Salvation Army Community Services
 The Salvation Army Crossroads West
 The Salvation Army Peninsula Youth and
 Family Services
 The Salvation Army Southern Territory
 Toowoomba Youthservice
 Towards Independence - Top End
 Travellers Aid Society of Victoria
 Tweddle Child & Family Health Service
 Unicentre Children's Services University of
 Wollongong
 Uniting Care Wesley - Homelink SA
 UnitingCare Connections
 UnitingCare Wesley Port Pirie
 University of Melbourne Children's
 Services

University of SA - School of
 Communication
 Upper Hume Community Health Service
 Inc
 Upper Murray Family Care
 Wanslea Family Services
 Warlga Ngurra Womans and Childrens
 Refuge
 Warwick Farm Children's Centre
 Western Institute of Self Help (WISH) Inc
 Whyalla Counselling Service
 Windemere Child & Family Services
 Woden Community Service Inc
 Wollondilly Shire Community and
 Children's Services
 Women's Centre for Health Matters Inc
 Women's Health Works
 Wyndarra Centre Inc
 Wynnum Family Day Care
 Wyong Neighbourhood Centre Inc
 Wyong Shire Family Day Care
 Yaandina Family Centre Inc
 YMCA of Sydney
 YMCA of the Top End
 Yorganop Child Care Aboriginal
 Corporation
 Youth Involvement Council
 Youth off the Streets Ltd.
 YWCA NSW



Families Australia
 Membership by State/Territory as at 30 June 2007

GOALS AND PERFORMANCE

Families Australia's Strategic Plan (2005-07) contains four goals:

1. Inform and influence national policies in relation to families.
2. Promote the importance and needs of families.
3. Act as a two-way conduit for information to and from the family sector.
4. Strengthen and expand the organisation.

The 2006-07 Business Plan lists activities undertaken to achieve these goals. The following report provides information on Families Australia's performance in relation to the four goals and the associated Business Plan activities.

1. Inform and influence national policies in relation to families

Families Australia advanced this objective by:

- Convening the National Family Wellbeing Symposium at The Australian National University, Canberra, in June 2007. The Symposium involved high-level representatives from the Australian Government, community, research and other sectors, as well as speakers from overseas and international organisations such as UNICEF, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, Child Trends USA and the New Zealand Families Commission. The Australian Government Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon. Mal Brough MP, opened the Symposium. The Federal Shadow Minister for Family and Community Services and for Indigenous Affairs and Reconciliation, Ms Jenny Macklin MP, also addressed the Symposium.

The first such gathering of its type, the Symposium explored the meaning and measurement of family wellbeing and concluded that work should proceed to develop a family wellbeing framework, with the aim of providing a comprehensive model which may assist decisions about family-related policy, practice and research. A family wellbeing framework could also provide the basis for a future report on the state of family wellbeing in Australia. A large number of Families Australia member organisations participated in the Symposium.

- Highlighting grandparenting issues through the release of a Family Issues Series report entitled 'Grandparenting: Present and Future' (January 2007). The report, which contained 29 policy and practice recommendations, was disseminated widely, including to all Families Australia Members, Federal MPs/Senators, selected State/Territory Ministers and Departments. It received extensive political, public and media attention. Many Families Australia member organisations were involved in the consultations which were conducted to prepare the final policy position. Families Australia briefed Parliamentarians and, in May 2007, the Australian Senate carried a motion commending Families

Australia for its work on grandparenting and urging government to do more for grandparents.

- Focusing Parliamentary and public attention on the impact of substance abuse on families. Families Australia presented a major written report and oral evidence to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family and Human Services on the effects of illicit drugs on families. The report and submission were based on in-house research and consultations with numerous community and government organisations, focus groups for family members and professionals and an expert forum involving national level professionals in Canberra, including many Families Australia member organisations. The submission contained 11 policy and service delivery recommendations and received extensive media coverage.
- Leading the working party comprising Australian and State government, research and community sector representatives, which prepared and submitted to the Australian Government Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs the draft National Child Protection Strategy. This work arose from the National Child Protection Conference in June 2006, which Families Australia's Chief Executive Officer chaired at the request of the Australian Government.
- Commenting on a wide range of family-related issues in various government and community forums and initiatives. These included: the Australian Government's Carer Payment (Child) Review Taskforce, the Australian Council for Children and Parenting (Families Australia's Chief Executive Officer was the Deputy Chair), the Carers Australia-Department of Health and Ageing symposium which examined ways to improve the health of carers, the ACT 'Communities for Children' community-business symposium, the ALP Family Watch Committee, the Federal Parliamentary Backbench Committee on Family and Community Services, the 'Federal Parliamentarians Against Child Abuse', Australian Government Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs' Family Expo in Melbourne and Canberra and the National Leadership Group for White Ribbon Day to raise awareness about violence toward women and children. We also communicated with a diverse range of Federal Parliamentarians.
- Engaging with Ministers, Ministerial advisers and with senior officials of the Australian Government Department of Employment and Workplace Relations, and the Australian Government Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs on issues such as mental health, child protection, the proposed National Access Card and the implications of changes to workplace relations laws.
- Providing a detailed formal response to the Australian Government's November 2006 proposal to divert cash welfare payments to non-cash benefits. The position paper was based on a survey of views of Families Australia members.

- Highlighting through Families Australia's publications and policy statements the importance of Indigenous child protection issues.
- Representing family interests in a wide range of Australian Government consultative forums, in particular: the Centrelink Community Participation Reference Group, the Medicare Consumer Consultative Group, the Child Support Agency, the Australian Taxation Office Personal Tax Advisory Group and the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Family Statistics Advisory Group.

2. Promote the importance and needs of families

Families Australia advanced this objective by:

- Obtaining a record level of participation in National Families Week 2007. Over 110,000 people participated in 1,000 events which were run by 750 organisations and their subsidiaries. In 2006, 105,000 people participated in 550 events run by 389 organisations. Extensive media coverage was obtained and feedback from participating organisations was very positive. Twenty-four high profile National Families Week Ambassadors, including Senior Australian of the Year, Phil Herreen, Young Australian of the Year, Tania Major, and youth advocate Barbara Holborrow OAM, promoted the theme of 'FITT Families - Families Investing in Time Together'.
- Raising public awareness about important family issues through numerous radio, television and print media interviews on issues such as grandparenting, family wellbeing, substance abuse, child protection, work and family, ageing, parenting and family resilience. Families Australia's comments were carried at various times in most major metropolitan, regional and rural media services. Families Australia's Chief Executive Officer also undertook many public speaking engagements through the year.
- Auspicing the Alliance for Forgotten Australians (AFA), a group drawn from the estimated 500,000 persons who were in institutional or out-of-home care in Australia between the 1930s-1970s and who were the subject of a 2004 Australian Senate report. Consequent to an Australian Government funded conference for the 'Forgotten Australians' in May 2006, AFA was established with a Steering Committee and advisory group. Families Australia entered into an agreement with the Australian Government Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to auspice AFA and to manage project funding to assist this group. The funds will be used to assist the Alliance to establish itself and for the preparation of resources, including a website and information booklet, concerning the particular needs of this group.

3. Act as a two-way conduit for information to and from the family sector

Families Australia advanced this objective by:

- Seeking the views of Families Australia Members and other key stakeholders through numerous meetings, conferences and members' forums (such as the Brisbane members' forum in August 2006).
- Running focus groups with members of the public on issues such as family wellbeing, grandparenting, substance abuse, quality standards in child care and the challenges facing the not-for-profit sector. Focus groups were often arranged by Families Australia member organisations and were held in a range of locations such as Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney, Dubbo, Wollongong, Queanbeyan, Canberra and Ballarat.
- Publishing and disseminating to Families Australia members and other key stakeholders, including Federal politicians and public servants, Families Australia's magazine *Family* and the monthly *National Family News*, which contains latest information about national family policy, practice and research.
- Upgrading and re-launching Families Australia's website, which increased the quality and accessibility of information to members and the public. Free resources which were made available to members included a methodology paper on running focus groups and a paper on preparing a risk assessment framework for not-for-profit organisations.

4. Strengthen and expand the organisation

Families Australia advanced this objective by:

- Increasing revenues by: running the National Family Wellbeing Symposium at a financial surplus and obtaining sponsorship from the Australian Government Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and The Australian National University; auspicing the Alliance for Forgotten Australians; and acting as the managing agent for a project in conjunction with Axis Development, an ACT-based not-for-profit community sector training organisation, to provide training materials to the NSW Government Department of Disability, Ageing and Home Care.
- Successfully obtaining additional members through a mail-out campaign; this resulted in an increase in memberships from 359 on 1 July 2006 to 387 as at 30 June 2007.
- Ensuring that governance and management oversight remained at the highest possible professional standard through mechanisms such as detailed reports to every Board meeting on performance in relation to annual business plan and budget targets, monthly performance reports to the Board and the provision to the Board of a detailed annual risk assessment.
- Meeting all reporting and performance obligations to the Australian Government Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous

Affairs in relation to the National Secretariat Program and National Families Week contracts.

- Undertaking a campaign to obtain corporate sponsorship for National Families Week 2007 and advancing an application for tax deductible status.
- Obtaining an unqualified external financial audit report in relation to the 2006-07 accounts, and taking action on all recommendations for minor enhancements arising from the 2005-06 audit.
- Further strengthening management systems, including through upgrading of information and communication systems and security, and staff training and development, including in the areas of accounting and website maintenance.
- Establishing and extending Families Australia's connections with similar overseas organisations, including the Asia-Pacific Families Network, the New Zealand Families Commission, the UN Focal Point on Families in New York, the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre, Florence, Italy, the Social and Economic Division of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris, and Child Trends, Washington, USA.

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**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2007**

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Families Australia Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2007.

Committee Members:

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

Sandie de Wolf (Chair)	Julian Pocock (Resigned 24 October 2006)
Bev Orr (Deputy Chair)	Paul Rajan
Anne McLeish (Secretary)	Prue Warrilow
Jane Allen (Resigned 24 October 2006)	Sharron Williams
Adam Blakester	Jennie Hannan (Elected 24 October 2006)
Richard Eckersley (Resigned 24 October 2006)	Mary Mertin-Ryan (Elected 24 October 2006)
Marie Leech	Bob Nicholson (Elected 24 October 2006)

Committee members have been in office since the start of the period to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Operating Result

The profit of the association for the period amounted to \$20,545 (2006 Surplus of \$3,686).

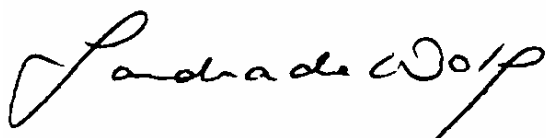
Significant Changes

No significant changes in the state of affairs of the association occurred during the period.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the period were to represent the interest of Families in Australia.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee.



Sandie de Wolf



Anne McLeish

Dated this 5th day of November 2007

Dated this 5th day of November 2007

INCOME STATEMENT

	Note	2007	2006
		\$	\$
Revenue	2	475,119	387,719
Employee benefits expense		(212,678)	(191,169)
Finance costs	3	(4,713)	-
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	3	(8,545)	(6,352)
Publication costs		(61,501)	(53,786)
Other expenses		(167,137)	(132,727)
Profit before income tax		20,545	3,685
Income tax expense		-	-
Profit from operations		20,545	3,685

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BALANCE SHEET

	<i>Note</i>	2007 \$	2006 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	189,075	120,970
Trade and other receivables	6	39,003	-
Other current assets	7	8,988	9,096
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		237,066	130,066
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	8	35,681	12,327
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		35,681	12,327
TOTAL ASSETS		272,747	142,393
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	115,071	22,578
Provisions	10	13,532	11,660
Short term financial liabilities	11	1,030	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		129,633	34,238
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Long term financial liabilities	11	14,414	-
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		14,414	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		144,047	34,238
NET ASSETS		128,700	108,155
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		128,700	108,155
TOTAL EQUITY		128,700	108,155

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Reserves	Retained	Total
	\$	Earnings	Equity
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2005	-	104,470	104,470
Profit attributable to members	-	3,685	3,685
Balance at 30 June 2006	-	108,155	108,155
Profit attributable to members	-	20,545	20,545
Balance at 30 June 2007	-	128,700	128,700

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	2007 \$	2006 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from customers and Operating grants		532,699	418,354
Payment to suppliers and employees		(447,569)	(411,093)
Interest received		5,622	6,381
GST Recovered/(Paid)		(18,919)	(23,682)
Net cash provided by operating activities	16	71,833	(10,040)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from sale of other non current assets		12,727	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(31,899)	(2,595)
Net cash used in investing activities		(19,172)	(2,595)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from borrowings		15,444	-
Net cash used in financing activities		15,444	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		68,105	(12,635)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		120,970	133,605
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	5	189,075	120,970

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

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

The financial report covers Families Australia Incorporated as an individual entity incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory under the *Associations Incorporation Act (ACT) 1991*.

The financial report of Families Australia Incorporated as an individual entity complies with all Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) in their entirety.

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.

Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, and financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

Accounting Policies

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 and impairment losses.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

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

The cost of fixed assets constructed within the association includes the cost of materials, direct labour, borrowing costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the association and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

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Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including building and capitalised lease assets, is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset was held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate	Depreciation Basis
Office Equipment	20%	Straight Line
Computer Equipment	33%	Diminishing Value
Motor Vehicles	22.5%	Diminishing Value

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each balance date.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

c. Financial Instruments

Recognition

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below:

Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss

A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short-term or if so designated by management. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of these assets are included in the income statement in the period in which they arise.

Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets include any financial assets not included in the above categories. Available-for-sale financial assets are reflected at fair value. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are taken directly to equity.

Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

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NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Impairment

At each reporting date, the association assess whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement.

d. Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the association reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the association estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

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 that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs. 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.

f. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

g. Revenue

Revenue from the 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.

Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

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

h. Government Grants

Income is recognised when the entity obtains control of the contribution or the right to receive the contribution. It is probable that the economic benefits comprising the contribution will flow to the entity and the amount of the contribution can be measured reliably.

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NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i. 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 Tax 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 the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

j. Comparative Figures

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

k. 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.

l. Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The committee members evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the association.

Key Estimates — Impairment

The association assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the group that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

Key Judgments — Doubtful Debts Provision

The committee members believe that no amounts due from memberships from associate and general members will not be recoverable as at 30 June 2007.

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NOTE 2: REVENUE

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Operating activities		
— Subsidies and Grant	380,421	363,309
— Member subscriptions	20,058	18,329
— Other Operating Revenue	56,291	-
— Gain on Disposal of Non Current Asset	12,727	-
— Interest received	5,622	6,381
	475,119	387,719

NOTE 3: PROFIT

a. **Expenses**

Depreciation of non current assets:

- Computer Equipment	3,540	4,880
- Motor Vehicles	4,270	-
- Office Equipment	735	1,472
Total depreciation	8,545	6,352

Finance Costs:

- Hire Purchase Charges	4,713	-
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NOTE 4: AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

Auditing or reviewing the financial report	6,400	2,400
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NOTE 5: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash at bank	188,943	120,838
Cash on hand	132	132
	189,075	120,970

The effective interest rate on short-term bank deposits was 5.90% (2006: 5.80%).

Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to items in the balance sheet as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	189,075	120,970
	189,075	120,970

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NOTE 6: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

CURRENT

Trade debtors	39,003	1,650
Provision for doubtful debts	-	(1,650)
	39,003	-

NOTE 7: OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Prepayments	2,704	2,812
Others	6,284	6,284
	8,988	9,096

NOTE 8: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Computer Equipment

At cost	30,169	26,429
Accumulated depreciation	(19,652)	(16,111)
	10,517	10,318

Motor Vehicles

At cost	28,160	-
Accumulated depreciation	(4,270)	-
	23,890	-

Office equipment

At cost	8,169	8,169
Accumulated depreciation	(6,895)	(6,160)
	1,274	2,009

Total Property, Plant and Equipment

	35,681	12,327
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NOTE 8: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

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

	Computer Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Office Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
2006				
Balance at the beginning of year	13,420	-	2,664	16,084
Additions	1,778	-	817	2,595
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(4,880)	-	(1,472)	(6,352)
Carrying amount at the end of year	<u>10,318</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,009</u>	<u>12,327</u>
2007				
Balance at the beginning of year	10,318	-	2,009	12,327
Additions	3,739	28,160	-	31,899
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(3,540)	(4,270)	(735)	(8,545)
Carrying amount at the end of year	<u>10,517</u>	<u>23,890</u>	<u>1,274</u>	<u>35,681</u>

NOTE 9: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade payables	15,453	1,950
Sundry accruals and payables	31,899	20,628
Grant Funding in Advance	67,719	-
	<u>115,071</u>	<u>22,578</u>

NOTE 10: PROVISIONS

CURRENT

Employee benefits	<u>13,532</u>	<u>11,660</u>
Aggregate employee benefits	<u>13,532</u>	<u>11,660</u>

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NOTE 11: FINANCIAL LIABILITIES	Note	2007	2006
		\$	\$
CURRENT			
Lease liability	12	1,030	-
		<hr/> 1,030	<hr/> -
NON CURRENT			
Lease liability	12	14,414	-
		<hr/> 14,414	<hr/> -

NOTE 12: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS

a. **Finance Lease Commitments**

Payable — minimum lease payments

— not later than 12 months

7,779 -

— between 12 months and 5 years

22,473 -

— greater than 5 years

- -

Minimum lease payments

30,252 -

Less future finance charges

(14,808) -

Present value of minimum lease payments

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15,444 -

The motor vehicle lease is a non-cancellable lease with a five-year term, with rent payable monthly in advance.

NOTE 13: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

There are no known contingent liabilities at the date of this report that should be brought to account.

NOTE 14: EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the period, which significantly affected or may affect the operations of the association, the results of those operations, or the stake of affairs of the association in future periods.

NOTE 15: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

The membership of Families Australia includes five (5) directors from the founding members of the organisation. These members have prescribed membership fees that are paid in full for each financial year

Related party transactions during the year amounted to:

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NOTE 16: CASH FLOW INFORMATION	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit from Ordinary Activities after Income Tax		
Profit after income tax	20,541	3,685
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities:		
Non-cash flows in profit		
— Depreciation	8,545	6,352
— Net (gain)/ loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-
— Movement in provision for doubtful debts	(1,650)	1,650
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
— (Increase)/decrease in trade and term debtors	(37,353)	(1,650)
— Net (gain)/ loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	(12,727)	-
— (Increase)/decrease in other assets	-	317
— (Increase)/decrease in prepayments	108	389
— Increase/(decrease) in payables	13,503	(15,562)
— Increase/(decrease) in unearned income	67,719	-
— Increase/(decrease) in other creditors & accruals	3,386	(4,609)
— Increase/(decrease) in provisions	1,872	6,083
— Increase/(decrease) in GST	7,889	(6,695)
	<u>71,833</u>	<u>(10,040)</u>

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NOTE 17: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

a. **Financial Risk Management**

The association's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, short-term investments, and accounts receivable and payable.

The association does not have any derivative instruments at 30 June 2007.

i. **Treasury Risk Management**

A finance committee consisting of senior members meet on a regular basis to analyse currency and interest rate exposure and to evaluate treasury management strategies in the context of the most recent economic conditions and forecasts.

ii. **Financial Risks**

The main risks the association is exposed to through its financial instruments are interest rate risk, liquidity risk and credit risk.

Interest rate risk

The association is not exposed to any material interest rate risk.

Foreign currency risk

The association is not exposed to fluctuations in foreign currencies.

Liquidity risk

The association manages liquidity risk by monitoring forecast cash flows and ensuring that adequate unutilised borrowing facilities are maintained.

Credit risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets, is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements.

The association does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single receivable or group of receivables under financial instruments entered into by the association.

Price risk

The association is not exposed to any material commodity price risk.

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NOTE 17: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

b. 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 those financial assets and financial liabilities, is as follows:

	Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate		Floating Interest Rate		Non Interest Bearing		Total	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
	%	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	5.90	5.80	188,943	120,970	132	132	189,075	121,102
Receivables			-	-	6,284	6,284	6,284	6,284
Total Financial Assets			188,943	120,970	6,416	6,416	195,359	127,386
Financial Liabilities:								
Trade and sundry creditors			-	-	15,453	22,578	15,453	22,578
Lease liabilities			-	-	15,444	-	15,444	-
Total Financial Liabilities			-	-	30,897	22,578	30,897	22,578

Fixed Interest Rate Maturing

	Within 1 Year		1 to 5 Years	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	%	%	\$	\$
Financial Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	-
Receivables	-	-	-	-
Total Financial Assets	-	-	-	-
Financial Liabilities:				
Trade and sundry creditors	-	-	-	-
Lease liabilities	-	-	-	-
Total Financial Liabilities	-	-	-	-

c. Net Fair Values

For other assets and other liabilities the net fair value approximates their carrying value. No financial assets and financial liabilities are readily traded on organised markets in standardised form other than listed investments. Financial assets where the carrying amount exceeds net fair values have not been written down as the economic entity intends to hold these assets to maturity.

The aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in the statement of financial position and in the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTE 20: ACCOUNTING POLICY AMENDMENTS

The following Australian Accounting Standards issued or amended and are applicable to the association but not yet effective and have not been adopted in preparation of the financial statements at reporting date.

AASB Amendment	Standards Affected	Outline of Amendment	Application Date of Standard	Application Date for Group
AASB 2005–10: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards	AASB 1: First time adoption of AIFRS AASB 4: Insurance Contracts AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements AASB 114: Segment Reporting AASB 117: Leases AASB 133: Earnings per Share AASB 1023: General Insurance Contracts AASB 1038: Life Insurance Contracts AASB 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement	The disclosure requirements of AASB 132: Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation have been replaced due to the issuing of AASB 7: Financial Instruments: Disclosures in August 2005. These amendments will involve changes to financial instrument disclosures within the financial report. However, there will be no direct impact on amounts included in the financial report as it is a disclosure standard.	1.1.2007	1.7.2007
AASB 7: Financial Instruments: Disclosures	AASB 132: Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation	As above	1.1.2007	1.7.2007

NOTE 19: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

Principal place of business is:

Families Australia Incorporated
Unit 3, 7 National Circuit
Barton ACT 2600

NOTE 20: ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The continuance of Families Australia Incorporated is dependant upon the supply of Government funding.

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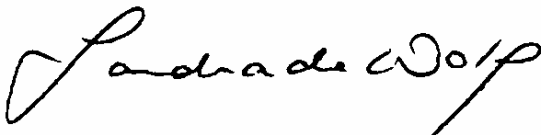
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 22 to 38

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Families Australia Incorporated as at 30 June 2007 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, 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:



Sandie de Wolf



Anne McLeish

Dated this 5th day of November 2007

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

Scope

The Financial report and committee's responsibility

The financial report comprises the balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement, statement of changes in equity, accompanying notes to the financial statements, and the statement by members of the committee for Families Australia Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2007.

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act (ACT) 1991*. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent on the financial report.

Audit Approach

We conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the association.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards in order to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act (ACT) 1991*, including compliance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position, and of its performances as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on these procedures, which include:

- Examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosure in the financial report, and
- Assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the committee.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Independence


In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion the financial report of Families Australia Incorporated is in accordance with the *Associations Incorporations Act (ACT) 1991*, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2007 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

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Dated: 5.11.2007

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DISCLAIMER TO THE MEMBERS OF FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

The additional financial data presented on pages 43 and 44 are in with the book 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 2007. 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.

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Partner

Dated: 5.11.2007

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PRIVATE INFORMATION FOR THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Interest	5,622	6,381
Gain on disposal of non current asset	12,727	-
Membership subscriptions	20,058	18,329
Other operating revenue	56,291	-
Subsidies and grants	380,421	363,009
TOTAL INCOME	475,119	387,719
Accounting fees	73	-
Administration costs	35,212	28,318
Advertising	43,439	53,786
Annual leave	1,872	6,083
Audit fees	6,400	2,400
Bank Charges	1,489	-
Cleaning	1,533	1,371
Computer expenses	-	1,508
Conference and seminar costs	52,796	473
Consultancy fees	6,456	10,935
Depreciation	8,545	6,352
Doubtful debts/bad debts expense	(1,439)	1,650
Electricity	912	811
Hire purchase charges	4,713	-
Insurance	5,417	5,873
Magazines, journals and periodicals	4,235	-
Motor vehicles expenses	7,773	11,966
Office expenses	3,404	177
Operating expenses	3,168	4,652
Postage	12,443	9,367
Printing and stationery	13,661	25,655

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	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Rent	27,758	27,046
Repairs and maintenance	1,969	944
Salaries and wages	190,004	160,041
Staff training and welfare	760	1,327
Sundry expenses	401	352
Superannuation	16,219	15,057
Telephone	3,586	4,376
Travelling expenses	1,775	3,514
TOTAL EXPENSES	<hr/> 454,574	<hr/> 384,034
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	<hr/> 20,545	<hr/> 3,685

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