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Promoting the interests of families

2014



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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

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Families Australia acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. Families Australia pays its respects to them and their cultures, and to their elders past, present and future.

# About Families Australia

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## Our story

Established in 2001, Families Australia is a national, member-based, not-for-profit organisation that strives to improve the wellbeing of families and children.

With around 750 organisational and individual members around Australia, Families Australia has a particular focus on seeking policy solutions to meet the needs of the most vulnerable and marginalised families and individuals.

In 2007, Families Australia established and continues to coordinate the Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children, a grouping of over 150 non-government organisations that provide services to children, young people and families on the ground across Australia, as well as key advocates and researchers in the areas of child protection and children's wellbeing.

Since 2007, Families Australia has also assisted the Alliance for Forgotten Australians in their campaign to gain greater recognition and support for Forgotten Australians, a group of around 500,000 people who, as children, were placed in institutions in Australia in the twentieth century.

Families Australia emphasises its role as a trusted partner to the community, government and academia.

Families Australia's achievements to date have been made possible by the generous support of many individuals and organisations, including its member organisations and successive Australian Governments.

## Our vision

Australian families, in all their diversity, enjoy the greatest possible wellbeing.

## Our mission

Families Australia is a national, member-based, not-for-profit organisation that strives to improve the wellbeing of all Australian families by initiating, inspiring, informing and influencing national public policy debates.

Families Australia works to promote a national policy environment in which the needs and interests of families, especially the most vulnerable and marginalised, are heard and addressed.

## Our identity and values

Families Australia is an organisation that:

- is a national leader that is highly respected for the quality and independence of its work
- strives to foster a national public policy environment in which family-related issues and the family sector can prosper
- informs and influences at the highest government levels
- works closely with its members in developing policy
- strongly advocates for the diversity and value of families
- proactively supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and organisations
- takes a broad and inclusive approach and is practical, constructive and collaborative, and
- is governed and managed to the highest standards.

## From the Chairperson

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In the 2014 financial year Families Australia made further important strides to advance the wellbeing of families, especially those experiencing the greatest vulnerability.

I wish, first and foremost, to thank our many supporters, particularly Families Australia members and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

I would like to share some of Families Australia's important achievements over the past year. It was particularly gratifying to see so many family and community sector workers gather at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Child Aware Approaches Conference to share their knowledge and wisdom about working with children and families who face challenging times.



Families Australia continued to play a leading role in the implementation of the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020, including through its facilitation of the Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children.

National Families Week was a great success. This year more people than ever participated in local events to celebrate the vital role played by families in Australian society.

Families Australia continued to assist the Alliance for Forgotten Australians (AFA) in their journey to establish their own independent association. Families Australia commenced work with AFA six years ago to assist them to advocate at the national level for greater recognition of the needs and interests of Forgotten Australians—a group of up to 500,000 people who were placed in institutions in Australia in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

At the end of FY2014, with assistance from Families Australia, AFA was on the threshold of becoming a separate incorporated body. Families Australia is enormously proud to have supported AFA over these years and looks forward to further assisting the group in the future.

Another important focus for Families Australia was to help advance Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues at the national level. As signalled in our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), we strongly emphasised issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and children, working in close partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations, such as the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care and the Healing Foundation. We highlighted issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in a number of ways, in particular, through the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020 and the Child Aware Approaches Conference.

It was pleasing that Families Australia's membership base also grew substantially during the year. With a membership approaching 750, it was encouraging to see the increased diversity of the Families Australia membership.

Finally, I wish to thank the Families Australia Board and staff. It was again a great pleasure to work with such dedicated people, all of whom hold dear the vision of advancing the needs and interests of Australian families, in all their diversity, especially the most vulnerable and marginalised. I want to thank the Board, our CEO Brian Babington and his team for their outstanding work over the past year.

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Prue Warrilow

## From the Chief Executive Officer

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2013-14 marked another highly successful year for Families Australia in terms of promoting the needs and interests of Australia's families in all their diversity. I wish most sincerely to thank Families Australia's General and Associate Members, the Australian Government, and the Families Australia Board and staff for all their support and encouragement.

Amongst Families Australia's key achievements was the convening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Child Aware Approaches Conference. Opened by the Minister for Social Services, the Hon. Kevin Andrews MP, the conference showcased numerous innovative child and family practices. During the conference, the Families Australia Oration was delivered by the Presiding Commissioner of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, His Honour Justice Peter McClellan AM.



At a time of transition at the Federal political level, Families Australia—particularly in its role as convenor of the Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children—continued to build support amongst all major political parties for the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020. We were pleased that the Minister for Social Services, the Hon. Kevin Andrews MP, indicated his and the Federal Government's ongoing support for the National Framework.

The past year saw Families Australia embark on the Child Aware Local Initiative, a key element of the National Framework under which we will work alongside local communities to build their local plans of action to promote child safety and wellbeing. We were delighted to work in partnership with the Australian Centre for Child Protection at the University of South Australia in this ground-breaking work.

2013-14 was also significant in terms of Families Australia's work in support of the Alliance for Forgotten Australians (AFA). For the past six years, Families Australia has provided policy and other support to this group, which is composed of survivors of abuse in institutions in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. This year, important strides were made to assist AFA in its journey toward becoming a separate legal entity, as well as to further build the group's national profile, including through submissions to Parliament and other public awareness raising activities.

It was gratifying to see a record number of people participating in National Families Week events in May 2014. An estimated 130,000 people participated in many hundreds of events around the country to celebrate the vital role that family plays in our society. National Families Week 2014 also marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations International Year of the Family. National Families Week was officially launched at an event in Canberra by the Hon. Kevin Andrews MP, in conjunction with the UN Information Office.

Families Australia's membership reached a record level of 739 at the end of the year. We worked to strengthen links with all members, including through policy forums in capital cities and more frequent and diverse electronic publications. A key outcome of meetings with members was that Families Australia developed a well-crafted set of policy recommendations which were presented to all major political parties in the run-up to the 2013 Federal Election. We will keep strengthening two-way engagement with members. Financially, Families Australia attained strong levels of income and cash reserve. Another unqualified external audit report was received on Families Australia's financial statements.

All of us at Families Australia are looking forward to the year ahead as we continue to pursue, with vigour, Families Australia's goal of advancing family wellbeing.

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

Brian Babington

# Our year at a glance

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## In 2013-14, Families Australia:

- **Convened** the second annual Child Aware Approaches Conference and the fifth Families Australia Oration, both of which advanced understanding about the wellbeing and safety of Australia's children.
- **Reached** a record number of people (over 130,000) with its message about the vital role of family through National Families Week.
- **Deepened** engagement with its members through Policy Forums and e-publications, especially in the lead-up to the 2013 Federal Election.
- **Continued to play a leading role** in implementing and monitoring the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020.
- **Promoted** the Forgotten Australian cause by advising the Federal Government on services for Forgotten Australians.
- **Grew its membership** base from 584 members to a record 739—a 26 per cent increase.



Above: His Honour Justice Peter McClellan AM, Chair of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, delivering the Families Australia Oration, 31 March 2014, Melbourne

# Our members and national network

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As at 30 June 2014, Families Australia had 739 members, comprising: three Founding Members; 22 General Members; and 714 Associate Members. The Founding and General Members are listed below.

## Founding Members

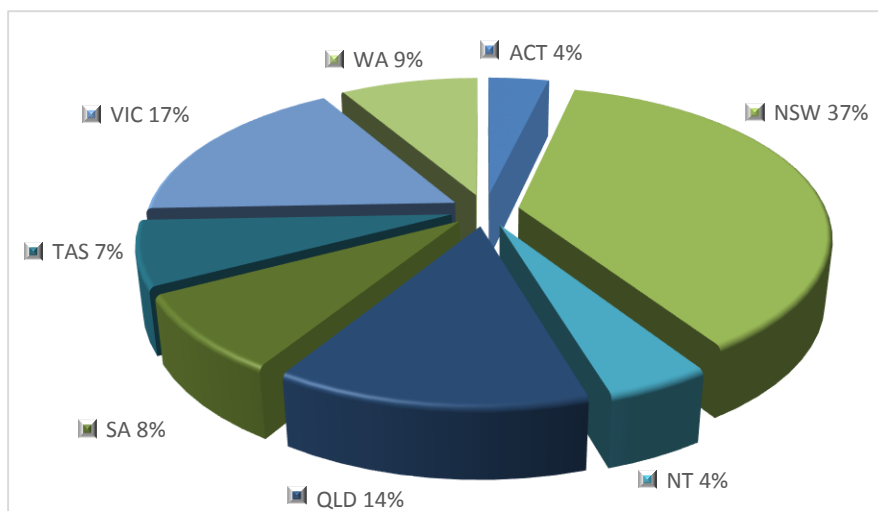
- Australian Foster Care Association (AFCA)
- Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia (CAFWAA)
- The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC)

## General Members

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation
- Adults Surviving Child Abuse
- Anglicare Australia
- Australian Association of Social Workers
- Australian Community Children's Services
- Australian Council on Children and the Media
- Barnardos
- CREATE Foundation
- Family Inclusion Network Australia Inc.
- Good Beginnings Australia
- Grandparents Australia Inc.
- Mission Australia
- NAPCAN
- Parenting & Family Support Centre
- Playgroup Australia
- Relationships Australia National
- The Benevolent Society
- The Salvation Army Eastern Territory
- The Smith Family
- UnitingCare Australia
- WISE Employment
- YMCA Australia

Families Australia's 714 Associate Members cover a diverse range of organisations from large State organisations to local family day care providers. Every State and Territory of Australia is represented by Families Australia Associate Members.

**Associate Members by State and Territory**





# Our performance

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## Strategic settings

To advance Families Australia's vision and mission, and other Constitutional requirements, the Families Australia Board—working in close consultation with the secretariat—establishes a three-year Strategic Plan.

The Families Australia Board determined four key Strategic Plan objectives for 2012-15:

1. improve the quality of national policies and programs relating to families through the promotion of innovative policy and practices
2. promote the importance and needs of families to the Australian community at large
3. further strengthen engagement with Members, potential Members, and other key stakeholders and support the NGO sector, and
4. further strengthen its governance, management and capacities to influence national policies.

Under the 2012-15 Strategic Plan, Families Australia will:

- focus most of its policy attention on families and individuals experiencing vulnerability or marginalisation and those under pressure. In particular, Families Australia will focus on the safety and wellbeing of children, adult survivors of institutional abuse, and the impact of mental health on families
- develop or strengthen its expertise in the areas of work and family, the situation of low income families (including mortgage and other stresses), ageing/elder protection, and substance abuse, and
- retain a watching brief on the situation for families of offenders, homelessness, and disability and, where the opportunity arises, contribute to the development of policies relevant to these groups.

In all its work, Families Australia continues to advocate strongly on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family issues and on the situation of families in remote and rural areas. As highlighted in Families Australia's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), Families Australia respects the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to preserve and practise their culture and to make decisions about their future. Families Australia acknowledges the right of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be treated with respect, heard on all issues that affect them and consulted fully on policy and service delivery issues. Families Australia's RAP was developed in consultation with a Board Sub-committee, including the Board nominee for the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care.

## Key business goals 2013-14

To advance these Strategic Plan objectives, the Families Australia Board established the following key business goals for financial year 2013-14:

1. Increase awareness within the NGO sector and governments of existing effective and innovative and/or new approaches to working with children and families experiencing vulnerability.
2. Advance the Child Aware national initiative and ensure conceptual and program coherence across all Child Aware Approaches projects.
3. Work to ensure that protecting children and young people, and supporting their carers, receive ongoing national political and official policy and program attention.
4. Work to enhance the responsiveness of Federal Government on key issues facing Forgotten Australians.
5. Support Reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
6. Promote the role and importance of families through National Families Week events across the nation and through the media; promote understanding of family related issues.
7. Strengthen links with existing and gain new Families Australia members; strengthen links with key stakeholders (e.g. Federal politicians and senior officials); strengthen links with rural and remote stakeholders.
8. Further strengthen internal corporate governance and management capacities.

Set out overleaf is a report on how Families Australia performed in meeting these goals in 2013-14.

## ***Business plan goal 1***

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### **Our aim:**

- Increase awareness within the NGO sector and governments of existing effective and innovative and/or new approaches to working with children and families experiencing vulnerability.

### **Achievements in 2013-14:**

- Families Australia convened the 2<sup>nd</sup> Child Aware Approaches Conference in Melbourne on 31 March-1 April 2014. With the theme of 'Sharing, building and recognising child aware innovation', the conference again provided a platform for sharing innovative practices and resources and contributed to the national campaign to make the wellbeing and safety of Australia's children everyone's business and shared responsibility.

- The conference was opened by the Federal Minister for Social Services, the Hon. Kevin Andrews MP (see photograph right), and was attended by over 300 delegates from community, government and academic sectors across Australia. In all, there were 82 presentations including 32 interactive workshops and 10 displays of resources and posters where experts shared their thinking, knowledge and innovative practice.



- During the conference, the Families Australia Oration was delivered by the Presiding Commissioner of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, His Honour Justice Peter McClellan AM.

- Keynote presentations were delivered by a range of eminent speakers: Professor Nigel Parton (UK), The Hon. Mary Wooldridge MP, Dr Daryl Higgins, Richard Weston and Emeritus Professor Dorothy Scott OAM.



- Feedback about the conference was excellent. Ninety three per cent of survey respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the keynote speakers were engaging and covered interesting and thought provoking topics and ninety per cent either agreed or strongly agreed that the conference provided information and ideas that would benefit their organisation.

## ***Business plan goal 2***

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### **Our aim:**

- Advance the Child Aware project and ensure conceptual and program coherence across all Child Aware Approaches projects.

### **Achievements in 2013-14:**

- Families Australia commenced work, in partnership with the Australian Centre for Child Protection at the University of South Australia, on the Child Aware Local Initiative (CALI). A key element of the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children, CALI aims to work alongside eight local communities to build local plans of action to promote child safety and wellbeing.
- Families Australia also convened the Child Aware national steering group which is providing strategic guidance for the Child Aware Approaches Initiatives.



### **Business plan goal 3**

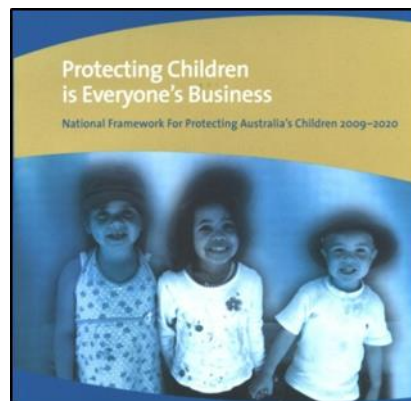
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#### **Our aim:**

- Work to ensure that protecting children and young people, and supporting their carers, receive ongoing national political and official policy and program attention.

#### **Achievements in 2013-14:**

- We again played a leading role in implementing and monitoring the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020 and further strengthened support amongst the NGO and academic sectors for the National Framework.
- One of the principal ways we did this was by hosting the annual meeting of the NGO/academic Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children (Coalition) in July 2013 which brought together around 90 representatives from around Australia. The meeting was addressed by the then Shadow Minister for Families, Housing and Human Services, the Hon. Kevin Andrews MP, and was briefed by senior officials of the then Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.
- Coalition membership has continued to grow and currently stands at 155 NGOs and academics.
- Feedback received from the annual NGO/academic Coalition meeting enabled the Coalition Steering Group to effectively represent the views of the NGO sector in meetings of the National Framework Implementation Working Group (NFIWG), the high-level strategic advising body, composed of representatives of Federal, State and Territory Government and NGOs and academia, which oversees the implementation of the National Framework.
- The Convenor of the NGO/academic Coalition (Brian Babington) met the Minister for Social Services, the Hon. Kevin Andrews MP, several times in the course of the year to discuss National Framework and related issues. Senior Families Australia staff also played a leading role in NFIWG meetings. In the lead-up to each NFIWG meeting, Families Australia caucused with the NGO/academic Coalition Steering Group to coordinate NGO positions.
- Families Australia senior staff delivered several talks to NGO sector audiences through the year on the National Framework. These included: Families Australia's member policy forums in Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney, involving around 150 delegates across the NGO, research and Government sectors, and presentations at a number of other national conferences.
- Families Australia issued regular e-bulletins to all NGO/academic Coalition members and stakeholders as well as maintained its website on National Framework matters, further helping to build awareness about the National Framework across the country and internationally.
- Families Australia staff highlighted and paid special attention to issues for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their families being incorporated into the national policy arena and, in particular, the National Framework.



## **Business plan goal 4**

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### **Our aim:**

- Work to enhance the responsiveness of the Federal Government on key issues facing Forgotten Australians.

### **Achievements in 2013-14:**

- Families Australia provided policy and other forms of auspicing support (such as governance, administrative and financial services) to the Alliance for Forgotten Australians (AFA), a group that is composed of survivors of abuse in institutions in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and others who support the Forgotten Australian cause.
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- Families Australia's assistance to AFA included: secretariat support; managing two part-time staff, totaling 0.6 full-time equivalent staff, dedicated to AFA work; oversight by the CEO and Families Australia Board of Families Australia's contractual responsibilities towards the Australian Government; regular liaison with Australian Government officials about issues relating to AFA; providing support and advice to AFA members on an ongoing basis; and helping to manage relationships within the group and between the AFA and other Forgotten Australians groups and individuals.
  - Important strides were made during the year to assist AFA in its journey toward becoming a separate legal entity, as well as to further build the group's national profile, including through submissions to Parliament and other public awareness raising activities. Families Australia: supported AFA members to deliver presentations to conferences and interest groups; contributed to other relevant organisations' newsletters and publications; updated the AFA website; and liaised with, and responded to, emails and telephone calls from Forgotten Australians and other individuals and groups. While not offering counselling or other direct services, AFA project staff members regularly spoke with a broad range of people who identified as Forgotten Australians.
  - The AFA booklet, *Forgotten Australians: Supporting survivors of childhood institutional care in Australia*, continued to be widely distributed and well received. Over 150,000 copies have been distributed since 2008. The 4<sup>th</sup> edition (2014) is now available on-line. The AFA DVD, *Forgotten Australians: Life Stories*, documented the history of Australian childhood institutionalisation through the eyes of six people. The AFA website underwent extensive revisions during the year. AFA's submissions and resources are freely available via [www.forgottenaustralians.org.au](http://www.forgottenaustralians.org.au).

## **Business plan goal 5**

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### **Our aim:**

- Support Reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

### **Achievements in 2013-14:**

- Families Australia strengthened linkages across and between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander controlled organisations through all its activities and communications including with the NGO Coalition.
- Families Australia worked with Coalition members to promote and work towards achieving the National Framework Supporting Outcome 5: Indigenous children are supported and safe in their families and communities. Families Australia supported and participated in two national workshops held under the National Framework Second Action Plan aimed at addressing key areas requiring improvement in addressing the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people and their families. Both workshops focused on consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled organisations, services and leaders to discuss and identify issues impacting on the implementation of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle, and to identify strategies to improve compliance and nationally consistent reporting of this principle across all jurisdictions. The second workshop explored opportunities

and barriers to whole-of-community engagement and support for protecting children and young people. Both workshops highlighted the importance of including the views and expertise of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in considering how to achieve better outcomes for their children and young people.

- Families Australia recognised and promoted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander views in the establishment of the annual Child Aware Approaches Conference reference groups, theme, abstracts and speakers.
- Families Australia supported the views and expertise of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Services through its national policy forums, policy papers and promoted Indigenous promising practices through electronic bulletins.

## ***Business plan goal 6***

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### **Our aim:**

- Promote the role and importance of families through National Families Week events across the nation and through the media; promote understanding of family-related issues.



### **Achievements in 2013-14:**

- For each of the past 11 years, Families Australia has run National Families Week which has enabled the participation of hundreds of thousands of Australians in thousands of community-led events, all aimed at celebrating the vital role of families.
- A record number of people participated in National Families Week events between 15 and 21 May 2014. An estimated 130,000 people participated in many hundreds of community events around the country to celebrate the vital role that family plays in our society. The theme for National Families Week 2014 was “Stronger families, stronger communities”.
- Over 1,000 events organised by 800 community, business, government and other service organisations were held. The overwhelming majority of events were held at local community level. This represented an increase from 2013 when 125,000 people participated in 1,000 events held by 750 community organisations.
- National Families Week 2014 also marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations International Year of the Family. As in past years, Families Australia managed National Families Week on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Social Services.
- Families Australia was delighted that National Families Week 2014 was officially launched at an event in Canberra on 15 May 2014 by the Hon. Kevin Andrews MP, in conjunction with the UN Information Office (see photo, above).
- 2014 continued the ‘National Families Week Ambassadors’ initiative. Ambassadors included Mr Finn Pratt PSM, Secretary of the Department of Social Services, Dr John Falzon, CEO, St Vincent de Paul Society National Council, Ms Kasy Chambers, CEO, Anglicare National, and 31 other prominent Australians.
- Feedback from participating organisations showed a very high degree of satisfaction with arrangements for the Week, including the look and practicality of promotional materials and Families Australia’s support.



## **Business plan goal 7**

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### **Our aim:**

- Strengthen links with existing, and gain new Families Australia members; strengthen links with key stakeholders (for example, with Federal politicians and senior officials); strengthen links with rural and remote stakeholders.

### **Achievements in 2013-14:**

- Families Australia's membership reached a record level of 739 at the end of the year, a 26 per cent increase compared with the previous year. We gave emphasis to strengthening our links with all members, including through policy forums in capital cities and more frequent and diverse electronic publications.
- A key outcome of our meetings with members was that Families Australia developed a well-crafted set of policy recommendations which were presented to all major political parties in the run-up to the 2013 Federal Election. We will keep strengthening our two-way engagement with members.
- Families Australia convened policy forums for its Members in Brisbane (July 2013 & May 2014), Canberra (November 2013), Perth (December 2013), and Sydney (February 2014). The aim of the forums was to hear the views of Families Australia Members about family-related policies to help inform Families Australia's national advisory role. The forums were well-attended, with more than 150 Member and Coalition representatives, including Families Australia Board members, participating in the gatherings.
- A common format was adopted for each forum, that is, initial presentations by high-profile guest speakers followed by a facilitated open discussion. Forum guest speakers included: Ms Natalie Lewis, CEO, Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak, Professor Alan Hayes AM, Director, Australian Institute of Family Studies, Ms Glenys Wilkinson, CEO, Australian Association of Social Workers, Ms Deirdre Cheers, Chair, Association of Children's Welfare Agencies NSW, and Executive Director, CatholicCare Diocese of Broken Bay, and Ms Angela Webb, Chief Executive Officer, Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat. We wish to offer sincere thanks to all our speakers.
- A wide range of themes emerged from the policy forums and played a valuable role in informing Families Australia's policy advising role at the national level, especially in the lead-up to the 2013 Federal Election. These themes included: the ongoing need to address poverty; the importance of providing further support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities; and, the vital importance of early intervention and prevention efforts across all family and child-related services and programs. Families Australia has incorporated many of the recommendations regarding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples into its Reconciliation Action Plan.
- In addition to policy forums, in 2013-14, Families Australia conducted its second Member survey. The survey again highlighted the increasing complexity of family life and that funding presented the most significant challenge faced by organisations in delivering programs and support to children and families. Many respondents recommended increased investment in the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children, in building the capacity of the community sector for collaboration, research and evaluation, further strengthening early intervention and prevention through the universal service system, and enhancing funding arrangements that support flexible, locally responsive, service delivery. It was again gratifying that the majority of respondents indicated that Families Australia had been successful in working for better national policies for families and children.



## ***Business plan goal 8***

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### **Our aim:**

- Further strengthen internal corporate governance and management capacities.

### **Achievements in 2013-14:**

- Families Australia met all its financial and legal accountabilities, including the receipt of an unqualified external audit report. It completed all legally contracted activities to agreed standards of quality, quantity and timeliness.
- Families Australia again performed strongly in terms of income and cash reserves – please see the accompanying financial statements.
- The Families Australia Board held four face-to-face meetings, four meetings of the Finance and Financial Audit Sub-committee and three meetings of the Corporate Governance Sub-committee.
- During the year the Board initiated a review of the Families Australia *Constitution*. An external consultant, Cinnabar International, undertook wide-ranging consultations leading to the development of a paper for the Board discussing possible next steps. The review of the *Constitution* was continuing at the close of the 2013-14 financial year.

# Our governance

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## Role and functions of the Board

The Families Australia Board is responsible for guiding the organisation, and is accountable for the actions and impacts of the organisation as a whole. In addition to appointing the Chief Executive Officer, the Board's main governance functions are to:

- define and review the organisation's mission and key strategic objectives and review programs, purposes, priorities and vision for the future
- approve and monitor an annual budget, and recommend to the Annual General Meeting the appointment of an independent auditor
- oversee and evaluate programs, ensure that Families Australia is aware and informed of changes in the external environment and be an advocate for the organisation in the community
- ensure that Families Australia conforms to its legal obligations under relevant Australian laws
- ensure that Families Australia conforms to its legal obligations under contracts with its funding bodies, such as the Australian Government
- establish and appoint Chairs and members of Sub-committees as appropriate to assist the Board in its deliberations
- ensure that audited financial statements are submitted annually, and
- ensure that the people and performance of Families Australia Board and staff meet the needs and strategic directions of the organisation.

## Board structure

Under Families Australia's *Constitution*, the Board is comprised of up to 12 members. As at 30 June 2014, the Board comprised eleven members as follows:

**Ms Prue Warrilow:** Chairperson, and nominee of Australian Community Children's Services.

**Ms Bev Orr OAM:** Deputy Chair, and nominee of the Australian Foster Care Association.

**Ms Anne McLeish OAM:** Secretary, and nominee of Grandparents Australia.

**Ms Tricia Murray:** nominee of the Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia.

**Dr Sue Packer AM:** nominee of the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

**Mr Paul Rajan:** Co-opted Member (under the Families Australia *Constitution* Article 11(3)(d)).

**Ms Jacqui Reed:** nominee of the CREATE Foundation.

**Mr Simon Schrapel:** nominee of UnitingCare Australia.

**Mr Michael Tizard:** nominee of the Child and Family Welfare Association of Australia.

**Ms Sharron Williams:** nominee of the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC).

**Mr David Templeman:** nominee of The Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia (until 17 February 2014. On 17 February 2014, Mr Templeman was co-opted to the Board under the Families Australia *Constitution* Article 13(5)).

The following Board members resigned during 2013-14: **None**

## Meetings

The Families Australia *Constitution* specifies that the Board shall meet at least four times each year, which may occur in person or by telecommunications but at least two shall be face-to-face. In 2013-14, the Board held four face-to-face meetings. The Board has established two Board Sub-committees: the Corporate Governance Sub-committee and the Finance and Financial Audit Sub-committee. In 2013-14, the members of the Sub-committees were as follows:



### Corporate Governance Sub-committee

Ms Prue Warrilow (Convenor)  
Ms Anne McLeish OAM  
Ms Bev Orr OAM  
Mr David Templeman (co-opted from 11 December 2013)  
Mr Michael Tizard

### Finance and Financial Audit Sub-committee

Ms Tricia Murray (Convenor)  
Ms Bev Orr OAM  
Mr David Templeman



Above (left to right) at the Child Aware Approaches Conference, 31 March 2014: Ms Stella Conroy (Deputy Chief Executive Officer); Mr Michael Tizard; Mr Simon Schrapel; Dr Sue Packer AM; Ms Anne McLeish OAM (Secretary, Families Australia); Ms Tricia Murray; Ms Bev Orr OAM (Deputy Chair, Families Australia); Justice Peter McLellan AM; Mr Brian Babington (Chief Executive Officer); Ms Prue Warrilow (Chairperson, Families Australia). Absent: Mr Paul Rajan, Ms Jacqui Reed, Mr David Templeman, Ms Sharron Williams.

## Board members' meeting attendance 2013-14

Board Member	Full meetings of the Board		Meetings of Sub-committees			
			Corporate Governance		Finance and Financial Audit	
	Held	Attended	Held	Attended	Held	Attended
Ms Prue Warrilow	4	4	3	2		
Ms Bev Orr OAM	4	4	3	3	4	3
Ms Anne McLeish OAM	4	3	3	3		
Ms Tricia Murray	4	4			4	4
Dr Sue Packer AM	4	3				
Mr Paul Rajan	4	2				
Ms Jacqui Reed	4	4				
Mr Simon Schrapel	4	4				
Mr David Templeman	4	4	2	2	4	3
Mr Michael Tizard	4	3	3	2		
Ms Sharron Williams*	4	1				

\* In addition, Mr Frank Hytten, Executive Officer, SNAICC, attended one meeting as Ms Williams' alternate delegate in accordance with the Families Australia Constitution (Article 14 (11)).

## Performance

Board members provided written feedback on the conduct of Board meetings at the conclusion of each Board meeting. In 2013-14, the Board continued to discuss ways to further enhance its performance assessment processes. The Chief Executive Officer's performance is reviewed formally by the Board at the end of every financial year.

## Our staff and organisation

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As at 30 June 2014, Families Australia staff had seven full-time and part-time staff members, as follows:

**Mr Brian Babington:** Chief Executive Officer. Mr Babington also served as: a member of the Federal Government's National Children and Family Roundtable (until December 2013); Coordinator of the Coalition of Organisations Committed to the Safety and Wellbeing of Australia's Children; a member of the Alliance for Forgotten Australians; and, a member of the Implementation Working Group for the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children.

**Ms Stella Conroy:** Deputy Chief Executive Officer. Ms Conroy also represented Families Australia on the Implementation Working Group for the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children, Co-ordinator for Child Aware Initiatives and projects and as a member of the Alliance for Forgotten Australians.

**Ms Jennifer Horsfield:** Office Manager and Manager of National Families Week.

**Ms Elizabeth Hunter:** Events and Communications Officer.

**Mr William Kerley:** Policy Officer (Forgotten Australians).

**Ms Eileen O'Brien:** Policy Officer.

**Ms Fiona Langford:** Accounts Manager.

In 2013-14, Families Australia continued to build a workplace that supported and rewarded excellent performance and maximised family-friendliness for all staff. We continued to support staff by offering expert independent external supervision and counselling support. Interstate travel was arranged as much as possible to take into account family and personal obligations. The organisation maintained a close watch on its occupational health and safety responsibilities and ensured that time was taken to acknowledge achievements as well as critically assess performance. The Families Australia office in Canberra underwent a major refurbishment in order to improve functionality and performance.

As in past years, the Families Australia staff held an annual reflection day which provided an opportunity for all staff to reflect on their, and the organisation's performance over the past year and to plan for the future. In addition, the Chief Executive Officer conducted individual performance interviews with all staff members, which included discussions about professional development needs.

## With thanks

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Families Australia would like to thank all its supporters for their invaluable support in 2013-14. Specifically, Families Australia gratefully acknowledges its Members and the Australian Government for their ongoing support.

## **Our finances**

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### **Financial report**

**FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED  
ABN 21 830 960 225**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2014**

**FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**  
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## BOARD'S REPORT

Your Board members submit the financial report of the Families Australia Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

### Board Members:

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

Prue Warrilow (Chairperson)	Jacqui Reed
Bev Orr OAM (Deputy Chair)	Simon Schrapel
Anne McLeish OAM (Secretary)	David Templeman
Tricia Murray	Michael Tizard
Sue Packer AM	Sharron Williams
Paul Rajan	

### Objectives

#### Short Term Objectives

Families Australia will work to:

- Improve national policies and programs relating to families. In particular, we will:
  - emphasise the wellbeing of families in all their diversity
  - promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people and support for their carers
  - assist adult survivors of institutionalisation to gain greater recognition and support
  - highlight the needs of families facing mental health challenges
  - continue to advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family issues
  - give special emphasis to, and amplify, other important cross-cutting issues of disability, ageing and workforce participation.
- Promote the importance and needs of families to the broader community and national-level decision-makers, particularly through National Families Week.
- Act as a two-way conduit for information about national policies and programs to and from families, Families Australia members and Government.
- Build its organisational capacity to influence national policies.

#### Long Term Objectives

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.

#### Strategy for Achieving the Objectives

To achieve these goals, in the three years from 2013 to 2015, Families Australia will seek to: further build its policy base; intensify collaboration with its members; enhance its engagement with the public and its strategic relationships; and expand our income and organisational capacity.

#### Principal Activities

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

## BOARD'S REPORT

### Significant Changes

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

### Operating Result

The surplus of the Association for the year amounted to \$82,590 (2013: \$170,526).

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



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Bev Orr OAM



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David Templeman

Dated 30 October 2014

Dated 30 October 2014

**FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**  
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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Revenue	2	1,131,700	1,152,863
Administration Costs		(90,487)	(115,134)
Conference and seminar costs		(115,896)	(133,223)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	3	(13,253)	(11,539)
Employee benefits expense		(497,202)	(409,819)
Rent		(34,083)	(34,569)
Publication costs		(96,964)	(135,558)
Management fee		(88,166)	(90,000)
Other expenses		(113,059)	(52,495)
Surplus before income tax		82,590	170,526
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Surplus attributable to members of the entity</b>		<b>82,590</b>	<b>170,526</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of financial assets		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>82,590</b>	<b>170,526</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to members</b>		<b>82,590</b>	<b>170,526</b>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial statement

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	750,612	736,729
Investments	7	364,517	159,978
Trade and other receivables	8	1,785	130
Other current assets	9	14,756	16,811
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		1,131,670	913,648
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	10	72,495	45,531
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		72,495	45,531
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		1,204,165	959,179
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	11	787,846	591,208
Borrowings	12	4,959	4,684
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		792,805	595,892
<b>NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	11	7,418	36,976
Borrowings	12	20,194	25,153
<b>TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		27,612	62,129
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		820,417	658,021
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		361,623	301,158
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained earnings		383,748	301,158
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		383,748	301,158

The accompanying notes form part of this financial statement



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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

	<b>Retained Earnings</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2012</b>	130,632	130,632
Surplus attributable to members	170,526	170,526
<b>Balance at 30 June 2013</b>	<u>301,158</u>	<u>301,158</u>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2013</b>	301,158	301,158
Surplus attributable to members	82,590	82,590
<b>Balance at 30 June 2014</b>	<u>383,748</u>	<u>383,748</u>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial statement

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Receipts from customers and operating grants		1,360,134	1,411,519
Payment to suppliers and employees		(1,123,736)	(1,009,728)
Interest received		30,074	15,714
Net cash provided by operating activities	<b>17</b>	266,472	417,505
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Payment for held-to-maturity investments		(204,538)	(159,978)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(41,157)	-
Payout of previous lease		-	(4,400)
Net cash used in investing activities		(245,695)	(164,378)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Proceeds/ (Repayments) from borrowings		(6,894)	(2,978)
Net cash used in financing activities		(6,894)	(2,978)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		13,883	250,149
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		736,729	486,580
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	<b>6</b>	750,612	736,729

The accompanying notes form part of this financial statement

**FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**  
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**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

**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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**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**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	10-20%	Straight Line
Computer Equipment	25-33%	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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**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**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 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.

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**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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.

**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.

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**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**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.

**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 Board 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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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**m New standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective**

Reference	Title	Summary	Application date (financial years beginning)	Expected Impact
AASB 9	<i>Financial Instruments</i>	Replaces the requirements of AASB 139 for the classification and measurement of financial assets. This is the result of the first part of Phase 1 of the IASB's project to replace IAS 39.	1 January 2015 (Changed to 1 January 2017 by AASB 2013-9C)	Minimal impact
2009-11	<i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9</i>	Amends AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 139, 1023 and 1038 and Interpretations 10 and 12 as a result of the issuance of AASB 9.	1 January 2015	Minimal impact
2010-7	<i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 9 (December 2010)</i>	Amends AASB 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 101, 102, 108, 112, 118, 120, 121, 127, 128, 131, 132, 136, 137, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 2, 5, 10, 12, 19 & 127 for amendments to AASB 9 in December 2010	1 January 2015	Minimal impact
2011-7 (Not-for-Profits Only)	<i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from AASB 10, 11, 12, 127, 128</i>	Amends AASB 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 2009-11, 101, 107, 112, 118, 121, 124, 132, 133, 136, 138, 139, 1023 & 1038 and Interpretations 5, 9, 16 & 17 as a result of the issuance of AASB 10, 11, 12, 127 and 128	1 January 2014	Minimal impact
2013-3	<i>Amendments to AASB 136 – Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-Financial Assets</i>	This Standard amends the disclosure requirements in AASB 136 to include additional disclosures about the fair value measurement and discount rates when the recoverable amount of impaired assets is based on fair value less costs of disposal.	1 January 2014	Minimal impact
2013-8	<i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Australian Implementation Guidance for Not-for-Profit Entities – Control and Structured Entities</i>	This Standard adds Appendix E Australian Implementation Guidance for Not-for-Profit Entities to AASB 10 as an integral part of that Standard. The appendix explains the control principles in AASB 10 from the perspective of not-for-profit entities.	1 January 2014	Minimal impact



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**m New standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective (Cont.)**

Reference	Title	Summary	Application date (financial years beginning)	Expected Impact
2013-9B	<i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Conceptual Framework, Materiality and Financial Instruments</i>	Part B of 2013-9 makes amendments to particular Australian Accounting Standards to delete references to AASB 1031, and makes various editorial corrections to Australian Accounting Standards.	1 January 2014	Minimal impact
2014-1A	<i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards</i>	Part A of 2014-1 amends various standards as a result of the annual improvements process	1 July 2014	Minimal impact
2014-1B	<i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards</i>	Part B of AASB 2014-1 makes amendments to AASB 119 Employee Benefits in relation to the requirements for contributions from employees or third parties that are linked to service.	1 July 2014	Minimal impact
2014-1C	<i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards</i>	Part C of AASB 2014-1 makes amendments to particular Australian Accounting Standards to delete their references to AASB 1031.	1 July 2014	No expected impact
AASB 1031	<i>Materiality</i>	Re-issuance of AASB 1031	1 January 2014	No expected impact
2014-4	<i>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation</i>	This Standard amends AASB 116 and AASB 138 to establish the principle for the basis of depreciation and amortisation as being the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits of an asset, and to clarify that revenue is generally presumed to be an inappropriate basis for that purpose.	1 January 2016	Minimal impact

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**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

<b>NOTE 2: REVENUE</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Operating activities		
— Subsidies and Grant	869,148	871,804
— Member subscriptions	12,918	16,074
— Conference Registration/Sponsorship	131,156	158,979
— Other Operating Revenue	88,404	90,292
— Interest received	30,074	15,714
	<u>1,131,700</u>	<u>1,152,863</u>

**NOTE 3: SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR**

**Expenses**

Depreciation of non-current assets:

- Computer Equipment	3,136	3,678
- Motor Vehicles	6,255	5,863
- Office Equipment	3,862	1,998
Total depreciation	<u>13,253</u>	<u>11,539</u>
Operating lease expense	34,083	34,570
Finance costs	341	1,969

**NOTE 4: AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

Auditing or reviewing financial reports	<u>9,500</u>	<u>9,350</u>
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**NOTE 5: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION**

	<b>Short-term Benefit \$</b>	<b>Long-term Benefit \$</b>	<b>Post Retirement Benefit</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
<b>2014</b>				
Total compensation	<u>157,401</u>	<u>(1,085)</u>	<u>16,662</u>	<u>172,978</u>
<b>2013</b>				
Total compensation	<u>130,063</u>	<u>1,159</u>	<u>12,574</u>	<u>143,796</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 6: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Cash at bank	750,497	736,689
Cash on hand	115	40
	750,612	736,729

**NOTE 7: INVESTMENTS**

Term Deposits	364,517	159,978
	364,517	159,978

**NOTE 8: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

**CURRENT**

Trade debtors	1,785	130
	1,785	130

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 2014 (2013: Nil).

**Credit Risk**

The entity has no significant concentration of credit risk with respect to any single counterparty or group of counterparties.

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 8: 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>2014</b>			\$	\$	\$	\$	
Trade & other receivables	1,785	-	1,785	-	-	-	-
Total	1,785	-	1,785	-	-	-	-
	Gross amount \$	Past due and impaired \$	Past due but not impaired				Within initial trade terms \$
			Days (overdue)				
			< 30	31–60	61–90	> 90	
<b>2013</b>			\$	\$	\$	\$	
Trade & other receivables	130	-	-	-	-	130	-
Total	130	-	-	-	-	130	-

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 9: OTHER CURRENT ASSETS**

Prepayments	7,300	10,528
Deposit Bond	6,283	6,283
Other	1,173	-
	14,756	16,811

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**NOTE 10: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Computer Equipment</b>		
At cost	22,149	20,044
Accumulated depreciation	(16,032)	(12,894)
	6,117	7,150
<b>Motor Vehicles</b>		
At cost	32,815	32,815
Accumulated depreciation	(11,271)	(5,016)
	21,544	27,799
<b>Office equipment</b>		
At cost	53,200	15,343
Accumulated depreciation	(8,366)	(4,761)
	44,834	10,582
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	<b>72,495</b>	<b>45,531</b>

**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

	<b>Computer Equipment</b>	<b>Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>Office Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>2013</b>				
Balance at the beginning of year	10,827	11,748	12,581	35,156
Additions	-	32,815	-	32,815
Disposals	-	(10,901)	-	(10,901)
Depreciation expense	(3,677)	(5,863)	(1,999)	(11,539)
Carrying amount at the end of year	7,150	27,799	10,582	45,531
<b>2014</b>				
Balance at the beginning of year	7,150	27,799	10,582	45,531
Additions	2,103	-	39,051	41,154
Net disposals	-	-	(937)	(937)
Depreciation expense	(3,136)	(6,255)	(3,862)	(13,253)
Carrying amount at the end of year	6,117	21,544	44,834	72,495

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<b>NOTE 11: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Unsecured liabilities:			
Trade payables		2,722	9,636
Sundry accruals and payables		80,172	60,874
Grant funding in advance and unexpended grants		639,000	489,000
Annual leave liability		31,741	19,165
Long Service leave liability		34,211	12,533
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		787,846	591,208
<b>NON CURRENT</b>			
Long service leave liability		7,418	36,976
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		7,418	36,976
<b>NOTE 12: FINANCIAL LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Lease liability		4,959	4,684
<b>NON CURRENT</b>			
Lease liability		20,194	25,153
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Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as borrowings		25,153	29,837
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<b>NOTE 13: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
		<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>13a. Finance Lease Commitments</b>			
Payable — minimum lease payments			
— Not later than 12 months		6,266	6,266
— Between 12 months and 5 years		21,484	27,750
Minimum lease payments		<u>27,750</u>	<u>34,016</u>
Less future finance charges		(2,597)	(4,179)
Present value of minimum lease payments	12	<u>25,153</u>	<u>29,837</u>

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

**13b. 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		27,934	27,934
— Between 12 months and 5 years		8,247	36,181
		<u>36,181</u>	<u>64,115</u>

The property lease is a non-cancellable lease with a three 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 three year term for an additional term of two years.

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**NOTE 14: CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS**

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

**NOTE 15: 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 16: 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. No related party transactions during the year.

**NOTE 17: CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

**Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Surplus**

<b>Profit / (Loss) after income tax</b>	82,590	170,526
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**Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities:**

**Non-cash flows in profit**

— Depreciation	13,253	11,539
— Loss on disposal of non-current assets	937	2,312

**Changes in assets and liabilities:**

— (Increase)/decrease in trade and term debtors	(1,655)	2,897
— (Increase)/decrease in other current assets	3,229	(37,210)
— Increase/(decrease) in accruals and payables	13,422	76,203
— Increase/(decrease) in unearned income	150,000	189,000
— Increase/(decrease) in provisions	4,696	2,238
	<u>266,472</u>	<u>417,505</u>



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**NOTE 18: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The association'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	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>Financial assets</b>			
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	6	750,612	736,729
<b>Loans and receivables</b>	7	1,785	130
		752,397	736,859
<b>Financial liabilities</b>			
<b>Financial liabilities at amortised cost:</b>			
- trade and other payables	11a	82,894	70,510
- borrowings	12a	25,153	29,837
		108,047	100,347

**Financial Risk Management**

The association's Board is responsible for, among other issues, monitoring and managing financial risk exposures of the association. The Finance and Financial Audit Committee 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 quarterly and minuted by the Board.

The Finance and Financial Audit Committee'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.

**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	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Financial liabilities due for payment</b>								
Trade and other payables (excluding est. annual leave and grants receivable in advance)	82,894	70,510	-	-	-	-	82,894	70,510
Finance lease liabilities	4,959	4,684	20,194	25,153	-	-	25,153	29,837
Total contractual outflows	87,853	75,194	20,194	25,153	-	-	<b>108,047</b>	<b>100,347</b>
Total expected outflows	87,853	75,194	20,194	25,153	-	-	<b>108,047</b>	<b>100,347</b>
<b>Financial assets — cash flows realisable</b>								
Cash and cash equivalents	<b>750,612</b>	<b>736,729</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>750,612</b>	<b>736,729</b>
Investments	364,517	159,978	-	-	-	-	364,517	159,978
Trade and other receivables	<b>1,785</b>	<b>130</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>1,785</b>	<b>130</b>
Total anticipated inflows	<b>1,116,914</b>	896,837	-	-	-	-	<b>-1,116,914</b>	896,837
Net (outflow)/inflow on financial instruments	<b>1,029,061</b>	<b>821,643</b>	(20,194)	(25,153)	-	-	<b>-1,008,867</b>	<b>796,490</b>

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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 Board 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 are 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. Currently the association does not hold available-for-sale investments where they may be exposed to securities price risk.

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**NOTE 18: 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.

	Footnote	2014		2013	
		Net Carrying Value	Net Fair Value	Net Carrying Value	Net Fair Value
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	(i)	750,612	750,612	736,729	736,729
Investments		364,517	364,517	159,978	159,978
Trade and other receivables	(i)	1,785	1,785	130	130
<b>Total financial assets</b>		<b>1,116,914</b>	<b>1,116,914</b>	<b>896,837</b>	<b>896,837</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Trade and other payables	(i)	82,894	82,894	70,510	70,510
Lease liability	(ii)	25,153	25,153	29,837	29,837
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>		<b>108,047</b>	<b>108,047</b>	<b>100,347</b>	<b>100,347</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 exclude amounts provided for relating to annual leave which is not considered a financial instrument.
- (ii) These liabilities are fixed interest leases carried at amortised cost. Differences between carrying value and net fair value represent decreases in market interest rates.

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**NOTE 19: ASSOCIATION DETAILS**

Principal place of business is:

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

**NOTE 20: ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

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

## STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

In the opinion of the Board the financial report as set out on pages 21 to 45:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Families Australia Incorporated as at 30 June 2014 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 Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



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Bev Orr OAM

Dated 30 October 2014



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David Templeman

Dated 30 October 2014

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**  
**TO THE MEMBERS OF**  
**FAMILIES AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Families Australia Incorporated ("the entity"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2014, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and statement by Members of the Board.

*Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and *Associations Incorporation Act (ACT) 1991*, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

*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. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about 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 judgement, 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 directors, 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 the Australian professional accounting bodies.

*Opinion*

In our opinion the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Families Australia Incorporated as at 30 June 2014 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and *Associations Incorporation Act (ACT) 1991*.

**RSM Bird Cameron**



Canberra, Australian Capital Territory  
Dated: 4 November 2014

**GED STENHOUSE**  
Director





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