

The Compassionate Friends - Victoria Inc.

Patron: Rhonda Galbally, AO



The Compassionate Friends
Victoria Inc.
Bereaved Parents & Siblings Support

The purposes of The Compassionate Friends Victoria

*To offer friendship and understanding by reaching out to bereaved parents, to surviving siblings and other family members, to support them in the grief and trauma which follows the death of a child from any cause and at any age.
To promote the education of professional, medical, paramedical, police, clergy, teachers and the community at large of the special needs of bereaved parents and siblings and to join with or co-operate with other organisations or Government instrumentalities to further this education.*

History

The Compassionate Friends was founded in the United Kingdom in January, 1969 and the first Australian group was started in Melbourne in May, 1978. The Compassionate Friends now operates in every State and Territory of Australia to form a strong network of bereaved parents, caring for each other, right across the country.

2007—2008 ANNUAL REPORT

SERVICES—BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2007/2008—STAFF 2007/2008

Services Available in Victoria

- Bereaved Parent Centre -
Central Office for Victoria
Open 9.30 am to 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday.
- 24 hour Telephone Support
- Grief Support Literature
- Grief Support Groups including
Metropolitan and Country
Suicide Support Group
Brothers and Sisters Support Groups
- Magazine - issued bi-monthly
- Brothers and Sisters Newsletter - issued bi-monthly
- Free Lending library
- Grief Related Seminars and Workshops
- Community Education Program
- Compassionate Employer Recognition Awards
- Research Project: "Beyond The Death of A child: Social Impact & Economic Costs following the Death of a Child"

Board Of Management 2007— 2008

President	John Hurley
Vice President	Pat Burns
Secretary	Anita Del Testa
Treasurer	Theresa Yeo
Members	Mariette Buckle Matthew Gildea Tony Gee (from December 2007) Rod Kindred (to March 2008)

Staff 2007- 2008

CEO	Anne Wicking (25 hours per week)
Centre Co-ordinator	Jenny Scott (25.5 hours per week to 30th September 07)
Co-ordinator Community Education & Bereaved Parent/Sibling Services	Laraine Rasmussen (19 hrs per week)
Co-ordinator Volunteers (Centre & Telephone)	Sue Brown (22 hrs per week) commenced August 07)
Co-ordinator Volunteers (Groups, Magazine, Library, Phone Friends)	Anne Edwards (19 hrs per week) commenced August 07)
Administration Accounts Officer	Paul Gadsden (15 hours per week)
Principal Researcher	Dr. Jon Stebbins
Associate Researcher	Dr. Trevor Batrouney

Presidents Report

The Compassionate Friends Victoria Inc –
September 2008.

The financial year of 2007/2008 has been a very exciting and rewarding year for TCF, during my third year as President of TCF Victoria. Two events that stand out are the Compassionate Employer Awards and the Defence Lake Attack.

The Compassionate Employer Recognition Awards were held at the Garden Restaurant, National Gallery and 14 employers received their award from our Patron Rhonda Galbally AO. It is a wonderful recognition of the care and compassion these employers have shown to their staff, who have suffered the death of a loved one.

TCF is fortunate again this year to have the continued support of the Defence Lake Attack Charity Fundraising and in September 2007 received the largest amount ever of \$41,000. During our association with the Defence Lake Attack we have been overwhelmed by the amount of money donated to TCF, to assist bereaved parents and siblings. The TCF Board sincerely thanks all the members of the Defence Lake Attack Committee headed by Colonel Lindsay Morton, for their generous commitment to supporting the four charities involved.

At the centre we welcomed 2 new staff members in August 2007. These being Sue Brown (Co-ordinator Centre and Telephone Volunteers) and Annie Edwards (Co-ordinator of Volunteers Groups, Magazine, Library & Phone Friends), both Sue & Annie have proven to be valuable members of the team and are liked and respected by all at TCF. It is with regret that Laraine Rasmussen tendered her resignation effective 31 July 2008. Laraine has been worked at TCF since August 2002, originally as the Volunteers Coordinator and more recently as the Coordinator of Community Education & BPS Services. Laraine has proved to be a very efficient, caring, supportive and compassionate member of staff and will be sadly missed by everyone.

An exciting development this year has been the upgrading of the Siblings magazine to 2 colour and 4 black and white editions, together with the development of the new Siblings Website www.siblingsgrief.org.au to be launched in September 2008.

Our many thanks to the team of siblings lead by Melanie Yong, Karina Rasmussen and Andrew McNess for the many hours of work involved to make the Siblings such a wonderful support area.

New support groups to start this year are the Siblings at Ballarat, Social Groups in Wodonga and Healesville, the Bereaved by Suicide Social Group and the restart of the Benalla and Mildura support groups. Good luck to all the above mentioned support teams.

Additionally, thanks you to the TCF Board of Management for their dedication, commitment and passion over the last twelve months ensuring that the organisation delivers its services required by the membership. My special thanks to Pat Burns as Vice- President and representing TCF at many functions, Anita DelTesta as our Secretary and Theresa Yeo as our Treasurer together with Board members, Mariette Buckle, Matthew Gildea and Tony Gee for your support and hard work during the past year.

It is with regret that Pat has tendered her resignation after 10 years as a TCF Board member and 6 years as Vice President. Pat has been a very caring, hardworking and compassionate board member. Good luck Pat, which ever way life leads you.

Rod Kindred resigned from the Board in March 08 and with his wife Sandra have moved to Adelaide to live. Anita DelTesta has not renewed her 3 year tenure with the Board due to her life's many commitments. Good luck to Rod and Anita, you will both be missed at Board meetings.

A special thanks to Anne Wicking the centre staff and volunteers for your commitment and dedication, making TCF the amazing organization that it is today.

Thank you everyone for such a successful TCF year and it has been said,

"Be patient with yourself in grief and it will become a little easier over time"



John Hurley
President.

(Quote from "A to Z Reflections on Loss and Grief", Linda Espie)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

CEO Report

In 2007/08 TCF Victoria consolidated the previous 2 year plan of restructuring internal positions with the view to moving forward with the establishment of a new 3 year Plan.

With the final staff taking up their appointments in August, 2007, the Board focused on developing a future vision to take us through the next three year term.

Early in 2008, the Board identified three key Goals for the period 2008—2011. The stated goals are:

1. To enhance our income and investment opportunities to allow for future grow and diversification in service delivery and infrastructure support.
2. To develop integrated strategies to shift TCF profile to engage a broader audience and support for bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents.
3. To assess and evaluate our current services for quality and effectiveness and develop Service Planning and Implementation program over the next three years.

As well as these new goals, we are continuing to focus on the development of the Board and it's members for effective governance and the further development of TCF Policy and Procedures.

The opportunity to apply for Federal Funds through Mental Health Council of Australia for Capacity Building came up in early 2008. TCF applied for two grants to support the 08/11 Business Strategy Plan. The applications were successful and we will engage the appropriate expertise in the 08/09 Financial year to undertake two key projects in Income Diversification and Broadening our Community Profile.

During this time, TCF established a Finance Taskforce to review our current investments and to again review opportunities for purchasing a TCF property. The Taskforce reported to the Board in June and it has been decided that TCF continue to lease premises for the next 10 years whilst continuing to work towards the goal of purchasing a property in the future.

As CEO I have continued to represent the organisation on several Reference Groups and Taskforces including SANE's Mental Illness Bereavement Support Project and the Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement Operational Advisory Group. In addition to this I have joined the Reference Group for OurConsumerPlace, a new initiative funded by DHS and being run by OurCommunity to provide an internet platform supporting Consumer Delivered Initiatives. Earlier this year, DHS launched the Pediatric Palliative Care Policy. TCF was involved in providing feedback on the Draft Policy and engaged a number of our families to provide their input.

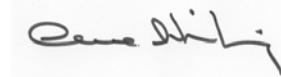
I have continued as co-ordinator of the MSSH Network auspiced by VicServ. The Network this year put in a joint paper in response to the Victorian Government consultation, "Because Mental Health Matters". I have continued to be active in the Victorian Bereavement Support Network.

With the launch of the "Beyond The Death of A Child" Research in August 2007, we have now established a Taskforce to look at how we can ensure that the twenty recommendations can be actioned.

We were also delighted to receive a grant from DHS to go towards upgrading our premises. In October 07 the building had an overhaul with new paint and carpets. In addition we upgraded our telephone system, and purchased a much needed data projector for our Community Education program.

We have again had the pleasure of being a charity recipient for the Defence Lake Attack. This fundraising activity by the Australian Defence Force provides a wonderful source of income but in addition to this an opportunity for TCF to be known by the broader community through the event itself and of course the marketing that is done.

I would like to thank our tireless Volunteers, in 07/08 125 Volunteers contributed more than 5,000 hours handling 7,000 phone calls and running over 200 support groups with over 1,500 attending those support group the wonderful volunteer team who produce our Magazine and Siblings Newsletter. To the staff, Laraine, Paul, Sue & Annie (photo below) whose role it is to support our wonderful Volunteers and provide the much needed resources they have all done brilliantly. And finally to the Board of Management, again Volunteers who themselves are bereaved parents who guide the organisation every step of the way. John Hurley President, Pat Burns Vice President, Theresa Yeo Treasurer, Anita DelTesta Secretary, Tony Gee, Mariette Buckle, Rod Kindred and Matthew Gildea Thank you.



Anne Wicking
CEO



Co-ordinators Volunteers (Centre & Telephone) Report

TCF Victoria Volunteer Workforce:

I would firstly like to thank our wonderful Volunteers, who so unselfishly give, not only their time and physical energy, but also the emotional energy that they give. This show of caring and support is given to each other as well as the many bereaved families who make contact with TCF. Some of these contacts can be on a regular basis until they feel they are able to manage, to a certain degree the tragedy that has befallen them. For these members, it is our caring Volunteers who play such a big role, with their continuing support, to help those on their grief journey. Including those Volunteers who work at the Centre and the After Hours Phone Listeners, sometimes on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis, there is a team of over 125 Volunteers statewide. We have our dedicated Board of Management, Group Leaders and their support teams, the Magazine editor, team, the Magazine Mailout team and the members of the Acorn Foundation (TCF's Fundraising arm). Many of these Volunteers serve in more than one of these teams. Without their amazing help and support, TCF would not be able to run as effectively or as efficiently as it does.

To list just some of the tasks performed by our Volunteers at the Centre whilst they vary, include general office duties, receiving phone calls from fellow bereaved parents and others seeking support from the newly bereaved. Others seeking support may include professional, students, hospitals etc; requiring information on TCF. Other duties include database, receipting payments, anniversary cards and thank you letters as well as projects given to Volunteers that may include updating and maintaining manuals, collating statistics, (which are vital for the organisation) and corresponding with other organisations.

I would also like to thank our wonderful Volunteers who take the After Hours phone, ensuring that TCF continues to offer a 24hrs phone service. Every month on a rotating roster, an A/H supervisor is there should the Volunteer need to de-brief, due to upsetting or difficult call. Contact is made the following morning after their shift, to collect any new member's details and to monitor amount of calls. All details are recorded for statistics.

Since completing more than twelve months in this position, I have managed to establish a user-friendly office and filing system, making it easier for all concerned. I have continued the ongoing training of the Volunteers, so that the majority are now able to approach their tasks with confidence and a sense of achievement. I have managed to have both the Centre and A/Hours rosters filled even at times where many members were absent, either due to travelling or illness. We have eight new Volunteers, and they are still proceeding with their training.

Bulletin:

A Volunteers Bulletin is sent out bi-monthly to all our 125 Volunteers, so that they can be informed of what's happening not only in the Centre and with the organisation, but keep informed of any upcoming events, workshops or seminars, that may be of interest to them. The bulletin also is a way of being updated with other Volunteers and what they are doing. This may include personal interest stories of holidays, family events or any news they wish to share with each other on a larger scale.

Training:

Training is offered on several different levels.

1. On-the job training for Centre Volunteers in office procedures, including data base entering, working with computers and the relevant programs and other Centre operations. This training is mostly carried out by the Coordinator whilst also utilising the "buddy" system, where a more experienced volunteer passes on their knowledge and assists the new volunteer.
2. Barbara Dickson is the facilitator for the Telephone and Listening Skills Training Course for Volunteers who will then go on to answer the grief call both in the Centre and after hours. We have eight Volunteers attending this year's course, and they then will be added to the list of Volunteers who take the phones both at the Centre and for the very important after hours service.

Less formal but very well received is the Public Speaking, which is offered by various members of the Toastmaster Organisation. We intend to run another course in the 2008/2009 financial year.

Seminars and Workshops:

We offered our Volunteers the opportunity of attending various Self Development workshops that included Art Experience, Cooking, CBT and Leadlight, just to name a few. These were well attended, as this is also an opportunity for Volunteers to mix and learn together in a friendly, fun and relaxed atmosphere.

Centre Workload:

During 2007- 2008, 222 bereaved families made contact for the first time with TCF Victoria. Each new member received a package of information with a personal letter and were then, permission given, were entered onto our database, to enable them to continue to receive our magazines, anniversary cards and any other information. The majority of these families made their first contact by phoning the Centre, and spoke with one of the Volunteers for at least half an hour, but often much longer, due to the nature of the call. Of these new families and individuals;

19% were referred by professionals

17% were referred by TCF members

16% were referred by family and friends

11% via Internet and media coverage

During 2007-2008 approximately 1150 families received the bi-monthly issue of the TCF Victoria magazine. A very large commitment also by the Volunteers is in the writing and mailing of the very important anniversary cards. Just over 2000 anniversary cards have been sent this financial year.

Membership Only:

We continue with our initiative for members who no longer wish to continue receiving the TCF magazine on a regular basis. When we receive this advice, an exit questionnaire is sent to them and they are invited to pay a nominal fee of \$5.50 to be on the membership only list. This fee enables them to continue receiving the anniversary card and a twice-yearly bulletin notifying them of any events, seminars or workshops, in the near future, that may be of interest to them. Currently there are approximately 120 members on this list.

Thank you:

A very special 'Thank You' to Dennis Long, one of our wonderful Volunteers, who filled in for me, as Co-ordinator for almost six months, instead of the intended 4 weeks! This helped both the Centre and myself enormously. I am now fully recovered and enjoying my position within organisation.

Sue Brown

Co-ordinator Volunteers (Centre & After Hours Telephone)



2007 Presentation of Rhys Harmer Award for Outstanding Volunteer Contribution to TCF. Presented to Mary Hansen

CENTRE & PHONE VOLUNTEERS

Co-ordinators Volunteers (Groups, Magazine, Library, Phone Friends) Report

Over 2007/8 the restructuring of the roles of the Centre Coordinators has enabled TCF to focus with more detail on the bereaved parent support groups. We are very grateful to the volunteers who give their time and expertise in this way. Providing ongoing support and a safe environment for grieving families takes special skills and compassion and we thank all the Group Leaders and their support teams for this contribution.

Eighteen formal support groups and five social support groups continued to provide support for bereaved parents and sibling across Melbourne and regional Victoria. Ballarat Siblings' Support Group commenced in April 2008 and two new social groups were commenced at Healesville (April 2008) and Wodonga (March 2008).

Group Leader Training courses were conducted by Jon and Sue Stebbins for 11 participants in July 2007 and for 5 participants in April 2008. Several of these volunteers have become Group Leaders, and others participate in leadership teams.

Groups which have undergone change over the year include The Peninsula Group which became a social support group in April and Benalla and Mildura which re-commenced formal meetings.

TCF's outreach to bereaved parents includes volunteers who are available by phone and are advertised on the last page of the TCF Parents' Magazine. These volunteers are the 'quiet achievers' of our taskforce often going unacknowledged for their contribution. Over the next year we will be formalising training for these willing volunteers and establishing a firm support structure to ensure that they continue to be adequately supported. We thank all the Phone Friends for their part in the telephone support network.

The Parents' Magazine has provided an effective and well-presented means of communication again this year. Publication of six issues was shared between our two editors, Mariette Buckle and Barbara Beames and supported by the layout skills of Peter Holloway and a dedicated editorial team. The presentation is of consistently high quality and the content is sensitively and considerately chosen. It is good to see that many of our membership now contribute regularly to the Magazine. Barb and Mariette have both given several years in their roles as Editors and will be handing over to two new volunteers, Deb Gates and Jo Tolsher.

We thank Mariette and Barb for the time and dedication they have given to ensuring that our parents find comfort and support through the power of the written word. Thank you to all the editorial team members for your consistent and dedicated work.

The Siblings' Newsletter has also provided a high quality communication for the bereaved siblings in our membership. Melanie Yong and Karina Rasmussen have shared the production of an eight page glossy A5 publication every two months, Publishing was donated by Corrina Ramsay for which we are grateful.

Each edition was theme-based, covering issues such as "A young person's grief", "Finding the right words", and "Support structures". Karina has handed over to Andrew McNess and we welcome him as the new Co-Editor. We thank Karina for her contribution to the newsletter team and wish her well. The new Siblings' website, siblingsgrief.org.au, will broaden the support TCF offers to bereaved siblings and will complement the Siblings' Newsletter.

The Library has continued to be administered by Bev Fraser who is supported by Bea Rigg and Jo Knoll. The lending of books by mail order has worked well over the year and we hope to extend the service online as part of the TCF website early in 2009. The library holds over 1400 books, audio and video tapes providing resources and information for bereaved parents all over Victoria.

Thank you to the following volunteers who have relinquished roles, often to pick up other roles in TCF:

Group Leaders

Jan and Norm McNess: Geelong Support Group

Mary Lou Henderson: Canterbury Day Group

Sarah Greaves: Canterbury Siblings Group

Sue Beale: Greensborough Siblings Group

Anita Del Testa: North Eastern Group

Dennis Long: Western Suburbs Group

Social Group Facilitators:

Elaine Hoskins: Casey/Officer Group

Magazine

Parent Editors: Mariette Buckle, Barbara Beames

Siblings Editor: Karina Rasmussen

Annie Edwards

Co-ordinator of Volunteers (Groups, Magazine, Library, Phone Friends)

GROUPS - MAGAZINE - LIBRARY - VOLUNTEERS

Services

The Compassionate Friends Victoria Inc. continue to provide services to families across Victoria. With the support a team of 125 Volunteers these services continue to meet the needs of the families we support.

Groups:

In total in 2007/08 TCF Victoria conducted 204 Support Groups in both Metropolitan and Regional Victoria. Attendances at the groups were 1,516 this is an increase of 6% . We have a total of twenty three Support and Social Groups running.

Parents Magazine:

Our parents magazine goes from strength to strength and the dual Editorship of Barbara Beames and Mariette Buckle with the support of the Magazine Team, we produce six high quality editions each year. Two colour and four black and white. The local content, written by members for members continues to grow. The magazine is distributed to over 1,200 families every two months.

Siblings Newsletter:

Over the past twelve months the Siblings Newsletter has evolved even further. It has now extended in size and content. Karina Rasmussen has stepped down as Co-Editor and we would like to thank her for her great contribution. I am delighted to say that Andrew McNess, bereaved sibling of Jeremy has joined Melanie to take the Siblings Newsletter to the next level. Again the encouragement of our siblings to contribute has seen an increase in the local content.

Website:

Our website has continued to grow over the past 12 months. Hits in 2006/07 were 412,985. In 07/08 total hits were 482,811, an increase of 14%. Our website is an integral part of communication and our guest book is increasing with many parents and siblings writing their thoughts and feelings. The Memorial Wall has also increased over the past 12 months.

Bereavement Support Seminars & Workshops

In 2007-2008, TCF continued to conduct seminars and workshops to provide bereaved parents, siblings and grand parents with additional tools to help throughout their grief process. Seminars included Yoga – A path to Change, Learning to adapt in the face of grief; Breath, Water, Sound –focusing on meditation and relaxation techniques; Art Therapy – Discovering new ways of self-discovery and expression through painting and using colours; Introduction to Philosophy – How can it help with Grief.

Community Education & Training

With the support of a team of Volunteers who work tirelessly supporting the general community to gain a better understanding of the impact of the death of a son or daughter, brother or sister, we have responded to many

requests to speak. These have included both metropolitan and regional engagements such as with the Royal Children's Hospitals, Rotary Clubs, Probus Clubs, Dandenong Hospital, Support After Suicide, MDRT, Victoria Clinic Community Radio Stations, Australian Centre for Grief & Bereavement, Grief Week forums, Community Suicide Forums, Suicide Prevention Forums,

In 2007/08 both at our Bereavement Support and Grief Workshops and Community Education program over there were more than 3,145 in attendance this is a huge increase of 42%.

Library

Our extensive range of books in the library continues to provides a valuable grief and bereavement resource to many families. Over the past year we have endeavoured to upgrade the books and also provide a simpler borrowing system to encourage all families across the state to have access. We have continued to mail out library books to our families and this service has been steadily increasing.

Grief Telephone Support Service

Our 24/7 support service is an integral to TCF. Over the past year a team of trained volunteers have answered more than 7,000 phone calls. The phone support service allows bereaved parents and siblings to phone at any hour of the day or night and know that they are able to speak with another bereaved parent or sibling. It is a lifeline for those who use the service. To know that they can speak with another person who has the 'lived experience' makes all the difference.

Honour Roll

"We remember them" – together we publicly acknowledge our children, brothers, sisters, grandchildren who have died before us and let other bereaved families know that they are not alone, that TCF exists.

Again in 2007 we provided all members the opportunity to remember their child or brother and sister, grandchild in the "In Memoriam" section of the Herald-Sun Newspaper. We had 81 entries for 2007 published on Wednesday 27 August. These notices are published during National Loss & Grief Week

Compassionate Employer Recognition Awards

The Annual Awards program, now in it's fifth year has become an integral part of the TCF calendar of events. In March 2008 we were delighted to honour fourteen Victorian employers for their outstanding contribution to their employee following the death of a loved one.

SERVICES

Parents Magazine Report

Editor: Barb Beames
Assistant editor: Mariette Buckle
Team members: Jan McCallum, Judy Dowling, Jo Knoll, Maria Jones, Helen Murphy
Layout & Graphics: Peter Holloway
Proofreaders: Jenny Scott Annie Edwards
Printers: Eastern Press

Shared Role as Editor

Mariette and Barb have continued to share the role of editor, each doing 2 sequential issues.

Departing Editors

On Sunday, September 21, '08, a luncheon was held at *Moods* in Berwick to acknowledge Barb Beames and myself (Mariette Buckle) as departing editors. At the lunch were Marg Doyle, Jo Knoll, Pat Burns, Judy Dowling and Helen Murphy. *Barb and I say 'thank-you' for all of the support.* Barb stated her intention to remain on the magazine team and attend meetings.

New Editors

Deb Gates is the new editor and will be working with Jo Tolsher. Maria Jones, Jan McCallum, Barb Beames, & Judy Dowling are the other team members and we are all optimistic that meetings can be rotated amongst members' homes and the future looks quite exciting.

New team member

Helen Murphy, a newly bereaved parent whose son Leon died as the result of a motorbike accident, expressed an interest in being on the magazine team. She was warmly welcomed by all of us and both Barb and Judy expressed their support for her being on the team.

Team meetings

Team meetings have continued throughout the year. The meetings have provided an opportunity for excellent input and also a great support to the Editors. Our last meeting for the 07/08 Financial Year was in April. Since then, both Barb and myself have not only been extremely busy (Barb is now a marriage/naming day celebrant) and I am a full time teacher and special education tutor, but challenging in our separate grief journeys.

I have benefited greatly from every interaction I've had with every person I've met through TCF and I am so grateful for that, but it's time for me to move on. I will take with me all that I have learned and experienced, into future relationships and as I encounter bereaved parents (and others who have experienced loss), I will be better able to serve them.

I will remain on the Board of Management as my only official role with TCF.

Mariette Buckle
Parents Editor



Siblings Magazine Report

Editor: Melanie Yong
Assistant Editor: Karina Rasmussen (to July 2008)
Layout & Graphics: Corrina Ramsey

2008 marks a time of change and new beginnings for our sibling community, with a change in the editorial team and the launch of the *Brothers & Sisters* website.

Six bi-monthly issues of *Brothers & Sisters* were produced by the editorial team (Melanie Yong and Karina Rasmussen) over the past year. As with past years, each issue was centred on a specific theme, relevant to bereaved siblings. Themes this year included "A young person's grief" "New to this" – early grief, "'tis the season" – coping with special occasions, "Finding the right words", "Social support and anxieties" and "Support structures". A highlight this year was the series of feature articles written by Andrew McNess, that presented different aspects of the findings of his research into sibling bereavement. Andrew's articles complemented the bimonthly themes and helped to further enhance continuity from issue to issue by presenting a familiar sibling 'voice'.

The special issue (August/September 2008) to launch the *Brothers & Sisters* website was another recent highlight. Produced as a full colour, fold-out edition, this publication introduced the whimsical 'look and feel' of the website, designed to allude to the simplicity, fun and innocence of childhood days.

We look forward to connecting with even more siblings in 2008/2009, facilitated by the launch of the *Brothers & Sisters* website. For instance, users will be able to download back issues of the *Brothers & Sisters* magazine, send us their suggestions and contributions directly from the website and find out about upcoming support groups and other events of relevance to siblings. The website will help us maintain a real-time connection with siblings that is not by hampered by print and mail turnaround times.

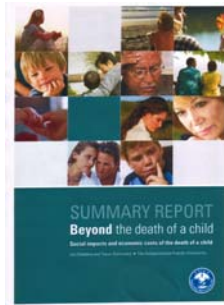
Karina Rasmussen, who has been the Assistant Editor of *Brothers & Sisters* since 2005, decided to move on from this role after the June/July 2008 issue. We would like to thank Karina for the time and effort she has contributed to supporting other siblings and for sharing her beautiful poems, thoughts and personal experiences over the past years. Andrew McNess has now taken over as the new Assistant Editor. We are delighted to have Andrew on the editorial team and look forward to his insights and contributions to future issues.

Melanie Yong
Sibling Editor



PARENTS MAGAZINE—SIBLINGS NEWSLETTER

Beyond the death of a child – Research Report



Since the launch of TCF Victoria's first research titled, *Beyond The Death of a Child: Social Impact and Economic Costs of the death of a child* in 2007, a Taskforce has been established to ensure that the Recommendations presented in the Report are brought to the notice of relevant organisations/agencies and actioned & develop a list of potential national and international audiences for dissemination & presentation of findings.

The report puts forward 20 recommendations directed to government and non-government bodies covering: bereavement support programs, economic costs, employment, education and research.

The following was achieved in 2007/08 Financial year as a direct result of the research, these include:

- Input into the Victorian Pediatric Palliative Care Policy .
- TCF Presentation of Research to 120 Financial Planners at the MDRT (Million Dollar Round Table) Conference in Melbourne
- Presentation of four papers at the International Conference on Grief and Bereavement, Melbourne 5-18 July 2008. Jon Stebbins and Trevor Batrouney.
- Research statistics from the report were given to the Royal Children's Hospital in support of their recommendation to the RCH Foundation to establish a recurrent Funeral Assistance Fund. This has now commenced.
- Internationally recognised and the data is being used in a 3 Volume Book on Death and Dying in America which is being published by Praeger.

It is the intention of the Taskforce to pursue further outcomes and ensure that the research is used to further establish support and services for all bereaved parents & siblings.

ACORN FOUNDATION INC. Report



The Acorn Fundraising for the past year is as follows:

In October we had a very successful day at Bulleen at the "Costume Collection". This is a private collection of Australian costumes since the early settlement of this country. Then we went off to Heidi Gallery and enjoyed a light lunch. An enjoyable day was had by all.

Late November we had an Evening at "Blue Illusion" fashion and accessories. Another enjoyable night was had by all who participated.

In February we had our night at the "Malvern Theatre" The money raised was again used to support the "Joseph Vaz Childrens Home in Sri Lanka. We will continue our support of the Orphanage as we feel it is a very worthy cause.

The Buy-A-Brick appeal continues as a wonderful way to remember our children.

Donations from the IGA Supermarket group are also directed to support the Building Fund.

On Sunday October 19th we are having a Pancake day at Thea Allens. We will be drawing our Raffle on that day, the first prize being the beautiful hand make quilt which was donated to the Acorn Foundation.

I would like to thank the Acorn Committee for their support and ongoing Commitment for our dream to have a house for The Compassionate Friends.

Margaret Guegan
President.

TCF RESEARCH—ACORN

Defence Lake Attack 2007



2007 marked the 25th year of the Australian Defence Force Lake Attack TCF Victoria is again extremely proud and grateful to be one of four charities who are the recipients of the funds raised in this milestone year.

As Colonel Lindsay Morton, AM, Director of the Defence Lake Attack Committee wrote to all who participated.

"On behalf of the Australian Defence Force, please accept our thanks for your participation in the 25th Defence Lake Attack community fun run/walk on Sunday. In fine Melbourne weather and being entertained by the Melbourne Army band, nearly 2000 participants enjoyed the festive atmosphere of the event while enjoying the magnificent array of displays from the men and women of the ADF. The ADF is committed to this healthy family orientated activity and together with our sponsors, the City of Melbourne, our charities and our charity partner, the Lord Mayor's Charitable Fund, I hope you will join us for the event on Sunday 24th of August 2008.

TCF echoes the sentiments of thanks to the many families and friends who stepped out on the fine sunny Melbourne day to participate.

I would also like to express our sincere thanks to the many Volunteers who came along and supported the day by manning drink stations around the course, helping participants to register and handing out of the show bags and event T-Shirts. There were 30 TCF Volunteers on the day—a huge thank you to all.

Three major events are hosted by the Joint Logistics Group, commanded by Major General Grant Cavenagh, AM, located at Victoria Barracks. The management and coordination is the responsibility of a dedicated team of Defence Personnel, headed by Colonel Lindsay Morton, AM

The dedicated team of Defence personnel commenced in 2006 to engage high calibre sponsors. In 2007 a staggering 38 sponsors all came on board to support the Defence Fundraising efforts for the 2007 Lake Attack events.

The three events kicked off with the Foster's Lunch & Launch on 28th March with over 250 guests, the buffet lunch and entertainment was a resounding success. DHL, the principle sponsor for 2007 presented the sponsorship cheque. The second major event with the Lake Attack at Albert Park on Sunday 26th August.

The final event was the formal Dinner & Charity auction held at Victoria Barracks on 15th September.

This year we were privilege to have Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, AO, AFC, Chief of the Defence Force as the Guest Speaker.

TCF President, John Hurley was presented a cheque for \$41,000 from Major General Cavenagh

In total these events raised \$164,000 this result amazed us all and not least the four charities who are privileged to receive this money.

DEFENCE LAKE ATTACK 2007

DHL, was again the principle sponsor. Not only did they provide financial support they hosted a sponsor dinner in July over 200 staff and management of DHL embody the ethos of being part of a community, it is reflected in their commitment to us all.

The major sponsor were Toyota Motor Corporation Australia Ltd and Thales Australia

Associate Sponsors: TenixToll Defence Logistics Pty Ltd, Southern Cross Broadcasting (Australia) Ltd, KPMG Risk Advisory Services Pty Ltd, The Mind Gallery, Yarra Trams SMS Management and Technology Ltd Patrick Defence Logistics ,Herald and Weekly,Times, Foster's Group Ltd, Seven Seas Shipchandlers Toshiba (Australia) Pty Limited

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The Charity Events also drew sponsorship from TCF supporters. We would personally like to thank the following companies for their ongoing support. Ainsworth Estate Wines, Optimum Recruitment, Box Hill Institute, ImageQuest, Mirror Mirror, Myers Creek Cascade, Alberto Culver, SSL Australia, Healthbrands Australia,. Supporting for the first time we also thank Four Points Sheraton Geelong, Ponds Wellness Centre, Harvey Norman, Quest Apartments & Stuart Alexander & Co..

The unwavering community spirit in which Defence and sponsors display incoming together to support the charities through the fundraising at Defence Lake Attack Events is remarkable. Our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.



The "Runners" starting Albert Park Lake 26th August



From Left to Right: Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, AO AFC, Chief of the Defence Force, Major General Grant Cavenagh, AM, Commander Joint Logistics, Mr John Hurley, President The Compassionate Friends Victoria Inc.

2008 Compassionate Employer Recognition Awards

Fourteen employers leading the way in workplace practices were recognised for showing extraordinary compassion to their employees who had experienced the death of a loved one.

Each employer was presented with a Compassionate Employer Recognition Award on Tuesday, 26 February 2008 at the National Gallery Victoria, Garden Restaurant.

The awards program was developed by the Compassionate Friends (TCF) Victoria to publicly recognise employers who had gone above and beyond standard bereavement practices and hoped to encourage similar support from all employers.

Patience and understanding is essential in today's workplace. "It is hoped that as more employers are recognised for being aware of their employees special needs, compassion in the workplace will become standard practice," said Dr Rhonda Galbally, AO, Patron of TCF.

"I commend these employers for their ongoing support of their employees and hope to see many more examples throughout the business community," Galbally said

The Rotary Club of Geelong Central is once again proud to support the Compassionate Employer Recognition awards. Other 2008 Award sponsors include Optimum Recruitment, Eastern Press, Holografix and The Age.



Left:
Dr. Rhonda Galbally, AO
Patron
The Compassionate Friends Victoria Inc

Right:
Mr Bob Barry
President
Rotary Club of Geelong Central

2008 Compassionate Employer Award Recipients

- Family Life
- Pure Design Marble & Granite Pty Ltd
- Probuild Constructions (Aust) Pty Ltd
- North East Primary Mental Health Team – Austin Health
- Pacific Brands Hosiery Group
- Dimmeys-Forges
- Coles-Benalla
- The Royal Australian Institute of Architects
- Rosebud Country Club
- Contractfire Pty Ltd
- Prestige Foundations Pty Ltd
- Secure Gem Unit – Sunshine Hospital
- Ti-Tri Family Doctors
- Silver Wings.



2008 Compassionate Employer Recognition Award Nominator and Recipients



COMPASSIONATE EMPLOYER AWARDS 2008

STATISTICS

Statistics for 2007-08

Telephone Contacts	7,105
Volunteer Hours	5,226
Attendance at TCF Activities Support Groups	1,516
Other activities	
Volunteer Training;	
Magazine	
Visitors to the Centre	
Community Education	3,145
Mail Volume	
In	2,240
Out	7,203
Newsletters Printed	21,000

Number of Bereaved Families Making Contact for the First Time.

94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03
343	355	386	421	441	368	319	276	322
03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08				
299	301	263	279	222				

Manner of Death

Accident	Drowning	Drug Overdose	Illness	Murder/Manslaughter
19	0	13	61	4

SANDS	SIDS	Suicide	Transport	Unknown
4	5	54	27	35

Referrals of new members were received from the following sources during 2007/08

TCF Member	Professional	Coroner's Office	Friend/Family member
39	36	7	28

Media	Website	Unknown	Other
16	13	81	2

Sponsors & Supporters

The Compassionate Friends Victoria Inc. Would like to acknowledge the following Sponsors and Supporters:

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Alberto Culver

All Souls

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Bill Grainger

Box Hill Institute

Bustle & Bows

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Lord Mayor's Charitable Fund

McPhee Distribution Services Pty Ltd

McPhee Distribution Services Pty Ltd

Mirror Mirror

Myers Creek Cascade Cottages

Optimum Recruitment

Parks Victoria

Patrick Defence Logistics

Pond Massage Water Wellness

Printco

Quest Apartments Mont Albert

Rotary Club of Geelong Cental

Seven Seas Shipchandlers

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SMS Management & Technology

SSL Australia

Stride Sports Management

Stuart Alexander & Company Pty Ltd

Susan Morrison

Tennix Toll Defence Logistics

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The Age

The Mind Gallery

The Naval & Military Club Melbourne

The State Library of Victoria

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Toshiba (Australia) Pty Ltd

Transfield Services

Trimcast Pty Ltd

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Toyota Motor Corporation Australia Ltd

Victoria Racing Club Ltd

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS – VICTORIA INC ABN 51 374 578 204

Scope

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report of the COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS – VICTORIA INC for the year ended 30th June 2008. The Board is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements are appropriate to meet the needs of the Association's Incorporation Act (Vic) 1981 and the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Association's Incorporation Act (Vic) 1981. 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.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian Professional Ethical Pronouncements.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of The Compassionate Friends – Victoria Inc presents a true and fair view of the financial position of The Compassionate Friends – Victoria Inc as at 30th June 2008 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies as detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements.

McBain McCartin & Co

Leo McCartin
Partner

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Dated this 1st day of September 2008.

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS – VICTORIA INC

ABN: 51 374 578 204

STATEMENT BY BOARD

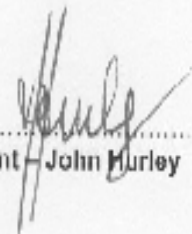
The Board have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

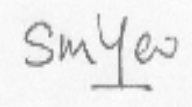
The Board have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board, the financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the Balance Sheet of The Compassionate Friends – Victoria Inc as at 30th June 2008 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Policies as detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that The Compassionate Friends – Victoria Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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


.....
President – John Hurley


.....
Treasurer – Theresa Yeo

SIGNED this 1st day of September 2008.

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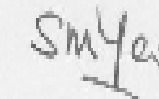
THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS – VICTORIA INC

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STATEMENT BY TREASURER

In my opinion the accompanying financial report:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of The Compassionate Friends – Victoria Inc as at 30th June 2008 and the performance of the Association for the period ended on that date in accordance with accounting policies as detailed in Note 1 to the financial statements.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that The Compassionate Friends – Victoria Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.



.....
Treasurer – Theresa Yeo

SIGNED this 1st day of September 2008

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THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS – VICTORIA INC

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR PERIOD ENDING 30th JUNE 2008

	Retained Earnings \$	Building Reserve \$	Total \$
Balance 1 st July 2006	63,388	163,817	227,205
Income (Loss) attributable to company 2007	122,194	-	122,194
Transfer to Building Fund Reserve	(2,317)	2,317	-
Balance 30 th June 2007	<u>183,265</u>	<u>166,134</u>	<u>349,399</u>
Income attributable to Company 2008	65,939	-	65,939
Transfer to Building Fund Reserve	(3,106)	3,106	-
Balance 30 June 2008	<u>246,098</u>	<u>169,240</u>	<u>415,338</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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THE COMPASSIONATE FRINEDS – VICTORIA INC

ABN: 51 374 578 204

INCOME STATEMENT
YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
Revenues		402,128	364,380
Employee Benefits & Leave Provisions		(174,853)	(116,748)
Depreciation Expense		(9,006)	(3,273)
Centre Costs		(84,191)	(63,873)
Newsletter Costs		(26,630)	(26,371)
Events and Services		(22,985)	(24,697)
Research Overrun		(13,529)	-
Other		(4,995)	(7,224)
NET PROFIT (LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS		<u>65,939</u>	<u>122,194</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS – VICTORIA INC

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30th JUNE 2008

Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4 468,687	451,959
Other Receivables	323	2,298
Prepayments	-	79
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	469,010	454,336
Non Current Assets		
Furniture Equipment & Vehicle	5 41,533	24,449
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	41,533	24,449
TOTAL ASSETS	510,543	478,785
Current Liabilities		
Trade Payables	13,433	19,329
Income Inadvance	8 21,336	54,604
Other Creditors	6 6,845	16,809
Provisions	7 53,591	38,644
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	95,205	129,386
Non Current Liabilities		
Provisions	-	-
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	95,205	129,386
NET ASSETS	415,338	349,399
Equity		
Retained Earnings	246,098	183,265
Building Fund Reserve	9 169,240	166,134
TOTAL EQUITY	415,338	349,399

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS – VICTORIA INC

ABN: 51 374 578 204

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2008

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 Association's Incorporation Act (Vic) 1981. The Board has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the following Australian Accounting Standards.

AASB 101:	Presentation of Financial Statements;
AASB 107:	Cash Flow Statements;
AASB 108:	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors;
AASB 110:	Events after the Balance Sheet Date;
AASB 117:	Leases;
AASB 1031:	Materiality;
AASB 1048:	Interpretation and Application of Standards.

No other Australian 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 specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

- a. **Principal Activities**
The principal activity of the Compassionate Friends – Victoria Inc is to deliver much needed services to bereaved parents siblings and grandparents across Victoria.
- b. **Equipment, Furniture & Motor Vehicles**
Equipment, Furniture & Motor Vehicles are included in the accounts at cost, less accumulated depreciation, as specified. All fixed assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Any gain or loss on disposal of fixed assets is determined as the difference between the carrying amount of the asset at the time of disposal and the proceeds of disposal, and is included in determining the financial results of the entity in the year of disposal.
- c. **Taxation**
The Association is a tax exempt body under the Income Tax Act 1997 and therefore does not account for income tax.
- d. **Leave Liabilities**
Leave liabilities are stated at nominal values with no allowance for on cost or indexation to net present value as the difference would not be material.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2008

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
2. REVENUE		
<u>Operating Activities</u>		
Government Grants	278,723	242,822
Interest	22,018	21,307
Sponsorship fund raising & member fees	91,387	100,251
Profit on Sale of Fixed Assets	10,000	-
	<u>402,128</u>	<u>364,380</u>
3. PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
<u>Profit from Ordinary Activities</u> <u>has been Determined after:</u>		
Expenses:		
Depreciation	9,006	3,273
Auditors Remuneration – Audit	4,273	3,721
Increase in Leave Provisions	14,947	(23,748)
Profit on Sale of Fixed Assets	10,000	-
4. CASH		
Cash on hand	250	200
CBA Cheque Account	26,002	67,884
CBA Building Fund Account	8,449	5,342
CBA Building Term Deposits	160,791	160,791
CBA TCF Term Deposit	229,011	177,206
CBA Cash Management	43,156	40,536
Bendigo Visa Account	1,028	-
	<u>468,687</u>	<u>451,959</u>
5. FURNITURE EQUIPMENT & VEHICLE		
Furniture and Equipment at cost	36,938	32,081
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	20,879	18,432
	<u>16,059</u>	<u>13,649</u>
Library Materials at Cost	15,461	15,428
Less Accumulated Depreciation	6,947	4,628
	<u>8,514</u>	<u>10,800</u>
Motor Vehicles at Cost	21,200	20,493
Less: Accumulated Amortisation	4,240	20,493
	<u>16,960</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>41,533</u>	<u>24,449</u>
Total Plant & Equipment		

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2008

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
6. OTHER CREDITORS		
Payroll Deduction	958	4,070
GST & ABN	3,818	7,459
Superannuation Payable	2,069	5,280
	<u>6,845</u>	<u>16,809</u>
7. PROVISIONS		
<u>Provisions - Current</u>		
Provision for Annual Leave	22,917	12,469
Provision for Long Service Leave	8,350	8,350
Provision for Sick Leave	22,324	17,825
	<u>53,591</u>	<u>38,644</u>
8. INCOME IN ADVANCE	21,336	54,604
This amount represents unexpended tied grants at balance date.		
9. GENERAL RESERVES		
Building Fund Reserves	169,240	166,134
	<u>169,240</u>	<u>166,134</u>
10. CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
a) <u>Reconciliation of Cash</u>		
Cash on hand at bank	468,687	451,959
b) <u>Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Operating Loss</u>		
Operating Profit/-Loss	65,939	122,194
<u>Non Cash Flow in Operating Loss/Profit</u>		
Depreciation	9,006	3,273
Profit on disposal of Assets	(10,000)	-
<u>Changes in Assets and Liabilities</u>		
-Increase/Decrease in Receivables	1,975	(2,198)
-Increase/Decrease in Prepayments	79	565
Increase/-Decrease in Provisions	14,947	(23,748)
-Decrease/Increase in Creditors	(15,860)	22,618
-Decrease/Increase in Income In advance	(33,268)	35,978
-Decrease in inventory	-	-
	<u>32,818</u>	<u>158,682</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	=====	=====

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30th JUNE 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Operating Receipts		349,481	395,038
Interest		22,018	21,307
Payments to suppliers - employees		(338,681)	(257,663)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	10b)	<u>32,818</u>	<u>158,682</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Proceeds on disposal of fixed assets		10,000	-
Fixed assets acquisition		(26,090)	(10,980)
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		<u>(16,090)</u>	<u>(10,980)</u>
NET INCREASE/-DECREASE IN CASH HELD		16,728	147,702
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		<u>451,959</u>	<u>304,257</u>
CASH AT END OF PERIOD	10a)	<u>468,687</u> =====	<u>451,959</u> =====

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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