Homelessness Australia
2/15 Hall Street, Lyneham ACT 2602
PO Box 288 KIPPAX ACT 2615
info@homelessnessaustralia.org.au
Tel 02 6247 7744
Fax 02 6247 1586
www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au
ABN 38006 376407

This Annual Report is from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012
Annual Report can be accessed online: www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au
Order Annual Reports from info@homelessnessaustralia.org.au or
e-mail: info@homelessnessaustralia.org.au or ring 02 6247 7744

Homelessness Australia is a registered organisation funded by Department of Families,
Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, membership subscriptions and profit
from events.
Our Vision

CREATING A FRAMEWORK FOR ENDING HOMELESSNESS

Our Mission

To proactively research, develop and promote national policy and action to reduce homelessness and its impacts on the diverse range of people it affects.

Our Strategic Themes

Relationships
To represent and support members/communities of interest and maintain national networks

Leadership and influence
To be recognised as the central national voice on homelessness in Australia and contribute to and influence national policy

Share knowledge and information
To share accurate and timely information with members and the community about Australian government and FaHCSIA homelessness and related policy

Governance
To be recognised by stakeholders and government as operating effectively, professionally and with the highest standards of governance and ethics
## Contents

Values and mission ........................................... ii  
Chairperson's Report ........................................ 2  
CEO's Report ............................................... 4  
Treasurer's Report ......................................... 5  
Homelessness Australia Structure ....................... 7  
Key Activities .................................................. 8  
Member Services .............................................. 15  

**Financial Statements** ...................................... 17  
Board Members ................................................ 33  
Staff .................................................................. 41  
Members as at 30 June 2012 .................................. 43
Chairperson’s Report

By NARELLE CLAY AM

The 2011-12 year has been another busy and productive one for Homelessness Australia. A conference year always brings extra work for the Board and Staff and this year has been no different.

Homelessness Australia continues to achieve good representation on behalf of the sector and is enjoying a period of stable and productive operations with a skilled Board and expert Staff supported by CEO Nicole Lawder.

HA has worked closely with the Minister for Housing and Homelessness, the Hon. Brendan O’Connor, MP and his advisers and we extend our appreciation to the Minister for his willingness to engage in a constructive relationship with us.

HA has continued to develop evidence based policy papers on issues of importance to the sector. These provide an opportunity for HA to seek input from our Board, Councils and membership and assist us to fulfil one of the core objectives of our work-plan. Over the course of 2011-12 we completed four evidence based policy papers on homelessness and mental illness, a report card on the implementation of the White Paper, early intervention in theory and practice and sector diversity.

HA continues to play a role in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the White Paper and homelessness reform more broadly. Homelessness Australia has worked closely with FaHCSIA, the AIHW and the DHS on aspects of the implementation including the new Specialist Homelessness Services data collection.

HA has been represented over the course of 2011-12 on the Homelessness Statistics Reference Group. The group has continued to provide ongoing advice to the ABS on issues pertaining to identifying people experiencing homelessness within Census and other survey data as well as advice on what the elements of a new conceptual and statistical definition of homelessness should look like. We remain disappointed that we have not achieved a satisfactory result in regard to our understanding of the youth homelessness issue and we are committed to continuing to work on this issue. We acknowledge the considerable
work done by the ABS and members of the Homelessness Statistics Reference Group to date.

We continue to develop submissions to relevant inquiries and in response to calls for feedback about homelessness and related issues including the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission, social security legislation and reform and the regulation and growth of the not for profit housing sector.

Homelessness Australia continued to work closely with FaHCSIA to progress the development and implementation of the National Quality Framework through the preparation of a submission incorporating feedback from our Board, Councils and membership. CEO Nicole Lawder represents HA on the NQF Sector Reference Group.

Homeless Persons’ Week 2011 began with a series of coordinated National launches in each State and Territory. The theme for the 2011 week was My Address: Diversity in Homelessness. The focus of the campaign was to highlight the diverse groups of people who find themselves homeless, the diversity of the service sector and the many ways in and out of homelessness in Australia.

Preparations for our 2012 national conference accelerated throughout the 2011-12 financial year and I want to thank the conference organising committee and the Executive for their on-going commitment to ensuring that the event was successful.

I would like to pay tribute to the Board and Councils for their contribution to the work of Homelessness Australia over the course of 2011-12. I’d also like to thank our Members for your support and input during the year.

Finally I ‘d like to thank the CEO and staff for their hard work, skills and dedication in carrying out the work of HA.

HA is well placed to continue to represent the views of the homelessness sector. This is only possible through the input and commitment of the Executive, Board, Councils, Membership and staff and through our work with other peak bodies and stakeholders. Thank you for sharing our commitment to reduce and prevent homelessness.
CEO’s Report

By NICOLE LAWDER

Over the past year Homelessness Australia worked hard on its systemic advocacy agenda and building relationships with politicians and bureaucrats, as well as key stakeholders. This has seen us make a number of important submissions and participate in a wide range of activities. This has been as diverse as the review of the definition of homelessness, National Quality Framework, Employment Services, mental health roundtables, Australians for Affordable Housing campaign, and much more.

On internal matters, some of our key activities have included:

- Developing a new strategic plan for 2012-15
- Reviewing and revamping our Policy and Procedures Manual
- Finding and relocating to a new office.

It has been a pleasure to continue to meet and liaise with members and service providers working in the sector. It is always valuable to view the range of service models and approaches and gain an appreciation of the continuum of support provided.

I am also grateful to my staff for their dedication and support, and sense of humour. Moving office can be a stressful time and their willingness to assist and early adaption at the new office was gratifying, while still managing to complete all required work during interruptions to phone, email and internet services.

The Board, and especially the Executive, spend a large amount of their personal time on Homelessness Australia matters and I am very grateful for their guidance. Board members are all busy people with their own day to day jobs to do, and their commitment to Homelessness Australia is exemplary.

I am very pleased with our work over the past year, and look forward to another outstanding year in 2012-13.
Treasurer’s Report

By Liz Fritz

Homelessness Australia’s activities throughout this financial year have resulted in an end of year financial position somewhat weaker than the previous financial year. The retained earnings balance for 2011-2012 is $663,377, down $96,391 on the previous year. Ongoing commitments to wages and operational costs that are over and above the core budget will be offset by drawing from the retained earnings.

During the year Homelessness Australia moved its secretariat office in Canberra to a more central location, with improved access and facilities. Consequently office space costs have increased. There were also moving and set up costs including some new equipment required for the new office.

During the year Homelessness Australia has continued to fund its face to face meetings of the Board of Management and other Board activities.

We continue to receive our core funding under the funding agreement with the National Secretariat Program through FaHCSIA with the current three year funding contract running through to June 2014. I take this opportunity to thank FaHCSIA for their ongoing support to Homelessness Australia. Homelessness Australia relies on revenue from the bi-annual National Homelessness Conference to fund some activities including some operational costs, activities including research and seed funding for the next conference. Membership payments are another important source of funding to the organisation and assist with the costs associated with newsletters and other member activities. In acknowledging the support of our members we recognize the importance of the financial support as it assists the organisation to reduce the operating deficit therefore contributing to the overall financial health of the organisation, in addition to their input into our policy and submissions.

I also express our appreciation to the auditor for Homelessness Australia accounts, Bonsella Business Solutions and to Belinda Semmler the Homelessness Australia Office Manager who is responsible to the day to day finances, generation of reports and provides assistance to me in my role as Treasurer.

I acknowledge Nicole Lawder, the Chief Executive Officer at Homelessness Australia
for her support and assistance to me in my role as treasurer and for her application to, and skills in financial management on a day to day basis.

Finally I acknowledge the staff team at Homelessness Australia and the executive and members of the Board of Management under the leadership of Narelle Clay. I look forward to working with you all again in the coming year, one which will no doubt bring both successes and challenges.
HA Structure

COUNCILS

COUNCIL OF HOMELESS PERSONS’ AUSTRALIA (CHPA)

CHPA is an incorporated organisation with the aim of advocating the achievement of social justice for families and single adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. It endeavours to do this through the development of policy and information exchange. Council members represent a large number of homelessness organisations throughout Australia.

NATIONAL YOUTH COALITION FOR HOUSING (NYCH)

NYCH focuses on youth homelessness and housing issues, and represents the nine State/Territory Youth Housing and Specialist Youth Homelessness Service sectors.

NYCH’s annual campaign is Youth Homelessness Matters Day held in the middle of National Youth Week – for more information go to www.youthhomelessnessmatters.net.

THE WOMEN’S SERVICES NETWORK (WESNET)

WESNET is a national women’s peak advocacy body which works on behalf of women and children who are experiencing or have experienced domestic or family violence.
Key Activities

Objectives of HA’s Strategic Plan

- To represent and support members/communities of interest and maintain national networks;
- To be recognised as the central national voice on homelessness in Australia and contribute to and influence public policy;
- To share accurate and timely information with members and the community about Australian Government and FaHCSIA homelessness and related policy; and
- To be recognised by stakeholders and government as operating effectively professionally and with the highest standards of governance and ethics.

Dialogue with the Australian Government

Homelessness Australia continues to enjoy a positive and constructive relationship with the Australian Government. Representatives from Homelessness Australia met with the two Ministers for Housing and Homelessness the Hon. Robert McClelland, MP and the Hon. Brendan O’Connor MP and their advisors on a number of occasions over the course of the 2011-12 financial year.

In addition we continued to provide FaHCSIA, the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and the Department of Human Services with ongoing advice through direct engagement via face to face meetings as well as through our participation in various advisory and sector reference groups. We have also participated in an NGO forum on human rights hosted by the Attorney-General’s Department. In addition we have participated in two teleconferences with representatives from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet who sought our views on the implementation of the White Paper on Homelessness and associated sector reform.

We have collaborated with FaHCSIA to organise and promote a number of key projects and forums most notably the National Homelessness Services Achievement Awards and Expo held at Parliament House in March 2012 and data gathering/linkage projects.

Homelessness Australia was also afforded the opportunity for a briefing by representatives of the COAG Reform Council about the contents of the 2010-11 performance report on the National Affordable Housing Agreement and associated National Partnership Agreements at our office in Lyneham.

Tracking the White Paper on Homelessness

Homelessness Australia continues to seek input from our membership and the homelessness sector more broadly on the implementation of the Australian Government White Paper on
Homelessness. We continued to both provide and receive ongoing advice about the implementation of the White Paper initiatives, programs and services across Australia.

Over the course of 2011-12 we utilised our Board, Councils and broader membership as the primary vehicles through which to monitor the implementation of the White Paper. We also work closely with the National Shelter network particularly in those states and territories that do not have funded homelessness peak bodies. We enjoy a good working relationship with the Council to Homeless Persons in Victoria and Homelessness NSW as well as the homelessness network coordinator at the Queensland Council of Social Service with whom we work closely to obtain and disseminate information about the implementation of homelessness policies and programs.

At a national level we work closely with FaHCSIA and the DHS as Australian Government policies and programs outlined in the White Paper are implemented.

We produced a comprehensive report card on the implementation of the White Paper to date which received mixed feedback across each State/Territory.

Submissions
National Quality Framework
Homelessness Australia continues to provide FaHCSIA with ongoing advice as the development and implementation of the National Quality Framework to support quality services for people who are experiencing homelessness progresses. Homelessness Australia prepared a submission in response to the drafting of a complaints mechanism. We proposed the establishment of a commissioner within the Australian Human Rights Commission who could oversee/resolve complaints raised by people supported by specialist homelessness services.

We provided additional advice about the need to ensure that there was reciprocal recognition of quality standards already achieved at a State/Territory level. Homelessness Australia continued to provide ongoing advice on the development and implementation of the NQF throughout 2011-12 through our involvement in the sector reference group.

Compulsory Income Management
Homelessness Australia worked closely with ACOSS and the National Welfare Rights Network in 2011-12 and continued to make representations to Government opposing compulsory income management including a written submission opposing it's roll out across the NT and beyond.

We agreed that income management policies should not be based on ethnicity or cultural background. We are concerned however that the trade off for the reinstatement of the Racial Discrimination Act is that Australians on specified types of income support payments will be discriminated against on the basis of their socio-economic status and the type of income support payment they are receiving.
We remain concerned that people who disclose either homelessness or domestic and family violence to a Centrelink worker may be triggered for compulsory income management. We are also concerned at the high cost per recipient of implementing the measure and ensuring that retailers are supported to accept the basics card.

We provided ongoing written and verbal advice to both FaHCSIA and the Department of Human Services throughout 2011-12 as place based initiatives including compulsory income management for designated classes of welfare recipients were extended to five trial sites beyond the borders of the Northern Territory.

The National Regulatory Framework for Providers of Community Housing

Homelessness Australia made a submission to the inquiry into the future regulation and growth of the not for profit housing sector in early 2012. In our submission we reaffirmed that we are broadly supportive of the growth of the community housing sector so long as the most disadvantaged tenants can still get access. We endorsed many of the components of the Community Housing Federation of Australia’s submission in response to the national regulatory framework paper as we determined they were best placed to critique or endorse the proposed framework.

We did however focus on the need to protect and enhance tenants’ rights and opportunities for tenant participation particularly for tenants of larger tier one housing providers as they enter into a period of significant growth. We also focussed our submission on the positive aspects of community housing in terms of the community development focus that many providers have and the need to ensure that national community housing standards around tenant access to support services and participation in tenancy management, etc are protected as the sector grows.

We have attended a provider/peak forum hosted by the Community Housing Federation of Australia.

Homelessness Australia’s pre-budget submission 2012

Homelessness Australia prepared a pre-budget submission for the May 2012 federal budget.

In our budget priority statement, we included the following recommendations:

1.1: That the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (including a second A Place to Call Home initiative) is re-funded for a further four years from 1 July 2013.

1.2: That specialist homelessness services continue to be funded via the NAHA beyond 1 January 2013 with indexation that reflects the costs of a seven per cent increase in demand for services.

2.1: Establish a long term affordable housing growth fund.

2.2: That funding for the operational subsidy for public housing in the next NAHA be allocated on a per-dwelling basis while growth funding is allocated on a per capita basis.
2.3: That the Australian Government commit to re-funding the National Rental Affordability Scheme (NRAS) for a further 5 years doubling the dwelling target to 100,000 properties.

3.1: That the Australian Government increase Allowance payments by $50 per week.

3.2: That the Australian Government provides funding for an increase in the maximum rate of Commonwealth Rent Assistance of 30% pending a Productivity Commission review of the efficacy and efficiency of CRA as a housing subsidy.

4.1: That the Australian Government ensure that funding for social and community services is indexed at least to the CPI or the Wage Price Index (whichever is higher) to enable services to begin to meet the true costs of service delivery.

5.1: That the Australian Government continue to fund innovations fund projects on an on-going basis.

Discussion Papers/Sector Briefings

Over the course of the 2011-12 financial year, Homelessness Australia prepared a number of discussion papers and sector briefings on issues of importance/relevance to the homelessness sector.

These included:

- Specialist Homelessness Services Data Collection 2010-11.
- Update on the progress of the National Quality Framework.
- People turned away from specialist homelessness services 2010-11.
- Sector Briefing: National Regulatory Framework for providers of community housing.
- 1st wave of results from the specialist homelessness services data collection December quarter 2011.
- Sector briefing: Federal Budget May 2012.

Evidence based policy papers

Homelessness Australia completed evidence based policy papers on the following topics:

- Exploring the links between homelessness, mental illness and psychological distress.
- Defining early intervention and prevention in theory and homelessness practice.
- Sector Diversity.

Presentations and attendances

- Parity launches/CHP sector forums.
- National Shelter Aboriginal Controlled Community Housing Organisations forum July 2011.
- National Affordable Housing Exchange July 2011.
- Homeless Persons Week launch Canberra August 2011.
- FaHCSIA Personal Helpers and Mentors Training August 2011.
• Homelessness Australia Strategic Planning Day, September 2011.
• Anglicare State of the Family Report launch, October 2011.
• Australia’s Welfare conference, October 2011.
• Homelessness Australia Face to Face/AGM/Shelter Tasmania AGM, November 2011.
• National Shelter National Council Meeting, November 2011.
• Y-Foundations, Youth Homelessness Conference, November 2011.
• Australian Common Ground Alliance forum, December 2011.
• National Regulatory Framework for Community Housing Providers consultation, February 2012.
• Australasian Housing Researcher’s Conference, February 2012.
• National Shelter Council Meeting, March 2012.
• National Homelessness Researchers’ Conference, April 2012.
• Reconnect Provider Forum, May 2012.
• Hoarding and Squalor National Forum, May 2012.
• Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council meeting, May 2012.

Collaborations and Partnerships

National Shelter

Homelessness Australia is a member of the National Shelter network. National Shelter is the peak body representing low-moderate income housing consumers and advocating for improvements to the housing market and the delivery of more affordable housing for Australians. Homelessness Australia attended two face to face National Shelter Council meetings and participated in teleconferences and e-mail contact with National Shelter members over the course of 2011-12.

Australians for Affordable Housing Campaign

Homelessness Australia is a member of the Australians for Affordable Housing Campaign Steering Committee (AAHCSC). The steering committee is comprised of the Chairperson of the Campaign Michael Perusco and representatives from ACOSS, the Community Housing Federation of Australia, the National Association of Tenants’ Organisations, National Shelter and Power Housing.

Australians for Affordable Housing is a coalition of national housing, welfare and community sector organisations, established to highlight the problem of housing affordability in Australia. We believe that all Australians should be able to secure housing that they can afford. Yet currently one in ten Australian households are in housing stress, paying more than 30% of their income in housing costs. Paying too much for housing makes it harder for people to pay for the other basics, like food, clothes, transport and healthcare.

Australians for Affordable Housing is calling on both federal and state governments to make the changes required to make housing more affordable. Australians for Affordable Housing believes that the goal of government housing policy should be to ensure that all Australian households can access affordable housing, and that government action needs to be coordinated to deliver that goal.
To do this we need:

- More low cost rental housing
- More opportunities for low income households to get into home ownership
- Better financial assistance for low income renters
- To put housing investment tax arrangements on a fairer footing with other investments
- To make home ownership easier for first home buyers
- A clear national plan to deliver affordable housing to all Australians.

Homelessness Australia has contributed to the development of the Australians for Affordable Housing four point plan to improve housing affordability and increase the supply of affordable housing in Australia.

Advisory Committees/Reference Groups

CEO Nicole Lawder is a member of the following advisory groups and committees:

- NQF Sector Reference Group
- ACMA Consumer Consultative Forum
- Low Income Measures Assessment Committee (Telstra)
- National People with Disabilities and Carer Council
- Accessible Public Transport National Advisory Committee.

Policy and Research Officer Travis Gilbert is a member of:

- the ABS Homelessness Statistics Reference Group
- the Department of Human Services Service Delivery Advisory Committee
- National Community Services & Health Industry Skills Council Reference Group
- Connecting the Dots Reference Group
- Street Law Advisory Group (ACT).

Prime Minister's Council on Homelessness

Homelessness Australia continues to enjoy a constructive working relationship with members of the Prime Minister's Council on Homelessness.

Face to face meetings

Twice a year, Homelessness Australia gathers its Board and Councils for planning, advocacy and a policy forum. Keynote speakers are also invited to address attendees with current issues.

HOBART, November 2011.

All three councils and the Board met in Hobart and then attended the Tasmanian Launch of Australians for Affordable Housing and the Shelter TAS AGM.

A policy forum was held to discuss what we would like to see included in the next National Affordable Housing Agreement, a new National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness and review the progress of the implementation of the Australian Government's White Paper on homelessness to date with the intention of incorporating feedback into a White Paper report card that we will release early in 2012.
CANBERRA, March 2012.

In addition to Board and Council meetings, Homelessness Australia held a networking event in the Great Hall at Parliament House which gave the HA Board, Councils and staff, as well as invitees from around 100 organisations the opportunity to network with the approx 50 members of parliament in attendance.

Homelessness Australia also hosted an advocacy day and Policy Forum where members of HA Board, Councils and Staff met with Minister McClelland, Shadow Minister for Housing, Senator Marise Payne and Australian Greens Spokesperson for Housing Senator Scott Ludlam, as well as Chief of Staff to the Leader of the Opposition. At the Policy Forum, topics discussed included early intervention and prevention in theory and practice and the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission.
Member Services

Homelessness Australia had over 350 members in 2011-12 who help to provide strong advocacy and policy work. Members of HA are provided with a range of benefits including

- Members only publications
- Discounted events and exclusive invitations
- Opportunities to contribute to submissions, briefings and research

HA continues to engage members and non members through social media channels such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, giving more opportunities to provide feedback, lobbying and ideas.

To help HA to improve their services to members an annual membership survey is held at the start of each calendar year. This enables members to give feedback on what they think of membership as well as the issues they faced during the year.

Members Survey

An annual survey is sent out to all HA members in January 2012 in both paper and electronic format. The survey allows HA to get a snapshot of the locations and service types of members, as well as their responses to publications and their awareness of HA services. Responses are evaluated, discussed and where possible, implemented to ensure HA is providing the best possible service to their members.

145 survey responses were received, with two thirds of these submitted electronically, reflecting the sector’s move from paper correspondence. The key points coming from the survey were:

- Majority of respondents were very satisfied with correspondence with HA – including publications, members emails and policy input
- The increase in young people presenting to services
- The lack of housing, especially affordable housing
- Lack of funding or short term funding for organisations
- Government and policy changes meant a struggle to keep up with the changes and fostering new partnerships.

Publications

HA Advocacy – a monthly e-news summary of what HA has been doing and what it has achieved. Includes links to new information and resources, providing a forum for members’ feedback and discussion, reminders of special events and any other news that is relevant to the sector.

HA News – a quarterly newsletter send out to HA members and contributors. It is sent electronically, with an edition being printed in September for Homeless Persons’ Week. HA News contains reports and articles from our chairperson and CEO, key sector topics, opinion and research pieces and promotion of our members, events and important dates.
Inform – a weekly e-bulletin which provides a summary of sector related material such as:

- Local, state/territory, national and international news
- New research papers, statistics and resources
- Upcoming campaigns
- Upcoming events
- Important dates.

Inform remains a popular resource with frequent requests from organisations to have their information included.

Campaign

The 2012 campaign theme was developed to give HA strategic direction when raising awareness and exploring issues relating to homelessness. The 2012 campaign was: HOMING IN on the real issues of homelessness, which focused that to understand why we become homeless we need to see how we become homeless. HA identified 15 key areas which can be contributing factors to a person being homeless, or at risk of homelessness. Leading on from this campaign, the 7th National Homelessness Conference title was “‘Making It Home’ the real issues in homelessness.”

National Homeless Persons’ Week

Homelessness Australia produces and coordinates Homeless Persons’ Week (HPW) nationally each year with the aim of raising awareness of homelessness. The theme of HPW was from the 2011 campaign: My address: diversity in homelessness, which looked the:

- Diverse range of places where people who are homeless go
- Diverse range of people who are homeless
- Diverse range of definitions of homelessness.

HPW 2011 was launched in all states in the first week of August, proving that it is a truly national event.

Contributions

Homelessness Australia writes an update column in Parity magazine.

In 2011-12 we also wrote contributions for:

- Child Magazine
- Opinion piece – Response to an article in the Australian
- ProBono Australia – changemakers column

Website and Social Media

Homelessness Australia continues to use various electronic media for communication and information sharing. This is done through:

- HA website – www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au
- Facebook – HomelessnessAustralia
- LinkedIn – HomelessnessAustralia
- Twitter – @homelessnessaus
- Email – info@homelessnessaustralia.org.au

Media

HA provides media releases both proactively and in response to sector news, publications, events, formal days and weeks and in partnerships with networks.
HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 38 006 376 407

FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2012

Liability limited by a scheme approved under
Professional Standards Legislation
HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 38 006 376 407

CONTENTS

Committee’s Report
Income Statement
Balance Sheet
Notes to the Financial Statements
Statement by Members of the Committee
Auditor’s Report
Certificate by Members of the Committee
HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 38 006 376 407

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Your committee members submit the financial report of the Homelessness Australia Incorporated for the financial
year ended 30 June 2012.

Committee Members

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

Narelle Clay               Lynne Evans
Michael Coffey             Cat Gander
Julie Oberin               Belinda Jones
Liz Fritz                  Margaret Augerinos
Marilyn Roberts            Brett Paradise
Lindy Edwards              Joanna Siejka
Emma Robertson             Nicole Lawder

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 on the diverse range of people it affects.

Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

The loss reported during the financial year amounted to $96,390.58

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

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

Committee Member: Narelle Clay

Committee Member: Liz Fritz

Dated this 9 day of October 2012
## INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Note</th>
<th>2012</th>
<th>2011</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>INCOME</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AFHO Grant - NSP</td>
<td>342,452.40</td>
<td>331,421.04</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FaHCSIA Grants</td>
<td>7,571.41</td>
<td>192,895.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other Income</td>
<td>23,370.60</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Membership Income</td>
<td>79,903.30</td>
<td>72,390.32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AAH Income</td>
<td>159,836.06</td>
<td>31,724.18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NHC Income</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>908,093.67</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL INCOME</strong></td>
<td>613,133.77</td>
<td>1,536,524.21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>OTHER INCOME</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interest Received</td>
<td>28,585.68</td>
<td>27,325.80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</strong></td>
<td>641,719.45</td>
<td>1,563,850.01</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
# Homelessness Australia Incorporated

**A.B.N. 38 006 376 407**

## Income Statement

**For the Year Ended 30 June 2012**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>EXPENDITURE</th>
<th>Note</th>
<th>2012</th>
<th>2011</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Advertising</td>
<td></td>
<td>3,825.27</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AAH Expenses</td>
<td></td>
<td>159,836.06</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Auditor's Remuneration</td>
<td></td>
<td>10,830.00</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bad Debts Written Off</td>
<td></td>
<td>153.18</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bank Charges</td>
<td></td>
<td>1,605.91</td>
<td>1,240.32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Board Expenses</td>
<td></td>
<td>32,075.77</td>
<td>38,121.84</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHPA Travel</td>
<td></td>
<td>14,000.00</td>
<td>13,575.69</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cleaning</td>
<td></td>
<td>281.82</td>
<td>181.82</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Contributions</td>
<td></td>
<td>5,000.00</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Depreciation</td>
<td></td>
<td>8,626.00</td>
<td>8,137.89</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Electricity</td>
<td></td>
<td>330.07</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Event Expenses</td>
<td></td>
<td>14,494.58</td>
<td>90.42</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FaHCSIA Projects</td>
<td></td>
<td>-</td>
<td>133,163.35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Homeless Person's Week</td>
<td></td>
<td>13,142.54</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Honorariums</td>
<td></td>
<td>8,050.00</td>
<td>8,050.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Insurance</td>
<td></td>
<td>9,494.18</td>
<td>9,198.29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Internet</td>
<td></td>
<td>2,602.07</td>
<td>2,913.84</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Legal Costs</td>
<td></td>
<td>-</td>
<td>8,231.75</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Memberships</td>
<td></td>
<td>2,292.72</td>
<td>3,424.25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minor Equipment</td>
<td></td>
<td>5,445.08</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Motor Vehicle Expenses</td>
<td></td>
<td>6,796.04</td>
<td>4,937.55</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NHC Expenses</td>
<td></td>
<td>-</td>
<td>576,973.86</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NYCH Travel</td>
<td></td>
<td>14,000.00</td>
<td>14,424.31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Photocopier</td>
<td></td>
<td>3,049.38</td>
<td>3,192.59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Postage</td>
<td></td>
<td>2,639.89</td>
<td>3,461.04</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>HOPE Expenses</td>
<td></td>
<td>-</td>
<td>25,238.62</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Printing &amp; Stationery</td>
<td></td>
<td>6,265.16</td>
<td>3,280.24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Publications</td>
<td></td>
<td>2,858.17</td>
<td>7,847.37</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Planning</td>
<td></td>
<td>7,816.44</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rent</td>
<td></td>
<td>28,940.55</td>
<td>11,402.36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</td>
<td></td>
<td>3,357.23</td>
<td>5,558.25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Research Costs</td>
<td></td>
<td>47,823.64</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Salaries</td>
<td></td>
<td>250,949.71</td>
<td>230,426.69</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Salaries Liabilities</td>
<td></td>
<td>-</td>
<td>5,568.54</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td></td>
<td>9,332.71</td>
<td>15,192.33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Staff Leave Loading</td>
<td></td>
<td>1,791.58</td>
<td>1,865.79</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Staff Training &amp; Welfare</td>
<td></td>
<td>3,722.18</td>
<td>4,921.45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Superannuation Contributions</td>
<td></td>
<td>22,668.14</td>
<td>20,739.46</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Telephone</td>
<td></td>
<td>2,980.69</td>
<td>4,786.34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Teleconferences</td>
<td></td>
<td>998.56</td>
<td>1,818.34</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
**HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**  
**A.B.N. 38 006 376 407**

**INCOME STATEMENT**  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Note</th>
<th>2012</th>
<th>2011</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Travelling Expenses</td>
<td>16,034.71</td>
<td>20,104.62</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>WESNET Travel</td>
<td>14,000.00</td>
<td>14,000.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>738,110.03</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,202,069.21</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>(Loss) Profit before income tax</strong></td>
<td><strong>(96,390.58)</strong></td>
<td><strong>361,780.80</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>(Loss) Profit for the year</strong></td>
<td><strong>(96,390.58)</strong></td>
<td><strong>361,780.80</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year</td>
<td>759,767.98</td>
<td>397,987.18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Retained earnings at the end of the financial year</strong></td>
<td><strong>663,377.40</strong></td>
<td><strong>759,767.98</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.*
HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED  
A.B.N. 38 006 376 407  

BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2012  

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Note</th>
<th>2012</th>
<th>2011</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>ASSETS</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>CURRENT ASSETS</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>814,226.59</td>
<td>786,079.36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trade and other receivables</td>
<td>18,936.35</td>
<td>10,009.01</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prepayments</td>
<td>89,504.37</td>
<td>9,514.78</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</strong></td>
<td>922,667.31</td>
<td>805,603.15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property, plant and equipment</td>
<td>39,266.24</td>
<td>30,958.63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</strong></td>
<td>39,266.24</td>
<td>30,958.63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong></td>
<td>961,933.55</td>
<td>836,561.78</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>LIABILITIES</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>CURRENT LIABILITIES</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sundry Creditors</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>23,152.80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trade Creditors</td>
<td>74,806.42</td>
<td>11,676.29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ANZ Telstra Visa</td>
<td>4,714.94</td>
<td>1,996.37</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>CHPA Funds Held</td>
<td>8,554.33</td>
<td>8,554.33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>GST Payable</td>
<td>18,903.29</td>
<td>9,575.06</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Payroll Liabilities</td>
<td>7,340.28</td>
<td>7,175.98</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Income in Advance</td>
<td>169,573.92</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Provision: Staff Commitments</td>
<td>14,662.97</td>
<td>14,662.97</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</strong></td>
<td>298,556.15</td>
<td>76,793.80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL LIABILITIES</strong></td>
<td>298,556.15</td>
<td>76,793.80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>NET ASSETS</strong></td>
<td>663,377.40</td>
<td>759,767.98</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>MEMBERS’ FUNDS</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retained earnings</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>663,377.40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL MEMBERS’ FUNDS</strong></td>
<td>663,377.40</td>
<td>759,767.98</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 110: Events after the Balance Sheet Date
AASB 116: Property, Plant and Equipment
AASB 1031: Materiality

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report:

Income Tax

The income tax expense (revenue) for the year comprises current income tax expense (income) and deferred tax expense (income).

Current income tax expense charged to the profit or loss is the tax payable on taxable income. Current tax liabilities (assets) are measured at the amounts expected to be paid to (recovered from) the relevant taxation authority.

Deferred income tax expense reflects movements in deferred tax assets and deferred tax liability balances during the year as well as unused tax losses.

Current and deferred income tax expense (income) is charged or credited directly to equity instead of profit or loss when the tax relates to items that are credited or charged directly to equity.

Except for business combinations, no deferred income tax is recognised from the initial recognition of an asset or liability where there is no effect on accounting or taxable profit or loss.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled and their measurement also reflects the manner in which the committee expects to recover or settle the carrying amount of the related asset or liability.
Deferred tax assets relating to temporary differences and unused tax losses are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the benefits of the deferred tax asset can be utilised.

Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Depreciation

The depreciation method and useful life used for items of property, plant and equipment (excluding freehold land) reflects the pattern in which their future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the association. Depreciation commences 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 method and useful life of assets is reviewed annually to ensure they are still appropriate.

Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the association reviews the carrying value 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 recognised immediately in the income and expenditure statement.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

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.
Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Revenue recognition relating to the provision of services is determined with reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the end of the reporting period and where outcome of the contract can be estimated reliably. Stage of completion is determined with reference to the services performed to date as a percentage of total anticipated services to be performed. Where the outcome cannot be estimated reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent that related expenditure is recoverable.

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

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 Tax Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the balance sheet.
## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the Year Ended 30 June 2012

#### 2 Trade and Other Receivables

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2012</th>
<th>2011</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Current</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trade Debtors</td>
<td>227.85</td>
<td>3,075.98</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Input Tax Credits</td>
<td>18,708.50</td>
<td>6,933.03</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>18,936.35</td>
<td>10,009.01</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### 3 Property, Plant and Equipment

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2012</th>
<th>2011</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Motor Vehicles</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Less: Accumulated Depreciation</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(7,936.00)</td>
<td>(3,899.00)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>12,110.36</td>
<td>16,147.36</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Office Equipment</td>
<td>32,075.66</td>
<td>32,075.66</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Less: Accumulated Depreciation</td>
<td>(23,574.66)</td>
<td>(19,782.66)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>8,501.00</td>
<td>12,293.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Software</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Less: Accumulated Depreciation</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(9,192.56)</td>
<td>(8,995.56)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>9,709.83</td>
<td>9,709.83</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Office Furniture</td>
<td>21,168.23</td>
<td>10,826.48</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Less: Accumulated Depreciation</td>
<td>(9,689.48)</td>
<td>(9,122.48)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>11,478.75</td>
<td>1,804.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fitout</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Less: Accumulated Depreciation</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(33.00)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6,658.86</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Plant and Equipment</td>
<td>39,266.24</td>
<td>30,958.63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</td>
<td>39,266.24</td>
<td>30,958.63</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### 4 Retained Earnings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>2012</th>
<th>2011</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year</td>
<td>759,767.98</td>
<td>397,987.18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Net loss) Net profit attributable to the association</td>
<td>(96,390.58)</td>
<td>361,780.80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Retained earnings at the end of the financial year</td>
<td>663,377.40</td>
<td>759,767.98</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### 5 Capital and Leasing Commitments
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Operating Lease Commitments</th>
<th>2012 $</th>
<th>2011 $</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Payable - minimum lease payments</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(9,400.00)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Not later than 12 months</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(6,445.00)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Between 12 months and five years</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(15,845.00)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
HOMELINESS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 38 006 376 407

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 10:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Homelessness Australia Incorporated as at 30 June 2012 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

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: Narelle Clay

Treasurer: Liz Fritz

Dated this 7th day of December 2012
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 38 006 376 407


I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Homelessness Australia Incorporated (the association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2012, and the income statement, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of Homelessness Australia Incorporated is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACT 1991 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 38 006 376 407

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of Homelessness Australia Incorporated presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Homelessness Australia Incorporated as of 30 June 2012 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporation Act ACT 1991.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of the ACT 1991. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Name of Firm: Stephen Bray & Co

Name of Principal: Stephen Bray

Address: 78 Hurley Street MAWSON ACT 2607

Dated this 19th day of September 2012
HOMELINESS AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
A.B.N. 38 006 376 407

CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I, Narelle Clay of Southern Youth & Family Services, PO Box 23 WOLLONGONG NSW 2520 and I, Liz Fritz of Blair Athol Accommodation & Support Program, 93 Golden Four Drive BILINGA QLD 4225 certify that:

(a) We are members of the committee of Homelessness Australia Incorporated.

(b) We will attend the annual general meeting of the association to be held on 20th day of November 2012.

(c) We are authorised by the committee to sign this certificate.

(d) This annual statement will be submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Committee Member: 
Narelle Clay

Committee Member: 
Liz Fritz

Dated this 9 day of October 2012
HA Board Members 2011-12

Board meetings took place:

- September 2011 teleconference
- November 2011 F2F Hobart
- March 2012 F2F Canberra
- 30 May 2012 teleconference

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>NAME</th>
<th>APPOINTED</th>
<th>TO</th>
<th>MEETINGS ELIGIBLE</th>
<th>MEETINGS ATTENDED</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Narelle Clay</td>
<td>Nov-11</td>
<td>Present</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lindy Edwards</td>
<td>Oct-06</td>
<td>Present</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lynne Evans</td>
<td>Nov 07</td>
<td>Present</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Julie Oberin</td>
<td>Nov-08</td>
<td>Present</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Liz Fritz</td>
<td>Nov-09</td>
<td>Present</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emma Robertson</td>
<td>May-09</td>
<td>Present</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rhonda Gregory</td>
<td>Nov-11</td>
<td>Present</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cat Gander</td>
<td>Nov-09</td>
<td>Present</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Belinda Jones</td>
<td>Aug-10</td>
<td>Present</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Margaret Augerinos</td>
<td>Nov-09</td>
<td>Present</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joanna Siejka</td>
<td>Nov-10</td>
<td>Present</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brett Paradise</td>
<td>Nov-10</td>
<td>Present</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michael Coffey</td>
<td>Mar-11</td>
<td>Present</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marilyn Roberts</td>
<td>Nov-09</td>
<td>Nov-11</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pauline Woodbridge (proxy for Cat Gander)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>1</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nicole Lawder CEO and Public Officer</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Narelle Clay, Chair

Narelle Clay is the Chief Executive Officer of Southern Youth and Family Services which provides services in the Illawarra, Shoalhaven and Southern Tablelands areas of NSW.

Narelle has been active in the community sector and particularly in the area of homelessness for twenty-five years and is well known in her field and more broadly for her activism and commitment to seeking social justice, and her endless energy to challenge but also work with Government to make changes. Narelle’s Member to the Order of Australia Award (AM) is for “Distinguished service to the community through social justice advocacy and the provision of accommodation, housing and support for homeless people especially young people.”

Liz Fritz (CHPA), Treasurer

Liz is the Director for the Blair Athol Accommodation and Support Programme suite of services on the Queensland Gold Coast and has been in that role for 22 years. Liz has worked with people experiencing homelessness for over 25 years and has extensive experience in service delivery and project development to people who are homeless or experiencing housing stress. This work ranges across early intervention, outreach work, crisis accommodation and supportive housing initiatives. Liz is a member of a number of Queensland state and regional networks and forums in both the community sector and government. Liz is representing CHPA on the Homelessness Australia Board and is currently fulfilling the role of Treasurer.
Michael Coffey (NYCH), Secretary

Representing NYCH on the Homelessness Australia Board, Michael is the CEO of the YFoundations, the youth homelessness peak for NSW. Michael has been working in policy and advocacy for young people experiencing or at risk of homelessness for nearly twenty five years. He has also worked for the Australia Services Union, Shelter NSW and as a lecturer in public policy and adult education at UTS and Macquarie University.

Julie Oberin (WESNET), Executive member

Julie is the CEO of Annie North Women’s Refuge and Domestic Violence service in regional Victoria and has worked in the domestic and family violence sector for more than 22 years. She is an experienced practitioner both working with women and children who have experienced violence, and also with men who have used violence against family members. Julie is the Regional Chair of the Loddon Campaspe Family Violence Advisory Committee and Rural Chair representative on the Victorian Statewide Family Violence Advisory Group. She is a founding member and current national Executive Board member of Homelessness Australia. She is the National Chair of WESNET (Women’s Services Network) having come to that as the Victorian representative. She is a member of the interim Board of the Global Network of Women’s Shelters and is National Chair of the Australian Women Against Violence Alliance. Julie has published, delivered conference papers nationally and internationally on domestic and family violence, gender-based violence against women, primary prevention of violence against women, and women’s homelessness across Australia. Julie is a Commonwealth Ministerial appointee on the National Plan Implementation Panel to reduce violence against women and their children.
**Lindy Edwards (WESNET)**

Lindy has worked in Women's Services, in the area of Domestic Violence, for 29 years, the last 16 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, as part of the Queensland Women’s services peak. She is the Queensland representative on the National WESNET council. Lindy is committed to providing support to other domestic violence and homelessness services in the Townsville region, through involvement on other organisations’ Management Committees.

**Lynne Evans (CHPA)**

Lynne has a background in community nursing with a business management focus and with a strong belief in prevention and early intervention. She remains involved in aspects of community health to assist in bringing better health outcomes for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Lynne was the CEO of St Bartholomew’s House in Western Australia from 1999 to 2012, fulfilling her dream of completing the innovative 148 bed Lime Street accommodation project including crisis, transitional and residential aged care for homeless people. As CEO she facilitated improvements in homeless service delivery and expanded St Bart’s to a position where it is recognised as a leading service provider for homelessness in Western Australia, especially in aged care. Lynne’s focus is on good governance and strong program management. She is committed to ensuring the non-government service sector is recognised for its contribution to reducing homelessness and she continues to work with people and organisations in continuous improvement processes across the whole spectrum of organisational development. Lynne has been chair of a number of community organisations and maintains her passion of preventing homelessness especially in the aged and those with mental illness.
Emma Robertson (NYCH)

Emma represents NYCH on the Homelessness Australia Board. Emma is the director of the Youth Coalition of the ACT, the peak body for youth affairs in Canberra, representing the interests and rights of people aged between 12 and 25 years and those who work with them. Emma has worked in the community youth sector for many years now, both in nation and local roles, with a commitment to advocacy both at an individual and systemic level for young people, in particular relating to challenges they may face relating to homelessness, mental health alcohol and other drugs, justice, access and equity. Emma currently is also a member of the board of the Institute of Child Protection Studies and sits on a number of ACT Government bodies.

Cat Gander (WESNET)

Catherine Gander has over 20 years experience working in and developing a range of services responding to women and children experiencing domestic and family violence. Catherine was the Executive Officer (EO) of the NSW Women’s Refuge Movement from 2003 to 2012 which covered policy development, planning and analysis, management, media, advocacy and lobbying. Catherine sits on both the NSW Premier’s Council for Preventing Violence Against Women and the NSW Premier’s Council for Homelessness. Catherine is the NSW representative for WESNET, is a board member of Homelessness Australia and in 2006 was awarded a Churchill Fellowship.
Margaret Augerinos (WESNET)

Margaret Augerinos is currently the CEO of the Centre for Non-Violence Inc., (located in Bendigo, Victoria) which provides support to women and children experiencing domestic and family violence, housing support to young women who are pregnant and/or parenting, an alcohol and drug supported accommodation program, programs for men who use violence towards family members and violence prevention programs. The Centre for Non-Violence is also the auspice agency of the Loddon Mallee Accommodation Network, a regional housing and homelessness network. Margaret has over 25 years experience in the community sector and has worked in community health, community legal services and advocacy organisations. Margaret's professional interests are in working towards gender equality and social justice outcomes.

Rhonda Gregory (CHPA)

Since 2001, Rhonda has served as the Territorial Consultant, Homelessness and Social Support Programmes, for The Salvation Army Australia Eastern Territory. Her career in homelessness commenced in Newcastle in the early 1980's in a Domestic Violence Refuge and then a homeless men's hostel. In 1990 she with her family, moved from the Hunter Valley to Campbelltown, to take a position as ‘House Mother’ in a Family Group Home, caring for children who had been removed from unsafe family environments. In 1994 she undertook the development and management of a purpose built, Crisis Accommodation Service in Campbelltown, living on site for seven years. Rhonda commenced part-time study in 2001 and graduated with a Bachelor of Theology (B.th) in 2012. Rhonda currently serves on several sector boards: Churches Housing Inc. NSW; Salvos Housing; Homelessness Australia; Council to Homeless Persons Australia (CHPA) and is currently Chairperson of Homelessness NSW.
Belinda Jones (CHPA)

Belinda Jones is the State Manager of Anglicare Tasmania’s Housing & Homeless Services which provides a range of support and assistance through 19 programs including: crisis accommodation & support for people who are homeless; bond & rent assistance for people on low incomes; supported long term communal housing; long term support & case management and transitional housing. Belinda is also Vice Chairperson of Shelter Tasmania which is the State’s Peak Body for Housing & Homelessness Services and the Tasmanian representative and Secretary for CHPA. Belinda has been working in the homelessness sector for over 18 years and is committed to social justice principles, believing that safe, stable, affordable and appropriate housing is a basic human right.

Joanna Siejka (NYCH)

Joanna is the Chief Executive Officer of The Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT), the peak youth body for the non government youth sector in Tasmania. YNOT has input into and responds to policy direction, advocates for the youth sector and lobbies for the needs and initiatives of young people. Integral to the work of YNOT is the youth participation structure, known as the Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF), which is Tasmania’s peak youth consultative and participatory body. Joanna has worked within the community sector for some years now and is passionate about social justice issues. She is particularly interested in ensuring that the needs of young people are met and their voices heard, and have specific interests in the areas of disability, homelessness, mental health and juvenile justice. Joanna is also on the Women With Disability Australia Board.
Brett Paradise (NYCH)

Brett Paradise is the Treasurer of National Youth Coalition for Housing (NYCH) and representative to the HA Board. He is Co-President and Early Intervention Specialist for Yfoundations the NSW peak working towards a future without youth homelessness. He is employed as the Manager of Delivery and Client Services at the Northern Rivers Social Development Council in the North East of NSW. In this role he manages a Reconnect and two Homelessness Action Plan Programs, focusing on early intervention with young people at risk of homelessness including those leaving care or engaged with the Juvenile Justice system.
HA Staff 2011-12

Nicole Lawder
Chief Executive Officer

Nicole joined Homelessness Australia in 2010. She has worked in a range of private, public and third sector organisations, ranging from tax, workplace relations and defence to Medicare, a NASA space tracking station and disability.

Travis Gilbert
Policy and Research Officer

Travis conducts and analyses research on homelessness and generates policy documents for Homelessness Australia. He represents HA at a range of conferences and forums on homelessness and related issues.
Belinda Semmler  
Office Manager  
Belinda joined Homelessness Australia in 2007. She is the office manager and her key responsibilities are in finance, HR, IT and running an efficient workplace for all staff.

Aileen Solowiej  
Communications Officer  
(until June 2012)  
Aileen joined Homelessness Australia in 2008 and is responsible for managing communication across a board range of sources including media, publications, social media and membership.

Catherine Adcock  
Administrative Assistant  
Catherine joined Homelessness Australia in August 2011 working part-time. She assisted in the office where required including work for Homeless Persons’ Week and membership mailouts.
Members as at 30 June 2012

National
Australian Red Cross
Council to Homeless Persons Australia
HomeGround Services
Mind Australia
National Welfare Rights Network Inc
National Youth Coalition for Housing
The Women's Services Network
Women with Disabilities Australia (WWDA)
YWCA of Australia

NSW
Albury Supported Accommodation Service Inc
Amelie House Women's Refuge
Anglicare - Canberra & Goulburn
B. Miles Women's Housing Scheme
Ballina District Community Services Association
Barnardos Australia
Betty's Place
Blue Gum
Blue Mountains Youth Accommodation & Support Service Inc
Bonnie Women's Refuge
Broken Hill Youth Accommodation & Support Service
Byron Emergency Accommodation Project (BEAP)
Carrie's Place Women & Children's Services Inc
Catholic Care (Sydney)
Catholic Community Services
Central Coast Community Legal Centre

ACT
ACT Shelter
Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT (ATODA)
Anglicare Australia
Beryl Women Inc
Bridge Back to Life Foundation
Canberra Youth Refuge
CatholicCare Canberra & Goulburn
Connections ACT
Doris Women's Refuge
Inanna
Lowana Young Women's Service
Queensland Health
Southside Community Services

St Vincent de Paul Society - Family Services
Tenants Union ACT
Toora Women Inc
Welfare Rights and Legal Centre
Woden Community Services Inc
Youth Coalition of the ACT
YWCA of Canberra

Central Coast Emergency Accommodation
City of Sydney
Drug & Alcohol Women's Network (DAWN)
Dubbo Emergency Accommodation Project
Dubbo Women's Housing Programme
Elsie Women's Refuge
Eskinevilla Youth Housing Inc
Essie Women's Refuge
Fusion Accommodation and Support Services
Gunyah Women’s Housing
Homeless Persons Information Centre
Homelessness NSW/ACT
Illawarra Youth Housing
Immigrant Women's Speakout Association
Interreach Limited
Joan Harrison Support Services for Women
Katakudu Women's Housing
Kempsey Women's Refuge
Lotus House
Macarthur Ozanam Centre
Matthew Talbot Hostel
Mercy Arms Community Care (Catholic Health Care Ltd)
Mission Australia - Adult Accommodation Division
Mission Australia - Western Sydney Support Services
Monaro Crisis Accommodation Service Inc
Moree Family Support
Moruya Women and Children's Service
Murrane Women's Housing
Muswellbrook Women's & Children's Refuge
Narrabri Family Crisis Centre
National Children's & Youth Law Centre
Nepean Youth Accommodation Service
Ngala House - Moree Women's Refuge
North QLD Combined Women's Services
North Sydney Youth Support Service
Northern Rivers Women & Childrens Services Inc (NORWACS)
Nova Women's Accommodation & Support Inc
NSW Federation of Housing Associations
NSW Women's Refuge Movement
Pam's Place Crisis Accommodation Resource & Referral Service
Parramatta Mission
Pathfinders Ltd
Quamby House
Raymond Terrace Neighbourhood Centre
Regional Youth Support Services Inc.
 Salvation Army - Australia Eastern Territory
 Salvation Army - Foster House
Shire Wide Youth Services
Shoalhaven Youth Accommodation
Sisters Housing Enterprises Inc
South Eastern Sydney & Illawarra Area Health Serv.
South West Women's Housing
Southern Riverina Youth Support Services
Southern Youth and Family Services Association Inc
St George Women's Housing
St Vincent De Paul - Deniliquin
St Vincent de Paul - Marian Centre
St Vincent De Paul Society - Wollongong Diocese
Stepping Out Housing Programme
Taldumande Youth Services
Tamworth Homeless Men's Support Group
Ted Noffs Foundation
The Burdekin Association
The Crossing
The Haymarket Foundation
The Station
Toukley Women's Refuge
Turnut Regional Family Services Inc.
Unity Care - Burnside (Youth Services Team)
Upper Hunter Community Services
Veritas House Inc
Vinnies Youth Housing - Macarthur
Wentworth Community Housing Ltd
Wesley Mission - Supported Accommodation
Western Housing for Youth
Wollongong Emergency Family Housing
Women up North Housing
Women's & Girls Emergency Centre
Yacaaba Centre
Young People Space MNC
Youth off the Streets

QLD
Anglicare - Central QLD
Anglicare North Queensland Limited
Anglicare Southern Queensland
Beenleigh District Community Development Association Inc
Blair Athol Accommodation and Support
Booval Community Service Inc
Brisbane Youth Service
Cabooulture Family Haven Inc
Career Keys
Centacare - Fraser Coast
Centacare - South West
Brisbane Community Options
Chameleon Regional Community Housing Accommodation and Welfare Association Inc
Chisholm Inc
Community Accommodation & Support Agency Inc
D & R Community Services Pty Ltd
Domestic Violence Resource Centre
Edon Place Women's Domestic Violence Service Inc
Emergency Long-term Accommodation Moranbah (ELAM)
Family Emergency Accommodation Townsville
Footprints in Brisbane Inc
Fraser Coast Housing Services Inc
Gateway Community Group
Gold Coast Youth Service
Inala Family & Accommodation Support Service
Inala Youth Service
Laidley Crisis Care and Accommodation

NT
Alice Springs Women's Shelter
Anglicare NT
Crisis Accommodation Gove
Darwin Community Legal Service
Dawn House Women's Shelter
NPY Women's Council
Domestic Violence Service
NT Shelter
Salvation Army - Darwin
Homeless Men's Program
St Vincent de Paul - NT
Tennant Creek Women's Refuge
YWCA of Darwin
Legislative Assembly Queensland
Lions Emergency Accommodation Centre Inc
Macleod Accommodation Support Service
Mareeba Community Housing Maybanke Association
Micah Projects Inc
North West Youth Accommodation Service
Ozcare - Majella House Queensland Shelter
Regional Housing Limited
Rockhampton Women's Shelter
Roseberry Community Services
Rosie's Youth Mission
Salvation Army - Centennial Lodge
Salvation Army - Toowoomba Crisis Accommodation
Sera's Women's Shelter
Sharehouse Youth Accommodation Programme
Shelter Housing Action Cairns
Silky Oaks Children's Haven
St Vincent de Paul - Queensland
St Vincent De Paul Society QLD
Sunny Kids
Tenants Union of QLD
Tenants Union QLD Inc, North QLD Office
United Synergies Ltd
Wesley Mission Brisbane
Women's Centre Cairns
Youth & Family Service - Logan City
Youth Advocacy Centre
Youth Emergency Services (YES)
Youth Empowered Towards Independence (YETI)
Youth Housing Project Association
Youthcare Hervey Bay
Youthcare Pine Rivers
Youthlink
Zig Zag Young Women's Resource Centre Inc

SA
Anglican Community Care (Head Office SE Region)
Calvary Lutheran Family Support Services
Catherine House
Centacare - Louise Place
Central Domestic Violence Service
Homelessness SA
Migrant Women's Support Accommodation Service
Salvation Army - SA Divisional Headquarters
Southern Domestic Violence Service
Southern Junction Community Services
St John's Youth Services
St Vincent de Paul - SA
The Women's Housing Association Inc
Unity Housing
Unity Housing Company LTD
West Coast Youth and Community Support Inc
Zonta House

VIC
Annie North Inc
Bethany Community Support Inc
Bethlehem Community Inc
Centacare - Peplow House
City of Port Phillip - Social Meals
Council to Homeless Persons (CHP)
Domestic Violence Victoria (DVVIC)
Eastern Domestic Violence Service Inc
Family Access Network Inc
Good Samaritan Inn
Hope Street Youth and Family Services
Kids Under Cover
Ladder Hoddle Street
Latitude - Directions for Young People Inc
Leila W Huebner
Loddon Mallee SAAP Network
Mallee Accommodation & Support Programme
Margaret Tucker Hostel For Girls

TAS
Anglicare Tasmania Inc.
Annie Kenney Young Women's Refuge
Bethlehem House Homeless Men's Assistance Centre
Community Connections
Hobart Women's Shelter
Karinya Young Women's Service
Launceston Women's Shelter (Magnolia Place)
Relationships Australia - Tasmania
Salvation Army - McCombe House
Salvation Army - Red Shield Housing Association
Salvation Army - Support & Housing Programme (SASH)
Shelter TAS
Warrawee Committee Inc
Youth Futures Incorporated
Youth Network Of Tasmania
Melton Supported Accommodation Service
Molly's House
Northern Melbourne Institute of Tafe
PACT Community Support
PILCH Homeless Persons' Legal Clinic
Rural Housing Network
Sacred Heart Mission St Kilda
Salvation Army - Adult Services
Salvation Army - Eastcare
Salvation Army - GippsCare
Salvation Army - Horsham Family Service
Salvation Army - Karinya
Salvation Army - South Territorial Headquarters
South Port Community Housing Group
Southern Housing and Support Services Network
St Luke's Anglicare
The Bridge Youth Service
Uniting Care - Ballarat Parish Mission
Uniting Care - Harrison Community Services
Uniting Care - Werribee Support & Housing Group
Wesley Mission Victoria
Windermere Child & Family Services
Wombat Housing & Support Services
Women's Health West
Women's Housing
Women's Information, Support and Housing in the North (WISHIN)
Workways Association Incorporated
Zena Women's Services Inc

WA
Accordwest
Albany Youth Support Association
Anglicare WA
Avon Youth, Community & Family Services
Bunbury Housing Association
Burdekin Youth in Action
Calvary Youth Services
Mandurah
Centrecare Inc
Chrysallis Support Services
Community Housing Coalition of WA (CHCWA)
Esperance Crisis Accommodation Service
Foundation Housing Ltd
Goldfields Women's Refuge (Finlayson House)
In Town Centre
Marnja Jarndu Women's Refuge
Mercy Youth Services
Mobile GP
Multicultural Services Centre of WA
Pat Giles Centre
Perth Asian Community Centre
Perth Inner City Youth Service
Pilbara Community Legal Service
RUAH Community Services
Salvation Army - Crossroads West
Salvation Army - Murlali Lodge
Senator Scott Ludlam
St Bartholomew's House Inc
Starick Services
Street Doctor - Perth Primary Care Network
Swan Emergency Accommodation
Tenants Advice Service WA
Victoria Park Youth Accommodation
Vincentcare (St Vincent de Paul)
Waratah Suport Centre SW Inc.
WestAus Crisis & Welfare Services
Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence
Youth Futures WA (Inc)