

FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

Families Australia is pleased to present its Annual Report for 2008-09. This is our eighth 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 2009; a report on Families Australia's performance during 2008-09 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 will stimulate feedback about ways in which the organisation's work can further be improved.

ABOUT FAMILIES AUSTRALIA

Established in 2001, Families Australia is a 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, Housing, 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 342 family and community sector organisations, including 30 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;
- played a leading role as the secretariat for the Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children and in direct negotiations with the Australian Government on the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children, which was announced by the Council of Australian Governments on 30 April 2009. The Framework is a first for Australia and has been a Families Australia policy objective since the organisation's inception. Families Australia will remain closely involved with the Framework implementation phase;
- raised national awareness of family issues, such as child abuse and neglect, work and family, grandparenting, family wellbeing and the impact of substance abuse on families, through direct representations to Parliamentary Committees, Ministers and other Members of Parliament;
- mobilised tens of thousands of people across Australia in May each year since 2003 to celebrate the vital importance of families during National Families Week;
- held the Families Australia National Oration, with the first Oration in October 2008 being delivered by Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia;

- hosted or co-hosted national conferences such as the 2008 Symposium on 'The Art and Science of Cross-Sectoral Collaboration: Meeting the Needs of Vulnerable Families and Children', 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;
- assisted the Alliance for Forgotten Australians to establish itself as a national coalition of active organisations and individuals working together to promote the interests of adult survivors of abuse in childhood institutional or other out-of-home care;
- advanced the views of families and family sector organisations to a wide range of Federal Government agencies such as the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Australian Taxation Office, Centrelink and Medicare; and
- provided information to the public as well as family and community sector organisations about the 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).

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. The Families Australia secretariat is 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; proactive 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

This year, Families Australia's eighth year of operation, saw us again take strong national leadership roles in advocating for, and practically advancing, causes to overcome disadvantage and injustice suffered by too many Australian children, adults and families.

Families Australia played a leading role in the negotiation of the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children, which was announced by the Council of Australian Governments in April 2009. Families Australia facilitated the Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children, a grouping of many of the nation's largest NGOs as well as prominent academics.

The development of a national approach to tackling child abuse and neglect has been one of Families Australia's policy objectives since its inception. We are pleased that the Federal and all State/Territory Governments have signalled that they will work more closely together, and in collaboration with the NGO sector, to meet this challenge.

Families Australia also continued to play a strong role in advancing the cause of Forgotten Australians – a group of around 500,000 Australians who experienced institutional or other out-of-home care as children in the period from the 1930s to the 1970s. The Federal Government's welcome announcement in September 2009 of its intention to issue a national apology to the Forgotten Australians in late 2009 is an important milestone in this campaign.

In addition, Families Australia informed and stimulated public discussion on a wide range of issues facing families. The inaugural Families Australia National Oration, which was delivered in October 2008 by Her Excellency Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, highlighted many of the challenges facing Australia's families and children and received considerable media attention.

National Families Week, held in May 2009, was another important facet of Families Australia's work, with around 125,000 people participating in local events around the country to celebrate the vital role of families.

Families Australia has been able to achieve these outcomes because of the support of its members, the expertise, wisdom and contribution of its Board and the skills, hard work and commitment of its small Secretariat team: Brian Babington, Jennifer Horsfield, Eris Harrison, Stella Conroy, Jean Gifford and Cassandra Inkley. The Board were delighted to see Brian's leadership recognised with the Award of a Churchill Fellowship. This enabled Brian to travel to the UK, Ireland, Canada and the USA and enhance the contribution he continues to make in reducing child abuse and neglect.

I want to thank all the Board members for their hard work and dedication. I wish, in particular, to thank retiring Board member, Bob Nicholson, for his contribution.

I also wish to acknowledge the support of the Hon. Jenny Macklin MP, Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, and our colleagues in the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

I commend the 2008-09 Annual Report to you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandie de Wolf". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sandie de Wolf AM
Chair – Families Australia

GOVERNANCE AND BOARD

The Families Australia Board of Management in 2008-09 comprised:

Name	Position	Nominating Organisation
Ms Sandie de Wolf AM	Chair	Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia
Ms Bev Orr OAM	Deputy Chair Public Officer	Australian Foster Care Association
Ms Anne McLeish OAM	Secretary	Grandparents Australia
Mr Mark Brooke	Member	Playgroup Australia Inc.
Ms Jennie Hannan	Member	Family Relationship Services Australia
Mr Bob Nicholson	Member	YMCA Australia (to 17 October 2008)
Mr Simon Schrapel	Member	Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia
Mr Tony Stevenson	Member	Mission Australia
Ms Prue Warrilow	Member	Australian Community Children's Services (formerly National Association of Community Based Children's Services)
Ms Sharron Williams	Member	Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC)
Mr Paul Rajan	Member	Co-opted (from 12 December 2008)
Dr Marie Leech	Member	Co-opted (from 12 December 2008)
Ms Jacqui Reed	Member	CREATE Foundation (elected 17 October 2008)

Board Meetings 2008-09

DATE	MEETING TYPE	LOCATION
22-24 July 2008	Face-to-face	Darwin
15 October 2008	Face-to-face	Canberra
12 December 2008	Teleconference	
26-27 March 2009	Face-to-face	Canberra
25 May 2009	Teleconference	

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

This year, 2008-09, was momentous for Families Australia in its role as an advocate for the needs and interest of families at the national level.

Two initiatives stand out for special attention. First, Families Australia played a pivotal role in the negotiation of the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020, which was announced by the Council of Australian Governments in April 2009.

A long-standing policy goal of Families Australia, the Framework represents the first time that Federal and State/Territory Governments have joined with the NGO sector in a shared vision about ways to tackle Australia's child abuse and neglect crisis.

The Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children, a grouping of many of Australia's largest NGOs and prominent academics, worked in partnership with Governments to develop the Framework during 2008 and 2009. Families Australia convened the Coalition and acted as its secretariat.

Families Australia also continued to play a leadership role in assisting the Forgotten Australians, the estimated 500,000 people who experienced institutional or other out-of-home care as children in the last century. Many of these people suffered physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse. Families Australia has been assisting the Forgotten Australians' cause by acting as the secretariat for the Alliance for Forgotten Australians since 2007. It is gratifying to us that this group has become an effective national advocacy force.

We were also delighted to convene the Inaugural Families Australia National Oration in October 2008. The address was given by Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, at The Australian National University before an audience of around 200 people. The Oration will become an annual fixture in the Families Australia calendar as a way of showcasing the views of prominent Australians on issues relevant to families and communities.

Families Australia advanced many other family-related issues during the year. We continued to highlight the needs of grandparents and kinship carers, including through our collaboration with Grandparents Australia in running a highly successful forum for kinship carers in Melbourne in June 2009. We made representations to the Federal Government about grandparenting issues throughout the year; this will continue to be a key issue for us as we look to the 2010 Federal Election.

Families Australia's connection to the lives of families further deepened through National Families Week. In May 2009, a record number of over 125,000 people participated in community events. It is pleasing that the Week has become an established part of the national calendar. More than ever, it is a vehicle for providing people with practical tips for building stronger families.

Our often behind-the-scenes committee work with organisations such as the Australian Taxation Office, Medicare and Centrelink enabled us to contribute practical ideas to help these organisations deliver better services. Our relationship with the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs is strong and highly productive.

Families Australia continues to be financially viable, due to the ongoing support of the Australian Government as well as the Families Australia members. Our membership numbers remain strong despite the impact of the global financial crisis. The membership base continues to be diverse in terms of areas of activity and geography. Feedback from our members continues to be strongly positive about our member services, especially in the area of information dissemination (*National Family News*, *Family* magazine and email updates).

In the year ahead, we will be playing a major role in the implementation of the first three-year action plan under the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children and in continuing to assist the Alliance for Forgotten Australians to obtain greater recognition and support. Importantly, as we head toward a Federal Election, we will be consulting intensively with members and other stakeholders about family policy ideas.

I wish to thank all our members and supporters most sincerely for their continued support – it is greatly appreciated, and we continue to welcome your views about how we can further enhance our work.

I wish also to thank most sincerely the Chair, Board and staff - Jennifer Horsfield, Eris Harrison, Stella Conroy, Jean Gifford and Cassandra Inkley.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Babington". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Babington

LIST OF MEMBER ORGANISATIONS

As at 30 June 2009, there were 30 General and 312 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

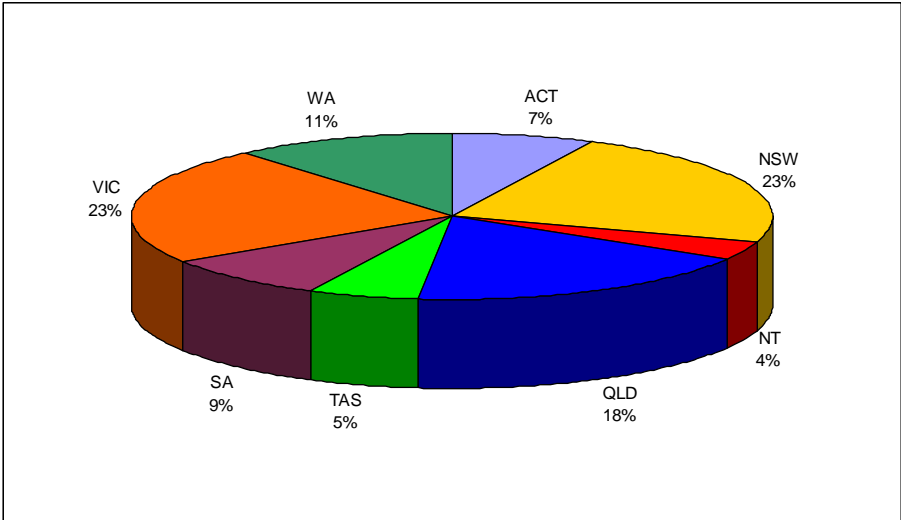
Advocates for Survivors of Child Abuse
Australian Association of Social Workers
Australian Community Children's Services
Australian Council for Adoption Inc.
Australian Red Cross
Australian Scholarships Group
Australian Youth Affairs Coalition
Barnardos
COTA over 50s
CREATE Foundation
DepressioNet
Family 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 Ethnic Disability Alliance Inc.
Parenting & Family Support Centre
Playgroup Australia Inc.
Relationships Australia National
The Salvation Army Eastern Territory
The Smith Family
Volunteering Australia
YMCA Australia

Associate Member Organisations

Aboriginal Family Support Services
Aequus Partners
Agencies for South West Accommodation (ASWA) Inc.
Albert Hall Preschool
Anglican Counselling Service
Anglicare (Migrant Services)
Anglicare Canberra & Goulburn
Anglicare South Australia
Anglicare Victoria
Anglicare WA
Association for Children with Disability
ASTERIA Services Inc.
Aunties & Uncles Co-operative Family Project Ltd.
Australian Family & Marriage Education (OZFAME)
Australian Family Association WA
Australian Nursing Federation
Australian Vietnamese Women's Association
Ballarat Community Health Centre
Bankstown Family Day Care Co-op Ltd
Banyule City Council
Bayside City Council Children's Services Co-ordinator
Belconnen Community Service
Berry Street Victoria
Bestchance Child Family Care
Betania Christian Centre
Bethany Community Support Inc.
Blue Care Brisbane Central Region (Unicare)
Boundary Lane Children's Centre
Bravehearts Inc.
Brisbane Youth Service
Brotherhood of St Laurence
Building Blocks
Bundaberg Child & Family Centre
Caboolture Area Youth Service Inc.
Camcare
Camden Council
Canberra Men's Centre
Cape/Gulf Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care (RAATSICC) Advisory Association
Carers Australia
Caroline Chisholm Society
Centacare Adelaide
Centacare Catholic Family Services
Centacare Tasmania
Central Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency Inc.
Centre for Community Child Health
Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare
Cerebral Palsy Support Network
Child and Family Services Ballarat
Child and Family Services Wyong Shire
Child and Family Welfare Directorate
Child Care NSW
Children Australia
Children's Protection Society
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
Colony 47
Communicare Inc.
Communities @ Work
Community Activities Lake Macquarie
Community Life, Fairfield City Council
Community Living Association
Community Programs Inc.
Community Services Tablelands
Community Vision
Connect Child & Family Services Inc.
Connections UnitingCare
Craigieburn and Districts Family Day Care
CRC
Darwin Skills Development Scheme
Department for Child Protection
Devonport City Council
Dianella Community Health
Djerriwarrh Health Services
Doncaster Community Care and Counselling Centre
Drummond Street Relationship Centre
Early Childhood Management Services
Eltham East OSHC
ESCARE Inc.
Expect A Star Education Services
FaCSIA - South Australia State Office
Families ACT (FACT)
Families at Work
Family Action Centre
Family Advocacy Inc.
Family Based Care Association North West Inc.
Family Day Care Association Queensland
Family Services City of Greater Geelong
FamilyCare
Fleurieu Families - Alexandrina Council
Fleurieu Regional Community Services Advisory Committee
Foundation Christian College
Foundation Housing Ltd
Fremantle Multicultural Centre
FSG Australia
Galilee Inc.
Gap Community Child Care Centre
George St Neighbourhood Centre

Glastonbury Child and Family Services
 Glenhaven Family Care Inc.
 Glenorchy Action Interagency Network
 Goldbridge Rehabilitation Services Inc.
 Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service
 Gosford City Family Support Service
 Goulburn Family Support Service
 Grandparents for Grandchildren
 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
 Tasmania
 Hanover Welfare Services
 Holdsworth Street Community Centre
 Holroyd City Council
 Homestart National Inc.
 IFSU
 Inala Youth Service
 Institute for Family Advocacy
 Integrated Family & Youth Service Inc.
 Intereach NSW Inc.
 John Paul Centre for Family and Life
 Kids Help Line
 Kids Under Cover
 Kildonan UnitingCare
 Kingston East Neighbourhood Group Inc.
 Kogarah Community Services Inc.
 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
 Lady Gowrie Tasmania
 Learning Centre Link
 Lifeline Cairns Region
 Lifeline Community Care - Families Plus
 Lifeline Family Support Programme
 Lifeline Northern Beaches Inc.
 Lisa Lodge
 Lismore District Family Day Care Inc.
 Local Information Network Karratha Inc.
 Lower Mountains Family Support Service
 Lutheran Community Care
 Mackay Children's Support Programs Inc.
 MacKillop Family Services
 Mai Wel Ltd
 Mallee Family Care Inc.
 Mareeba Information and Support Centre
 Marian Centre
 Maroochy Neighbourhood Centre, Family
 Support Program
 Marymead Child & Family Centre
 McCarthy Catholic College
 McCarthy Mentoring
 Meerilinga Young Children's Foundation
 Melbourne Citymission
 Men's Advisory Network
 Men's Information & Support Association
 Micah Projects Inc.
 Migrant Resource Centre North East
 Miller Community Preschool & Early
 Intervention Service
 Mirabel Foundation Inc.
 Miriam High Special Needs Centre
 Mission Australia
 Monaro Family Support Service
 Mookai Rosie-Bi-Bayan
 Nambour Good Beginnings
 National Rural Health Alliance
 Nerang Neighbourhood Centre Inc.
 Network of Community Activities
 Newcastle Family Support Services
 Newtrain Inc.
 Noah's Ark - Learning and Development
 North Queensland Combined Women's
 Services Inc.
 North West Advocacy Organisation Inc.
 Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission
 NSW Family Services
 NuSkills Learning and Development
 Office For Children, Youth and Family
 Support
 Ovens and King Community Health Service
 Paddington Children's Centre
 Paediatrics & Child Health Division - RACP
 ParentLine
 Parkerville Children & Youth Care
 Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Association Inc.
 Playgroup WA Inc.
 Playworks - Cessnock Public School
 Positive Solutions
 Possum Place Child Care Centre
 Public Health Association
 QLD Childcare Services
 QLD Working Women's Service Inc.
 Quantum Support Services
 Queen Elizabeth II Family Centre
 Queensland Children's Activities Network
 (QCAN) Inc.
 Ranges Youth Centre
 Royal College of Nursing Australia
 RUCSN
 SA Career Consultants
 Salvation Army Counselling Service
 Samaritans Foundation
 Save the Children Australia - Queensland
 Division
 School of Early Childhood QUT
 School of Social Work and Community
 Welfare
 Scots Child Care Centre
 SDN Children's Services Inc.
 Siblings Australia
 SIDS and Kids WA
 Somerville Community Service
 South East Region Migrant Resource
 Centre
 Southside Community Services Inc.
 Spiritus Care Services
 St Luke's Anglicare

Starick Services Inc.
 Stepfamily Association of Victoria Inc.
 Sydney Children's Hospital
 Tandem
 Tangentyre Council
 Tascare Society for Children
 The Hills Shire Council
 The Salvation Army Community Services
 The Salvation Army Crossroads West
 The Salvation Army Southern Territory
 Toowoomba Youthservice
 Towards Independence - Top End
 Travellers Aid Society of Victoria
 Uniting Care Wesley
 Uniting Care Wesley - Homelink SA
 UnitingCare Wesley Port Pirie
 University of Newcastle, School of Health
 Sciences
 Upper Hume Community Health Service
 Inc.
 Wanslea Family Services
 Warlga Ngurra Womans and Childrens
 Refuge
 Whyalla Counselling Service
 Windemere Child & Family Services
 Woden Community Service Inc.
 Women's Centre for Health Matters Inc.
 Women's Health Works
 Wyndarra Centre Inc.
 Wynnum Family Day Care
 Wyong Neighbourhood Centre Inc.
 Yaandina Family Centre Inc.
 YMCA of Ararat
 YMCA of Ballarat
 YMCA of Bendigo
 YMCA of Brisbane
 YMCA of Broken Hill
 YMCA of Bundaberg
 YMCA of Cairns
 YMCA of Camira/Springfield
 YMCA of Canberra
 YMCA of Central Australia
 YMCA of City of Lake Macquarie
 YMCA of Darwin
 YMCA of Eastern Goldfields
 YMCA of Echuca
 YMCA of Gayndah
 YMCA of Geelong
 YMCA of Great Lakes
 YMCA of Hobart
 YMCA of Inner North East of Adelaide
 YMCA of Katherine
 YMCA of Launceston
 YMCA of Manningham
 YMCA of Moorabool
 YMCA of Newcastle
 YMCA of Newman
 YMCA of Perth
 YMCA of Port Augusta
 YMCA of Port Pirie
 YMCA of Portland
 YMCA of Queanbeyan
 YMCA of South Australia
 YMCA of Stanthorpe
 YMCA of Sydney
 YMCA of Victoria
 YMCA of Wangaratta
 YMCA of Whittlesea
 Yorganop Child Care Aboriginal Corporation
 Youth Involvement Council
 Youth off the Streets Ltd.



Families Australia
Membership by State/Territory as at 30 June 2009

GOALS AND PERFORMANCE

Families Australia's Strategic Plan (2007-10) contains four goals:

1. Informing and influencing national policies in relation to families.
2. Promoting the importance and needs of families.
3. Acting as a two-way conduit for information to and from the family sector.
4. Strengthening and expanding the organisation.

The 2008-09 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. Informing and influencing national family policies

Families Australia advanced this objective by:

- Playing a pivotal role in the negotiation of the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children. Families Australia acted as the secretariat of the Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children and took a leadership role in negotiations with Governments on the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children, which was announced by the Council of Australian Governments on 30 April 2009. The Framework is a first for Australia and has been a Families Australia policy objective since the organisation's inception.
- Hosting the inaugural Families Australia National Oration on 16 October 2008, delivered by Her Excellency, Ms Quentin Bryce AC, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. The event was attended by 200 people, and significant media national coverage was obtained about family and children's issues.
- Co-convening, with the Australian Centre for Child Protection, a Symposium in October 2008 on 'The Art and Science of Cross-Sectoral Collaboration: Meeting the Needs of Vulnerable Families and Children', which involved 70 representatives from a wide range of sectors (Government, statutory and NGO). The Communiqué and outcomes were published in *Family* magazine.
- Advocating for enhancements to the wellbeing of families through policy submissions. Families Australia argued for improved family outcomes via submissions to: the Parliamentary Inquiry into Better Supporting Carers (July 2008); the Senate Inquiry into mental health services in Australia (July 2008); FaHCSIA on the proposed National Compact (September 2008, in the light of member consultations); and the Senate Inquiry into the implementation of the *Forgotten Australians* and *Lost Innocents* reports.
- Continuing to auspice 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 and the 1970s and who were the subject of a 2004 Australian Senate report. Families Australia provided secretariat and advisory services to AFA, which resulted in a significant advance in the Forgotten Australians' cause. Key actions taken on behalf of AFA included: continued promotion and distribution of the booklet on Forgotten Australians; obtaining, through submissions and a presentation, a significant level of recognition of the role and views of AFA in the Senate Community Affairs References Committee report (June 2009) entitled *Lost Innocents and Forgotten*

Australians Revisited: Report on the progress with the implementation of the recommendations of the Lost Innocents and Forgotten Australians Reports; achieving heightened media coverage for Forgotten Australians' experiences and issues; and providing input to the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs about policies and programs relevant to Forgotten Australians.

- Advocating for renewed Federal Government attention to issues facing grandparents as primary carers through representations to the Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion, Senator Stephens (September 2008), and officials of the Attorney-General's Department (March 2009), and via national television and radio interviews. Families Australia and Grandparents Australia promoted greater recognition and support for kinship carers through co-convening a Kinship Carer Conference in Melbourne (June 2009) involving around 200 kinship carers, NGO service providers and government officials.
- Continued participation in regular consultation meetings with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Medicare, the Australian Taxation Office and Centrelink.
- Researching the leadership and governance training needs of the non-government sector. Families Australia successfully completed a scoping study for FaHCSIA about leadership and governance training for NGO sector workers and government, involving researching existing courses and making recommendations for appropriate elements of a possible future course.

2. Promoting the importance and needs of families

Families Australia advanced this objective by:

- Obtaining a record level of participation in National Families Week 2009. Over 125,000 people participated in over 800 events which were run by 600 organisations and their subsidiaries. Extensive media coverage was obtained, and feedback from participating organisations was very positive. Thirty-six high-profile National Families Week Ambassadors, including Professor Allan Fels AO and Dr Jeff Harmer, promoted the theme of '*National Families Week – Celebrate how everyone makes a difference*'. In 2008, 120,000 people participated in community-level events.
- Significantly increasing Families Australia's level of public communication through the media, speeches and the internet. The amount of media coverage of Families Australia's comments on family policy issues, such as child protection, family tax incentives and work-family balance, is estimated to be double the amount gained during the previous year. We gave numerous speeches, including on building a national movement on integrated service delivery to assist vulnerable families, cross-sectoral collaboration and child protection. Our website was continually updated.

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

Families Australia advanced this objective by:

- Strongly increasing and diversifying our media comment on a wide range of family and child related topics compared with previous years.
- Holding face-to-face consultations with members in Darwin (July 2008), Canberra (March 2009) and Melbourne (April 2009).

- Providing advice to individual Families Australia members about developing and enhancing relationships with the Australian Government.
- Participating in Australian Government forums, such as the Medicare Consumer Consultative Group and the Centrelink Participation Reference Group, and providing advice to the Australian Government through membership of the Australian Families and Children Council.
- 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 the latest information about national family policy, practice and research.

4. Strengthening and expanding the organisation

Families Australia advanced this objective by:

- 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 the annual business plan and budget targets and the provision to the Board of a detailed annual risk assessment.
- Obtaining an unqualified external audit report in relation to the 2008-09 accounts and taking action on all recommendations for minor enhancements arising from the 2007-08 audit.
- Providing the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs with audited acquittals and other required progress reports on time for National Families Week, Forgotten Australians and National Secretariat Program contracts for 2008-09.
- 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.
- Undertaking a review of current membership policies and practices and possible future directions for membership growth.
- Families Australia built an extensive range of overseas relationships with family and child wellbeing academics, community workers and government officials in the UK, Ireland, Canada and the USA as a result of the EO's Churchill Fellowship to examine multi-jurisdictional child protection systems (January-March 2009).

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Families Australia Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2009.

Committee Members:

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

Sandie de Wolf AM (Chair)	Jennie Hannan
Bev Orr OAM (Deputy Chair)	Jacqui Reed (Appointed December 2008)
Anne McLeish OAM (Secretary)	Bob Nicholson (Resigned December 2008)
Marie Leech	Mark Brooke
Paul Rajan	Simon Schrapel
Prue Warrilow	Tony Stevenson
Sharron Williams	

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the period were to represent the need and interest of families in Australia.

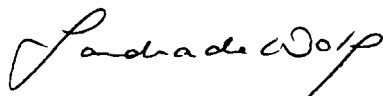
Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

The profit of the association for the period amounted to a profit of \$5,280 (2008 Deficit of \$10,698).

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



Sandie de Wolf AM



Anne McLeish OAM

Dated this 12th day of October 2009

Dated this 12th day of October 2009

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

INCOME STATEMENT

	Note	2009	2008
		\$	\$
Revenue	2	579,432	532,546
Administration Costs		(94,781)	(62,581)
Conference and seminar costs		(35,180)	(23,653)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	3	(6,712)	(10,096)
Employee benefits expense		(273,660)	(243,360)
Finance costs	3	(6,117)	(6,749)
Rent		(32,603)	(28,542)
Publication costs		(61,462)	(109,934)
Other expenses		(63,637)	(58,329)
Profit before income tax		5,280	(10,698)
Income tax expense		-	-
Profit from operations		5,280	(10,698)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET

	<i>Note</i>	2009	2008
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	944,130	136,700
Trade and other receivables	7	12,314	10,878
Other current assets	8	8,966	9,415
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		965,410	156,993
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	9	17,396	26,138
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		17,396	26,138
TOTAL ASSETS		982,806	183,131
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	842,079	48,130
Borrowings	11	12,754	1,601
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		854,833	49,731
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	4,691	2,585
Borrowings	11	-	12,813
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		4,691	15,398
TOTAL LIABILITIES		859,524	65,129
NET ASSETS		123,282	118,002
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		123,282	118,002
TOTAL EQUITY		123,282	118,002

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STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	Reserves	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2007	-	128,700	128,700
Profit attributable to members	-	(10,698)	(10,698)
Balance at 30 June 2008	-	118,002	118,002
Profit attributable to members	-	5,280	5,280
Balance at 30 June 2009	-	123,282	123,282

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	2009 \$	2008 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from customers and operating grants		1,400,217	598,317
Payment to suppliers and employees		(577,049)	(611,480)
Interest received		4,665	7,880
GST Recovered/(Paid)		(18,743)	(45,509)
Net cash provided by operating activities	16	809,090	(50,792)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from sale of other non current assets		-	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		-	(553)
Net cash used in investing activities		-	(553)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from borrowings		(1,660)	(1,030)
Net cash used in financing activities		(1,660)	(1,030)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		807,430	(52,375)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		136,700	189,075
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	6	944,130	136,700

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NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

Basis of Preparation

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

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in a financial report containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions to which they apply. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of this financial report are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

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 as indicated 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 directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these 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 buildings and capitalised lease assets, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

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. 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 by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amount equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

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 ownership over the term of the lease.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

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d. Financial Instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the association commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (ie trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss' in which case transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Finance instruments are subsequently measured at either fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest rate method or cost. *Fair value* represents the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Amortised cost is calculated as: (i) the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition; (ii) less principal repayments; (iii) plus or minus the cumulative amortisation of the difference, if any, between the amount initially recognised and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method; and (iv) less any reduction for impairment.

The *effective interest method* is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying value with a consequential recognition of an income or expense in profit or loss.

The group does not designate any interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint venture entities as being subject to the requirements of accounting standards specifically applicable to financial instruments.

(i) *Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss*

Financial assets are classified at 'fair value through profit or loss' when they are held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying value being included in profit or loss. The association has not held any financial assets at fair value through profit or loss in the current or comparative financial year.

(ii) *Loans and receivables*

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

(iii) *Held-to-maturity investments*

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable

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payments, and it is the association's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The association has not held any held-to-maturity investments in the current or comparative financial year.

(iv) Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets are non-derivative financial assets that are either not capable of being classified into other categories of financial assets due to their nature, or they are designated as such by management. They comprise investments in the equity of other entities where there is neither a fixed maturity nor fixed or determinable payments.

(v) Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities (excluding financial guarantees) are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Impairment

At each reporting date, the association assesses 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 an impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual right to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised where the related obligations are either discharged, cancelled or expire. The difference between the carrying value of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

e. 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.

f. 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. 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. These cash flows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cash flows.

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g. 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.

h. Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. Any consideration deferred is treated as the provision of finance and is discounted at a rate of interest that is generally accepted in the market for similar arrangements. The difference between the amount initially recognised and the amount ultimately received is interest revenue.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised at the point of delivery as this corresponds to the transfer of significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and the cessation of all involvement in those goods.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which, for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Revenue from the provision of membership subscriptions is recognised on a straight-line basis over the financial year.

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

Government Grant 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.

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 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 components 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.

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NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

k. Key Estimates

(i) *Impairment*

The association assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the group that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

l. Key Judgments

(i) *Provision for impairment of receivables*

The committee has received undertakings from the debtors that such unpaid amounts will be paid and therefore no provision for impairment has been made.

m. New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

The AASB has issued new, revised and amended Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods and which the association has decided not to early adopt. A discussion of those future requirements and their impact on the association is as follows:

- (i) AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements, AASB 2007–8: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 101, and AASB 2007–10: Further Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 101 (all applicable to annual reporting periods commencing from 1 January 2009). The revised AASB 101 and amendments supersede the previous AASB 101 and redefine the composition of financial statements including the inclusion of a statement of comprehensive income. There will be no measurement or recognition impact on the association. If an entity has made a prior period adjustment or reclassification, a third balance sheet as at the beginning of the comparative period will be required.

The association does not anticipate early adoption of any of the above reporting requirements and does not expect them to have any material effect on the association's financial statements.

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NOTE 2: REVENUE	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Operating activities		
— Subsidies and Grant	518,276	454,051
— Member subscriptions	18,102	14,755
— Other Operating Revenue	38,389	55,860
— Interest received	4,665	7,880
	579,432	532,546

An amount of \$18,820 was included in the amount reported as Other Operating Revenue during the period ended 30 June 2008, which originated from an overstated GST liability in prior years. The reconciliation of the prior year's overstated GST liability and understated revenues is now rectified.

NOTE 3: PROFIT

Expenses

a. Depreciation of non current assets:		
- Computer Equipment	2,062	4,269
- Motor Vehicles	4,166	5,375
- Office Equipment	484	452
Total depreciation	6,712	10,096
b. Finance Costs:		
- Hire Purchase Charges	6,117	6,749

NOTE 4: AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

Auditing or reviewing financial reports	7,132	8,000
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NOTE 5: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

	Short-term Benefit	Post-employment Benefit	Total
	\$	\$	\$
2009			
Total compensation	131,387	-	131,387
2008			
Total compensation	115,634	-	115,634

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NOTE 6: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	944,062	136,617
Cash on hand	68	83
	944,130	136,700

The effective interest rate on short-term bank deposits was 2.80% (2008: 2.35%).

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	944,130	136,700
	944,130	136,700

NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

CURRENT

Trade debtors	12,314	5,734
Provision for doubtful debts	-	-
Sundry Debtors	-	5,144
	12,314	10,878

Current trade receivables are non-interest bearing loans and are generally receivable within 30 days. A provision for impairment is recognised against subscriptions where there is objective evidence that an individual trade receivable is impaired. No impairment was required at 30 June 2009 (2008: Nil).

Credit Risk

The entity has no significant concentration of credit risk with respect to any single counterparty or group of counterparties other than those receivables specifically provided for and mentioned within Note 8. The main source of credit risk to the entity is considered to relate to the class of assets described as subscriptions receivable.

The following table details the entity's subscriptions receivable exposed to credit risk with ageing analysis and impairment provided for thereon. Amounts are considered as 'past due' when the debt has not been settled within the terms and conditions agreed between the association and the member or counterparty to the transaction. Receivables that are past due are assessed for impairment by ascertaining their willingness to pay and are provided for where there are specific circumstances indicating that the debt may not be fully repaid to the entity.

The balances of receivables that remain within initial terms (as detailed in the table) are considered to be of high credit quality.

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NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Gross amount \$	Past due and impaired \$	Past due but not impaired				Within initial trade terms \$
			Days (overdue)				
			< 30 \$	31-60 \$	61-90 \$	> 90 \$	
2009							
Subscriptions receivable	55	-	-	-	-	55	
Other receivables	12,259	-	12,000	-	-	259	
Total	12,314	-	12,000	-	-	314	
	Gross amount \$	Past due and impaired \$	Past due but not impaired				Within initial trade terms \$
			Days (overdue)				
			< 30 \$	31-60 \$	61-90 \$	> 90 \$	
2008							
Subscriptions receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other receivables	10,878	-	10,878	-	-	-	
Total	10,878	-	10,878	-	-	-	

The entity does not hold any financial assets whose terms have been renegotiated, but which would otherwise be past due or impaired.

Collateral held as security

No collateral is held as security for any of the trade and other receivable balances.

NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Note **2009** **2008**
\$ \$

Financial assets classified as loans and receivables

Trade and other receivables

- Total current	17	12,314	10,878
		<u>12,314</u>	<u>10,878</u>

Collateral pledged

No collateral has been pledged for any of the trade and other receivable balances

NOTE 8: OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Prepayments	2,682	3,131
Others	6,284	6,284
	<u>8,966</u>	<u>9,415</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 9: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

2009 **2008**
\$ **\$**

Computer Equipment

At cost	8,932	30,169
Accumulated depreciation	(6,776)	(23,921)
	2,156	6,248

Motor Vehicles

At cost	28,160	28,160
Accumulated depreciation	(13,811)	(9,645)
	14,349	18,515

Office equipment

At cost	8,722	8,722
Accumulated depreciation	(7,831)	(7,347)
	891	1,375

Total Property, Plant and Equipment

17,396 **26,138**

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
	\$	\$	\$	\$
2008				
Balance at the beginning of year	10,517	23,890	1,274	35,681
Additions	-	-	553	553
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(4,269)	(5,375)	(452)	(10,096)
Carrying amount at the end of year	6,248	18,515	1,375	26,138
2009				
Balance at the beginning of year	6,248	18,515	1,375	26,138
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	(2,030)	-	-	(2,030)
Depreciation expense	(2,062)	(4,166)	(484)	(6,712)
Carrying amount at the end of year	2,156	14,349	891	17,396

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NOTE 10: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	Note	2009	2008
		\$	\$
CURRENT			
Unsecured liabilities:			
Trade payables		630	2,784
Sundry accruals and payables	10a	111,449	45,346
Grant Funding in Advance		730,000	-
		<u>842,079</u>	<u>48,130</u>
NON CURRENT			
Unsecured liabilities:			
Sundry accruals and payables	10a	<u>4,691</u>	<u>2,585</u>
		4,691	2,585
10a Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables			
Trade and other payables:			
- Total current		842,079	48,130
- Total non current		4,691	2,585
		<u>846,770</u>	<u>50,715</u>
Less: Grants received in advance		(730,000)	-
Less: Leave entitlements		(20,468)	(16,412)
Financial liabilities as trade and other payables	17	<u>96,302</u>	<u>34,303</u>
NOTE 11: FINANCIAL LIABILITIES			
CURRENT			
Lease liability	11a	12,754	1,601
NON CURRENT			
Lease liability	11a	-	12,813
11a Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as borrowings	17	<u>12,754</u>	<u>14,414</u>

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NOTE 12: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS	Note	2009	2008
		\$	\$
12a. Finance Lease Commitments			
Payable — minimum lease payments			
— Not later than 12 months		14,695	7,779
— Between 12 months and 5 years		-	14,695
— Greater than 5 years		-	-
Minimum lease payments		<u>14,695</u>	<u>22,474</u>
Less future finance charges		<u>(1,941)</u>	<u>(8,060)</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	11	<u>12,754</u>	<u>14,414</u>

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

12b. Operating Lease Commitments

Non cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements

Payable – minimum lease payments			
— Not later than 12 months		35,762	32,604
— Between 12 months and 5 years		71,524	-
— Greater than 5 years		-	-
		<u>107,286</u>	<u>32,604</u>

The property lease is a non cancellable lease with a two year term, with rent payable monthly in advance.

Contingent rental provisions within the lease agreement require that the minimum lease payments shall be increased by CPI and/or market rates per annum.

An option exists to renew the lease at the end of the two year term for an additional term of two years.

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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 Incorporated includes directors from the founding members of the organisation. These members have prescribed membership fees that are paid in full for each financial year on normal commercial terms and conditions

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Related party transactions during the year amounted to:	1,440	248

NOTE 16: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit from Ordinary Activities after Income Tax

Profit after income tax	5,280	(10,698)
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Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities:

Non-cash flows in profit

— Depreciation	6,712	10,096
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Changes in assets and liabilities:

— (Increase)/decrease in trade and term debtors	(1,436)	28,125
— Net (gain)/ loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	2,030	-
— (Increase)/decrease in prepayments	449	(427)
— Increase/(decrease) in payables	(2,154)	(12,669)
— Increase/(decrease) in unearned income	730,000	(67,719)
— Increase/(decrease) in other creditors & accruals	10,118	28,293
— Increase/(decrease) in provisions	4,056	2,880
— Increase/(decrease) in GST	54,035	(28,673)
	809,090	(50,792)

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NOTE 17: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The group's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, local money market instruments, short-term investments, accounts receivable and payable, and leases.

The totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	Note	2009 \$	2008 \$
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	944,130	136,700
Loans and receivables	7	12,314	10,878
		956,444	147,578
Financial liabilities			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost:			
- trade and other payables	10a	96,302	34,303
- borrowings	11a	12,754	14,414
		109,056	48,717

Financial Risk Management

The association's treasurer is responsible for, among other issues, monitoring and managing financial risk exposures of the association. The treasurer monitors the association's transactions and reviews the effectiveness of controls relating to credit risk, financial risk, and interest rate risk. Discussions on monitoring and managing financial risk exposures are held bi-monthly and minuted by the committee of management.

The treasurer's overall risk management strategy seeks to ensure that the association meets its financial targets, while minimising potential adverse effects of cash flow shortfalls.

Specific Financial Risk Exposures and Management

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

a. Interest rate risk

The association is not exposed to any significant interest rate risk since cash balances are maintained at variable rates and borrowings of the association are not considered significant.

b. Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the possibility that the association might encounter difficulty in settling its debts or otherwise meeting its obligations related to financial liabilities. The association manages this risk through the following mechanisms:

- preparing forward-looking cash flow analysis in relation to its operational, investing and financing activities;
- only investing surplus cash with major financial institutions; and
- proactively monitoring the recovery of unpaid subscriptions.

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The tables below reflect an undiscounted contractual maturity analysis for financial liabilities.

Cash flows realised from financial assets reflect management's expectation as to the timing of realisation. Actual timing may therefore differ from that disclosed. The timing of cash flows presented in the table to settle finance leases reflect the earliest contractual settlement dates.

Financial liability and financial assets maturity analysis

	Within 1 Year		1 to 5 Years		Over 5 Years		Total	
	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial liabilities due for payment								
Trade and other payables (excluding est. annual leave and grants receivable in advance)	96,302	34,303	-	-	-	-	96,302	34,303
Finance lease liabilities	14,695	7,779	-	14,695	-	-	14,695	22,474
Total contractual outflows	110,997	42,082	-	14,695	-	-	110,997	56,777
Total expected outflows	110,997	42,082	-	14,695	-	-	110,997	56,777
Financial assets — cash flows realisable								
Cash and cash equivalents	944,130	136,700	-	-	-	-	944,130	136,700
Trade and other receivables	12,314	10,878	-	-	-	-	12,314	10,878
Available-for-sale investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total anticipated inflows	956,444	147,578	-	-	-	-	956,444	147,578
Net (outflow)/inflow on financial instruments	845,447	105,496	-	(14,695)	-	-	845,447	90,801

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Financial assets pledged as collateral

No financial assets have been pledged as security for any financial liability. Refer to Note 12 for further details.

c. Foreign exchange risk

The association is not exposed to fluctuations in foreign currencies.

d. Credit risk

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance by counterparties of contract obligations that could lead to a financial loss to the association.

Credit risk is managed through maintaining procedures ensuring, to the extent possible, that members and counterparties to transactions are of sound credit worthiness. Subscriptions are expected to be paid prior to the commencement of the subscription period. All subscriptions receivable are past due.

Risk is also minimised through investing surplus funds in financial institutions that maintain a high credit rating or in entities that the committee has otherwise cleared as being financially sound.

Credit risk exposures

The maximum exposure to credit risk by class of recognised financial assets at balance date is equivalent to the carrying value and classification of those financial assets (net of any provisions) as presented in the balance sheet. The association is also exposed to any deficiency in net assets of trusts to which it is trustee. Further details are contained in Note 13.

There is no collateral held by the association securing trade and other receivables.

The association has no significant concentration of credit risk with any single counterparty or group of counterparties. Details with respect to credit risk of trade and other receivables is provided in Note 7.

Trade and other receivables that are neither past due or impaired are considered to be of high credit quality. Aggregates of such amounts are as detailed at Note 7.

e. Price risk

Price risk relates to the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices largely due to demand and supply factors for commodities.

The association is exposed to securities price risk on available-for-sale investments. Such risk is managed through diversification of investments across industries and geographic locations.

The association's investments are held in diversified management funds portfolios.

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NOTE 17: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Net Fair Values

Fair value estimation

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities are presented in the following table and can be compared to their carrying values as presented in the balance sheet. Fair values are those amounts at which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. Areas of judgment and the assumptions used have been detailed below. Where possible, valuation information used to calculate fair value is extracted from the market, with more reliable information available from markets that are actively traded.

	Note	Footnote	2009		2008	
			Net Carrying Value	Net Fair Value	Net Carrying Value	Net Fair Value
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Financial assets						
Cash and cash equivalents		(i)	944,130	944,130	136,700	136,700
Trade and other receivables		(i)	12,314	12,314	10,878	10,878
Investments — available for sale		(ii)	-	-	-	-
Total financial assets			956,444	956,444	147,578	147,578
Financial liabilities						
Trade and other payables		(i)	96,302	96,302	34,303	34,303
Lease liability		(iii)	12,754	12,754	14,414	14,414
Total financial liabilities			109,056	109,056	48,717	48,717

The fair values disclosed in the above table have been determined based on the following methodologies:

- (i) Cash and cash equivalents, trade and other receivables and trade and other payables are short term instruments in nature whose carrying value is equivalent to fair value. Trade and other payables excludes amounts provided for relating to annual leave which is not considered a financial instrument.
- (ii) For listed available-for-sale financial assets, closing quoted bid prices at reporting date are used.
- (iii) These liabilities are fixed interest leases carried at amortised cost. Differences between carrying value and net fair value represent decreases in market interest rates.

Sensitivity analysis

The committee considers that the only material market risk arises in relation to holdings of available-for-sale investments.

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NOTE 18: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

Principal place of business is:

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

NOTE 19: ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

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

NOTE 20: SEGMENT REPORTING

The association operates predominantly in one business and geographical segment, being advocacy and provision of policy advice on behalf of the family sector throughout Australia.

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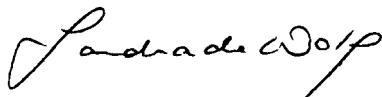
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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 3 to 25

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Families Australia Incorporated as at 30 June 2009 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) 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 AM



Anne McLeish OAM

Dated this 12th day of October 2009

Dated this 12th day of October 2009

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

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Families Australia Incorporated (the association) which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2009 and the income statement, statement of recognised income and expenditure and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

Matters Relating to the Electronic Presentation of the Audited Financial Report

This auditors report relates to the financial report of Families Australia Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2009 included on the association's website. The association's committee members are responsible for the integrity of the association's website. We have not been engaged to report on the integrity of the association's website. The auditors report refers only to the statements named above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information, which may have been hyperlinked to/from these statements.

If users of this report are concerned with the inherent risks arising from electronic data communications, they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited financial report to confirm the information included in the audited financial report presented on this website.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act (ACT) 1991. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

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

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the 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 Incorporation Act (ACT) 1991 including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2009 and of its performance and its cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act (ACT) 1991

PKF – Di Bartolo Diamond & Mihailaros
Level 7, 28 University Avenue
Canberra City ACT 2601



Ross Di Bartolo
Partner
Dated: 12.10.09

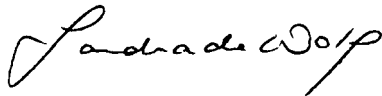
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CERTIFICATE BY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE

I, Sandie de Wolf of 9 Ryeburne Avenue Hawthorn East VIC, 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 attended the annual general meeting of the association held on 19 October 2009
- c. We are authorised by the attached resolution of the committee to sign this certificate.
- d. This annual statement was submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.



Sandie de Wolf AM



Anne McLeish OAM

Dated this 12th day of October 2009

Dated this 12th day of October 2009

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**COMPILATION REPORT TO
FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Families Australia Incorporated which comprise the attached income and expenditure statement for the year ended 30 June 2009. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is to provide financial information to the committee of management.

The Responsibility of the Committee of Management

The committee of management is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements and has determined that the basis of accounting adopted is appropriate to meet the needs of the committee of management for the purpose of complying with the association's constitution.


Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the committee of management we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the directors provided, in compiling the financial statements. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the committee of management. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

PKF – Di Bartolo Diamond & Mihailaros
Level 7, 28 University Avenue
Canberra City ACT 2601


Ross Di Bartolo
Partner
Dated: 12.10.09

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Interest	4,665	7,880
Membership subscriptions	18,102	14,755
Other operating revenue	38,389	55,860
Subsidies and grants	518,276	454,051
TOTAL INCOME	579,432	532,546
 LESS EXPENSES		
Administration costs	94,782	62,581
Advertising	50,765	75,870
Annual leave	1,950	295
Audit fees	7,132	8,000
Bank Charges	407	834
Cleaning	1,801	1,472
Conference and seminar costs	35,180	23,654
Depreciation	6,712	10,096
Electricity	1,124	1,176
Fringe Benefit Tax	2,899	3,668
Hire purchase charges	6,117	6,749
Insurance	5,254	5,251
Long Service Leave	2,106	2,585
Loss on disposal of non current assets	2,030	-
Magazines, journals and periodicals	4,057	3,317
Motor vehicles expenses	7,298	6,063
Office expenses	7,253	1,235
Operating expenses	3,096	4,987
Postage	14,917	16,080
Rent	32,604	28,542
Printing and stationery	6,641	30,748
Repairs and maintenance	1,063	849
Salaries and wages	246,464	221,122

This statement should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report of Families Australia Incorporated accounts

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	2009	2008
	\$	\$
Staff training and welfare	2,252	751
Superannuation	20,889	18,607
Telephone	4,637	2,608
Travelling expenses	4,722	6,103
TOTAL EXPENSES	<hr/> 574,152	<hr/> 543,244
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	<hr/> 5,280	<hr/> (10,698)

This statement should be read in conjunction with the attached
compilation report of Families Australia Incorporated accounts

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