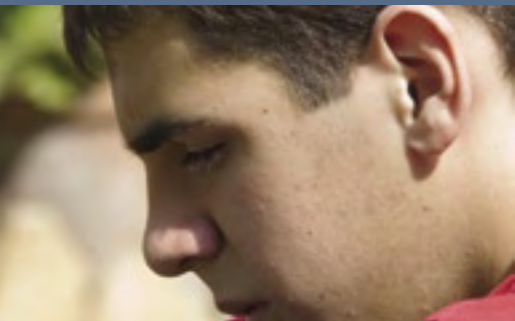




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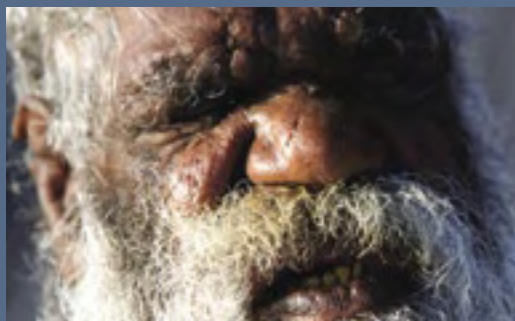
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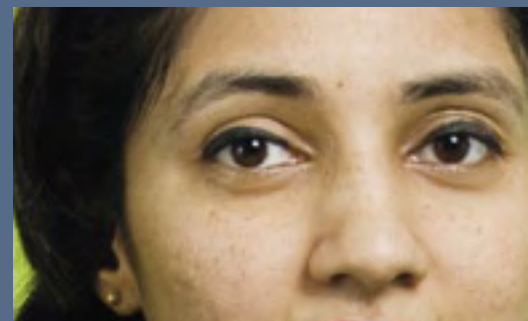
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*Prime Minister Kevin Rudd addresses the Homelessness Australia Conference, May 2008*



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## OUR VISION

**Creating a framework for ending homelessness**

## OUR MISSION

**To promote** national policy and action to reduce homelessness and its impact upon the diverse range of people it affects through proactive research.

## OUR GOALS

**To contribute** to and inform Australian government policy on homelessness and related issues

**To increase** the Australian community's awareness and understanding of homelessness

**To represent** the homeless service sector in crucial policy processes and ensure an integrated response

## HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA'S PRIORITIES FOR 2007-2008

1. Decrease and ultimately end homelessness
2. Proactively research, develop and promote national policy and action
3. Work with homelessness advocates including engaging Government
4. Increase understanding of homelessness

## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Annabel Senior



*Last year the Board continued its commitment to lead and develop an effective national peak body. We have been very successful due to changes in the political arena, increased public awareness of homelessness and the dedication of Board and Staff.*

The first half of the year began a transformation for the homelessness sector. We officially became Homelessness Australia to coincide with National Homeless Person's Week. The switch to Homelessness Australia was timely as it gave the organisation a straightforward title for the national peak body with new logos, graphics and a new website. The name change coincided with the election of the new government which positioned homelessness as a national priority. This created an increase in activity for our organisation in the lead up to the election and once the new government was established.

In January 2008 we farewellled Gordon Melsom, our Executive Officer and welcomed Simon Smith into the role. Simon's extensive work history as the Policy and Research Manager for Homelessness Australia led the Board to believe he would be an asset as the new EO. Six months on, the Board can safely say we were right: Simon has harnessed a recharged team with 2 new wonderful staff members – Damien Melksham as the new Policy and Research Manager and Aileen Solowiej in Communications and Media joining team members Belinda, Sarah and Bev.

While we continue to work with our 3 reference groups of Council for Homeless Persons Australia, National Youth Coalition for Housing Inc. and Women's Services Network Inc., 3 new representative groups for the Board of Rural and Remote, Non English Speaking Background (NESB) and Indigenous Australians have progressed with the appointment of committee member Jax Roan from Victoria as the Rural and Remote member and Angela Nesci the NESB representative. We also welcomed 2 new committee members to the

Board: Lynne Evans from Perth for CHPA and Christa Hilton from Northern Territory for NYCH.

The support of the Federal Government has been invaluable this year with continued funding of Homelessness Australia and ongoing enthusiasm displayed by Housing Minister the Hon. Tanya Plibersek. The Hon. Kevin Rudd MP, Prime Minister opened the 5th Homelessness Australia Conference, launching the Green Paper on homelessness with Minister Plibersek and Ms Therese Rein in attendance.

The 5th National Conference in May 2008 as discussed throughout this annual report had affirmative ramifications across all fields with more than 1000 delegates. The Conference was the ideal platform and networking arena for members, speakers, presenters, Board and staff and showcased the exemplary work of our Event Manager Beverley Atkins.

Please read through this report for the many other events, meetings, forums, lobbying, advocacy and policy work done by Homelessness Australia during 2007-08. While this has been an extraordinary year for us all it is the unremitting dedication to our Mission - Creating a Framework for Ending Homelessness, that guides the Board. With the Homelessness Australia Board and team I have journeyed through the Chairperson's role cheerfully challenged and meeting extraordinary people thus it is with some regret that I leave the chair vacant at the AGM in November. I look forward to passing the baton to my successor who will no doubt lead this great organisation into what promises to be interesting times.

Annabel Senior, Chairperson

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Simon Smith

*This has been an successful year for Homelessness Australia. Homelessness is now well and truly on the national agenda in a way that it hasn't been for more than a generation. Homelessness Australia has been active in representing the views of the sector to Government during this period.*

In the lead up to the 2007 Federal election, we were actively talking with both sides of politics about our views on the policies and programs that we need to end homelessness in this country. After the election was called, we released a 20 point policy statement which we called on both parties to adopt. We then co-hosted a debate with the Council to Homelessness Persons, Victoria between the ALP and the Coalition in early November. Representatives from the parties were invited to discuss their views on how to end homelessness. The debate was held at Sacred Heart Mission in St Kilda, Melbourne.

After the election, homelessness was made the number 1 social policy priority of the Rudd Government. In January, the Prime Minister announced that his Government would prepare a White Paper on homelessness, setting out a new policy framework for the next decade. We have been actively involved since then in the development of the Green and White Papers.

In March, we hosted the Green Paper roundtable on homelessness. The roundtable was the start of the Government's consultation process. It gave participants an opportunity to provide advice to the Steering Committee and FaHCSIA about key issues for the development of the Green Paper. The event drew together more than 100 stakeholders.

In May, as Annabel mentioned in her report, we hosted the National Homelessness Conference, where the Government launched the Green Paper, Which Way Home? There were sessions built into the Conference where FaHCSIA could provide an overview of the Green Paper to delegates. There were also a series of policy workshops where delegates talked about key issues.

We then actively consulted with colleagues across Australia to develop our detailed submission to the Green Paper, 'Many Ways Home: A National Homelessness Strategy for Australia'. This was prepared in a very short period of time but gave the Government a robust policy and program framework for consideration in the development of the White Paper.

Since then, we've been meeting with Ministers, their staff and FaHCSIA. As I write this, we are still waiting for the White Paper's release. We remain hopeful that the Government will set out a comprehensive strategy that will deliver a significant fall in homelessness over the next decade.

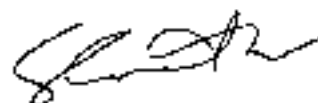
We have been working on a wide range of other issues with the new Government as well. You can read more about this in the highlights of our work this year.

To finish can I say thank you to a few people. I would like to acknowledge my predecessor as Executive Officer, Gordon Melsom. Gordon was the EO from October 2006 until January 2008. We trust he is enjoying his (semi-) retirement.

I would particularly like to thank the team for their hard work. The wide range of things we've achieved is astonishing for such a small office and reflects their passion and dedication. Thank you to Aileen, Belinda, Bev, Damien and Sarah.

Thankyou to the Board for their hard work over this last year.

And a big thank you to Annabel Senior, who has been the Chair of Homelessness Australia for the last 3 ½ years. She has truly been the sensible, dependable voice we have been able to rely on in a busy workplace. Thank you for all your support and guidance since becoming EO. The team and I wish you all the best for the future.



Simon Smith, Executive Officer

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Trish Bramble



*This past year has been a positive year financially for Homelessness Australia.*

While we recorded an operating loss of \$45,713, this was as a result of expenses incurred running the 5th National Homelessness Conference. We will receive the bulk of our revenue for the Conference, including registration fees, at the start of the 2008-09 financial year. This will be acknowledged in the subsequent annual report.

We continue to be supported under the National Secretariat Program by the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA). We thank FaHCSIA for its ongoing support.

We were supported by FaHCSIA and the SAAP Co-ordination and Development Committee (CAD) to host the National Conference held in Adelaide in May. We managed to diversify our income for the Conference by attracting another 8 sponsors, including State/Territory Government agencies, national non-government organisations and a commercial sponsor (Telstra).

The auditor, Everalls DFK and Associates has provided an unqualified audit for 2007-08. They have indicated they will not be in a position to undertake the audit next year. I would like to thank them for their work with us over the last 3 years.

As always we are very appreciative of the homeless services, other NGOs and individuals who are members of Homelessness Australia. Many members operate on very tight budgets, and can find meeting a small membership fee quite hard. A list of members is included with this report.

Finally, I would like to thank Belinda Semmler for her work this year in taking on the role of Finance Manager from October 2007. Belinda has shown a high degree of professionalism and attention to the position and has been a great support in my role as Treasurer.

As Treasurer of Homelessness Australia I thank our Executive Officer, Simon Smith and the Board for their support and effort throughout 2007-2008. I recommend our Audited Financial Statements to our members for their perusal.

Trish Bramble, Treasurer



*As the national peak body we advocate for those experiencing homelessness and for those who provide services. A major role for Homelessness Australia is to push the limits of national policy. We are also involved in events, publications, media communications, articles and a range of other activities.*

### SUBMISSIONS

Homelessness Australia completed 6 submissions by June 30 2008:

1. 2007-08 Federal Budget
2. Enquiry into Federal Election
3. National Rental Affordability Scheme
4. Two papers on the review of Employment Services
5. Job Capacity Assessment and Job Capacity Account
6. Green Paper – Many Ways Home

*Full Submissions HA website – Policy page*

### RESEARCH

#### Welfare to work

A research project was undertaken with Homelessness NSW to look at the impact on homeless services of the welfare to work changes.

The project also sought more generally to identify key issues for service providers relating to Centrelink and employment support providers' engagement with people experiencing homelessness.

### PUBLICATIONS

In October, Homelessness Australia released 'If Only', a collection of case studies of people on the frontline and with each story a response of what could happen with more resources.

We released 'Homelessness Australia News', the first edition of our quarterly newsletter issued under our new name in December and a Conference edition in May.

Homelessness Australia published four articles in Parity in 2007-08

We continued to issue 'Inform', a weekly summary of national information on homelessness policy, research and advocacy.

### EVENTS

- Homelessness Australia's name change
- New website
- Homeless Person's Week Breakfast
- Green Paper Roundtable
- Welfare to Work Forum
- 5th National Homelessness Conference

### MEDIA

- 5 Oct. I'm Homeless – and I vote!
- 15 Oct. No home = no vote?
- 17 Oct. We could do so much more!
- 2 Nov. Homelessness an elephant in the election room
- 5 Nov. ALP funding promise welcome but more needed
- 8 Nov. Call for all political leaders to make a commitment to ending homelessness
- 19 Nov. ALP anti-violence platform welcome but more needed to solve women's homelessness
- 29 Jan. Prime Minister's leadership welcome
- 15 Feb. Welfare reform priority for action on homelessness
- 14 May Budget sets foundation for future action

Numerous interviews on radio and TV

### SECONDEES

Homelessness Australia would like to thank Sarah Nash, FaHCSIA for her support with the Green Paper Round Table and Kathie Rennick, Centrelink for her support with Welfare to Work and the Conference.

*Breakfast to mark National Homeless Persons Week held at the Senate Alcove Parliament House, Canberra with over 40 people from HA Board, Federal Government, diverse NGO's and Community groups*





## 2007 FEDERAL ELECTION AND BEYOND...

Homelessness Australia developed an election platform for the 2007 Federal Election, 'The Way Forward'. The paper outlined a set of 20 measures that the Federal Government could use to prevent and respond to homelessness. These measures were built around a framework of early intervention/prevention; supporting people when they are homeless, and in crisis, and providing people pathways out of homelessness. Prior to its release, Homelessness Australia met with the then Minister for Community Services, Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion to discuss the paper in September.

The document was launched at an election debate in November 2007. Senator the Hon Judith Troeth, representing the previous Government and the then Shadow Minister for Housing, the Hon Tanya Plibersek spoke at the debate.

During February, Homelessness Australia met with several of the members of the new Federal Ministry and their staff to discuss homelessness policy. We met with:

- Minister for Housing, the Hon Tanya Plibersek, to discuss the announcement of the White Paper,
- Minister for Employment Participation, the Hon Brendan O'Connor, to discuss how employment programs could be better used to support people to resolve homelessness, and
- Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion, Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens. We discussed the priority issues the Government had identified within the social inclusion portfolio, and the extent to which the concept of social inclusion could be used to prevent and respond to homelessness.

## WELFARE TO WORK...

We have been actively following the impact of the welfare to work changes through a number of projects this year.

In February 08, we partnered in a collaboration of 17 non-government organisations to develop a joint statement on the previous Government's welfare to work policies. The statement was called 'Reforming Welfare to Work', and called for changes in 4 priority areas. It was launched in Parliament House.

We also undertook a research project to look at the impact on homeless services of the welfare to work changes. We hosted a workshop in Sydney in collaboration with Homelessness NSW on 29 April 2008. Services from both NSW and Victoria attended. They indicated that by and large, homeless services have been able to work with their clients to avoid them having an 8 week breach being imposed. This is because good relationships have been developed with local Centrelink services. However, services also report that some clients disengage with from income support payments for considerable periods of time.

This discussion was developed into a paper for the National Homelessness Conference, 'Income support, employment services and homelessness'. This was presented as part of the welfare reform stream.

During this period, we also undertook a research project with Centrelink to determine the extent to which Centrelink's internal processes are correctly identifying people who are experiencing homelessness. We provided Centrelink with a list of clients supplied by our member services. Centrelink agreed to review their records for these clients to determine if they had been identified correctly as currently experiencing homelessness. We reached an agreement with Centrelink that this information would not be used to reassess people's eligibility for payment.

We currently are eagerly awaiting the outcome of this research. If we can improve the ability of Centrelink to identify when people are homeless, this should lead to significant improvements in the way we link people with support and give them a sustainable pathway to getting back on their feet.



## GREEN PAPER DEVELOPMENT

*Homelessness Australia has played an integral role in representing the views of the sector to Government during the development of the Green and White Paper.*

On 28 March, we hosted the Green Paper roundtable on homelessness. The roundtable gave participants an opportunity to provide advice to the Steering Committee and FaHCSIA about key issues for the development of the Green Paper. The agenda was built around a series of six sessions each relating to a broad topic. Sessions commenced with 2 or 3 short 5 minute presentations. Delegates were then divided into small groups for a more detailed analysis of the issues and were given a series of questions for discussion.

The six sessions for the day were:

- What do we need to build, retain and enhance from the current national response to homelessness?
- How do we increase social and economic participation for people experiencing homelessness?
- What are the key issues for different population groups?
- How do we design and provide appropriate housing to meet the diverse needs of people who are homeless?
- What are the best support models to stop the cycle of homelessness?
- Where to from here?

A summary of proceedings were provided to FaHCSIA within 24 hours of the close of the day. A number of key themes emerged from the discussion. Program design needs to better meet the needs of people who are experiencing homelessness. For example, support should be provided for as long as required, and the intensity of support should fluctuate to meet peoples' need. Policy settings in different parts of Government can undermine efforts to address homelessness. Addressing homelessness requires the need for a significant increase in the supply of safe, affordable and appropriate housing.

At the National Homelessness Conference we held a series of 6 workshops on key policies that needed to be addressed in the Green Paper:

- sustaining housing,
- future directions of the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP),
- welfare reform and employment programs,
- responding to domestic and family violence,
- supporting people exiting from institutions, and
- access to support for mental health and substance abuse problems.

Each workshop broke into small groups and was asked to discuss a series of discussion points. Feedback from these sessions was collated and used to inform the development of Homelessness Australia's submission to the Green Paper.

We also attended the FaHCSIA green paper consultation in Canberra on 13 June, part of the national consultation process. We made a discussion paper available afterwards that detailed our alternative model, which was then developed into our submission.

*Full GP roundtable report can be found on [www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au](http://www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au)*





## SUBMISSION TO THE GREEN PAPER

Following the Conference, we prepared a detailed response to the Green Paper, 'Many Ways Home: a National Homelessness Strategy for Australia'. This was developed in consultation with State/Territory homeless peak bodies, service providers and non-government organisations from related fields. It was also supported by feedback from our reference groups and workshops at the National Homelessness Conference.

Our submission set out a comprehensive model to respond to homelessness. We argued that a new approach needed to be built around:

- **program and funding arrangements.** This needs to include a commitment to an increase in the supply of affordable, safe and appropriate housing and an approach to improve the current design of SAAP. We also recommended that SAAP be enhanced to provide longer-term support to clients,
- **a whole of Government policy framework.** There are a diverse range of levers across the Federal Government that can be used in a co-ordinated way to respond to homelessness. Policy frameworks also need to build on State/Territory homelessness strategies to improve the capacity of 'mainstream' services to respond to homeless clients, and to prevent homelessness amongst people leaving institutions,
- **legislative and accountability requirements.** These are necessary to set out and measure progress towards high level targets,
- **a partnership approach.** The non-government sector that will deliver the services to support people who are experiencing homelessness and need to be able to be supported to do this. Workforce capacity needs to be enhanced and funding and contract arrangements should be streamlined.

Full submission can be found on  
[www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au](http://www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au)

## 5<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL HOMELESSNESS CONFERENCE: NEW HORIZONS: PRACTICE, RESEARCH AND EMERGING ISSUES

*The 5th National Conference, 'New Horizons', was held from 21-23 May 2008 at the Adelaide Convention Centre. More than 1000 delegates attended the Conference.*

The Conference was opened by the Prime Minister, the Hon Kevin Rudd, where he launched the Green Paper, *Which Way Home?: a New Approach to Homelessness*. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time that a Prime Minister has attended an event of its type in our nation's history. More than 1,000 delegates attended each day of the Conference. We thank FaHCSIA for their financial support to enable the Conference to take place.

The Conference program was built around three topics for discussion.

- Topic 1, 'What can we do to prevent and respond to homelessness?' There were three keynote presentations on issues that needed to be factored into the Federal Government's White Paper
- Topic 2, 'What Service Providers are doing to enhance outcomes for their clients'. This was organised into 6 streams, with a series of 3 presentations, followed by a workshop with delegates. These were grouped around 6 key policy issues (noted earlier in this report).
- Topic 3 'How do we engage communities to help prevent and respond to homelessness?' This involved a panel presentation on the morning of the final day of the Conference, followed by another series of concurrent presentations.

During the concurrent presentations, there were information sessions on the Green Paper, and detailed presentations from FaHCSIA, AHURI and the Homelessness Clearinghouse. Simon Smith delivered a keynote presentation at the National Homelessness Conference, 'The Way Forward: What We Need to do to build a new response to homelessness'.



## HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA'S 5<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL CONFERENCE

21-23 May 2008 was extraordinary. Our conference coordinator Beverley Atkins planned a well oiled event but never imagined over 1000 delegates each day, Therese Rein and Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's support with action packed days.





**Annabel Senior, Chairperson**

Annabel is the Director, Regional and Rural Community Services Catholic Healthcare Ltd in NSW. She has also worked in community services for nearly 30 years.

Annabel has been the Homelessness Australia Chairperson since May 2005 and leaves in November 2008.



**Trish Bramble, Treasurer**

CHPA

Trish is the Manager of Albion St Lodge in Surry Hills, Sydney.

The Lodge is an intoxicated Persons Unit and accommodates men and women who are chronically homeless, are affected by drugs and alcohol and have mental health issues. Trish has been working in the sector for the last 20 years and the National Chairperson for the Council to Homeless Persons Australia.



**Gary Bennett, Secretary**

CHPA

Gary represents CHPA on the Homelessness Australia Board. After serving two years as Chair of Shelter Tasmania Gary is currently vice-chair.

Prior to working in the Community Sector, Gary was employed in the State public service in the housing area for 27 years.

In his current role as Manager at Bethlehem House Gary is committed to providing support and advocacy to homeless single men and men with children.



**Lynne Evans**

CHPA

Lynne has a background in community nursing with a strong belief in prevention and early intervention. She also has Business Management qualifications and is CEO of St Bartholomew's House since 1999 and Chair of the WA Community Housing Coalition since 2004.

She is passionate about eliminating homelessness and valuing people through respect and dignity.

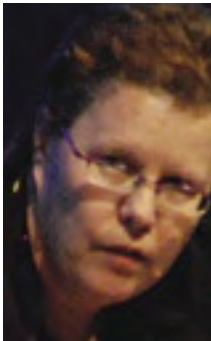
Every person should be afforded the opportunity to make positive life changes and should be assisted to achieve these.

**Jax Roan,**

Rural and Remote Representative

Jax has a strong personal and political commitment to the provision of quality services to people who are experiencing homelessness and sees this as an opportunity to undertake this work at another level through Homelessness Australia.

As part of her role as the Grampians Regional Homelessness Network Coordinator she is in regular contact with workers in Ballarat and Horsham and an array of small country towns. Part of her role is to assist in the identification of service gaps and difficulties across this region. Whilst based in Ballarat (office) she is regularly all over the region meeting with workers and management at a range of services.



**Sally Langton**

CHPA

*No photo available*

Sally represented CHPA for 6 months on the HA Board. Due to work changes Sally resigned in November 2007.



**Maria Leebeek**

NYCH

Maria graduated from the University of Queensland in 1990 with a Bachelor of Social Work degree. Since her graduation she has worked predominately in the non government sector and with young people. Maria was the Director of the Brisbane Youth Service from 1994 to 1998 and since that time has held various policy development positions. She is currently employed as the Executive Officer of the Queensland Youth Housing Coalition, the youth peak advocating for young people and the services that work with them in Queensland.

**Kim Hopper**

NYCH

Kim works for the Canberra Youth Refuge. She was a Board member for Homelessness Australia for over 12 months until she resigned to go overseas.

**Michael Coffey**

NYCH

Representing NYCH on the Homelessness Australia Board, Michael is the Executive Officer of the Youth Accommodation Association, the Youth Homeless Peak for NSW. Michael has been working in policy and advocacy for young people experiencing homelessness for twenty years. He has also worked for the Australian Services Union and Shelter NSW.

**Christa Hilton**

NYCH

Christa Hilton is the Team Leader of Youth Housing Programs for YWCA of Darwin. YWCA of Darwin provides both youth and domestic and family violence supported accommodation services. Christa has been the Northern Territory delegate of NYCH since 2006 and represents NYCH on the Board.

**Angela Nesci**

NESB Representative

Angela is the Health Education Program coordinator for the Multicultural Centre for Women's Health in Collingwood Victoria and represents people experiencing homelessness with a non-English Speaking Background on the HA Board. She has worked in service provision for women from NESB in the areas of legal, domestic violence, health, counselling and mental health services. For over 10 years she has been actively involved both locally and nationally in advocating for the full participation of people from NESB, especially women in Australian society. Angela has been a council member of WESNET, ANESBWA & Migrant Women's Lobby Group & Women's officer for Multicultural Communities Council.

**Pauline Woodbridge**

WESNET

Pauline has been working in women's services for over 20 years and has been co-ordinator of North Queensland Domestic Violence Resource Service for the past 13. In May last year, Pauline was recognised with an individual award for D&FV prevention by the Queensland Government. Over the years, she has been actively working towards the elimination of domestic violence in her local area as well as within the State and nationally as the current Chair of WESNET.

Pauline is also a Member of the National Council to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children



**Kedy Kristal**

WESNET

Kedy is the Chief Executive Officer of the Patricia Giles Centre. PGC provides domestic and family violence services to women and children, including crisis and medium term accommodation, counselling, outreach and therapeutic groups. Kedy represents WESNET on the HA board and also represents HA as a member of the Information Sub-Committee of SAAP.

**Josey Hansen**

Indigenous Representative

Josey is a Nyoongah woman who has grown up with her mob: her life's journey has been in, with and for the community.

Josey represented Indigenous Australians on the HA Board.

**Lindy Edwards**

WESNET

Lindy has worked in Women's Services, in the area of Domestic Violence, for 24 years, the last 12 of these as Co-ordinator of Sera's Women's Shelter in Townsville. Lindy is currently the Secretariat for the NQ Women's Services Network, a part of the Queensland Women's Services Peak, and is also the Secretary of the Magnetic North Association of SAAP Services in the Townsville and Hinterland Region. She is the Queensland representative on the national WESNET council.



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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

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**Independent Auditor's Report  
to the Members of Homelessness Australia Incorporated**

**Report on the Financial Report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Homelessness Australia Incorporated, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008 and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Board of Management's declaration

**The Responsibility of Board of Management for the Financial Report**

The Board of Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of the constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of members. The Board of Management's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagement and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's 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 Board Members, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Board of Management's financial reporting requirements under the constitution. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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.

### **Auditor's Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respect, the financial position of Homelessness Australia Incorporated as of 30 June 2008 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

### **EVERALLS DFK & ASSOCIATES**

**John A Triggs FCPA**  
**Registered Company Auditor**

30 September 2008

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### Committee Report

30 June 2008

Your committee members submit the financial report of the association for the financial year ended 30 June 2008.

#### 1. General information

##### (a) Committee members

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

Annabel Senior	Pauline Woodbridge
Trish Bramble	Angela Nesci
Gary Bennett	Lynne Evans
Kedy Kristal	Michael Coffey
Lindy Edwards	Jax Roan
Maria Leebeek	Christa Hilton
Kim Hopper	Sally Langton
Josey Hansen	

##### (b) Principal activities

The principal activities of 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 \$45,713.

#### 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.



## Homelessness Australia Incorporated

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### Committee Report

30 June 2008

**(b) After balance day events**

On 6 August 2007 the association changed its name from "Australian Federation Homelessness Organisations Incorporated" to "Homelessness Australia Incorporated". No other 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 the association

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:

Committee Member: .....

Committee Member: ..... *Anasthel Serice* .....

Dated this ..... 30 ..... day of ..... October ..... 2008



## Homelessness Australia Incorporated

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### Income Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
Revenue	2	613,579	404,616
Office Operations		(47,340)	(64,087)
Employee Benefits Expense		(294,549)	(271,126)
Communications		(26,839)	(62,364)
Green Paper Consultations		(29,689)	(32,819)
Board		(32,510)	(27,697)
CHPA		(14,000)	(12,192)
WESNET		(16,488)	(11,168)
NYCH		(14,000)	(12,977)
NESB		(2,381)	-
HA Promotion		(15,757)	-
Clearing House		-	(10,633)
National Homelessness Conference		(165,739)	(4,910)
<b>Profit /(Loss)</b>		<b>(45,713)</b>	<b>(104,716)</b>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.  
These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the attached Audit Report.



## Homelessness Australia Incorporated

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### Balance Sheet

30 June 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	343,773	362,802
Trade and other receivables	7	426	1,391
Other current assets	8	4,345	4,899
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>348,544</b>	369,092
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	15,343	24,089
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>15,343</b>	24,089
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>363,887</b>	393,181
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	36,191	20,059
Short-term provisions	11	7,498	7,211
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>43,689</b>	27,270
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>43,689</b>	27,270
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>320,198</b>	365,911
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained earnings		320,198	365,911
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>320,198</b>	365,911

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**Homelessness Australia Incorporated**

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**Statement of Changes in Equity****For the Year Ended 30 June 2008**

	<b>Retained Earnings \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
<b>Balance at 1 July 2006</b>	470,627	470,627
Profit / (loss) attributable to the entity	(104,716)	(104,716)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2007</b>	<b>365,911</b>	<b>365,911</b>
Profit / (loss) attributable to the entity	(45,713)	(45,713)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2008</b>	<b>320,198</b>	<b>320,198</b>

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## Homelessness Australia Incorporated

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### Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
<b>Cash from operating activities:</b>			
Receipts from customers		594,185	427,127
Payments to suppliers and employees		(632,527)	(545,505)
Interest received		20,359	16,317
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	14	<b>(17,983)</b>	<b>(102,061)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment		(1,046)	(1,718)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities</b>		<b>(1,046)</b>	<b>(1,718)</b>
<b>Net increase (decreases) in cash held</b>		<b>(19,029)</b>	<b>(103,780)</b>
Cash at beginning of financial year		362,802	466,582
<b>Cash at end of financial year</b>	6	<b>343,773</b>	<b>362,802</b>

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# Homelessness Australia Incorporated

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

### 1. Statement of significant accounting policies

This financial report covers Homelessness Australia Incorporated as an individual entity. Homelessness Australia Incorporated is an association incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory under the *Associations Incorporations Act 1991*.

#### Basis of preparation

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

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, event and conditions to which they apply. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes comply with International Financial Reporting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of this financial report are presented below. They have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

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

#### (a) Income tax

The association is exempt from income tax under section 50-10 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.

These notes form part of the financial statements.



# Homelessness Australia Incorporated

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

### 1. Statement of significant accounting policies continued

#### Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised lease assets, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

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

#### Class of fixed asset

Plant and Equipment	3 - 7 years
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The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each balance sheet 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.

#### 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 in the periods in which they are incurred.

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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## Homelessness Australia Incorporated

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### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

#### 1. Statement of significant accounting policies continued

##### (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 expenses 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 present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

##### (e) 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.

##### (i) Revenue

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

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

##### (j) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

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

##### (k) Rounding of amounts

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

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## Homelessness Australia Incorporated

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### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

#### 1. Statement of significant accounting policies continued

##### (k) Comparative figures

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

##### Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The committee members evaluate estimate and judgements incorporated into the financial report based on historical knowledge and best available current information.

Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the association.

##### Key Estimates – Impairment

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

#### 2. Revenue

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Operating activities		
- Member subscriptions	59,943	59,135
- HA core funds	361,044	319,507
- National conference	170,713	7,287
- Interest received	20,359	16,317
- Other revenue	1,520	2,369
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>613,579</b>	<b>404,615</b>

#### 3. Profit from ordinary activities

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	9,792	10,630
Rental expense on operating leases		
- Minimum lease payments	4,416	13,975

These notes form part of the financial statements.



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#### 4. Key management personnel compensation

	Short-term benefits	Post- employment benefits	Total
<b>2007</b>	28,848	2,550	31,398
Total compensation	28,848	2,550	31,398
<b>2008</b>	<b>73,426</b>	<b>6,576</b>	<b>80,002</b>
Total compensation	<b>73,426</b>	<b>6,576</b>	<b>80,002</b>

#### 5. Auditor's remuneration

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Remuneration of the auditor for:		
– auditing or reviewing the financial report	3,800	2,600
– other services	-	-
	<b>3,800</b>	<b>2,600</b>

#### 6. Cash and cash equivalents

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	343,773	362,802
	<b>343,773</b>	<b>362,802</b>

#### 7. Trade and other receivables

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	426	1,392
	<b>426</b>	<b>1,392</b>

#### 8. Other assets

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Prepayments	4,345	4,899
	<b>4,345</b>	<b>4,899</b>

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#### 9. Property, plant and equipment

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
<b>Furniture, fixtures and fittings</b>		
At cost	13,304	13,304
Less accumulated depreciation	(10,542)	(8,818)
<b>Total furniture, fixtures and fittings</b>	<b>2,762</b>	<b>4,486</b>
<b>Office equipment</b>		
At cost	63,496	62,450
Less accumulated depreciation	(51,018)	(44,575)
<b>Total office equipment</b>	<b>12,478</b>	<b>17,875</b>
<b>Computer software</b>		
Plant and equipment at cost	17,028	17,028
Less accumulated depreciation	(16,925)	(15,300)
<b>Total computer software</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1,728</b>
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>15,343</b>	<b>24,089</b>

#### Movements in carrying amounts

Movement in carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings	Office Equipment	Computer Software	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at the beginning of year	4,486	17,875	1,728	24,089
Additions	-	1,046	-	1,046
Depreciation expense	(1,724)	(6,443)	(1,625)	(9,792)
Carrying amount at the end of year	<b>2,762</b>	<b>12,478</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>15,343</b>

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#### 10. Trade and other payables

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Unsecured liabilities		
Trade payables	15,965	2,105
Accrued employee entitlements	4,120	7,590
GST payable	2,010	1,793
Group tax payable	6,222	-
Visa card	(998)	5,029
CHPA Funds Held	8,872	3,543
	<b>36,191</b>	<b>20,060</b>

#### 11. Provisions

	Workers compensation	Employee entitlements	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Opening balance at 1 July 2007	-	7,211	7,211
Change during the year	-	287	287
Balance at 30 June 2008	-	7,498	7,498

#### 12. Capital and leasing commitments

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:		
Payable - minimum lease payments:		
- not later than 12 months	18,685	20,445
- between 12 months and 5 years	53,526	7,610
	<b>72,211</b>	<b>28,055</b>

The association entered into a new Toshiba Multi Function Copier operating lease in December 2005. The lease is for a 48 month term at \$423 per month.

The property lease was renewed on 1 March 2008 for 5 years until 28 February 2013 with CIS Property Group.

#### 13. Events after the balance sheet date

The financial report was authorised for issue on the date of the Statement by the Members of the Committee on page 18 of this report.

These notes form part of the financial statements.



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### Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### 14. Cash flow information

(a) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit after income tax

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Net income/loss for the period	(45,713)	(104,716)
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in profit		
Depreciation	9,792	10,630
Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	-
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries		
(Increase)/decrease in trade and term receivables	965	13,423
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	554	152
Increase/(decrease) in trade payables and accruals	16,132	(14,386)
Increase/(decrease) in provisions	287	(7,164)
	<b>(17,983)</b>	<b>(102,061)</b>

#### 15. Association details

The registered office of the association is:

Homelessness Australia Inc

Unit 7

114 Maitland Street

Hackett ACT 2602

These notes form part of the financial statements.



## Homelessness Australia Incorporated

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### Statement by Members of the Committee

In the opinion of the Committee the financial report as set out on pages 6 to 17:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Homelessness Australia Incorporated as at 30 June 2008 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Homelessness Australia Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President ..... *Annebel Senior* .....

Treasurer .....

Dated this 30 day of October 2008



## HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED COMMITTEE'S REPORT

*Your committee members submit the following financial report of Homelessness Australia*

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Homelessness Australia is the national peak body advocating for people experiencing homelessness and for those who provide homeless services. The principal activities to Members and organisations, government and the broader community include:

- proactive research;
- develop and promote national policy;
- advocacy on holistic homelessness: prevention, crisis intervention and exit pathways;
- publish HA News quarterly;
- email Inform weekly;
- update website;
- network; and
- run workshops, meetings, consultations and events.

### OPERATING RESULT

The deficit from ordinary activities amounted to \$45,713.

### SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

Change of name from Australian Federation of Homelessness Organisations Incorporated to Homelessness Australia Incorporated – 6 August 2007.

### 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 the future financial years. FaHCSIA funding is approved to 2010.

### THE BOARD CONSISTS OF:

- a) An independent Chairperson
- b) 9 members comprising 3 nominations from each of the Councils
- c) 3 external representatives

**Councils:** CHPA—Council for Homeless Persons Australia, NYCH—National Youth Coalition for Housing Inc., an association incorporated in South Australia, WESNET—Women's Services Network Inc., an association incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory.

**External representatives:** There are 3 external representatives, respectively representing people from non English Speaking Background (NESB), Rural and Remote Australia, and Indigenous

The Board meets monthly. It meets face to face twice a year in May and November, and by teleconference on other occasions.

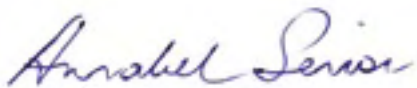


## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Names of committee members of the financial year at the date of this report

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Commenced</b>	<b>Resigned</b>
Annabel Senior	<i>Chairperson</i>	19 May-05	
Trish Bramble (CHPA)	<i>Treasurer</i>	18 October-03	
Gary Bennett (CHPA)	<i>Secretary</i>	18 October-06	
Michael Coffey (NYCH)	<i>Board Member</i>	23 March-06	
Lindy Edwards (WESNET)	<i>Board Member</i>	18 October-06	
Lynne Evans (CHPA)	<i>Board Member</i>	22 November-07	
Josey Hanson (Indigenous)	<i>Board Member</i>	November - 06	February-08
Christa Hilton (NYCH)	<i>Board Member</i>	20 May-08	
Kim Hopper (NYCH)	<i>Board Member</i>	18 October - 06	22 November- 07
Kedy Kristal (WESNET)	<i>Board member</i>	23 November-05	
Sally Langton (CHPA)	<i>Board Member</i>	May-07	November-07
Maria Leebek (NYCH)	<i>Board Member</i>	22 November-07	
Angela Nesci (NESB)	<i>Board Member</i>	24 November-04	
Jax Roan (Rural & Remote)	<i>Board Member</i>	20 March-08	
Pauline Woodbridge (WESNET)	<i>Board Member</i>	12 November-02	

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



Committee Member

Committee Member



### **Simon Smith**

#### **Executive Officer**

Simon joined Homelessness Australia (then AFHO) in March 2007 as the Policy and Research Manager. In January 2008 Simon became the Executive Officer and thus assumed responsibility for maintaining Homelessness Australia's high profile. Simon develops, responds to and analyses policy on homelessness. He proactively represents Homelessness Australia at a broad range of events and media and consults with a large range of personnel including board members, government, academics, corporate and philanthropic sectors and ultimately the homelessness sector. With a work background in the community sector Simon promotes all needs of the homelessness sector.

### **Damien Melksham**

#### **Policy and Research Manager**

Damien joined Homelessness Australia in early March 08 coming from Quest Solutions and Training and bringing a wealth of knowledge in the Job Network and employment programs. Damien has written and released numerous submissions over the past few months, as well as writing research projects, attending meetings and forums and presenting papers at conferences.

### **Belinda Semmler**

#### **Office Manager**

Belinda joined Homelessness Australia (then AFHO) in March 07 responsible for administration and IT functions. As the office has grown Belinda has moved to office managing with key roles in finance, HR, IT and running an efficient workplace for all staff.

### **Aileen Solowiej**

#### **Communications and Media Officer**

Aileen came to Homelessness Australia in May 08 with a degree in Human Services and comprehensive experience in communications and media in the non-government sector. Aileen generates and receives communications across a broad range of sources while also updating the website, publishing the newsletter, attending events and sending media releases.

### **Sarah Spiller**

#### **Communications and Policy Officer**

Sarah came to Homelessness Australia in September 2007 in the media and communications capacity and has strong skills in the area of communicating policy. Sarah is now doing a PhD while working at Homelessness Australia. She undertakes tasks specific to policy and communication such as the weekly e-news Inform, fact sheets, assisting with submissions, report writing and media releases.

### **Beverley Atkins**

#### **Events Coordinator**

Beverley joined Homelessness Australia (then AFHO) in April 07 to organise and coordinate the 5th National Homelessness Australia Conference in Adelaide May, 2008. The conference was a professional and successful event highlighting Beverley's high standard of work. While Beverley was in the Homelessness Australia office she also undertook several other events including the Green Paper Roundtable in March 2008.





*Homelessness Australia would like to extend its appreciation and thanks to all members for their support throughout the year*

## **ACT**

ACT Shelter  
Anglicare Australia  
Beryl Women Inc  
Canberra Youth Refuge  
Canberra Fathers & Children's Service (CANFaCS)  
Canberra Youth Refuge  
Doris Women's Refuge  
Havelock Housing Association  
Northside Community Service  
Oasis Youth Residential Service  
St Jude's Family Support Service  
St Vincent de Paul - National Council  
Tenants Union ACT  
Welfare Rights and Legal Centre  
Woden Community Service  
Youth Coalition of the ACT  
YWCA of Australia  
YWCA of Canberra

## **NSW**

Albury Supported Accommodation Service  
Albury Wodonga Women's Refuge  
Alice's Cottages  
Amelie House Women's Refuge  
Anglicare - North Coast CCAS (Clarence  
Accommodation Support Service)  
Armidale Youth Refuge  
Barnardos Australia  
Blue Gum  
Bonnie Women's Refuge  
BoysTown  
Broken Hill Youth Accommodation & Support Service  
Byron Bay Youth House  
Byron Emergency Accommodation Project (BEAP)  
Annabel Senior  
Catholic Healthcare Ltd  
Cawarra Women's Refuge  
Centacare - Youth Accommodation Services  
Centacare - Youth Support Service  
Central Coast Emergency Accommodation  
Child, Adolescent & Family Services (CAFS)  
Dubbo Women's Housing Programme

Elsie Women's Refuge  
Essie Women's Refuge  
Eva's Project  
Fairfield Youth Accommodation Service  
Family Accommodation & Support Service  
Federation of Housing Associations NSW  
Fusion Accommodation and Support Services  
Homelessness NSW/ACT  
Illawarra Youth Housing  
Immigrant Women's Speakout Association  
Jetty Bunker Youth Service  
Joan Harrison Support Services for Women  
Job Futures  
Katakudu Women's Housing  
Kempsey Women's Refuge  
Lismore Women's & Children's Refuge  
Lotus House  
Macarthur Ozanam Centre  
Marist Youth Care  
Matthew Talbot Hostel  
Mercy Arms Community Care (Catholic Health  
Care Ltd)  
Mission Australia - A Woman's Place  
Mission Australia - Missionbeat  
Mission Australia - National Office  
Monaro Crisis Accommodation Service Inc  
Mornington Peninsula Shire  
Moruya Women's Refuge  
Nepean Youth Accommodation Service  
NESH Women's Housing Scheme  
Ngala House - Moree Women's Refuge  
North Sydney Youth Support Service  
Northern Region Young Women's  
Accommodation Project  
NSW Women's Refuge Resource Centre  
Pam's Place Crisis Accommodation Resource &  
Referral Service  
Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC)  
Quamby House  
Quantum Support Service  
Raymond Terrace Neighbourhood Centre  
Salvation Army - Australia Eastern Territory  
Shire Wide Youth Service  
Sisters Housing Enterprise  
South Eastern Sydney & Illawarra Area Health Serv.



Southern Youth and Family Services (Association Inc)  
 St George Women's Housing  
 St Vincent de Paul - Cardinal Freeman Centre  
 St Vincent de Paul - Marian Centre  
 St Vincent de Paul House  
 Stepping Out Housing Programme  
 Sue Warth Consulting  
 Taldumande Youth Services  
 Tamworth Homeless Men's Support Group  
 The Burdekin Association  
 The Crossing  
 The Gender Centre  
 The Mercy Foundation  
 The Station  
 The Wayside Chapel  
 Toukley Women's Refuge  
 Tumut & District Women's Support & Housing Centre  
 Uniting Care - Burnside (Doorways)  
 Upper Hunter Community Services  
 Veritas House Inc  
 Vinnies Services Deniliquin  
 Vinnies Youth Housing - Macarthur  
 Welfare Rights Centre  
 Wentworth Area Community Housing  
 Western Housing for Youth  
 Wimlah Refuge  
 Women's & Girls Emergency Centre  
 Woy Woy Youth Cottage  
 Youth Accommodation Association NSW  
 Youth Angle Inc  
 Youth off the Streets  
 Paul Van Reyk  
 Centacare - Catholic Community Services  
 Women up North Housing

## NT

Alice Springs Youth Accommodation & Support  
 Centacare - NT  
 Darwin Christian Outreach Centre  
 Dawn House Women's Shelter  
 Joondalup Youth Support Services  
 NPY Women's Council Domestic Violence Service  
 NT Shelter  
 Salvation Army - Darwin Homeless Men's Program  
 Somerville Community Services  
 Tennant Creek Women's Refuge  
 YWCA of Darwin

## QLD

Anglicare - Central QLD  
 Anglicare - North QLD  
 Blair Athol Accommodation and Support  
 Booval Community Service  
 Brisbane Youth Service  
 Bundaberg Housing Action Group Inc  
 Burdekin Community Association  
 Caboolture Family Haven  
 Centacare - South West Brisbane Community  
 Options  
 Cooloola Youth Service  
 CTC Youth Services  
 Emergency Long-term Accommodation Moranbah  
 (ELAM)  
 Family Emergency Accommodation Townsville  
 Gold Coast Project for Homeless Youth  
 Gold Coast Youth Service  
 Goodna Youth Services  
 Housing Action Group - Maryborough & District Inc  
 Inala Family & Accommodation Support Service  
 Inala Youth Service  
 Ipswich Community Youth Service  
 Laidley Crisis Care and Accommodation  
 Lions Emergency Accommodation Centre  
 Maybanke Association  
 Micah Projects  
 Najidah Association  
 North East Community Support Group SAAP  
 Program  
 Ozcare  
 QLD Youth Housing Coalition  
 Queensland Shelter  
 Reconnect - Rockhampton  
 Rockhampton Women's Shelter  
 Roseberry Community Services  
 Salvation Army - Centennial Lodge  
 Salvation Army - Youth Outreach Service  
 Sera's Womens Shelter  
 Sharehouse Youth Accommodation Programme  
 Shelter Housing Action Cairns  
 Sherwood Neighbourhood Centre Housing Service  
 Silky Oaks Children's Haven  
 Social Action Office  
 St Vincent de Paul Society - McCosker House  
 Tehants Union QLD  
 United Synergies Ltd  
 Wesley Mission Brisbane - Bays



Windana Support Centre  
Women's Centre Cairns  
Young Women's Place  
Youth & Family Service (Logan City)  
Youth Advocacy Centre  
Youth Housing Project Association  
Youthcare Hervey Bay  
Youthcare Pine Rivers  
Zig Zag Young Women's Resource Centre Inc  
Emily Schindeler  
John Larme  
Nikki Stevens  
Michelle Hollywood  
Anne Mitchell  
Mr & Mrs R Brown  
Banana Shire Emergency Accommodation and Support  
centre  
Centacare

## SA

Baptist Care (SA) Inc  
Bowden Brompton Housing Service  
Calvary Lutheran Family Support Services  
Catherine House  
Central Domestic Violence Service  
Elouera House  
Homelessness SA  
Unity Housing Company (South)  
Mental Illness Fellowship of South Australia (MIFSA)  
Migrant Women's Support Accommodation Service  
Multi Agency Community Housing Association  
(MACHA)  
National Council Single Mothers & their Children  
Salvation Army - Towards Independence  
South East Regional Domestic Violence Services  
Southern Domestic Violence Service  
Southern Junction Community Services  
St John's Youth Services  
St Vincent de Paul - SA  
The Women's Housing Association Inc  
West Coast Youth Services Inc  
Women's Accommodation Support Service OARS  
Zonta House  
J Wrigley  
Christabel Parham

## TAS

Anglicare Tasmania  
Annie Kenney Young Women's Refuge  
Hobart Women's Shelter  
Karinya Young Womyn's Refuge  
Launceston Women's Shelter (Magnolia Place)  
Levi House Crisis Accommodation  
Salvation Army - McCombe House  
Salvation Army - Support & Housing Programme  
(SASH)  
Shelter TAS  
Wyndarra Centre

## VIC

Active Property Services  
AIDS Housing Action Group (VIC)  
Annecto  
Bethany Community Support Inc  
Bethlehem Community Inc  
Brain Injury Australia  
Domestic Violence & Incest Resource Centre  
Domestic Violence Victoria (DV VIC)  
Eastern Domestic Violence Outreach Service  
Elizabeth Hoffman House  
Family Access Network Inc  
Footscray Youth Housing Group Inc  
Grampians Housing Network  
Hanover Welfare Services  
HomeGround Services  
Kids Under Cover  
Loddon Mallee Housing Services Ltd  
Mallee Accommodation & Support Programme  
Margaret Tucker Youth Hostel  
Molly's House  
PILCH Homeless Persons' Legal Clinic  
Regina Coeli Community  
Resolve Community Consulting  
Rural Housing Network  
Sacred Heart Mission St Kilda  
Salvation Army - Adult Services  
Salvation Army - Community Housing Services  
Salvation Army - GippsCare  
Salvation Army - Karinya  
Salvation Army - Open Door  
Salvation Army - South Territorial Headquarters  
South Metro Migrant Resource Centre



South Port Community Housing Group  
St Kilda Youth Service  
St Luke's Anglicare Youth Services  
St Vincent de Paul - Aged Care and Community sector  
St Vincent de Paul - Housing Services  
Supported Housing  
Uniting Care - Harrison Community Services  
Uniting Care - Wimmera  
WAYSS  
Wesley Central Mission  
Windermere Child & Family Services  
Women's Health West  
Women's Health in the South East  
Judith Woodland  
Leila W Huebner  
Sandy Doyle

## WA

55 Central  
Albany Youth Support Association  
Broome Circle  
Chrysalis Support Services  
Community Housing Coalition of WA (CHCWA)  
Esperance Crisis Accommodation Service

Gawooleng Yawoodeng Aboriginal Corporation  
Goldfields Women's Refuge (Finlayson House)  
In Town Centre  
Marnin Bowa Dumbara  
Marnja Jarndu Women's Refuge  
Mercy Youth Services Inc  
Mobile GP  
Multicultural Services Centre of WA  
Perth Asian Community Centre  
Perth Inner City Youth Services  
Salvation Army - Crossroads West  
Salvation Army - Lentara Men's Hostel  
Schrader Family Trust  
St Bartholomew's House Inc  
Starick Services  
Street Doctor - Perth Primary Care  
Swan Emergency Accommodation  
uniting care -west  
WestAus Crisis & Welfare Services  
Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence  
Wyn Carr House Women's Refuge  
Youth Affairs Council of WA  
Youth Involvement Council  
Nola Kunnen





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