



Australian Federation of Homelessness Organisations

# 2005-2006 ANNUAL REPORT



# AFHO would like to extend its appreciation and thanks to all members for their support throughout the year...

<b>QLD</b>	NPA Women's Services	Byron Emergency Accommodation Project
Aboriginal & Islander Childcare Agency	North Qld Domestic Violence Resource Service	Campbell Page Moruya Youth Refuge
Anglicare Beenleigh Youth Accommodation & Support	Open Youth Project	Caretakers Cottage
Anglicare Central Qld	Ozcare	Carl Scully MP - Minister for Housing
Anglicare North Qld	Qld Community Housing Coalition	Carries Place Co-Op Ltd
Ann Mitchell	Qld Disability Housing Coalition	CCAB Anglicare North Coast
Bahloo Women's Youth Shelter	Qld Shelter	Centacare Broken Bay
Banana Shire Emergency Accommodation and Support Centre	Qld Youth Housing Coalition	Centacare Youth Support Service
Bayside Tenancy Advice & Advocacy Service	Qld Youth Services	Central Coast Emergency Accommodation
Beenleigh Area Youth Service	Reconnect Gold Coast	Coastal Accommodation Services
Blair Athol Accommodation and Support Program	Roseberry Youth Services	Supporting Youth
Booval Community Service	Salvation Army Toowoomba Crisis Accommodation	Coffs Harbour Youth Housing and Support Service
Brisbane City Council	Save the Children Fund - Qld division	Community Services Programs
Brisbane Domestic Violence Advocacy Service	Sera's Women's Shelter Inc	Family Action Centre
Brisbane Youth Service	Sharehouse Youth Accommodation Program	Community Youth Homes
Bundaberg Housing Action Group Inc	Shelter Housing Action-Cairns	Consultant Social Support Programs, The Salvation Army Eastern Territory
Caboolture Family Haven Inc	Sherwood Neighbourhood Centre Housing Service	Drug, Alcohol and Women's Network (DAWN) Inc
Callar Community Housing Group	Skill Centre Inc	Drug & Alcohol Women's Network Inc.
Capricorn Youth Accommodation Services	Social Action Office	Dubbo Community Housing Leasing Programme
Chisholm Inc	South West Qld Tenants Association Inc	Emergency Accommodation Project Inc
Churches of Christ Welfare	Tenant's Union - North Qld Office	Dubbo Reconnect Service
Clare Homes Supported Accommodation Uniting Church	Tenants Union of Qld	Dubbo Women's Housing Programme
Community Connections Qld	The Salvation Army Youth Outreach Service	Elandra Women & Children's Service
Crisis Accommodation Support Association	Toowoomba Community Legal Service	Erskineville Youth Housing Inc
CTC Youth Services	Toowoomba Youth Service	Fairfield Youth Accommodation Service
Family Emergency Accommodation	Warringu ATSI Corporation	Fairfield Youth Refuge
Townsville Inc	Whitsunday Domestic Violence Service	Far West Reconnect
Gateway Community Group Inc	Windana Support Centre Inc	Ginny Hewlitt
Gold Coast Project for Homeless Youth	Women's House - Shelta	Grafton Women's Refuge
Gold Coast Youth Service	Women's Information and Referral Centre Cairns	Gunyah Women's Housing
Goodna Youth Services Inc	Youth & Family Services - Logan City	Hastings Women's & Children's Refuge
Gympie Widgee Youth Service	Youth Emergency Services	Holroyd Youth Services
Heath Wood	Youth Housing Project Association	Homelessness NSW.ACT
Hinchinbrook Community Support Centre	Youthlink	Homeless Persons Information Centre
Housing Action Group Maryborough District	Zig Zag Young Women's Resource Centre Inc	Homeless Persons Support Team
Inala Family Accommodation & Support Service Inc	<b>NSW</b>	Housing Support & Advocacy - Centacare
Inala Youth and Family Support Service	Albany Supported Accommodation Service	Illawarra Legal Centre
Integrated Family & Youth Service	Albany Wodonga Women's Refuge	Illawarra Youth Housing
Iona House	Albany Wodonga Youth Emergency Services Ltd	Immigrant Women's Speakout Association
Ipswich Community Youth Service	Alices Cottages Inc	Job Futures
Ken Graham	Ammerley's Single Women's Refuge	Katakudu Women's Housing
Ken Hancock Home Surfers Paradise Anglican Crisis Care	ARCH Ltd	Kel Knox
Kingston East Neighbourhood Group	Armidale and District Women's Centre	Kempsey Women & Children's Service Inc
Kyabra Community Association Inc	Armidale Women's Housing Group	Lismore Women's and Children's Refuge
Lions Emergency Accommodation Centre	Armidale Youth Refuge	Liverpool Youth Accommodation Assistance Company
Macleod Women's Refuge	B. Miles Women's Housing Scheme	Liverpool Youth Refuge Inc
Mareeba Community Housing Association Inc	Barnados Australia	Lotus House
Micah Projects - Inner City Services	Bathurst Women's Housing Program	Macarthur Ozanam Centre
Mount Isa Youth Shelter	Blue Gum Inc	Macleay Youth Accommodation Service
Najidah Association Inc	Bonnie Women's Refuge	Marist Youth Care
Noosa Youth Service	Brain Injury Association of NSW	Medley Community
North East Community Support Group	Broken Hill Skills Centre Inc	Mission Australia
SAAP Program	Byron Bay Youth House	Monaro Crisis Accommodation Service
North Qld Combined Women's Services Inc		Moree Family Support

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## Acknowledgements

# Homelessness in Australia



- One in every 200 Australians are homeless
- One in every 3 homeless Australians is a child.
- Every day, half the people who request immediate accommodation from the homeless service system are turned away.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people comprise two to three percent of the total population in Australia, they represent sixteen percent of people using homeless assistance services
- More than one third of people who receive Commonwealth Rent Assistance remain in housing stress
- Ten percent of Rent Assistance recipients are still in extreme housing stress, paying more than 50 percent of their income on rent
- Australia has 1300 homelessness assistance services
- One in every 2 homeless people are in NSW or QLD

# AFHO's Vision Statement



“To proactively research, develop and promote national policy and action to reduce homelessness and its impact upon the diverse range of people it affects”.

## **AFHO's strategic priorities for 2005-06**

1. Identify, fund and implement key policy, research and projects
2. Build presence, profile and capacity for advocacy of AFHO and the homelessness sector
3. National Homeless Conference 2006
4. Review infrastructure, communications and operations



The 2005-2006 year has seen many changes in the operation of AFHO and in the economic, social and political climate in which we operate

A major focus of the year has been on developing the infrastructure and capacity of AFHO to meet the needs of members, effectively manage stakeholder relationships and to work to achieve our vision to reduce homelessness.

Membership has increased with the regular publication of AFHO news, the introduction of our national weekly e-newsletter AFHO Inform, providing information on emerging issues, media stories and new research publications.

AFHO Fact Sheets are available on a number of issues relating to homelessness, including the latest statistics and research findings and provide information on how homelessness impacts on different people in our community.

A feature of the year was the 4th National Homelessness Conference held in March in Sydney and attended by 700 delegates from across Australia and overseas.

AFHO has also launched the Australian Homelessness Research Register, a web-based register which aims to raise the profile of homelessness research in Australia.

The Board has held monthly teleconferences and regular face to face meetings, focusing on the activities agreed as our main goals. These have been:

1. To identify, fund and implement key policy and research projects
2. To build presence, profile and advocacy capacity of AFHO and the homelessness sector
3. To run the 4th National Homelessness Conference
4. To review infrastructure, communications and operations

My thanks to the Board and the staff of AFHO for their contribution to all AFHO activities and for their support as we face the challenges of further developing an effective national organisation.

Thanks to Jack Quinane who resigned as the Executive Officer in June and especially to the staff team who have risen to the challenge during the transition to appoint a new Executive Officer.

I look forward to 2006-2007 when AFHO will be able to build on past achievements, develop a clear strategic direction and harness the resources of the organisation, of our members and of other stakeholders so that we can reduce homelessness in Australia.

# EO's Report

A key focus for AFHO this year was convening The Great Australian Dream?: Waking up to Homelessness – the 4th National Homelessness Conference 1-3 March 2006 in Sydney attended by 730 delegates. The Conference provided the opportunity to reflect on progress of the national response to homelessness. Conference presentations on many individual programs and services demonstrated effective approaches at both preventing and responding to homelessness. However, at the national level a coordinated and comprehensive approach to the 1 in every 200 Australians who are homeless every day is still required.

The Conference also provided a good opportunity for Board and staff to interact with the 347 delegates from AFHO member agencies. AFHO is strengthened by the homelessness sector's membership and active participation in their national peak organisation.

Thanks to the AFHO Board for your guidance and support. This year saw the departure of the last founding member from the AFHO Board, Julie Oberin, who served continuously from 1998 to 2005. Julie was congratulated, farewelled and thanked for her service during AFHO's AGM in November. Kym McIntosh and Von Bromilow also left the Board during the year and I thank them for their contributions and service. We welcomed four new Board members Kedy Kristal, Josey Hansen, Michael Coffey and Shaun McIntyre. Annabel Senior continued as AFHO Chairperson and provided both leadership to AFHO and practical support in my role as Executive Officer.

Thanks also to my team here at the AFHO Office. Our three managers this year were Heather Watkins (Finance 1 day

per week), Julie McKay (Communications and Member Services) and Elena Rosenman (Policy and Research), who not only brought specialised skills and experience to each of their positions, but fostered the development of a strong team approach. Mary Frigo, in our part-time Reception and Administrative position supported all of us ably through some busy times. Robyn Vance, our Communications and Member Services Officer, did a fantastic job in organising the National Homelessness Conference, which is always a challenge for a small team. During this year Gerry Orkin, Zoe Bowman and Lauren Roche also undertook some contract work for us.

This year the AFHO Board invested in some organisational capacity building with upgrades to our IT and communications systems, and further strategic investment in our IT capability. This assisted us with launching 2 new services, in January our weekly e-newsletter AFHOinform, which now has over 250 national subscribers; and in June the Australian Homelessness Research Register a web-based register which aims to raise the profile of homelessness research in Australia. This capacity building work will continue with further enhancements to our member services and website currently underway.

As I am now concluding my time at AFHO I would like to thank all in the sector who have offered support to both myself and AFHO over the past two years. I know that your dedication will continue to assist AFHO in achieving our goal of making homelessness part of Australia's history and not its future.

Jack Quinane *Executive Officer*

# Treasurer's Report

This will be my last report as the Treasurer of AFHO, as I leave the AFHO board in October this year. It has been a pleasure to act as treasurer for the organisation during my time as a member of the AFHO Board of Management. AFHO has once again met the challenges associated with financial management with limited resources. Our goal was to maintain our normal activities and run the 4th National Homelessness Conference in March and still end the year in a strong financial position.

This year we incurred expenditure for projects for which we received the funding in the previous financial year, resulting in an operating loss of \$47,073. These included the 4th National Homelessness Conference and the Rural and Remote project. Our overall financial position is strong as we maintained the level of core funding which we receive from the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FACSIA) and have accumulated assets from this period ending 30th June 2006 being \$470,627.

A list of members is available in the Annual Report. AFHO is as always, very appreciative of the community,

government agencies and individuals who support the organisation. Through continuing to diversify our income base, we aim to reduce our dependence on the resources provided by the government. We seek to continue to improve the financial position of AFHO and therefore further advocacy, research and policy work.

For the second year running, the Auditor, Everalls DFK and Associates has provided an unqualified audit report to our members for 2005-06 and these reports can be found on page 10.

Once again I would like to extend my thanks to Heather Watkins, our Finance Manager for her excellent management of resources throughout 2005-06. Also, I would like to say a "thank you" to the staff for their support and assistance throughout this year.

Thank you

Liz Fritz *Treasurer*

# AFHO Board

## Annabel Senior **AFHO Chairperson**

Annabel is the Operations Manager, Community Services for Mission Australia. She started as

Chairperson of the AFHO Board in May 2005. Annabel has been a dedicated worker in the community sector for over 25 years. Currently she is responsible for the overall management of a number of residential and outreach homelessness services funded by SAAP and the Department of Housing in both regional and rural areas. Her responsibilities also include managing JPET services in NSW, whose target group is young people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

## Maria Leebeek **Secretary**

Maria entered into the youth sector in 1991 and has a range of experience in the housing field from direct practice (having been a youth housing worker for several years) to management (as the Director of the Brisbane Youth Service).

Maria has experience in research and project work having conducted a project into long term housing for young people and has had involvement on various project reference groups. Maria maintains an ongoing commitment to the youth housing field from her long standing involvement in NYCH to her current position as the Policy and Development Officer for the Queensland Youth Housing Coalition Inc.

## Liz Fritz **Treasurer**

Liz has been manager of Blair Athol Accommodation and Support Programme at Bilinga on the Queensland Gold Coast for 15 years and has worked with people experiencing homelessness for 18 years.

Currently Liz is Chairperson of the Council for Homeless Persons Australia (CHPA) and a member of the Gold Coast Regional SAAP Network, the South Queensland Council for Homeless Persons and TAFE Industry Reference Group (Community Services).

## Michael Coffey

Michael Coffey has had over eighteen years experience at Youth Accommodation Association NSW in various roles and projects, working for disadvantaged young people in NSW. He has also worked for Shelter NSW and the Australian Services Union. Michael is currently the Executive Officer for YAA and a NYCH council member and is in the final stages of completing his doctorate on 'youth and youth worker identity' at UTS.

## Kedy Kristal

Kedy started working in women's refuges in 1983, joining her present service the Patricia Giles Centre in 1992. Her first involvement with National policy work was with WESNET between 1995-7 as the West Australian Representative. After taking a break to focus on expanding PGC she rejoined WESNET in 2004 and then in 2005 also joined the AFHO board as one of the three WESNET representatives.

At present Kedy is the Chair of the Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services, the WA peak for refuges, and domestic violence service providers. In 1999 she became a Justice of the Peace and is currently training to work more actively as JP on the Magistrate bench hearing Violence Restraining orders and traffic matters.

This year Kedy received an award as WA Citizen of the Year in the community services category.

## Margaret Chisholm

Margaret has been manager of a family service (SAAP funded) in Canberra for 8 years and represents the generalist sector within the ACT on the boards of Homelessness NSW.ACT and CHPA.

Margaret has a life-long interest and commitment to seek social justice for society's most marginalised groups and is especially interested in working to better meet the needs of accompanying children within homelessness assistance services and finding co-ordinated responses to working with clients with co-morbidity issues.

## Angela Nesci

Angela is currently the coordinator of the Bilingual Health Education Program for Working Women's Health. She has worked in the area of service provision for women from non English speaking backgrounds (NESB) for 11 years - in the areas of legal service, domestic violence, health promotion, counselling & mental health services. Her knowledge of the homelessness sector and in particular for women from NESB has been gained throughout her working history as well as through committee & board membership in groups such as Women's Housing Ltd., WESNET, the Non-English Speaking Background Domestic Violence Action Group, the Migrant Women's Lobby Group, ANESBWA (Association of non-English speaking background women of Australia) and the Multicultural Communities Council.

## Von Bromilow

Von Bromilow is the Manager of Housing and Community Development Services at Anglicare WA. She manages eight Supported Housing Assistance programs throughout Western Australia and other programs addressing housing instability and homelessness. She has also worked in foster care, youth services and child protection in a career she commenced as a mature-age social work student.



Von has a strong commitment to social justice, Aboriginal people and the alleviation of homelessness. Von is the Rural and Remote representative on the AFHO Board and was previously the Chair of the Council to Homeless WA. For several years she represented the Council of Homeless Persons Australia on the AFHO Board.

## Josey Hansen

Josey is a Nyoongah woman who has grown up in the South-West of Western Australia, with the Balardong & Wilman, mob, her life's journey has been in, with and for the community. Josey is the great-granddaughter of Doorum a Nyoongah who has inspired his descendants to know and appreciate who they are, what they are and where they come from. Josey has a strong sense of her cultural and spiritual heritage and finds strength in both.

Josey originally trained as a community development practitioner and has worked as a field officer, administrator, program manager, project co-ordinator, family support worker, Indigenous networker and consultant. Josey was involved in the delivery of the Albany & Narrogin Youth Forum/s, Noongar Women's Dreaming Conference and the GS T State Wide Training for Indigenous Organisations / Communities. She has over ten years experience in community based employment with an Aboriginal focus. In the writing and delivery programmes Josey's personal experiences as a Noongar and her varied background as a professional contributes to the high regard she gives to Aboriginal terms of reference.

## Shaun MacIntyre

Shaun McIntyre has been working in the field of community development for over 20 years with a particular focus on issues pertaining to homelessness, youth and substance use.

Throughout his working life Shaun has acquired 2 degrees in Youth Work and in Community Development. Over the past 8 years Shaun has spent considerable time working across rural and remote Indigenous Communities of Far North Queensland assisting with the development and implementation of a range of diverse community support models in over 30 different communities.

Shaun is currently the CEO of Anglicare North Queensland Ltd, a non-government, community based organisation who deliver a range of placement and support services for people experiencing homeless right across the greater North Queensland. Anglicare NQ are recognised as one of the lead service providers for homeless young people in the region and the organization currently employs over a hundred people across 12 distinct programs. Shaun has extensive professional and personal experience and knowledge of Indigenous cultures.

## Donna Curtis

Donna has 14 years experience working in the youth services sector primarily with homeless and at risk young people and is currently the Executive Officer for Shire Wide Youth Services Inc.

Donna has been actively involved in the Youth Accommodation Association NSW for the past 9 years, the past 2 of those as the President. She represents NSW issues to NYCH over the last 5 years and currently fills the role of Chairperson.

## Trish Bramble

Trish is the Support and Accommodation Services Manager at Parramatta Mission, NSW and has worked in services for homeless people for the past 17 years. Trish is currently on the Executive Committee of Homelessness NSW.ACT, is the Chairperson for Pacificlink Community Housing and is the NSW representative and Vice Chairperson for CHPA.

## Terri Francis

Terri has 10 years experience in community organisations. She currently works at Magnolia Place LWS, Launceston Women's Shelter in Tasmania, where she has been working since 1998 as a Women Support Worker and Co-ordinator.

Terri is currently a representative on the Tasmanian state peaks, Women's Emergency Services, Independent Women's Organisations of Tasmania and is the Tasmanian representative for WESNET. Terri also attends the Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services Industry Reference Group meetings. Prior to this Terri worked at Deloraine Neighbourhood House and Mole Creek Resource Centre

## Pauline Woodbridge

Pauline has been working in Women's Services in Townsville for the past 20 years and has been Co-ordinator of North Queensland Domestic Violence Resource Service (NQDVRS) for the last 10 years. Over the years she has been active locally, within the State and nationally to raise the awareness of violence against women and work towards the elimination of domestic violence against women and children and is currently the QLD representative for WESNET

# Key Activities 2005-06



A key focus during the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006 was AFHO's involvement in convening and hosting The Great Australian Dream?: Waking up to Homelessness – the 4th National Homelessness Conference 1-3 March 2006 Sydney. Over 730 delegates attended the conference, including 347 AFHO Members. For the first time, AFHO hosted an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pre-conference workshop for over 40 participants. The conference was heralded a huge success.

As well, this financial year AFHO launched two new services. The first was our weekly newsletter AFHOinform, which now has over 250 national subscribers.

The second was the Australian Homelessness Research Register which is a web-based register which aims to raise the profile of homelessness research in Australia. The register contains up-to-date records of current and completed research projects about homelessness and

information about researchers, their organisations and research funding bodies. By providing current information about homelessness research the Australian Homelessness Research Register will promote and disseminate research on homelessness and related issues in Australia. It will transfer the information collected through research to the sector and policy makers where it can best influence policy, advocacy and practice. As a centralised location for homelessness research, the AHRR will create a national network of researchers interested in homelessness and related issues. It will facilitate the sharing of information and promote cross sectoral research.

During 2005-06 AFHO also received additional project funding from the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaCSIA) under the National Homelessness Strategy to convene the National Indigenous Homelessness Workshop.

## Policy Advocacy

This year, AFHO has developed and advocated policies in a number of area, including:

### **Families Community Services and Indigenous Affairs portfolio**

- Minister Brough and Minister Cobb provided keynote addresses to the National Homelessness Conference (March)
- Active participation on the Commonwealth Advisory Committee on Homelessness (CaCH) (ongoing)
- Meeting with FaCSIA Secretary to discuss improved national coordination of response to homelessness (June)
- Represented, consulted and regular liaison meetings with FaCSIA Housing Support Branch managers (ongoing)
- FaCSIA Housing Support Branch officers participated on one AFHO Board Committee:
  - National Conference 2006 Committee
- AFHO participated in the continued development of SAAP V
  - Membership of the SAAP V Evaluation Working Group (ongoing)
  - Convened a SAAP V Open Space Forum at the National Homelessness Conference

## Other Portfolios

- Correspondence with Minister Andrews on development of Welfare to Work regulations and issues for homeless Australians (January)
- Participation in DEWR consultative forums on Welfare to Work regulations and issues relating to the Guide to the Social Security Act for homeless Australians (February)
- Consulted with Centrelink, represented homelessness sector focusing on the relationship between service providers and Centrelink, and Centrelink's Homelessness Strategy (ongoing)
- Regular liaison meetings with the Project Officer Developing Centrelink's Response to Homelessness (ongoing)
- Participated in Centrelink's Community Participation Reference Group (ongoing)



## National Representation Activities

During 2005-06 AFHO presented papers at the National Housing Conference (Perth), the Shelter, Housing and Home Weekend of Ideas (Canberra) and the Vulnerability, Complexity and Homelessness Forum (Sydney). AFHO's Executive Officer was elected as a National Member Organisation Representative to the ACOSS Board 2006. The AFHO Board and Staff also attended a variety of conferences and events, including:

- Is the public realm under threat from planning? Alison Burton Memorial Lecture, RAPI, Canberra (October)
- The seeds of change serendipity and social movements, Kenneth Myer Lecture, Friends of the NLA, Canberra (October)
- Poverty and Opportunity: Measurement and Policy Issues, Melbourne Institute, Canberra (November)
- ACOSS Congress, Brisbane (November)
- Child Poverty Conference, Brotherhood of St Laurence, Melbourne (December)
- Public Space at the Crossroads Forum, Council to Homeless Persons, Melbourne (March)
- Australasian Housing Researchers Conference, Adelaide (June)
- Homelessness and Employment Assistance Forum, Melbourne (June)

## Communications

Throughout 2005-06 AFHO has been focusing on developing and improving its communication with members. The key communication tools used this financial year were:

- AFHOinform is our national weekly e-newsletter on homelessness advocacy, research and policy was launched in January 2006 and has now grown to 200+ subscribers
- AFHOnews is our newsletter with a national circulation of 1600 (Oct-Nov, Feb-Mar, Apr-May, Jun-July)
- [www.afho.org.au](http://www.afho.org.au) is updated regularly
- [afho@afho.org.au](mailto:afho@afho.org.au) responds to numerous information requests on homelessness
- (02) 6247 77744 provides assistance on numerous information requests on homelessness
- AFHO issued 11 media releases in 2005-06
- AFHO produced and distributed 5 fact sheets on homelessness (March, May)
- AFHO received widespread newsprint, radio and TV coverage in 2005-06, particularly associated with the National Homelessness Conference (March)

### **Other communication activities undertaken by AFHO:**

- Sponsored the National Homelessness Conference edition of Parity (March)
- Contributed and refereed articles on homelessness for publications of other organisations

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF  
AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION OF HOMELESSNESS ORGANISATIONS INCORPORATED  
ABN 38 006 376 407**

***Scope***

We have audited the attached financial statements being the Committee Report, Committee Member's Declaration, Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to and forming part of the financial statements of Australian Federation of Homelessness Organisations Incorporated for the 12 months ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

The association is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the association.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view of the association which is consistent with our understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

***Independence***

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

***Unqualified Audit Opinion***

In our opinion,

1. The financial statements of Australian Federation of Homelessness Organisations Incorporated present fairly the assets and liabilities at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006, and the income and expenditure of the Association for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements;
2. The Association has kept proper accounting and other records in accordance with general accounting practices and section 71 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991;
3. The Association has complied with its own Constitution in regard to accounting policies; and
4. We have been provided with all the information and explanations that we required to form this opinion

**EVERALLS DFK & ASSOCIATES**  
*Certified Practising Accountants*

**CANBERRA**  
*Dated:*

**JA TRIGGS FCPA**  
**(Registered Company Auditor)**

# Australian Federation of Homelessness Organisations Incorporated

## Income Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
Other revenue	794,985	894,832
SAAP client satisfaction	-	(9,000)
Office operations	(61,805)	(45,272)
Employee benefits expense	(275,047)	(241,206)
Communications	(28,173)	(33,000)
Staff meetings	(11,834)	(9,366)
National Council meetings	(23,997)	(20,091)
Board	(9,916)	(10,737)
CHPA	(15,373)	(9,720)
WESNET	(18,372)	(15,488)
NYCH	(14,672)	(11,189)
Rural and Remote project	(19,257)	-
National Homelessness Conference	(363,612)	-
<b>Profit</b>	<b>(47,073)</b>	<b>489,763</b>

# Australian Federation of Homelessness Organisations Incorporated

## Balance Sheet

30 June 2006

	Note	2006 \$	2005 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	466,582	511,667
Trade and other receivables	5	14,814	7,330
Other current assets	6	5,051	5,024
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>486,447</b>	<b>524,021</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	7	33,001	18,773
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>33,001</b>	<b>18,773</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>519,448</b>	<b>542,794</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	8	34,446	16,698
Short-term provisions	9	14,375	8,396
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>48,821</b>	<b>25,094</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>48,821</b>	<b>25,094</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>470,627</b>	<b>517,700</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained earnings		470,627	517,700
		<b>470,627</b>	<b>517,700</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>470,627</b>	<b>517,700</b>

# Australian Federation of Homelessness Organisations Incorporated

## Committee Report

30 June 2006

Your committee members submit the financial report of the association for the financial year ended 30 June 2006.

### 1. General information

#### a Committee Members

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

Annabel Senior

Maria Leebeel

Michael Coffey

Terri Francis

Trish Bramble

Shaun MacIntyre

Angela Nesci

Liz Fritz

Donna Curtis

Pauline Woodbridge

Kedy Kristal

Margaret Chisholm

Josey Hansen

#### b Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

- to proactively research, develop and promote national policy and action to reduce homelessness and its impact upon the diverse range of people it affects.

#### c Significant Changes

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

### 2. Business review

#### a Operating Result

The loss of the association for the financial year amounted to \$ 47,073 .

### 3. Other items

#### a Adoption of Australian Equivalents to IFRS

As a result of the introduction of Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS), the association's financial report has been prepared in accordance with those Standards.

# Australian Federation of Homelessness Organisations Incorporated

## Committee Report

30 June 2006

### 3. Other items continued

#### b After balance date events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the association, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the association in future financial years.

#### c Rounding of amounts

Amounts in the financial statements and directors' report have been rounded to the nearest \$1 dollar.

### 4. Proceedings on Behalf of Company

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the association or intervene in any proceedings to which the association is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the association for all or any part of those proceedings.


The association was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

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

CommitteeMember:



CommitteeMember:



Dated this ..... day of ..... 2006

# Staff Profiles

## Jack Quinane

### Executive Officer



Jack is responsible for the overall coordination and management of AFHO. He is responsible for promoting the needs of people who are homeless in our community and developing and maintaining a profile for AFHO.

Jack represents AFHO in a wide range of forums. He analyses and responds to a broad range of policies, statements and issues relating to homelessness. He ensures the development of a AFHO policy on homelessness in consultation with the AFHO Board and member organisations.

## Heather Watkins

### Finance Manager



Heather maintains the payroll and financial aspects of personnel details. She is responsible for maintaining the leave registers and personnel files, and ensuring AFHO's compliance with relevant taxation, superannuation and award requirements.

Heather is a Certified Practicing Accountant and started with AFHO in February in 2005.

## Elena Rosenman

### Policy and Research Manager



As the Policy and Research Manager, Elena is responsible for promoting a nationally coordinated approach to homelessness research, developing strategies to transfer information and knowledge in the sector, undertaking policy development and review and involving members in policy development.

Elena has worked in the women's homelessness sector for 5 years. She has also written Talking like a Toora Woman: the herstory of Toora Women Inc. and recently completed a project on housing as a human right for ACT Shelter.

## Julie McKay

### Communication and Member Services Manager



Julie is the Communications and Member Services Manager and is responsible for all media, communications and publications. A large part of her job is increasing our membership base, and implementing a member services plan. Julie is currently studying a Masters in Public Policy at the Australian National University.

Julie graduated from the University of Queensland in 2004 with a Bachelor of Business Management and a Bachelor of International Relations. She previously worked as a youth development co-ordinator.

## Robyn Vance

### Communications and Member Services Officer



Robyn is the Communications and Member Services Officer and is responsible for increasing community awareness of homelessness, maintaining AFHO's national profile, and managing AFHO's services to members.

Robyn worked to organise and promote the 4th National Homelessness Conference. She graduated in 2004 from the University of Canberra with a degree in Public Relations, majoring in Psychology and previously worked for the Department of Health and Ageing.

In her spare time, Robyn can best be described as an adventure capitalist, who enjoys base jumping and extreme snow-boarding and is a puzzle enthusiast.

## Mary Frigo

### Receptionist/Administration Officer



Mary has a Bachelor of Science from Monash University, Melbourne. She worked as a biochemist for 7 years at Melbourne University as a technician and then as a Research Biochemist at the Baker Institute for Medical Research in Melbourne.

Mary has also held positions as a Project Officer at Richmond Skillshare, Melbourne, Training Officer at Q Skills, Queanbeyan, medical receptionist/office manager for several practices, and market researcher.

Most recently she has worked for ORIMA Research, a market research company as Operations Human Resource and Quality Control Manager, and for Alliance Consulting Group as an Administrative Officer.

Mary has two teenage children, one still at school and enjoys reading, music and watching movies in any spare time she manages to find.

## Member's Cont'd

Elandra Women & Children's Service  
Erskineville Youth Housing Inc  
Fairfield Youth Accommodation Service  
Fairfield Youth Refuge  
Far West Reconnect  
Ginny Hewlitt  
Grafton Women's Refuge  
Gonyah Women's Housing  
Hastings Women's & Children's Refuge  
Holroyd Youth Services  
Homelessness NSW.ACT  
Homeless Persons Information Centre  
Homeless Persons Support Team  
Housing Support & Advocacy - Centacare  
Illawarra Legal Centre  
Illawarra Youth Housing  
Immigrant Women's Speakout Association  
Job Futures  
Katakudu Women's Housing  
Kel Knox  
Kempsey Women & Children's Service Inc  
Lismore Women's and Children's Refuge  
Liverpool Youth Accommodation Assistance Company  
Liverpool Youth Refuge Inc  
Lotus House  
Macarthur Ozanam Centre  
Macleay Youth Accommodation Service  
Marist Youth Care  
Medley Community  
Mission Australia  
Monaro Crisis Accommodation Service  
Moree Family Support  
Moree Women's Refuge - Ngala House  
Murrane Women's Housing  
Narrabri Family Crisis Centre  
National Ethnic Disability Alliance  
Newmaqc Community Housing Co Ltd  
NSW Women's Refuge Resource Centre  
NSW Federation of Housing Associations  
Open House Youth Accommodation Services Inc  
Orange Community Accommodation Service  
Parramatta Mission  
Phoenix House Youth Services  
Quamby House  
Raymond Terrace Neighbourhood Centre Inc  
Regional Accommodation Brokerage Service  
Rendu Youth Services  
Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory  
Samaritans Foundation  
Samaritans Outreach Team  
Shelter NSW  
Shire Wide Youth Service  
Shirewide Youth Services Inc  
Shoalhaven Youth Accommodation  
Silky Oaks Children's Haven  
Sisters Housing Enterprises  
South West Women's Housing  
Southern Riverina Youth Support Services  
Southern Youth and Family Services  
Elandra Women & Children's Service  
Erskineville Youth Housing Inc

Fairfield Youth Accommodation Service  
Fairfield Youth Refuge  
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Samaritans Outreach Team  
Shelter NSW  
Shirewide Youth Services Inc  
Shoalhaven Youth Accommodation  
Silky Oaks Children's Haven  
Sisters Housing Enterprises  
South West Women's Housing  
Southern Riverina Youth Support Services  
Southern Youth and Family Services  
St Vincent De Paul-National Council  
Stepping Out Housing Programme Inc  
Tamworth Homeless Men's Support Group  
Tamworth Youth Care Inc  
Tenants Union of NSW

The Bridge Youth Service Inc  
The Burdekin Association  
The Gender Centre  
The Haymarket Foundation  
The Station Ltd  
The Ted Noffs Foundation  
The YWCA of Sydney  
Theba Inc  
Upper Hunter Community Services  
Veritas Outreach Youth Services  
Vincentian Village Care and Support Service  
Vinnies Emergency Accommodation/Reconnect  
Welfare Rights Centre  
Wentworth Area Community Housing  
Wesley Mission - Homeless Persons Service  
Westlake Macquarie Youth Accommodation Project  
Wimlah Refuge  
Wollongong Emergency Family Housing  
Wollongong Women's Housing  
Women's & Girls Emergency Centre  
Women's Housing Company  
Woy Woy Women's Refuge  
Youth Accommodation Association NSW  
Youth Accommodation Services- Centacare Newcastle  
Youth Angle Inc  
Youth Off the Streets

### **VIC**

Access Youth Support  
AIDS Housing Action Group Inc  
Anglicare Southbridge Youth Services  
Annie North Women's Refuge  
Banyule Community Health Service  
Banyule Housing Support Group  
Barwon Domestic Violence Outreach Service  
Barwon Youth Accommodation Service  
Baywest Youth Housing Group  
Bethany Community Support  
Bethlehem Community Inc  
Central Hume Support Services  
Cobaw Accommodation Services  
Colac Area Health  
Council to Homeless Persons  
David Holdcroft  
Domestic Violence & Incest Resource Centre  
Eastern Homelessness Network  
Elizabeth Hoffman House  
Family Access Network Inc  
Flat Out Inc  
Footscray Youth Housing Group  
Good Samaritan Inn  
Goulburn Valley Community Health Service  
Grampians Housing Network  
Hanover Southern - Housing & Support Service  
Hanover Welfare Services  
Homeground Services  
Hope Street Youth and Family Services  
Hume Accommodation & Support Service  
Inner South Community Health Services  
Joan's Place  
Judith Woodland

Kids Under Cover  
 Leila W Huebner  
 Lodden Mallee Housing Services  
 Loddon Mallee SAAP Network  
 Mallee Accommodation & Support Program  
 Margaret Tucker Hostel  
 Martina Collective, Georgina Inc  
 Mary Anderson Lodge  
 Melton Supported Accommodation Service  
 Michelle Barnett  
 Molly's House Women's Refuge  
 North East Support and Action for Youth  
 Northern Homelessness Network  
 Olive's Place Inc  
 Pathways  
 Peplow House  
 Public Interest Law Clearing House  
 Quantum Support Services Inc  
 Regina Coeli Community  
 Regional Extended Family Services  
 Rural Housing Network Ltd  
 Sacred Heart Mission St Kilda  
 Salvation Army - Crisis Services  
 Salvation Army Crossroads Jacana  
 Salvation Army Crossroads Sunbury  
 Accommodation Service  
 Salvation Army Social Housing Services  
 Salvation Open Door  
 Social Planning and Projects  
 Southern Family Life  
 St Albans Youth Housing  
 St George Women's Housing  
 St Lukes Anglicare - Youth Services  
 St Vincent De Paul - Matthew Talbot Soup Van  
 St Vincent de Paul Aged Care & Community Services  
 Supported Housing Ltd  
 The Bridge (Goulburn Accommodation Program)  
 The Salvation Army - Kardinia Network  
 The Salvation Army Eastcare  
 The Salvation Army South East Services Network  
 Uniting Care Ballarat Parish Mission  
 Uniting Care Connections - SHIFT  
 Victorian Women's Refuges & Associated Domestic  
 Violence Services Inc  
 Westernport Accommodation and Youth  
 Support Services  
 Werribee Support and Housing Group  
 Wesley Central Missions  
 WIN Support Services  
 Wintringham Hostels  
 Wombat Housing & Support Services  
 Women's Health West  
 Women's Housing Ltd  
 Women's Info Support & Housing In the North  
 Young Peoples Health Service  
 Youth Projects Inc

## SA

Aboriginal Family Support  
 Anglican Community Care Inc  
 Baptist Community Services SA  
 Bowden Brompton Housing Service  
 Centacare Homeless, Mental Health

& Youth Services  
 Central Eastern Domestic Violence Service  
 Community Housing Council of SA Inc  
 Developing Alternative Solutions to  
 Housing (DASH)  
 Domestic Violence Crisis Service Inc  
 Domestic Violence Helpline Adelaide  
 Central Mission  
 Homelessness SA  
 Migrant Women's Support  
 Accommodation Service  
 Multi Agency Community  
 Housing Association  
 National Council of Single Mothers  
 & Their Children  
 Ranges Youth Centre Inc  
 RivSkills Inc  
 Service to Youth Council  
 Southern Junction Youth Services  
 St Johns Youth Service  
 St Vincent De Paul Society  
 The Salvation Army - Inglefarm  
 UnitingCare Wesley Adelaide  
 West Coast Youth Services Inc  
 Western Domestic Violence Service Inc  
 Offenders Aid & Rehabilitation Services:  
 Women's Accommodation Support Service  
 Young Women's & Children's Support Services

## ACT

ACT Shelter  
 Anglicare Canberra & Goulburn, Youth  
 & Family Services  
 Australian Mental Health Consumer Network  
 Beryl Women's Refuge  
 Brain Injury Australia Inc  
 Canberra Community Housing for Young  
 People Inc  
 Canberra Youth Refuge  
 Canberra Fathers and Children  
 Service (CANFaCS)  
 Coalition of Community Housing  
 Organisations of the ACT  
 Doris Women's Refuge  
 Genelle Walters  
 Havelock Housing Association  
 Helen Disney  
 Inanna Women's Refuge  
 LASA Youth Centre - Salvation Army  
 Lifeline Australia  
 National Youth Housing Coalition  
 St Jude's Family Support Service  
 Tenants Union ACT  
 Toora Women Inc  
 Transition Program - Barnados  
 Uniting Care Australia  
 Welfare Rights & Legal Centre  
 Women's Services Network  
 Youth Coalition of the ACT  
 YWCA of Canberra

## NT

Alice Springs Women's Shelter Inc  
 Alice Springs Youth Accommodation  
 & Support  
 Services Inc  
 Anglicare NT Katherine  
 Anglicare Youth Housing Program  
 Centacare NT  
 Crisis Accommodation Gove Inc  
 Darwin Christian Outreach Centre  
 Dawn House  
 Katherine Women's Crisis Centre  
 Northern Territory Shelter  
 Salvation Army Catherine Booth House  
 St Vincent de Paul - Bakhita Centre  
 Tangentyere Council  
 Tennant Creek Women's Refuge  
 Top End Association for Mental Health Inc  
 YWCA of Darwin

## TAS

Anglicare Tasmania  
 Annie Kenney Young Women's Refuge  
 Colony 47 Inc  
 Community Connections Inc  
 Hobart Women's Shelter  
 Jireh House Association Inc  
 Karinya Young Womyn's Refuge  
 McCombe House - Salvation Army  
 Northern Youth Shelter Association  
 Red Shield Housing Association  
 Salvation Army - Oakley House  
 Salvation Army Supported Housing  
 Shelter Tasmania  
 Warrawee Committee Inc  
 Women With Disabilities Australia (WWDA)

## WA

Anglicare WA  
 Agencies for South West Accommodation  
 (ASWA) Bunbury Housing Association  
 Burdekin Youth in Action Inc  
 Calvary Youth Services Mandurah  
 Centrecare Marriage & Family Services  
 Council to Homeless Persons Australia  
 City of Fremantle  
 Community Housing Coalition of WA  
 Eastern Metro Community Housing Assn  
 Family & Children's Services  
 Katanning Regional Emergency  
 Accommodation Centre  
 Mercy Community Services Inc  
 Mission Australia  
 - Family and Youth Services  
 Parkerville Children's Home  
 Perth Inner City Youth Services  
 Ruah Community Services  
 Salvation Army Crossroads West  
 Salvo Care Line The Salvation Army  
 St Vincent de Paul Society WA  
 Starick Services Inc  
 Tenants Advice Service Inc  
 Women's Council for Domestic & Family  
 Violence Services WA

