

Companion House

2012-13 Annual Report





Companion House is a non government community based organisation. We work with adults and children who have sought safety in Australia from persecution, torture and war related trauma. We believe that people who have survived torture, trauma and human rights violations should have access to services that respect, empower and promote recovery.

PRINCIPLES OF SERVICE

- We acknowledge and respect the strength and resourcefulness of survivors of the refugee experience.
- We respect and respond to diverse needs including those determined by culture, religion, ethnicity, gender and sexuality.
- We promote client independence, self-determination and informed choice.
- Our services are based on a holistic approach to health care.
- We are committed to the confidentiality of all client information.
- We work in strong partnerships with government and non-government agencies and individuals to ensure health care and other service systems and communities are accessible and sensitive to the needs of survivors of torture and trauma.
- Our services are open and accountable to feedback and suggestions from clients and the community.
- We promote and preserve human rights.
- We as staff support each other in our work.

Patrons, Board, Staff and Funding

PATRONS

Justice Elizabeth Evatt AO
Professor William Maley AM

BOARD

Chairperson Helen Cory (until October 2012), Michael Brown (from October 2012)
Secretary Jennifer Hurley (until October 2012), Rebecca Bromhead (from October 2012)
Treasurer Michael Brown (until October 2012), Cade Brown (from October 2012)
Members Liz Sturgiss, Cat Argall, Henry Addison (all until October 2012). Liz Callaghan, Heather McAulay, Eleanor Brown (all after October 2012); Ibi Losoncz, Kathy Ragless

STAFF

Director Kathy Ragless, AM
Deputy Director Megan Layton (until March 2013, Jeannie McLellan (after March 2013)

COUNSELLING TEAM

Team Leader Fiona McDonald (until April 2013), Deb Nelson (after April 2013)
Counsellor/Advocates - Children Jeroen Splinter (until May 2013), Sam Storey (from November 2012)
Counsellor/Advocates Elizabeth Price, Ina Susjlik, Robin Alderson-Smith, Sheila Kenny (until November 2012), Sandra Russett-Silk (until November 2012), Marg Callaghan (until December 2012), Paul Kowalik (until February 2013), Anna Molan (from April 2013)
Advocacy only Jill Caley (from November 2013)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Team Leader Vesna Golic
Project Officer Hongsar Channaibanya
Project Officer Sandra Lloyd
Project Officer Vieli Choka
Project Officer Habibullah Azimi (from March 2013)

MEDICAL TEAM

Practice Nurse Emily Lambert (until December 2012), Lisa Clements (after December 2012)
Medical Coordinator Silvia Salas Meyer
Support staff Andrew Sein, Pam Mitchell
Clinical Director Dr Christine Phillips
GP Dr Katrina Anderson
GP Dr Joo-Inn Chew
GP Dr James Eldridge
GP Dr Danielle Butler
GP Dr Sue Baglow

TRAINING, ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Team Leader/Trainer Glenn Flanagan

COMPLEX CASE SERVICES

Jill Caley

MIGRATION ADVICE

Jennifer Tode
Carly Saeedi

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Finance Officer Gen Jones
Admin/Reception Staff Loan Freeman (Team Leader), Andrew Sein,, Pam Mitchell

FUNDING

In addition to donations gratefully received from many individuals, we acknowledge the following funding bodies for their financial support:

Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing - Program Assisting Survivors of Torture and Trauma (PASTT - counselling, advocacy, community development and community capacity building)
Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Citizenship - short-term torture and trauma counselling and community awareness, Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Service (IAAAS), Complex Case Services, counselling for people in community detention and asylum seekers participating in CAS/ASAS.
Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs - Emergency Relief, Sharing and Learning project
ACT Government Health Directorate - counselling, primary health services and health promotion projects
ACT Government Community Services Directorate - children's program, community development program, Sudanese Women's Singing our Cultures

PARTNERS AND ALLIANCES

ACT Dental Program
ACT Mental Health
ACT Health Community Pediatrics Registrar Program
ACT Women's Health Canberra
ACTCOSS
Adult Migrant English Program
Australia-Karen Organisation of the ACT
Australia Mon Association Inc
Amnesty International ACT Branch
Asylum Seekers Transitional Accommodation Program (Canberra Men's Centre, Connections ACT, St Vincent de Paul, Australian Red Cross, Companion House, Canberra Refugee Support, Housing ACT)
Belconnen Child and Family Centre
Bosom Buddies
Calvary Refugee Mentoring Program
Canberra Multicultural Communities Forum
Canberra Men's Centre
Canberra Refugee Support
Canberra Sierra Leone Association
Capital Careers
Capital Medical Supplies
Capital Pathology
Capital Football
Connections ACT
Chin Community Goulburn
Dickson College Secondary Introductory English Centre
Dinka congregation at St Georges Anglican Church
Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (FASSTT)
Football United
Goulburn Multicultural Centre
Gungahlin Child and Family Centre
Housing ACT
Interchange General Practice
International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims
Medicare Local
Multicultural Youth Service
Mother and Child Health Clinics
National Capital Diagnostic Imaging
North Ainslie Primary Introductory English Centre
Australian Red Cross
Refugee Council of Australia
Relationships Australia
Sexual Health and Family Planning
Spectacle Subsidy Scheme
St John the Apostle Refugee Resettlement Committee
St Vincent de Paul
Social Ventures Australia
Sudanese Australia Community Association
Tuggeranong Child and Family Centre
Youth Coalition of the ACT



From the Chairperson

In an increasingly challenging environment, Companion House in 2012-2013 has continued to deliver greatly needed services to survivors of torture and trauma, and we have further strengthened our capacity to do so.

We are indebted to our Director, Kathy Ragless, who, supported by Megan Layton and then Jeannie McLellan as Deputy, has led a professional, dedicated and inspiring team in serving more than 1000 clients in counselling and primary health services and in education, advocacy and community development.

Our Board has included members with legal, finance, health, psychology, policy, research and management expertise. With this combination of skills, a significant transition in Board membership has been handled smoothly. Cade Brown as Treasurer has overseen our financial management expertly, Bec Bromhead has been an exemplary Secretary, and Toni Matulick has served us very capably as Public Officer.

The Board has turned its attention to a range of matters to strengthen our capacity to deliver continuing high quality services. Keeping in mind our strong financial position, and believing that retaining our excellent staff and attracting others is vital, we have been able to improve staff remuneration. We have also attended to relations with key organisations with whom we undertake cooperative work.

The Board has also deliberated on our role in advocacy and we stand behind the Director's issuing of the statement "Give Asylum Seekers and Refugees a Fair Go". In a challenging policy context, Companion House believes "Australia's treatment of asylum seekers and refugees needs to be consistent with the core humanitarian values that we share as a community and with our human rights obligations under the Refugee Convention and other treaties". In the year ahead, Companion House's services may need to adapt to policy and operational changes.

Perhaps the most inspiring event of the year has been the annual Soccer Day. It is truly a celebration of the life of the communities with whom we work. Fittingly, the event was opened by the then Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Sport, Senator the Hon. Kate Lundy.

Thank you to all our contributors: clients, staff, volunteers, members, sponsors, funding bodies and board members. We look forward to a further year of dedicated provision of much needed services.

Michael Brown



From the Director

It was a privilege to work at Companion House in 2012-13. We all particularly enjoyed getting to know people from the Tamil, Hazara and Persian speaking communities, who now make up the majority of the people we work with.

We continued to work with a high proportion of asylum seekers, particularly people who arrived by boat and were released from an Australian detention centre. As people were released more quickly into the community we saw better mental health outcomes and less distress on arrival into our community.

Nonetheless, asylum seekers lived with many challenges, including difficult living conditions, and long term uncertainty, particularly after the freeze on processing the asylum claims of people who arrived post August 2012. The absence of work rights for many asylum seekers after August 2012 also created real living difficulties for many. However, we were able to work in a fruitful collaboration with our partner agencies and ACT Government to ensure asylum seeker access to social entitlements at the local level (such as bus concessions and hospital access) and the establishment of a housing program for vulnerable asylum seekers.

Overall, we experienced an increase in the number of torture survivors we work with and our clients experienced higher levels of distress and suicidal ideation than previously.

Nonetheless, our work was largely positive and inspiring primarily because of the resilience and hope of the people we work with. It was also positive because of the solid support from the Canberra community, particularly our members, donors and close partners. On a day to day level, working amidst the multitude of high level skills of my colleagues within Companion House also remains a privilege.

Kathy Ragless, AM



Goal One

Survivors of torture and trauma heal and rehabilitate from emotional and psychological pain

Counselling, Advocacy and Complementary Therapy with Adults and Young People

Our counselling programs worked with people of all ages and from a diverse range of cultural backgrounds. We worked with people who have just arrived in Australia and those who have been here for some years.

We also worked with both people from a refugee background and asylum seekers. The proportion of asylum seekers across counselling programs increased substantially with the release of people into community detention arrangements and onto bridging visas from Australian detention centres.

We used a wide range of therapeutic tools with a strong focus on building safety. Our work with asylum seekers in this area tends to focus on containment of distress and anxiety and symptom management.

Counsellor/Advocates also work to ensure people have access to social entitlements and on other advocacy issues where necessary.

In 2012-13 we also strengthened our capacity to do individual advocacy work with people through a small dedicated advocacy only service. Most of this work was with families and focused on housing issues, homelessness and financial distress.

Working with Children

We continued to work with primary aged children both individually and in groups. Much of this work is done in close cooperation with ACT schools. Most individual work with children is done within the school, in collaboration with school staff. We also ran a variety of group programs during the school term.

For many years we have run regular school holiday programs for primary aged children and we continued these in 2012-13. School holiday programs have the core aim of assessment and identification of children in need of early intervention. However, at the same time the programs build links with parents and children, provide children with stimulating and fun activities and build friendships, trust, safety and confidence.



Goal Two

Survivors of torture and trauma maximise their physical health

Medical Service

Companion House's Medical Service worked with newly arrived people from a refugee background as they settle into Australian life; people with complex needs over the longer term; and asylum seekers. We had 1068 patients in the Medical Service in 2012-13. The service was extremely busy over this period with hundreds of new patients, many of them asylum seekers and with many complex health needs.

We aim to be a transition service for new arrivals for their first year in Australia but often struggle to find GPs for referral. Our service also expanded in 2012-13 due to the introduction of community detention in the ACT and larger numbers of asylum seekers in our community.

The medical service provided GP and Registered Nurse services four days a week. This included health screening and primary health care such as vaccinations when people first arrive in Australia. We also worked with people over a longer period to help them manage chronic and complex health needs. Our clinic also provided a range of referral, coordination and outreach services to ensure clients can access other health and allied services in the ACT.

We continued to have a paediatric registrar working with our GPs once a week under a memorandum of understanding with ACT Health Directorate.

Counselling and Primary Health Services (Total of 1187 clients)

Program	Number of Clients
Counselling/advocacy with adults and young people	210 (106 asylum seekers)
Children's holiday programs, and group work and individual counselling with children	58
Counselling and advocacy with people in community detention (asylum seekers)	43
Complex Case	4
Complementary therapy	43
Advocacy only	81
Medical patients	1068

Goal Three

The community welcomes refugees and is sensitive to the needs and strengths of survivors of torture and trauma



Training

Companion House has a substantial and high quality training and community education program aimed at increasing understanding of the refugee experience and building skills in working with survivors of torture and trauma. During the 2012-13 year, we facilitated 83 training sessions with a total of 1042 participants from Government and community agencies in Canberra and Goulburn.

Advocacy

Advocacy can be important to bring about change at a variety of levels. Our advocacy is at the individual level (staff members advocating for clients to access services and entitlements) and at the systemic level (advocating for changes to policies, programs and systems).

In 2012-13 we worked with partner agencies and with policy makers on a large variety of advocacy issues.

These included: the need for higher rates of interpreter use in a range of Government systems and services including schools and the Canberra Hospital; ACT government social entitlements for asylum seekers; issues for children in schools and the care and protection system; housing options for asylum seekers and people from a refugee background; and a range of other local and national issues.

Companion House was very pleased to be able to bring together eight local partner agencies to form the Asylum seekers Transitional Accommodation Program (ASTA) in 2012. This initiative operates with apartments provided by Housing ACT and managed by Canberra Men's Centre. ASTA provides safe shared accommodation for vulnerable asylum seekers.

We were also able to organise an Education Forum in collaboration with the Parents & Citizens Council. The forum facilitated communication between leaders of four communities, the ACT Education Directorate and senior staff of several schools about issues facing children from refugee backgrounds in ACT schools.

Community Awareness

We held one major event over 2012-13 aimed at raising community awareness about the great positives of having settlement of people from a refugee background in our community. Companion House's ninth soccer tournament celebrating World Refugee Day attracted soccer teams from communities under a banner of friendship. The Mon, Karen, Sierra Leone, Goulburn Liberian, Southern Sudanese and Hazara communities all had teams in the competition.

Goal Four

Communities affected by torture and trauma are strong, resilient and skilled in ways that enable them to thrive in Australia

Community Development and Capacity Building

Our Community Development Team worked with a number of refugee communities to facilitate links, draw out the considerable strengths and skills within the community and to assist people as they transition to life in Australia. We focused particularly on cultural transition, health promotion, governance of community associations, social enterprise and parenting activities. We also made partnerships with a number of mainstream services and worked with community leaders to build relationships between services and community members.

This year, we worked with about 420 people from the Chin, Karen, Mon, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Tamil, Persian speaking and Hazara communities. This work is only possible through the ongoing support and guidance from leaders of each community.

Highlights included work which:

- Formed a community garden with families from Mon, Karen and Chin communities in cooperation with Relationships Australia; some of these families will start their gardening social enterprise in 2013-2014;
- Facilitated women from four communities to start participation in health screening and engage in physical activities such as tennis and Zumba;
- Linked children from newly arrived families to school holiday soccer clinics in collaboration with Capital Football;
- Assisted women from Karen, South Sudanese, Tamil and Ethiopian backgrounds to meet regularly around cooking, health promotion and parenting topics;
- Supported asylum seekers to form cooking and gardening groups for men under the banner of "My Brother's Kitchen";
- Facilitated two playgroups with partner agencies;
- produced "Singing our Cultures", a CD of songs for children in Arabic and Dinka, in collaboration with Sudanese women and the West Belconnen Child and family Centre;

Migration Advice and Assistance

Over 2012-13 we managed the Immigration Advice and Application Assistance Scheme (IAAAS) for the ACT.

Under the IAAAS we provided 258 immigration advice sessions. Most of these sessions were focused on family reunion applications. We also supported 15 asylum seekers with advice and application assistance.

We sourced pro bono support for people not eligible for the IAAAS and used some donation funds for this purpose also. In addition, we ran a small volunteer program to support people to complete migration documentation.



Goal Five

Human rights principles underpin our work and our expertise about human rights issues informs policy makers and the community at large

We continue to ensure that human rights principles are at the core of our work. As the first organisation to voluntarily “opt in” to being covered by the ACT Human Rights Act, we have an added responsibility to ensure that our services comply with human rights standards.

Over 2012-13 Companion House collaborated with the ACT Office of Multicultural Affairs for an important initiative from ACT Government. We continued to be the point of contact for granting ACT Access Cards (which ensure access to local ACT Government services) to asylum seekers. We granted about 95 cards to asylum seekers each quarter.

UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

(the first 14 articles)

Article 1

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

Article 2

Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

Article 3

Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

Article 4

No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.

Article 5

No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Article 6

Everyone has the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

Article 7

All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law.

Article 8

Everyone has the right to an effective remedy by the competent national tribunals for acts violating the fundamental rights granted him by the constitution or by law.

Article 9

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile.

Article 10

Everyone is entitled in full equality to a fair and public hearing by an

independent and impartial tribunal, in the determination of his rights and obligations and of any criminal charge against him.

Article 11

Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defence.

Article 12.

No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

Article 13

(1) Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within the borders of each state.

(2) Everyone has the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country.

Article 14

Everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution.

Goal Six

Companion House is a high quality and responsive service with excellent governance and management

To be able to deliver services to our clients, it is important that we maintain a strong, healthy organisation.

Over 2012-13 we completed the refurbishment of our medical service, set up of a new medical room and replacement of ageing medical equipment. Just as importantly we started new processes for improving referral pathways to community GPs. We also worked on new protocols for counselling wait list management and documentation of community development work.

Over the year we also reviewed some key governance and management policies and procedures and carried out a range of processes needed to transition to the new modernised employment award which employs most of our staff.

We consulted widely with communities we work with to ensure our services are responsive to the people we serve. We maintained active involvement in a wide range of multi agency forums and continued to host the ACT Asylum Seekers Network (ACTASN).

At a national level, our involvement in the Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (FASSTT) remained important for service quality and development.





Assisting Survivors of Torture and
Trauma Incorporated

ABN 98 349 936 816

Financial Report

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BOARD REPORT

The Members of the Board present their report on the Association for the year ended 30 June 2012.

The names of members of the Board in office throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

M. Brown	H. McAuliffe (appointed 31 October 2012)
R. Bromhead	T. Matulick (appointed 31 October 2012)
I. Losoncz	H. Addison (resigned 12 September 2012)
K. Ragless	C. Argall (resigned 31 October 2012)
C. Brown (appointed 31 October 2012)	H. Cory (resigned 31 October 2012)
E. Browne (appointed 31 October 2012)	J. Hurley (resigned 31 October 2012)
L. Callaghan (appointed 31 October 2012)	L. Sturgiss (resigned 31 October 2012)

Principal Activities

Companion House provides counselling and advocacy for survivors of torture and trauma. There was no change to the nature of this activity during the year.

Significant Changes in State of Affairs

No significant changes in the associations state of affairs occurred during the year.

Operating Results


The loss of the Association for the year amounted to \$111,822 (2012 - profit \$74,000).

After Balance Date Events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the reporting period which significantly affected or may affect the operations of the Association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Association in future periods.


Likely Developments

The Association expects to maintain the present status and level of operations.


 (Board Member)
 MICHAEL BROWN

Date

3 October 2013


 (Board Member)
 CAPE BROWN

Date

3 October 2013


STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Members of 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 outline in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the members of the Board of the association the financial report including the statement of comprehensive income, statement of financial position, statement of changes in members' funds, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Companion House Assisting Survivors of Torture and Trauma Incorporated as at 30th June 2013 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

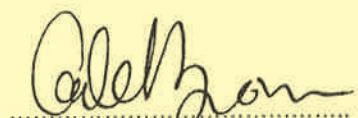


(Board Member)

MICHAEL BROWN

Date

3 October 2013



(Board Member)

JADE BROWN

Date

3 October 2013

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF COMPANION HOUSE ASSISTING SURVIVORS OF TORTURE AND
TRAUMA INCORPORATED

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Companion House Assisting Survivors of Torture and Trauma Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2013, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in members' funds and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and the statement by board members'.

Board Members' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board members of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACT Associations Incorporations Act 1991 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Board members' responsibility also includes such internal control as the Board members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

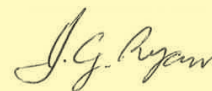
In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Companion House Assisting Survivors of Torture and Trauma Incorporated, as of 30 June 2013, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the reporting requirements of the ACT Associations Incorporations Act 1991.

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Companion House Assisting Survivors of Torture and Trauma Incorporated, meet the requirements of the ACT Associations Incorporations Act 1991. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



THOMAS DAVIS & CO.



J G Ryan Partner

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30TH JUNE 2013**

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	481,915	554,266
Trade and other receivables	3	45,523	78,417
Investments	4	25,213	24,033
Other assets	5	-	6,231
Total current assets		<u>552,651</u>	<u>662,947</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	103,223	73,694
Total Non-Current assets		<u>103,223</u>	<u>73,694</u>
Total assets		<u>655,874</u>	<u>736,641</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors and accruals	7	88,654	85,462
Other	8	68,763	64,527
Provisions	9(a)	56,817	56,093
Interest Bearing Liabilities	10(a)	31,576	39,653
Total current liabilities		<u>245,810</u>	<u>245,735</u>
Non-Current liabilities			
Provisions	9(b)	31,172	22,613
Interest Bearing Liabilities	10(b)	30,683	8,262
Total Non-Current liabilities		<u>61,855</u>	<u>30,875</u>
Total liabilities		<u>307,665</u>	<u>276,610</u>
Net assets		<u>348,209</u>	<u>460,031</u>
Members' funds			
Retained profits/(losses)	12	348,209	460,031
Total members' funds		<u>348,209</u>	<u>460,031</u>

**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Revenue	1,542,019	1,537,737
Employee Benefits	(1,261,342)	(1,135,146)
Amortisation and Depreciation	(26,360)	(14,984)
Borrowing Costs	(8,181)	(5,663)
Other Expenses	(357,958)	(307,944)
Profit / (Loss) before Income tax	<u>(111,822)</u>	<u>74,000</u>
Income Tax Expense	-	-
Profit / (Loss) after Income tax	<u>(111,822)</u>	<u>74,000</u>
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
Total comprehensive income attributable to the members of the association	<u><u>(111,822)</u></u>	<u><u>74,000</u></u>

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Accumulated Surplus - Beginning of Year	460,031	386,031
Profit / (Loss) after Income Tax	(111,822)	74,000
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
Accumulated Surplus at 30 June 2013	<u><u>348,209</u></u>	<u><u>460,031</u></u>

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

	Note	2013 \$ Inflows (Outflows)	2012 \$ Inflows (Outflows)
Cash flows from operating activities			
Interest received		13,361	27,468
Grants & Medical Programs received		1,485,434	1,372,058
Other receipts		78,123	111,741
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,603,950)	(1,389,156)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	13	<u><u>(27,032)</u></u>	<u><u>122,111</u></u>
Cash flow from investing activities			
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment		-	12,727
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(29,129)	(25,970)
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities		<u><u>(29,129)</u></u>	<u><u>(13,243)</u></u>
Cash flow from financing activities			
Hire purchase and lease payments		(16,190)	(24,352)
Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities		<u><u>(16,190)</u></u>	<u><u>(24,352)</u></u>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		(72,351)	84,516
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		554,266	469,750
Cash at the end of the financial year	2	<u><u>481,915</u></u>	<u><u>554,266</u></u>

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting preparation requirements of the ACT Association Incorporation Act 1991. The Members of the Board have determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis. It is based on historical cost, and does not take into account changing values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

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

(a) Revenue recognition

Government grants

Government grants are recognised at fair value when there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received, and all grant conditions will be met.

Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised on a time proportionate basis that takes into account the effective yield on the financial asset.

Fundraising and other income

Fundraising and other income are recognised as revenue when received.

(b) Employee Benefits

The amount expected to be paid to employees for their entitlements to annual leave and long service leave is accrued annually at current pay rates.

(c) Income tax

Taxation has not been provided for as the association is exempt for taxation under section 23(e) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936, as it is a public benevolent institution.

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(d) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are brought to account at cost or at independent or Committee of Management valuation, less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation or amortisation.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, including leasehold improvements, are depreciated over their useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use, to their residual values.

The depreciation rates for each class of asset are as follows:

Asset	Rate	Method
Office Equipment	20% to 40%	Diminishing balance
Motor Vehicles	22.5%	Diminishing balance

(e) Impairment of assets

At each reporting date, the association reviews the carrying values of its assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and the value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the statement of comprehensive income.

(f) Leases

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership are transferred to the company are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised recording an asset and a liability equal to the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual value. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Leased assets are amortised over their estimated useful lives.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

(g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(h) Goods and services tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST),

- (i) where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority, it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or as part of an item of expense; or
- (ii) for receivables and payables which are recognised inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables.

(i) Economic Dependency

The Association's continuing operations are based on the understanding that there will be future government grants to cover ongoing commitments.

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
NOTE 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank & on hand	<u>481,915</u>	<u>554,266</u>
	<u>481,915</u>	<u>554,266</u>
NOTE 3 - TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Trade Debtors	<u>45,523</u>	<u>78,417</u>
	<u>45,523</u>	<u>78,417</u>
NOTE 4 - INVESTMENTS		
CPS Investment	<u>25,213</u>	<u>24,033</u>
	<u>25,213</u>	<u>24,033</u>
NOTE 5 - OTHER ASSETS		
GST Receivable	<u>-</u>	<u>6,231</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,231</u>

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
NOTE 6 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Building Improvements at cost	17,215	1,275
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,939)</u>	<u>(1,275)</u>
	<u>15,276</u>	<u>-</u>
Plant and Equipment at cost	60,994	47,805
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(27,766)</u>	<u>(16,448)</u>
	<u>33,228</u>	<u>31,357</u>
Motor Vehicles at cost	19,377	19,377
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(4,923)</u>	<u>(726)</u>
	<u>14,454</u>	<u>18,651</u>
Motor Vehicles under lease	49,557	37,616
Less: Accumulated amortisation	<u>(9,292)</u>	<u>(13,930)</u>
	<u>40,265</u>	<u>23,686</u>
TOTAL PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	<u><u>103,223</u></u>	<u><u>73,694</u></u>
NOTE 7 - TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	<u>88,654</u>	<u>85,462</u>
	<u><u>88,654</u></u>	<u><u>85,462</u></u>
NOTE 8 - OTHER LIABILITIES		
Grants Received in Advance	<u>68,763</u>	<u>64,527</u>
	<u><u>68,763</u></u>	<u><u>64,527</u></u>
NOTE 9 - PROVISIONS		
a. Current		
Annual Leave	<u>56,817</u>	<u>56,093</u>
	<u><u>56,817</u></u>	<u><u>56,093</u></u>
b. Non-Current		
Long Service Leave	<u>31,172</u>	<u>22,613</u>
	<u><u>31,172</u></u>	<u><u>22,613</u></u>

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
NOTE 10 - INTEREST BEARING LIABILITIES		
a. Current		
Hire Purchase Loans	18,262	14,157
Lease Liabilities	13,314	25,496
	<u>31,576</u>	<u>39,653</u>
b. Non-Current		
Hire Purchase Loans	-	8,262
Lease Liabilities	30,683	-
	<u>30,683</u>	<u>8,262</u>
NOTE 11 - LEASING COMMITMENTS		
Finance leases capitalised in the accounts in accordance with the accounting policies defined in Note 1		
Payable - minimum lease payments		
- not later than one year	16,057	26,266
- between 1 and 5 years	31,216	-
Minimum lease payments	47,273	26,266
Less: future finance charges	(3,276)	(770)
Total lease liabilities	<u>43,997</u>	<u>25,496</u>
NOTE 12 - RETAINED PROFIT/(LOSS)		
Balance at the beginning of the year	460,031	386,031
Profit/(loss) for the year	(111,822)	74,000
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Balance at the end of the year	<u>348,209</u>	<u>460,031</u>
NOTE 13 - RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS		
Operating profit / (loss) from ordinary activities after income tax	(111,822)	74,000
<i>Non cash items</i>		
Amortisation and depreciation	26,360	14,984
(Profit) / loss on sale of assets	(1,051)	(1,909)
Reinvested interest on investments	(1,180)	-
Expenses financed by leases	4,824	-
<i>Change in operating assets and liabilities</i>		
(Increase) / decrease in trade and other receivables	39,125	(56,415)
Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables	3,192	65,001
Increase / (decrease) in income in advance	4,236	31,854
Increase / (decrease) in employee provisions	9,283	(5,404)
Cash flows provided by / (used in) operating activities	<u>(27,033)</u>	<u>122,111</u>



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