

**FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INC.**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2009-10**



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## **INTRODUCTION**

Families Australia is pleased to present its Annual Report for 2009-10. This is our ninth 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 2010; a report on Families Australia's performance during 2009-10 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 its 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 361 family and community sector organisations, including 28 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 two Families Australia National Orations since 2008;
- 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, 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 Families Australia's *Update*, *National Family News* and the Families Australia website ([www.familiesaustralia.org.au](http://www.familiesaustralia.org.au)).

The Board comprises up to 13 members, who offer 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 located 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 non-government sector.
4. Seeks to strengthen and expand itself as an organisation.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

2009-10 was another year of substantial achievement for Families Australia as it continued to work at the national level to enhance the wellbeing of Australia's families and children.

Building on the work done in previous years to advocate for, and negotiate, the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children, the past year saw Families Australia devote considerable energy to coordinating the views of the NGO sector through the Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children. This work helped to ensure that the Framework was well-grounded and likely to have the desired impact on the nation's child abuse and neglect situation.

The work of Families Australia and the Coalition also signified a strong wish to enhance working relationships with Government in the areas of policy development and implementation. In that vein, Families Australia was pleased to be among the initial signatories to the National Compact in March 2010.

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 Apology in November 2009 to the Forgotten Australians was momentous as, at last, the pain and suffering of Forgotten Australians was acknowledged at the nation's highest political level. Families Australia was, and remains, proud to be associated with the Alliance for Forgotten Australians and looks forward to continuing to assist this group.

The past year also saw Families Australia increase its public communication and representation work. Based on extensive consultations with the membership, Families Australia devised, and promoted, a well-crafted set of policy proposals for the 2010 Federal Election campaign. It was pleasing that specific proposals relating to better support for grandparents and kinship carers were adopted in the campaign by the Australian Labor Party. We look forward to the early implementation of these initiatives.



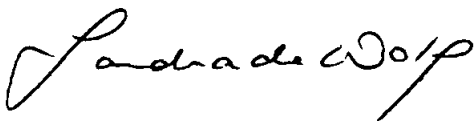
We were also pleased that Ms Christine Nixon APM, Chair of the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority, delivered the 2nd Families Australia Oration at Parliament House, Canberra. Her inspiring address highlighted many of the challenges faced by individuals, families and communities in recovering from natural disasters.

National Families Week, which was held in May 2010, was another important facet of Families Australia's work, with around 118,000 people participating in local events around the country to celebrate the vital role of families. The feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive. National Families Week continues to be highly valued in the community and amongst non-government organisations in forging deeper connections with the community, families and children.

Families Australia has been able to achieve these outcomes because of the support of its members, as well as the dedication of the Board and staff. In particular I wish to thank Brian Babington for his outstanding leadership and our very committed and capable staff team.

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 2009-10 Families Australia Annual Report to you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sandie de Wolf". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Sandie de Wolf AM

*Chair – Families Australia*

## **GOVERNANCE AND BOARD**

The Families Australia Board of Management in 2009-10 comprised:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NOMINATING ORGANISATION</b>
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
Ms Prue Warrilow	Member	Australian Community Children's Services
Mr Simon Schrapel	Member	Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia
Ms Jacqui Reed	Member	CREATE Foundation
Ms Jennie Hannan	Member	Family Relationship Services Australia
Mr Tony Stevenson	Member	Mission Australia
Ms Sharron Williams	Member	Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) (resigned 24 March 2010)
Mr Roderick Wright	Member	Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) (appointed 24 March 2010)
Dr Marie Leech	Member	Co-opted (12 December 2009)
Mr Paul Rajan	Member	Co-opted (12 December 2009)
Mr Mark Brooke	Member	Playgroup Australia (to 20 January 2010), then Co-opted (from 4 March 2010)

### **Board Meetings 2009-10**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>MEETING TYPE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>MEETING NUMBER FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>
6-7 August 2009	Face-to-face	Brisbane	1 of 2009-10
14 September 2009	Teleconference		2 of 2009-10
19 October 2009	Face-to-face	Canberra	3 of 2009-10
4-5 March 2010	Face-to-face	Melbourne	4 of 2009-10
27 May 2010	Teleconference		5 of 2009-10

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Families Australia's primary aim is to enhance family wellbeing through improved national policies and programs. As distinct from the work of many other types of organisations where results can perhaps be seen more tangibly and speedily, the success of such policy work can often be difficult to gauge. It was satisfying, therefore, to reflect on the past year when several nationally-significant outcomes were recorded which Families Australia, in concert with others, has been advancing.

Families Australia continued to play a leading role in relation to the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children, which was announced by COAG in April 2009. As the secretariat of the Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children, Families Australia continued to work energetically to coordinate the views of the NGO sector so that the implementation phase commenced with the best possible chances of success.

The Prime Minister's National Apology to the Forgotten Australians and Child Migrants in November 2009 marked a high point in terms of the campaign to acknowledge past wrongs perpetrated against this group of up to 500,000 children. 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 again ran a successful National Families Week, with around 118,000 adults and children participating in community-level events across the nation. This year's theme, 'The best start: supporting happy, healthy childhoods', was enthusiastically embraced by community organisations which ran hundreds of marvelous events.

We were delighted that policy ideas that Families Australia and Grandparents Australia had long been advocating regarding better support for grandparents and kinship carers were adopted in the 2010 Federal election campaign. We are looking forward to these initiatives being the first in a suite of measures to better support this vitally important group.

Our behind-the-scenes committee work with organisations such as 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 remains strong and highly productive.

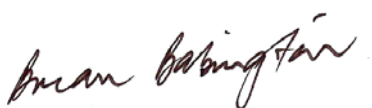
Financially, we ended the year in excellent shape. Families Australia continues to be financially viable because of the ongoing support of the Australian Government as well as the Families Australia members – we are most grateful to both.

Our membership numbers remain strong and the membership base continues to be diverse in terms of areas of activity and geography. Feedback from our members continues to be very positive about our advocacy work and member services, especially in the area of information dissemination.

In the coming year, Families Australia will continue to play leadership roles in implementing the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children and assisting the Alliance for Forgotten Australians. We will also be commencing an important Future Directions project, which will help to chart Families Australia's directions for the next decade. We are looking forward to working closely with the membership and other stakeholders in undertaking this work.

I wish to thank all our members and supporters most sincerely for their continued support – it is greatly appreciated. We strongly welcome your views about how we can further enhance our work in order to benefit families.

Finally, though not least, I wish to thank most sincerely the Chair, Board and all my colleagues in the secretariat - Jennifer Horsfield, Eris Harrison, Stella Conroy, Cassandra Inkley and Isabel Thornton - for their leadership, hard work and friendship.



Brian Babington

# **LIST OF MEMBER ORGANISATIONS**

As at 30 June 2010, there were 28 General and 333 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***

Adults Surviving Child Abuse  
Australian Association of Social Workers  
Australian Community Children's Services  
Australian Council for Adoption Inc.  
Australian Scholarships Group  
Australian Youth Affairs Coalition  
Barnardos  
CREATE Foundation  
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  
Parenting & Family Support Centre  
Playgroup Australia Inc.  
Relationships Australia National  
The Benevolent Society  
The Salvation Army Eastern Territory  
The Smith Family  
Volunteering Australia  
WISE Employment  
YMCA Australia

## **Associate Member Organisations**

Aboriginal Family Support Services  
ACT for Kids  
Agencies for South West Accommodation (ASWA) Inc  
Alice Springs Family Day Care  
Allison Crescent Child Care Centre  
Alunga Childcare Centre  
Anglican Counselling Service  
Anglicare Canberra & Goulburn  
Anglicare Diocese of Sydney  
Anglicare South Australia  
Anglicare Tasmania  
Anglicare Victoria  
Anglicare WA  
ASTERIA Services Inc.  
Aunties & Uncles Co-operative Family Project Ltd.  
Australian Family & Marriage Education (OZFAME)  
Australian Family Association WA  
Australian Institute of Family Studies  
Australian Nursing Federation  
Australian Society for Intercountry Aid for Children -  
NSW  
Australian Vietnamese Women's Association  
Ballarat Community Health Centre  
Bankstown Family Day Care Co-op Ltd  
Banyule City Council  
Barnawartha OSHC  
Bayside City Council Children's Services Co-Ordinator  
Bayswater Family Centre  
Belconnen Community Service  
Berry Street Victoria  
Bestchance Child Family Care  
Betania Christian Centre  
Bethany Community Support Inc  
Biraban Community Centre  
Blacktown Family Relationship Centre  
Boonah & District Family Day Care  
Bravehearts Inc.  
Brisbane Youth Service  
Brotherhood of St Laurence  
Brotherhood of St Laurence Family Day Care  
Building Blocks  
Bundaberg Child & Family Centre  
Burnie OSHC  
C & K Sthn S.E. Qld Family Day Care  
Ca.F.E Enfield Children's Centre  
Cabonne Family Links  
Caboolture Area Youth Service Inc  
Cairns Base Hospital - Social Work Dept  
Caldarra Ave CCC  
Camcare  
Camden Council  
Campbelltown Family Relationships Centre  
Canberra Men's Centre  
Cape/Gulf Remote Area Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Child Care (RAATSICC) Advisory Association  
Careforce Community Service  
Carers Australia  
Caroline Chisholm Society  
Centacare  
Centacare Adelaide  
Centacare Catholic Family Services  
Centacare Central Coast  
Centacare Tasmania  
Central Coast Family Support Service  
Central Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Child Care  
Agency Inc  
Centre for Community Child Health, MCRI

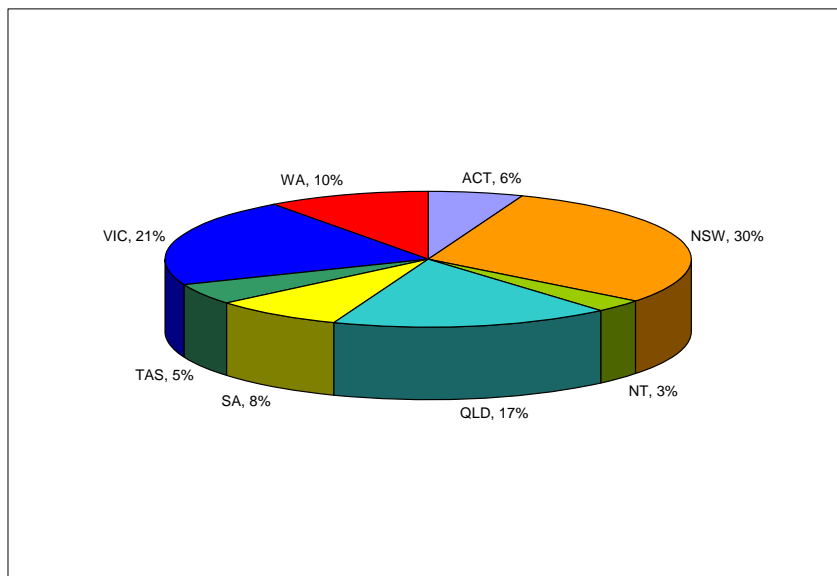
Cerebral Palsy Support Network  
Chertsey Schools as Community Centres  
Child and Family Services Ballarat  
Child and Family Services Wyong Shire  
Child and Family Welfare Directorate  
Child Australia  
Child Care Links - Uniting Care Wesley Pt Adelaide  
Child Care NSW  
Children with Disability Australia  
Children's Protection Society  
Children's Services Support Unit (Western Australia) Inc  
Chrysalis Support Services  
Churches of Christ Care  
City of Greater Geelong  
City of Kingston  
CLAN WA  
Clarence Outside School Hours Care  
Coastwide Child & Family Services  
Colony 47  
Communicare Inc  
Communities @ Work  
Community Activities Lake Macquarie  
Community Living Association  
Community Programs Inc  
Community Services Australia  
Community Services Tablelands  
Community Vision  
Connect Child & Family Services Inc  
Connections UnitingCare  
CRC  
Darwin Skills Development Scheme  
Debbie Boxall Family Day Care  
Devonport City Council  
Doncaster Community Care and Counselling Centre  
Drummond Street Relationship Centre  
Early Childhood Management Services  
Early Intervention Family Services  
East Country Family Day Care  
Eastern Region Family Day Care Scheme  
Eltham East OSHC  
ESCARE Inc  
FAB Program - Wesley Mission  
FaHCSIA - South Australia State Office  
Fairfield City Council - Families NSW Facilitation Project  
Families at Work  
Family Advocacy Inc  
Family Based Care Association North West Inc  
Family Day Care Association Queensland  
Family Day Care Wangaratta  
Family Relationship Centre  
Family Services City of Greater Geelong  
FamilyCare  
Fleurieu Families - Alexandrina Council  
Fleurieu Regional Community Services Advisory  
Committee  
Fremantle Multicultural Centre  
Gap Community Child Care Centre  
Gateway Community Health  
George St Neighbourhood Centre  
Geraldton Family and Youth Support Service  
Glastonbury Child and Family Services  
Glenhaven Family Care Inc  
Glenorchy Action Interagency Network  
Goldbridge Rehabilitation Services Inc.  
Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service  
Goulburn Family Support Service  
Grandparents for Grandchildren

Hanover Welfare Services  
 Hawkesbury Family Day Care  
 Hinchinbrook Family Day Care  
 Holdsworth Street Community Centre  
 Holroyd City Council  
 Homestart National Inc  
 Huon Valley Children's Services  
 IFSU  
 Inala Youth Service  
 Integrated Family & Youth Service Inc  
 Intereach NSW Inc  
 John Paul Centre for Family and Life  
 Joondalup Early Learning Centre  
 Kentish Family Day Care  
 Kids Under Cover  
 Kildonan UnitingCare  
 Kingston East Neighbourhood Group Inc  
 Kogarah Community Services Inc.  
 KU Children's Services Resource Centre  
 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  
 Lisa Lodge  
 Lismore District Family Day Care Inc  
 Local Information Network Karratha Inc.  
 Longreach & Districts Childcare & Family Support Service  
 Lorikeet Child Care Centre St George Hospital  
 Lower Mountains Family Support Service  
 Lutheran Community Care  
 Mackay Children's Support Programs Inc  
 MacKillop Family Services  
 Mai Wel Ltd  
 Mareeba Information and Support Centre  
 Marian Centre  
 Maroochy Neighbourhood Centre, Family Support Program  
 Martin Street Community Child Care Centre  
 Marymead Child & Family Centre  
 McCarthy Catholic College  
 Meerilinga Young Children's Foundation  
 Melbourne Citymission  
 Men's Advisory Network  
 Mensheds Pty Ltd  
 MercyCare  
 Micah Projects Inc  
 Midson Road Child Care Centre  
 Miller Pathways  
 Millmerran Community Support Service  
 Mirabel Foundation Inc  
 Miriam High Special Needs Centre  
 Mission Australia  
 Monaro Family Support Service  
 Mookai Rosie  
 Mornington Peninsula Shire  
 Murwillumbah Community Centre  
 Nai-Beguta Agama Corporation  
 Nambour Good Beginnings  
 Napier Street Children and Family Resource Centre  
 Narrabri & District Community Aid Service  
 NE & DA Gould Family Day Care  
 Nerang Neighbourhood Centre Inc  
 Newcastle Family Support Services  
 Noah's Ark - Learning and Development  
 North Gold Coast Early Years Centre  
 North Queensland Combined Womens Services Inc

Northern Illawarra Family Day Care  
 Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission  
 Norwest Child Care Centre  
 Nowra Family Relationship Centre  
 NSW Family Services  
 NuSkills Learning and Development  
 Office For Children, Youth and Family Support  
 Ovens and King Community Health Service  
 Oz Child  
 Padbury Education & Child Care Centre  
 Paddington Children's Centre  
 Paediatrics & Child Health Division - RACP  
 ParentLine  
 Parkerville Children & Youth Care  
 Peninsula Community Legal Centre  
 People with Disability Australia  
 Pilar's Place Family Day Care  
 Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Association Inc  
 Playgroup WA Inc  
 Playworks - Cessnock Public School  
 Positive Solutions  
 Possum Place Child Care Centre  
 Public Works  
 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  
 Riverlinks Child Care Centre  
 Roberta Jull Family Day Care Scheme  
 Royal Childrens Hospital Family Advisory Council  
 Rural Health Team  
 SA Career Consultants  
 Salvation Army Counselling Service  
 Samaritans Foundation  
 Save the Children Australia - Queensland Division  
 School of Arts and Social Sciences  
 School of Early Childhood QUT  
 SDN Children's Services Inc  
 SHINE for Kids  
 Shoalhaven Community Preschool  
 Siblings Australia  
 SIDS and Kids WA  
 SMB Children's Centre  
 Smith St Child Care Centre  
 Somerville Community Service  
 South East Region Migrant Resource Centre  
 Southside Community Services Inc  
 Spectrum Migrant Resource Centre  
 Spiritus Care Services  
 Spiritus Tracc Strengthening Families Service  
 St Luke's Anglicare  
 Starick Services Inc  
 Stepfamilies Australia  
 Sydney Children's Hospital  
 Tamworth Family Support Service  
 Tandem  
 Tangentyere Council  
 Tascare Society for Children  
 Tasmanian Early Years Foundation  
 The Early Years Parenting Centre - Port Augusta Hospital  
 The Hills Community Aid & Information Service  
 The Hills Shire Council  
 The Infants Home Child & Family Services  
 The Salvation Army Community Services  
 The Salvation Army Crossroads West  
 The Salvation Army Eastcare  
 The Salvation Army Southern Territory

Toowoomba Youthservice  
 Top Ryde Early Learning  
 Travellers Aid Australia  
 Trinity Family Support Network  
 Ulladulla & Districts Community Resources Centre  
 Uniting Care Wesley  
 Uniting Care Wesley Adelaide - Homelink SA  
 UnitingCare Wesley Port Pirie  
 University of Newcastle, School of Health Sciences  
 VACRO  
 Wagga Wagga Family Relationship Centre  
 Wanslea Family Services  
 Warlga Ngurra Women's and Childrens Refuge  
 Warwick Farm Children's Centre  
 Western Australian Association of Toy Libraries  
 Whyalla Counselling Service  
 Wide Bay Volunteers  
 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  
 Yaandina Family Centre Inc  
 YKids Childcare Centre YWCA NSW  
 YMCA of Ararat  
 YMCA of Ballarat  
 YMCA of Bendigo  
 YMCA of Brisbane  
 YMCA of Broken Hill  
 YMCA of Bundaberg

YMCA of Cairns  
 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 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  
 Your Defence  
 Youth Involvement Council  
 Youth off the Streets Ltd.  
 YWCA NSW



Families Australia  
 Membership by State/Territory as at 30 June 2010



# **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 non-government sector.
4. Strengthening and expanding the organisation.

The 2009-10 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**

### **Helping to improve national policies for children and young people**

- Families Australia continued to play a pivotal role in helping to chart directions for, and in helping to implement, the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020.
- In our role as the secretariat of the Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children, we took a leadership role in a multitude of formal and informal discussions with Federal and State/Territory Governments to help chart sound directions under the National Framework's first three-year action plan.
- Our many activities included participation in several meetings of the National Framework Implementation Working Group and the Common Assessment, Referral and Support Taskforce.

#### **Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children**

Families Australia continued to act as the secretariat for the Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children in 2009-10. The Coalition comprises around 100 member organisations and prominent academics. It aims to bring a strong and united voice to the implementation of the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children.

Key activities for Families Australia as the Coalition secretariat in 2009-10 were: participation in meetings of the National Framework Implementation Working Group (comprising Government and NGO representatives); convening the annual meeting of Coalition members in Melbourne in May 2010; convening meetings of the Coalition steering group; participating in meetings with Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon. Jenny Macklin MP, including in relation to national standards for out-of-home care; and issuing regular e-Bulletins to Coalition members and other stakeholders about Framework developments.

### **Advancing the cause of Forgotten Australians**

- Families Australia continued 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 for most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century 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.
- With advice provided by Families Australia, the Alliance for Forgotten Australians played a key role in the development and delivery of the National Apology to the Forgotten Australians which was issued by (then) Prime Minister, the Hon. Kevin Rudd MP, in November 2009.

#### **Alliance for Forgotten Australians**

Key actions taken by Families Australia on behalf of AFA included: continued promotion and distribution of the booklet on Forgotten Australians; 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.

### **Advancing policy proposals to enhance family wellbeing**

- Following extensive consultations with Families Australia members, Families Australia advanced a suite of policy proposals for the 2010 Federal Election which were presented to all Federal politicians and political parties. The proposals included calls for: an expansion of funding for the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children, family support programs and all Federal Government 'Closing the Gap' programs; Federal Government funding to cover any wages gap resulting from the Pay Equity Test Case 2010; the establishment of parenting programs for young parents; free TAFE or university training for young care leavers; additional support services to Forgotten Australians; attention to the needs of siblings of children or young people who have a disability or chronic illness; and the establishment of a program which identifies the needs of, and provides targeted support for, children and families of offenders.
- Amongst our 2010 family policy initiatives, Families Australia and Grandparents Australia advocated for a National Plan of Action for Grandparents and Kinship Carers through a letter writing campaign to all Federal MPs, a meeting with the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, the Hon. Jenny Macklin MP, and meetings with other political leaders and their advisers. In

conjunction with Grandparents Australia, we met Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General of Australia, in September 2009 to brief her on grandparent and kinship care issues.

- Families Australia was pleased to be one of 20 initial signatories to the National Compact between the Federal Government and the NGO sector. Families Australia's Chair, Sandie de Wolf AM (photograph at right), signed the Compact at a special event at Parliament House, Canberra, on 17 March 2010.



- The Compact reflects the commitment of the Federal Government and the NGO sector to finding new and better ways to work together. In many ways, Families Australia's role with the Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children exemplifies Families Australia's commitment to greater collaboration between government and the NGO sector to advance important shared causes.

### **Informing the public and key decision-makers**

- Compared with previous years, we markedly increased and diversified our public communication through the media and by means of speeches on a wide range of family and child related topics.
- Significant media coverage was obtained in relation to issues such as grandparent and other kinship care, child protection, and Forgotten Australians. Speeches on family and children's issues were delivered to a wide range of audiences, including to: the NSW Family Services AGM; the Association of Children's Welfare Agencies (NSW) AGM; the Asia-Pacific Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect; the Australian Children's Community Services (ACCS) Conference; and the Gladstone Region Communities for Children Professional Forum.
- On 19 October 2009, the second Families Australia Oration was delivered at Parliament House, Canberra, by Ms Christine Nixon APM, Chair, Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recovery Authority. The inaugural Oration was delivered in

October 2008 by the Governor-General of Australia, Her Excellency, Ms Quentin Bryce AC.

- Families Australia participated actively in a range of Federal Government forums, including on: the Family Support Program (consultations with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs); the Centrelink Community Consultation Committee; and the Medicare Community Consultative Group.

## **2. PROMOTING THE IMPORTANCE AND NEEDS OF FAMILIES**

### **National Families Week**

- Families Australia facilitated and supported the participation of approximately 118,000 people in the 8<sup>th</sup> National Families Week which was held between 15 and 21 May 2010.
- The theme for National Families Week 2010 was “*The best start: supporting happy, healthy childhoods*”. As in past years, Families Australia managed National Families Week on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and with the support of Centrelink.

#### **National Families Week 2010**

The 8<sup>th</sup> National Families Week was held between 15 and 21 May 2010. More than 900 events were organised by 600 community, business, government and other service organisations.

The aim of National Families Week 2010 was to promote the positive development and wellbeing of all children in the early years, with a focus on vulnerable children, through the provision of early intervention, prevention and capacity-building initiatives to support and strengthen Australian families.

## **3. ACTING AS A TWO-WAY CONDUIT FOR INFORMATION TO AND FROM THE NON-GOVERNMENT SECTOR**

### **Information, consultation and engagement**

- We issued the Winter 2009, Summer 2009-10 and Autumn 2010 issues of *Update* to Families Australia members, all Federal MPs/Senators and other key stakeholders; and monthly issues of *National Family News* (except January 2010). All publications were available publicly on the Families Australia website.



- Families Australia conducted a Members' survey in May 2010 in addition to Member forums in Brisbane (August 2009) and Canberra (October 2009). All Families Australia Members were invited to participate in teleconferences in early 2010 to help develop policy proposals for the 2010 Federal Election.
- We also provided Members with numerous ad hoc emails which provided information about developments such as Australian Government consultations on work and family, the National Compact, and upcoming conferences.
- Opportunities were provided to Members to showcase their services, through the Members' forums and policy teleconferences as well as through inclusion of information in Update and via emails to all Members about conferences, reports and other information from individual Members

#### **Participation in Australian Government forums**

- Families Australia continued to be an active participant in Federal Government agency forums, such as the Medicare Consumer Consultative Group and the Centrelink Participation Reference Group. We also participated on the National Assessment Panel for the Australian Government's Investing in Community Education and Training Grants Program.

#### **4. STRENGTHENING AND EXPANDING THE ORGANISATION**

- 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.
- A Board survey was conducted in April-May 2010 which provided valuable feedback and guidance about Board performance and governance issues.
- Families Australia again obtained an unqualified external audit report in relation to the 2009-10 accounts.
- We provided the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs with audited acquittals and other

required progress reports on time for the National Families Week, Forgotten Australians and National Secretariat Program contracts.

- Families Australia further strengthened its management systems, including a comprehensive internal review of its administrative procedures, making improvements in areas such as confidential record-keeping.
- We maintained a network 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 in 2009.

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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 2010.

**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
Anne McLeish OAM (Secretary)	Roderick Wright (appointed 24 March 2010)
Marie Leech	Mark Brooke
Paul Rajan	Simon Schrapel
Prue Warrilow	Tony Stevenson
Sharron Williams (resigned 24 March 2010)	

**Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the association during the period were to represent the interests of families in Australia.

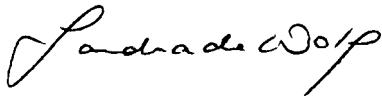
**Significant Changes**

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 \$23,938 (2009 Profit of \$5,280).

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



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Sandie de Wolf AM  
Chair

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010



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Anne McLeish OAM  
Secretary

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010

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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

	Note	2010 \$	2009 \$
Revenue	2	627,165	579,432
Administration Costs		(121,094)	(94,781)
Conference and seminar costs		(3,348)	(35,180)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	3	(6,346)	(6,712)
Employee benefits expense		(301,888)	(273,660)
Finance costs	3	(3,804)	(6,117)
Rent		(28,185)	(32,603)
Publication costs		(75,809)	(61,462)
Other expenses		(62,753)	(63,637)
Surplus before income tax		23,938	5,280
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Surplus attributable to members of the entity</b>		<b>23,938</b>	<b>5,280</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of financial assets		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>23,938</b>	<b>5,280</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to members</b>		<b>23,938</b>	<b>5,280</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	Note	2010 \$	2009 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	425,055	944,130
Trade and other receivables	7	1,194	12,314
Other current assets	8	22,711	8,966
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		448,960	965,410
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	9	21,412	17,396
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		21,412	17,396
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		470,372	982,806
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	10	286,698	842,079
Borrowings	11	4,488	12,754
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		291,186	854,833
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	10	14,602	4,691
Borrowings	11	17,365	-
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		31,967	4,691
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		323,153	859,524
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		147,219	123,282
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained earnings		147,219	123,282
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		147,219	123,282

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

	Retained Earnings	Financial Assets	Total
		Reserve	
	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2008</b>	118,002	-	118,002
Surplus attributable to equity shareholders	5,280	-	5,280
Revaluation Increment	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2009</b>	123,282	-	123,283
Surplus attributable to equity shareholders	23,938	-	23,938
Revaluation increment / (decrement)	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2010</b>	147,219	-	147,219

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

	Note	2010 \$	2009 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Receipts from customers and operating grants		623,363	1,400,217
Payment to suppliers and employees		(1,091,751)	(577,049)
Interest received		14,922	4,665
GST Recovered/(Paid)		(51,050)	(18,743)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<b>16</b>	(504,516)	(809,090)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Proceeds from sale of other non current assets		-	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(23,658)	-
Net cash used in investing activities		(23,658)	-
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Proceeds from borrowings		9,099	(1,660)
Net cash used in financing activities		9,099	(1,660)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(519,075)	807,430
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		944,130	136,700
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	<b>6</b>	425,055	944,130

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**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:

<b>Class of Fixed Asset</b>	<b>Depreciation Rate</b>	<b>Depreciation Basis</b>
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 (i.e. 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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**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**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.

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<b>NOTE 2: REVENUE</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Operating activities		
— Subsidies and Grant	567,271	518,276
— Member subscriptions	17,548	18,102
— Other Operating Revenue	27,424	38,389
— Interest received	14,922	4,665
	<u>627,165</u>	<u>579,432</u>

**NOTE 3: PROFIT**

**Expenses**

a. Depreciation of non current assets:		
- Computer Equipment	711	2,062
- Motor Vehicles	5,151	4,166
- Office Equipment	484	484
Total depreciation	<u>6,346</u>	<u>6,712</u>
b. Finance Costs:		
- Hire Purchase Charges	3,804	6,117

**NOTE 4: AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

Auditing or reviewing financial reports	8,550	7,132
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**NOTE 5: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION**

	<b>Short-term Benefit</b>	<b>Post-employment Benefit</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>2010</b>			
Total compensation	140,300	-	140,300
<b>2009</b>			
Total compensation	<u>131,387</u>	-	<u>131,387</u>

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**NOTE 6: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Cash at bank	424,840	944,062
Cash on hand	215	68
	425,055	944,130

The effective interest rate on short-term bank deposits was 3.35% (2009: 2.8%).

**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	425,055	944,130
	425,055	944,130

**NOTE 7: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

**CURRENT**

Trade debtors	1,194	12,314
Provision for doubtful debts	-	-
	1,194	12,314

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 2010 (2009: 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 7. 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 \$	
<b>2010</b>							
Subscriptions receivable	935	-	55	55	-	825	-
Other receivables	259	-	-	-	-	259	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>-</b>
	Gross amount \$	Past due and impaired \$	Past due but not impaired				Within initial trade terms \$
			Days (overdue)				
			< 30 \$	31–60 \$	61–90 \$	> 90 \$	
<b>2009</b>							
Subscriptions receivable	55	-	-	-	-	55	-
Other receivables	12,259	-	12,000	-	-	259	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,314</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>-</b>

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**                      **2010**                      **2009**  
\$                                      \$

**Financial assets classified as loans and receivables**

Trade and other receivables

- Total current	17	1,194	12,314
		<u>1,194</u>	<u>12,314</u>

*Collateral pledged*

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

**NOTE 8: OTHER CURRENT ASSETS**

Prepayments	12,960	2,682
Deposit Bond	6,284	6,284
Others	3,467	-
	<u>22,711</u>	<u>8,966</u>

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**NOTE 9: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
<b>Computer Equipment</b>		
At cost	8,932	8,932
Accumulated depreciation	(7,487)	(6,776)
	1,445	2,156
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>		
At cost	23,658	28,160
Accumulated depreciation	(4,098)	(13,811)
	19,560	14,349
<b>Office equipment</b>		
At cost	8,722	8,722
Accumulated depreciation	(8,315)	(7,831)
	407	891
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	21,412	17,396

**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
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>2009</b>				
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
<b>2010</b>				
Balance at the beginning of year	2,156	14,349	891	17,396
Additions	-	23,658	-	23,658
Disposals	-	(13,296)	-	(13,296)
Depreciation expense	(711)	(5,151)	(484)	(6,346)
Carrying amount at the end of year	1,445	19,560	407	21,412

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<b>NOTE 10: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Unsecured liabilities:			
Trade payables		-	630
Sundry accruals and payables	10a	53,698	111,449
Grant Funding in Advance		233,000	730,000
		<u>286,698</u>	<u>842,079</u>
<b>NON CURRENT</b>			
Unsecured liabilities:			
Sundry accruals and payables	10a	<u>14,602</u>	<u>4,691</u>
		14,602	4,691
10a Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables			
Trade and other payables:			
- Total current		286,698	842,079
- Total non current		14,602	4,691
		<u>301,300</u>	<u>846,770</u>
Less: Grants received in advance		(233,000)	(730,000)
Less: Leave entitlements		(34,267)	(20,468)
Financial liabilities as trade and other payables	17	<u>34,033</u>	<u>96,302</u>
<b>NOTE 11: FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Lease liability	11a	4,488	12,754
<b>NON CURRENT</b>			
Lease liability	11a	17,365	-
11a Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as borrowings	17	<u>21,853</u>	<u>12,754</u>



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<b>NOTE 12: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>12a. Finance Lease Commitments</b>			
Payable — minimum lease payments			
— Not later than 12 months		6,981	14,695
— Between 12 months and 5 years		19,863	-
— Greater than 5 years		-	-
Minimum lease payments		<u>26,844</u>	<u>14,695</u>
Less future finance charges		<u>(4,991)</u>	<u>(1,941)</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	11	<u>21,853</u>	<u>12,754</u>

The motor vehicle lease is a non-cancellable lease with a three-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		33,909	35,762
— Between 12 months and 5 years		42,386	71,524
— Greater than 5 years		-	-
		<u>76,295</u>	<u>107,286</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

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Related party transactions during the year amounted to:	1,440	1,440

**NOTE 16: CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

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

Profit after income tax	23,938	5,280
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Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities:

Non-cash flows in profit

— Depreciation	6,346	6,712
— Loss on disposal of non current assets	356	-

Changes in assets and liabilities:

— (Increase)/decrease in trade and term debtors	11,120	(1,436)
— Net (gain)/ loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	2,030
— (Increase)/decrease in other current assets	(13,745)	449
— Increase/(decrease) in accruals and payables	(49,330)	61,999
— Increase/(decrease) in unearned income	(497,000)	730,000
— Increase/(decrease) in provisions	13,799	4,056
	(504,516)	809,090

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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	2010 \$	2009 \$
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	425,055	944,130
Loans and receivables	7	1,194	12,314
		426,249	956,444
<b>Financial liabilities</b>			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost:			
- trade and other payables	10a	34,033	96,302
- borrowings	11a	21,853	12,754
		55,886	109,056

**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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**NOTE 17: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

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*

	<b>Within 1 Year</b>		<b>1 to 5 Years</b>		<b>Over 5 Years</b>		<b>Total</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Financial liabilities due for payment</b>								
Trade and other payables (excluding est. annual leave and grants receivable in advance)	34,033	96,302	-	-	-	-	34,033	96,302
Finance lease liabilities	6,981	14,695	19,863	-	-	-	26,844	14,695
<b>Total contractual outflows</b>	<b>41,014</b>	<b>110,997</b>	<b>19,863</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,877</b>	<b>110,997</b>
<b>Total expected outflows</b>	<b>41,014</b>	<b>110,997</b>	<b>19,863</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,877</b>	<b>110,997</b>
<b>Financial assets — cash flows realisable</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	425,055	944,130	-	-	-	-	425,055	944,130
Trade and other receivables	1,194	12,314	-	-	-	-	1,194	12,314
Available-for-sale investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total anticipated inflows</b>	<b>426,249</b>	<b>956,444</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>426,249</b>	<b>956,444</b>
<b>Net (outflow)/inflow on financial instruments</b>	<b>385,235</b>	<b>845,447</b>	<b>(19,863)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>365,372</b>	<b>845,447</b>

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**NOTE 17: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

*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	2010		2009	
			Net Carrying Value	Net Fair Value	Net Carrying Value	Net Fair Value
			\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Financial assets</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents		(i)	425,055	944,130	944,130	944,130
Trade and other receivables		(i)	1,194	12,314	12,314	12,314
Investments — available for sale		(ii)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total financial assets</b>			<b>426,249</b>	<b>956,444</b>	<b>956,444</b>	<b>956,444</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>						
Trade and other payables		(i)	34,033	34,033	34,303	34,303
Lease liability		(iii)	26,844	26,844	14,414	14,414
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>			<b>60,877</b>	<b>60,877</b>	<b>48,717</b>	<b>48,717</b>

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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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 18: ASSOCIATION DETAILS**

Principal place of business is:

Families Australia Incorporated  
Suite 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 representation and provision of policy advice on behalf of the non-government family sector throughout Australia.

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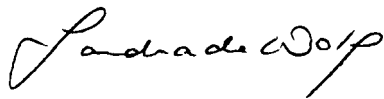
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**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 23 to 45

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Families Australia Incorporated as at 30 June 2010 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:



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Sandie de Wolf AM  
Chair

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010



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Anne McLeish OAM  
Secretary

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010



**FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED  
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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 statement of financial position as at 30 June 2010 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows 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 2010 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 2010 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: 5.10.2010.

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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 2010. 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

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Ross Di Bartolo  
Partner

Dated: 5.10.2010.

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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Interest	14,921	4,665
Membership subscriptions	17,548	18,102
Other operating revenue	27,425	38,389
Subsidies and grants	567,271	518,276
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>627,165</b>	<b>579,432</b>
<b>LESS EXPENSES</b>		
Administration costs	121,095	94,782
Advertising	61,952	50,765
Annual leave	3,888	1,950
Audit fees	8,550	7,132
Bank Charges	451	407
Cleaning	2,112	1,801
Conference and seminar costs	3,348	35,180
Depreciation	6,346	6,712
Electricity	1,149	1,124
Fringe Benefit Tax	2,039	2,899
Hire purchase charges	-	6,117
Insurance	5,758	5,254
Long Service Leave	9,911	2,106
Loss on disposal of non current assets	356	2,030
Magazines, journals and periodicals	6,984	4,057
Motor vehicles expenses	10,814	7,298
Office expenses	520	7,253
Operating expenses	1,532	3,096

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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Postage	16,692	14,917
Printing and stationery	6,873	6,641
Recruitment costs	288	-
Rent	28,185	32,604
Repairs and maintenance	302	1,063
Salaries and wages	260,976	246,464
Staff training and welfare	2,790	2,252
Superannuation	24,323	20,889
Telephone	5,509	4,637
Travelling expenses	10,484	4,722
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>603,227</b>	<b>574,152</b>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>23,938</b>	<b>5,280</b>

## Notes



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