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Annual Report 2004-2005

New South Wales Consumer Advisory Group
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Vision

Our vision is empowered mental health Consumers and Carers who experience their rights to respect, dignity and self-determination every day.

Mission

NSW CAG Mission is to:

- provide independent representation and a strong, informed voice for the diversity of Consumers and Carers in NSW in all policy and service development, implementation and evaluation;
- ensure empowerment of Consumers and Carers through education across all sectors of the community;
- articulate and defend the rights of Consumers and Carers;
- work in partnership with all stakeholders in mental health to achieve best practice in mental health care for all.

Activities

The activities of NSW CAG are to:

- 1 Provide direct linkages with state and national mental health policy makers and advisory bodies.
- 2 Promote and validate the value of Consumers' and Carers' 'lived' experience, which must be recognised and utilised as the basis for mental health Consumer and Carer participation within mental health policy, service development, implementation and evaluation of mental health services in New South Wales.
- 3 Work in partnership with government and non-government agencies to promote Consumer and Carer participation representation and advocacy.
- 4 Respond to policy documents and strategies that effect Consumers and Carers.
- 5 Provide Consumer and Carer representatives to participate in relevant consultations, working parties and committees.
- 6 Facilitate communication with local Consumer Advisory Groups throughout the state.
- 7 Facilitate awareness of and ensure others recognise psychiatric disability in the wider disability context.

Members

June-Dec 2004

Anna Saminsky – Chair
Kerrie Dissegna – Deputy Chair
Gillian Holt – Treasurer
Jenny Mackellin – Secretary
Kylie White
Elizabeth Pemberton
Brenda Spencer
Jenny Coleman
Robert Cairns
Clare McCormack
Karen Wells

Jan-June 2005

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Jenny Coleman
Robert Cairns
Clare McCormack
Karen Wells

Secretariat

Douglas Holmes (Executive Officer)
Yvette Cotton (Communications Officer)
Maureen O’Keeffe (Information Officer)
Gillian Malins (MH-CoPES Project Officer)

Chairperson's Report

This year began with our tenth Birthday celebrations on 29th July last year. We celebrated ten years of being registered as a NSW Incorporated Association. It started with a small group of dedicated members and we now have a mailing list of about 1000.

The vision of NSW CAG is to have empowered mental health consumers and carers who experience mental illness, directly or indirectly, their rights to respect, dignity and self-determination.

The mission is to provide independent representation and a strong informed voice for the diversity of consumers and carers throughout NSW in all policy and service development implementation and evaluation. We also aim to empower consumers and carers through education across all sectors of the community, to articulate and defend the rights of consumers and carers, and finally to work in partnership with stakeholders in mental health to achieve best practice in mental health for all.

This celebration coincided with the official launch of the MH-CoPES project by Professor Beverley Raphael. Representatives from across the health system attended this very important project launch. It is a credit to NSW CAG that the Department of Health saw fit to grant us the funding to run this very important project, which looks at consumers' perceptions and experiences of the mental health system. It is now coming to the end of Stage 1 after a very successful 18 months of hard work by Gillian Malins and her Taskforce. During this time a state-wide consultation meeting took place where many stakeholders from across the state had their chance to voice their opinions which was an invaluable exercise.

NSW CAG has come a long way with our original yearly budget of \$23,000 to a three year recurrent funding of \$225,000. We are working on new policy ventures to expand on our present work to take us into the future.

At the TheMHS Conference, in September last year, I had the honour to accept from Professor Alan Fells on behalf of NSW CAG, an award for the "Scream on the Green" Youth Week project we had promoted in collaboration with Marrickville Council.

I was involved with a submission on the amendments to the new Mental Health Act which, hopefully, make the Act more user friendly particularly to carers and families of the mentally ill whilst maintaining privacy rights for consumers if they so choose.

The MHOAT Consumer Consultative Committee has started reconvening so progress should follow after quite a long absence.

I sit on the following committees:

Official Visitors Advisory Group; Consumer Advocacy Course Committee; Joint Guarantee of Services (JGOS); NSW Health Implementation Taskforce Committee; Health Care Complaints Consumer Consultative Committee; Sentinel Events Review Committee; National Consumer and Carer Forum; and the National Mental Health Working Party Safety and Quality Partnership Committee. I can be contacted through NSW CAG if anyone would like any information about these committees.

We bid farewell to Professor Beverley Raphael, Director of the Centre for Mental Health, earlier this year. She has been a wonderful source of support to NSW CAG and we shall miss her. We welcomed Eugene McGarrell as Acting Director who has also been very supportive of our work and aspirations and for this I thank him.

I should like to thank our hard working staff Yvette Cotton, Maureen O'Keefe, Gillian Malins Project Officer for MH-CoPES and finally a sincere thankyou to Douglas Holmes for his hard work and ever cheerfulness. Elizabeth Pemberton, a long serving member of our board, has retired. I would like to thank her for her hard work and wise consultation over that period and wish her well in her own legal practice.

NSW CAG is entering a very exciting phase in our history we are revamping our constitution, on the verge of relocation to new premises with ARAFMI and the Mental Health Association of NSW and entering into Stage 2 of the MH-CoPES program.

I hope you share our vision for a prosperous 2005-2006, all the best.

Anna Saminsky

NSW CAG representation on committees

The following table provides a list of committees NSW CAG has provided representation on during the financial year 2004–2005.

National

Communications Network	Yvette Cotton
C-PIN EP	Douglas Holmes
National Consumer and Carer Forum	Anna Saminsky
National Health Priority Action Council	Anna Saminsky
Network Of Australian Community Advisory Groups	Anna Saminsky

State

Centre for Mental Health: MH-OAT consumer consultative group	Douglas Holmes
Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health-Community Advisory Group	Douglas Holmes and Joan Wakeford
HASI (Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative)	Douglas Holmes
Mood Discovery Support Group Planning Meeting	Yvette Cotton and Douglas Holmes
NSW Carers Coalition	Yvette Cotton
NSW Carers Program Advisory Group	Gillian Holt
NSW Mental Health Implementation Taskforce	Anna Saminsky
NSW Mental Health Information Steering Committee	Douglas Holmes
NSW Joint Guarantee of Service (JGOS) for people with Mental Health Problems and Disorders living in Aboriginal, Community and Public Housing	Paula Hanlon and Anna Saminsky
NSW Mental Health Promotion Advisory Committee	Yvette Cotton
Official Visitors Program	Anna Saminsky
Seclusion and Restraint Committee	Anna Saminsky

The following section provides more detailed reports on a selection of these committees.

National Committee Representation

Communications Network

This Network originally started to support people working in communications positions in Mental Health from around Australia. Several teleconferences were held. Contact details and information about our organisations were shared, a list of resources and calendar of events was started. An E-mail discussion list was started.

The last teleconference was held on 8th September 2004. I still, however, receive E-mail information from some members of the committee. People sometimes send their organisation's newsletters or offer to take information from different organisations to conferences, for example.

Yvette Cotton

National Consumer and Carer Forum (NCCF)

Last year the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council National Mental Health Working Group agreed to provide additional funding to the NCCF to undertake two projects. The first was the 'Consumer and Carer Participation Policy' a framework for the mental health sector. This document is intended as best practice example of a consumer and carer participation policy and is able to be adopted by any organisation.

There are six core principles: consumers and carers provide unique expertise due to their lived experience of mental illness; consumer and carer participation will be promoted at all levels of mental health care; consumers and carers have distinct and separate needs; mental health organisations will seek formal and informal links with peak bodies for jurisdictional representation; mental health organisations are encouraged to adopt or adapt to the particular communication; and participation needs of representatives. This document highlights the fact that a considerable body of research strongly supports effective and responsive partnerships between consumers, carers and professionals with the benefits of enduring and contributing to improved quality of life and social adjustment for both consumers and carers.

The second project will be tabled for consideration in the second half of 2005.

Anna Saminsky

State Working Groups

HASI (Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative)

In late 2002 NSW CAG was asked to participate in the HASI project. The NSW Government announced new funding for the Housing and Accommodation Support Initiatives (HASI). In summary, its aims are to:

- Provide high-level accommodation support for over 100 individuals with mental disorders.
- Reduce pressure on hospital beds.
- Provide additional supported housing for low income people with mental disorders
- Maintain functional status and mental health of the population.
- Establish a more efficient and effective system to assist people with mental health problems and high levels of disability to participate fully in the community.

The Initiative is a partnership between NSW Health and Housing Departments. NSW Health will be providing clinical mental health services and funding non-government organisations to provide accommodation support services.

The NSW Department of Housing will purchase and lease properties with supported housing management for Initiative clients provided by non-government housing associations, or by Public Housing Client Service Teams.

This initiative will be linked with other new acute and non-acute inpatient initiatives of the Centre for Mental Health and will provide a substantial improvement to the availability of housing and accommodation support resources for people with mental disorders and psychiatric disabilities who require a high level of accommodation (disability) support to participate in community life. It also complements a number of other supported housing projects being undertaken by the Department of Housing to assist people with complex needs.

The following information about a new report about HASI comes from the NSW Health website www.health.nsw.gov.au/pubs/2005/house_accom.html :

“The Report 1 summary of a formal 2-year longitudinal evaluation of the Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI) Stage One, for people with a mental illness. The HASI Stage One Evaluation is jointly funded evaluation by NSW Health and the NSW Department of Housing. The Social Policy Research Centre at the University of New South Wales has been contracted by NSW Health to conduct the Evaluation. HASI operates as a three-way partnership in service provision including non-government accommodation support providers, clinical mental health services and social housing providers.”

Douglas Holmes

NSW Carers Coalition

I represent the NSW Consumer Advisory Group – Mental Health Inc on this committee, which meets bi-monthly. A range of organisations interested in carer issues are represented on this committee, which is organised by Carers NSW. Most are state-wide organisations for various illnesses (not just mental health).

Some recent activities of the Carer's Coalition included a workshop on July 1 2004 called "Needs of Ageing Parent Carers of Younger People with a Long-Term Disability". This followed on from the discussion paper that was prepared on this topic.

There are two working parties of this group: Ageing Carers of a younger person with a long-term disability; and Home Care. In December 2004 the Carers Coalition signed off on a work plan to guide the Ageing Carers working party. This working party has then been guiding the work of an intern working on the project at Carers NSW. This intern has been mapping the services and supports for carers in NSW as the first part of a project aimed to help ageing parents of a younger person with a disability. The second working group is looking at problems to do with home care, including referrals and waiting lists.

Some of the submissions made in the last year were in response to DADHC's Supported Accommodation Discussion Paper, and in response to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Post School Disability Programs.

There was also a media release on Ageing Parent Carers in December 2004 and a letter to the Minister in June 2005 calling on NSW to match Commonwealth funding for respite for this group of carers.

Other issues affecting carers are also often raised at meetings. Guest speakers are often invited to meetings to speak about issues concerning carers. There is also time to share information about our organisation's activities.

Yvette Cotton

NSW Mental Health Promotion Advisory Committee

I represent NSW Consumer Advisory Group – Mental Health Inc on this committee, which meets monthly. Other members of the committee include representatives from other Mental Health NGO's in NSW including the Mental Health Coordinating Council, ARAFMI, The Schizophrenia Fellowship and also Mental Health Promotion workers, including some which participate by video conference from Tamworth. Staff and board members of the Mental Health Association are also represented.

This committee advises the staff of the Mental Health Association on projects and work that they are doing in relation to mental health promotion. Inputs include advice on Mental Health Week and other mental health promotion activities. The committee advises on themes for mental health week, stress less tips, images and design concepts for resources, fact sheet topics, the mental health week launch and other aspects of the week. Last year's Mental Health Week launch was an outdoor event at Centennial Park, open to the public and was a great success.

Other activities in the last year include: discussion about getting mental health videos into video stores; planning of a Networking Event; discussion about a segment on Aurora TV; and review of the Mental Health Promotion Strategic Plan.

The group was also involved in a feasibility study looking at the feasibility of a Statewide Mental Health Promotion Campaign. A separate group was set up to advise on this project

and I was involved in this also. I organised consumers to be involved in a focus group for this project.

Yvette Cotton

Official Visitors Advisory Committee

The Official Visitors Advisory Program is in my opinion, one of the most important programs run throughout the health system in NSW. The Official Visitors do a magnificent job in maintaining patient's rights when there is no one else with the power to do so. They work understaffed often under stressful conditions and travel hundreds of kilometres for little remuneration. Jan Roberts, the Principle Official Visitor, does a great job in running the program.

This year we have seen the implementation of a new training scheme, new Official Visitors report forms which are much more effective from a consumer's perspective as they go into far more detail than the old ones. The Official Visitors aim is to monthly their power resides in the knowledge that they have access to all documentation and can examine any papers and computer records as well as talking to the patients.

Anna Saminsky

NSW CAG Projects Overview

Mental Health Consumer Perception And Experience Of Services (MH-CoPES)

This has been a busy year for the MH-CoPES Project. One of the key developments for the TWG and I has been our continued definition of what MH-CoPES is in the last 12-months. As we have worked together, and talked to a lot of different people around the state, it has become clear that people have a lot of expectations and hopes for MH-CoPES.

The aim of MH-CoPES is to provide a genuine opportunity for consumers to express their perceptions and experiences of services, and for these perspectives to direct service change and development. Specifically, MH-CoPES' aim is to facilitate consumer feedback about the quality of services and service delivery. Given the time frame and funding available for Stage 1, the TWG decided early on to focus on developing a framework and tools specifically for consumers' of Adult Mental Health Services in this stage.

We have drafted two versions of a questionnaire – one for people using Inpatient Mental Health Services and one for people using Community Mental Health Services. As well, we have developed an overall MH-CoPES Evaluation Framework, which details some of the considerations necessary to conduct a consumer-directed evaluation of the mental health services as part of the continuous improvement of our services.

Some of the key work we have conducted this year has included:

- The Project launch, held at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney in July 2004. Professor Beverley Raphael officially launched the project, and Dr Nick O'Connor, Gavin Stewart and Susan Palmer all provided useful insights about the challenges and possibilities of MH-CoPES from different perspectives.
- Key Stakeholder Consultations, held in Yass, Bega, Broken Hill, Morisset, Port Macquarie, Tamworth, Griffith, Rozelle, Penrith, Newcastle, and Liverpool between 30th September 2004 and 18th March 2005. About 156 people took part in these forums; about half were consumers.
- The Statewide Workshop, held as the final part of our consultation phase, on 6th April 2005, attended by 85 people from around NSW.

The TWG and I want to acknowledge and thank all of the people who have provided their input and supported Stage 1 of the MH-CoPES project.

During the last few months we have been working to develop a project outline for Stage 2 of MH-CoPES. We have now submitted a proposal to the NSW Health Minister for continuation of funding to move into Stage 2. The key aims for Stage 2 will be to pilot the MH-CoPES Framework for evaluation, and the questionnaires we have developed. This will carry the work from Stage 1 closer towards implementation across the state.

A fully inclusive approach to consumer evaluation of mental health services will also involve NSW Health addressing the development of tools and processes appropriate for

consumers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as people who use child and adolescent mental health services, or older person's mental health services.

The final report and recommendations from Stage 1 of the MH-CoPES project are due to be launched at NSW CAG's Forging Our Futures 3 Conference, to be held in Wollongong on 9th December. This is a day the TWG and I are greatly looking forward to.

Gillian Malins
MH-CoPES Project Officer

NSW CAG Website

I have continued to make up-dates to the NSW CAG Website. The following pages have been up-dated in the last financial year: About; Activities; Members' profiles; Past Members' profiles; News (the latest Annual reports and newsletters have been added); Projects (including updates to Projects, including MH-CoPES page; Committees, which have been updated with information from the last Annual Report; CAG reports; and other reports); Links; and the Staff page (including a lovely photo!). Take a look. The website is: www.nswcag.org.au. Up-dates will continue so if you have any ideas for the site let me know. Sometimes it is feedback from people that alerts me to changes that need to be made.

Yvette Cotton

Western Riverina Community Care

The Mental Health Week Expo held last October in partnership between Western Riverina Community Care (WRCC), Griffith Mental Health Consumer Advisory Group (GMHCAG) and NSW Consumer Advisory Group Mental Health Inc (NSW CAG) could become a pilot education program to be used in other communities. Kerrie Dissegna President of the GMHCAG said "the expo created an opportunity to bring people together for valued non-threatening, honest and open discussions," and has been nominated for an award at the National and New Zealand Mental Health Conference to be held in Adelaide 2005.

One of the objectives of the Expo, which consisted of an art show and one day forum, was to effectively share information between other services, consumers, carers, family members and the community. It is a positive move towards broadening the perceptions of people with a mental illness."

Two comments from the final evaluation suggest that we achieved this outcome."Well attended by a broad prospectus of the Griffith Community – I thought it was time well spent – very informative". "Meeting of workers, consumers and carers enables improved access and understanding of services available"

The evaluation was launched in Griffith in early December by Douglas Holmes EO NSW CAG with special guests Deputy Mayor Dino Zappacosta and Judith Dahlenburg Community Health Network Manager. A copy was sent to the Centre for Mental Health. Any service provider or individual who would like a copy of the evaluation can pick one up from WRCC 2/26 Ulong Street Griffith or ring 69627511 and we will organise a copy to be sent to you.

Kerrie Dissegna

Treasurer's report

I have viewed the auditors report for the financial year 2004-2005 and am pleased to present this in the following pages.

Once again it has been a busy and exciting year for NSW CAG and I am confident that the organisation is in a sound position to move into the second year of our three year funding agreement.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gillian Holt".

Gillian Holt
Treasurer

Auditor's report

***NSW CAG Mental Health Inc.
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Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2005

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Independent Audit Report to the Members of NSW CAG Mental Health Inc

Scope

The Financial Report and Director's Responsibility

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, accompanying notes to the financial statements, and the director's declaration for NSW CAG Mental Health Inc., for the year ended 30 June 2005.

The director of the company is responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are consistent with the financial reporting requirement of the company's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of members. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the director's financial reporting requirements under the Company's Constitution. I 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.

Audit Approach

I conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the company. My audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

I performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies as described in Note 1, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's financial position. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate for the needs of the members.

I formed my audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and -disclosures in the financial report, and

assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the -reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the director.

While I considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, my audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Independence

In conducting my audit, I followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

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Independent Audit Report to the members of NSW CAG Mental Health Inc

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, the financial position of NSW CAG Mental Health Inc. as at 30 June 2005 for the year then ended.

Name of Firm: O'NEILL & O'BRIEN
Certified Practising Accountants

Name of Director:



Bruce Lawrence

Address: 11-13 HARTILL-LAW AVE BARDWELL PARK

Dated this 30 day of September 2005

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 7:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of NSW CAG Mental Health Inc. as at 30 June 2005 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that NSW CAG Mental Health 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 Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President: Anna Sammuty

Treasurer: Gillian Holt

Dated this 30th day of September 2005

Statement of financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2005

CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENSES BY NATURE

Revenues from ordinary activities	2	367,413.26	215,169.43
Employee benefits expense		(172,502.43)	(135,521.98)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(22,284.33)	(20,144.83)
Borrowing costs expense		(1,129.70)	(287.24)
Other expenses from ordinary activities		<u>(154,055.33)</u>	<u>(119,922.49)</u>
Loss from ordinary activities before income tax expense	3	<u>17,441.47</u>	<u>(60,707.11)</u>
Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net profit (loss) from ordinary activities after income tax expense attributable to members of the company	8	<u>17,441.47</u>	<u>(60,707.11)</u>
Total changes in equity other than those resulting from transactions with owners as owners		<u>17,441.47</u>	<u>(60,707.11)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2005

CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	4	2,656.71	83,514.06
Receivables	5	4,076.00	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>6,732.71</u>	<u>83,514.06</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	22,890.16	30,147.91
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>22,890.16</u>	<u>30,147.91</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>29,622.87</u>	<u>113,661.97</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	7	9,768.01	111,248.58
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>9,768.01</u>	<u>111,248.58</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>9,768.01</u>	<u>111,248.58</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>19,854.86</u>	<u>2,413.39</u>
EQUITY			
Retained profits	8	19,854.86	2,413.39
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>19,854.86</u>	<u>2,413.39</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005

1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial report is for the entity NSW CAG Mental Health Inc. as an individual entity. NSW CAG Mental Health Inc. is a company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by director to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to present values in determining the recoverable amount.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised leased assets, but excluding freehold land, are depreciated on straight line basis over their estimated useful lives to the economic company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Properties held for investment purposes are not subject to a depreciation charge. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005

Cash

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes deposits at call with financial institutions and other highly liquid investments with maturity within less than 3 months which are readily convertible to cash on hand at the investor's opinion and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value, and borrowings which are integral to the cash management function and which are not subject to a term facility.

Revenue

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

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

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

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. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the Statement of Financial Position are shown inclusive of GST.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005

2 Revenue

Operating activities

Interest	1,729.26	169.43
Rendering of services	2,784.00	-
Other revenue	362,900.00	305,000.00
	<u>367,413.26</u>	<u>305,169.43</u>
	<u>367,413.26</u>	<u>305,169.43</u>

3 Profit from Ordinary Activities

Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense has been determined after:

Expenses:

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	11,337.60	10,725.60
Amortisation	10,946.73	9,419.23
Total expenses	<u>22,284.33</u>	<u>20,144.83</u>

Revenue and Net Gains:

Net gain on disposal of plant and equipment	2,900.00	-
Net gain on disposal of investments	360,000.00	215,000.00

4 Cash Assets

Cash in Hand	-	100.00
Cash at Bank	996.71	83,414.06
Pledges Receivable	1,660.00	-
	<u>2,656.71</u>	<u>83,514.06</u>

5 Receivables

Current

Other	4,076.00	-
	<u>4,076.00</u>	<u>-</u>

6 Property, Plant and Equipment

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2005

Office Equipment - at Cost	66,921.45	62,841.60
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	(48,795.94)	(38,757.79)
	<u>18,125.51</u>	<u>24,083.81</u>
Furniture & Fittings - at Cost	8,663.00	8,663.00
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	(3,898.35)	(2,598.90)
	<u>4,764.65</u>	<u>6,064.10</u>
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>22,890.16</u>	<u>30,147.91</u>
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	<u>22,890.16</u>	<u>30,147.91</u>

Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movements in carrying amount for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year

	\$	\$	\$	\$	Total \$
7 Payables					
Current					
Trade Creditors			9,768.01		10,465.58
GST Creditor			-		10,783.00
Subsidy received in Advance			-		90,000.00
			<u>9,768.01</u>		<u>111,248.58</u>
8 Retained Profits					
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year			2,413.39		63,120.50
Net profit (Net loss) attributable to members of the company			<u>17,441.47</u>		<u>(60,707.11)</u>
Retained profits at the end of the financial year			<u>19,854.86</u>		<u>2,413.39</u>

Income and expenditure statement for the year ended 30 June 2005

INCOME

Donations	2,784.00	-
Interest Received	1,729.26	169.43
NSW Health Department	360,000.00	215,000.00
Conference Income	2,900.00	-
	<u>367,413.26</u>	<u>215,169.43</u>

EXPENDITURE

Accountancy	1,400.00	1,800.00
Advertising & Promotion	2,801.21	952.62
Bookkeeping	10,946.73	9,419.23
Bank Charges	484.66	1,102.46
Computer Software	6,184.51	3,794.89
Meetings and Conferences	10,878.73	10,248.45
Development & Research	2,432.25	4,703.17
Consultants Fees	12,705.00	10,415.36
Depreciation	11,337.60	10,725.60
Courier & Postage Costs	4,025.45	3,318.91
Insurance	2,944.30	2,107.66
Interest	1,129.70	287.24
Member Fees	31,299.88	25,845.34
Printing Stationery & Postage	23,171.71	27,211.64
Staff Training	1,344.54	1,289.45
Stocktaking	5,717.76	-
Subscriptions & Contributions	134.00	1,453.90
Superannuation	13,999.50	11,083.45
Telephone & Internet Fees	1,709.21	1,154.76
Travelling & Subsistence Exes	48,166.66	25,813.33
Wages	157,158.39	123,149.08
	<u>349,971.79</u>	<u>275,876.54</u>
Profit (Loss) from ordinary activities before income tax	17,441.47	(60,707.11)
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year	2,413.39	63,120.50
Retained profits at the end of the financial year	<u>19,854.86</u>	<u>2,413.39</u>