

2011-2012

ANNUAL REPORT





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OUR ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE


The Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia (YACWA) is the peak non-government youth organisation in Western Australia. We operate primarily as a human rights organisation that seeks to address the exclusion of young people in a rapidly changing society.

We believe that young people are experts in their own experiences, so we're dedicated to ensuring that young people are able to participate in community decision-making processes.

We advocate for young peoples' varied needs at local, State and Federal Government levels whilst working to engender and enhance positive community attitudes towards young people.

We strongly believes that young people are 'experts in their own experiences' and are dedicated to ensuring their equal access to participation in community decision making processes.

YACWA provides a voice and acts as a role model for the definition and demonstration of youth participation. Our work is governed by four guiding principles of respect, equity, integrity and the celebration of diversity.



“The Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia aims to strengthen the trust, cooperation, collaboration, professionalism and voice of the non-government youth sector so it can serve the young people of Western Australia. Our vision is that of a united, independent and active advocate for the sector that is both supported and respected by the wider community.”

I was very proud to take over the role of Executive Officer in 2011 after a long affiliation with YACWA and its work. Way back in 2001 I was a YACWA Board Member and came to work for the organisation as a Senior Policy Officer in 2008. I am pleased to have been part of growing the organisation in size and reputation and am very committed to working hard for the young people and youth workers we represent.

I would like to acknowledge Lisa Laschon who finished her time as YACWA's Executive Officer in November 2010. Your support, wisdom and commitment to YACWA and its work was greatly appreciated.

Late last year YACWA, along with many of our members, friends and stakeholders, celebrated the 30th birthday of our organisation. On the night, we welcomed three new people to the esteemed group of YACWA Life Members, Jude Bridgland-Sorenson, Phillipa Boldy and Louise Giolitto. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to young people and YACWA's work.

For me, the 30th birthday marked an opportunity for YACWA to not only celebrate our successes but to think big about the future of our organisation. For many years the YACWA staff group has stayed relatively small and our funding sources have remained limited. As a result of a staff and Board directed strategic planning process, I am pleased to say that we are moving ahead in growing the YACWA staff group and capacity and have reduced our reliance on our core funding. These achievements will mean that YACWA will now have greater capacity to act on your behalf and provide a higher quality service and support to our members.

Our Direction

Of note in the Strategic Plan, between now and 2014 YACWA has committed to:

- Stronger engagement and support for regional members
- A greater presence online and a more targeted approach to providing information to our members
- Provision of more regular, low cost professional development and training
- Re-instatement of YACWA's Policy Advisory Groups to ensure our work is informed by the expertise of our members
- Being proactive in raising the profile of youth work in the Western Australian community

Policy Success

At last year's AGM, YACWA was asked to play a greater role in advocating for young people in the law and order debate often pushed by WA's Government. We heeded this advice and played a strong and vocal role in defeating the Government's proposed Stop and Search Laws, and fought hard to stop Prohibitive Behaviour Orders.

Unfortunately we did not succeed in the latter, but did achieve a number of amendments to the laws. We are committed to ensuring an ongoing presence in this debate.

During this financial year we have had numerous achievements and challenges, which are reflected in this Annual Report, we can always do more and we can always improve, but I am very proud of the body of work produced over the year by our small group of dedicated, passionate staff, including Rebecca Walker, Olivia Knowles, James Pettit, Natalie Hobson and Emma Breheny.

I would also like to thank the YACWA Board for their time, willingness and can do approach to the staff group's ideas, your support and expertise has been invaluable. In particular I would like to thank those Board members who are standing down this year; Jane Forward and Amanda Murray. Your wisdom and commitment has been invaluable. In particular, I would extend thanks on behalf of the entire YACWA membership to Brian Wooller, who has been a pillar of strength as the YACWA Chairperson over the last four years. Thank you for your contribution and passion Brian.

YACWA begins the 2011-12 period in a strong financial position, and you will see the emergence of new projects over the coming months. I look forward to working with you and for you over the coming year and into the future. I encourage you all to become involved in YACWA's work, because in the end we are only as strong as our membership and our voice is made stronger through your support.



The year 2010/2011 saw continued development and consolidation for YACWA. The decisions to focus on strategic approaches to sector support and policy for young people along with a focus on decreasing the dependence on core funding has allowed for greater flexibility and independence.

The Home Is Where My Heart exhibition has continued to provide a positive and very public focus on youth with support from within and outside the sector. We owe thanks to the Bontempo family who have supported us in the provision of an excellent venue. The exhibition remains an important and now central activity for YACWA.

A major policy involvement in opposition to the governments "stop and search laws" was mounted and YACWA was a major player in ensuring that the proposal did not result in legislation. The Board and staff worked hard on this particularly in getting National Party support to defeat the bill. YACWA has continued as a strong voice for young people, responding formally on public policy matters and in advocacy through the media.

We were able to transition from Lisa Laschon as our Executive Officer to Craig Comrie, showing the value in succession planning and the importance for a small organisation in maximising the talents of staff.

The Youth Educating Peers (YEP) program which was funded from July 2009 to July 2011 as a participatory action research project will continue for a further three years moving from research to capacity building. Rebecca Walker as Project Officer, ably assisted by Olivia Knowles, has done a job we are all proud of.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege for me to chair the YACWA Board. I would like to thank Kate for her support and work as deputy chair, Jane for her balance and experience, David for his focus and views, Annie for her energy and enthusiasm, Amanda for her warmth and commitment to young people, Shaun for his calmness and knowledge of the sector, Jethro for his steadfastness and whole hearted support of youth work, Tiffany for her brightness and clarity and Phillip for taking on the daunting task of treasurer and stepping into the shoes previously ably filled by Katie. It has been important to ensure a spread of skills and knowledge on the Board particularly in an ever changing world of compliance and public policy volatility.

I would finally like to thank Craig for his work as Executive Officer and Lisa for making the transition an easy one. We have been fortunate in the recent history of having innovative and skilled Executive Officers with a hard working, harmonious and goal directed staff. YACWA is well positioned as a peak body and with a strong strategic plan giving a clear direction will continue to influence social policy in relation to young people.



ADVOCACY AGENDA

For more than four years now the issue of Youth Homelessness has been the most important item on YACWA's advocacy agenda.

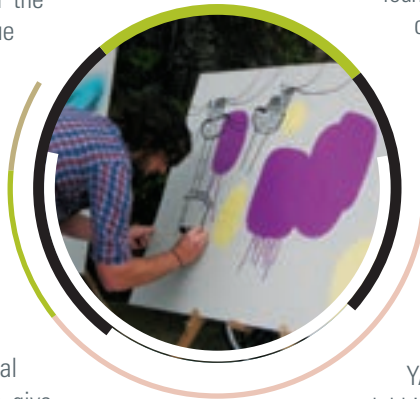
On any given night there are 6,000 young Western Australians sleeping rough, couch surfing or without permanent accommodation. This year YACWA's Home Is Where My Heart Is photo exhibition entered its fourth year and once again was successful in its ability to raise community awareness and give a voice to the too often voiceless. In addition to participating in countless media stories about youth homelessness Executive Officer, Craig Comrie, took his opportunity to address the issue in a West Australian opinion editorial piece published during National Youth Week and implored the community and government to do more to help our young homeless people. In a time when Western Australia is experiencing an unprecedented period of prosperity it is unacceptable that our State still boasts the second highest per capita rate of homelessness in the country. While trying to ensure this issue remains at the forefront of the public's collective conscience YACWA will continue to lobby all levels of government to increase the funding and support of youth homelessness service providers to an acceptable minimum standard and work to guarantee this issue cannot fall off the agenda.

During 2010 the introduction of several pieces of State law and order legislation targeting young people resulted in a great deal of policy work in this area. The Criminal Investigation Amendment Bill 2009, was set to give Western Australian police the ability to stop and search any individual in a designated area without the need to have a reasonable suspicion that the person was committing, or about to



commit, a crime. The laws would have inevitably resulted in the unfair and disproportional targeting of young people, and more specifically Aboriginal young people. After a long media campaign, in which YACWA featured prominently, and countless meetings with Legislation Committee members Mia Davies MLC, Alison Xamon MLC and Dr. Sally Talbot MLC the bill was abandoned in the face of strong and rational opposition. This was a great victory for YACWA, everyone actively opposing the proposed legislation and the general public. It was ultimately found that the legislation would undermine the community's confidence in the police and further marginalise certain groups of young people that are in need of community support not police scorn.

2010 also saw the introduction of an equally damaging and inappropriate piece of legislation, the Prohibited Behaviour Orders Act 2010. The legislation, which has already failed in the United Kingdom, can make illegal otherwise lawful activity and once again would unfairly and disproportionately target young people. YACWA actively opposed the bill in the media and lobbied parliamentarians. However since the assent of the legislation YACWA's focussed will turn to ensuring young people in this state are aware of their rights and are aware of the purpose and effect of the Prohibited Behaviour Order legislation.





PROJECTS



The Youth Educating Peers (YEP) Project was as a two-year Participatory Action Research project (July 2009 to July 2011) funded by the Department of Health, WA, Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Program (SHBBVP). YACWA partnered with six youth sector 'trial' agencies to embed the research within these agencies and to achieve two broad aims:

To mobilise the WA youth sector's interest in young people's SHBBV needs and rights and support sustainable increases in its capacity to support young people in this critical area. This included increasing the capacity of participating youth workers and young people to address SHBBV issues within their local contexts.

To investigate the value of, and processes involved in, implementing peer-based strategies in youth sector settings as a way of increasing young people's capacity to lead safer and more positive sexual and social lives.

- The six research trial agencies were:
- Bullsbrook Girls Group
 - Ellenbrook Girls Group
 - Swan Youth Leadership Committee
 - Dungeon Youth Centre Girls Group
 - City of Swan Hyper Series / YEP Crew
 - Mission Australia Youth Accommodation Support Service

Key findings included:

Program delivery

Whether or not the programs were engaging and successful was highly influenced by the program design and facilitation style of the youth workers. Programs that achieved the most significant outcomes with young people were personalised, interactive, youth-led, holistic, flexible to young people's needs and interests, and meaningfully involved young people in the program design, delivery and evaluation.

Impact on young people

Five of the trial programs engaged young people between the ages 13 and 17. When planned, implemented and evaluated effectively, the programs were able to increase the young people's SHBBV-related knowledge and confidence; improve their interpersonal, social, coping and help-seeking skills; increase feelings of belonging and connectedness with peers and youth workers, and increase their level of comfort in talking openly about SHBBVs. With sustained engagement in the program, the young people conducted formal and informal peer education with other young people and had a positive influence on their broader community.



The YEP Project would like to acknowledge all key stakeholders involved in the YEP Project, including the youth agencies, youth workers, young people, Project Reference Group, WA Centre for Health Promotion Research, City of Swan and Department of Health, WA (SHBBVP).



Impact on youth workers

Regardless of program success, delivering SHBBV peer based programs had a positive impact on youth workers and youth work practice, in terms of both skills development and improved relationships with the young people.

One of the trial peer programs, YEP Crew, engaged young volunteers aged 16-24. Involving these young people as peer educators facilitated relevant and accessible education for young people in both online and offline settings, as the peer educators were in tune with gaps in other young people's SHBBV knowledge and perceptions and aware of the rapidly changing trends in youth culture and effective settings for youth engagement. As a result, they were able to design campaign messages and strategies that were relevant to their peers, including youth-friendly print resources and using online communication tools such as Facebook, YouTube and blogs. In addition, being of a similar age to the other young people and having a casual, non-judgemental approach facilitated safe spaces where young people could relate and feel comfortable asking questions.

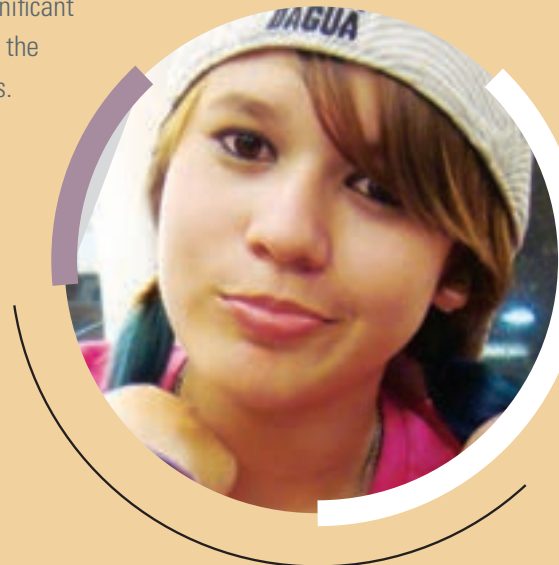
Challenges

The youth workers faced a number of challenges delivering their programs, such as inconsistent attendance due to the out-of-school timing and young people's other commitments, managing peer group dynamics and addressing stigma, shame and service access issues within community contexts. A significant challenge was the amount of staff time and energy that was required to engage and support the young people becoming peer educators, and to plan, implement and evaluate the programs. This highlighted the need for allocating adequate staff over sustained periods of time.

The YEP Project continues

As a result of the significant outcomes achieved during the two-year research project, YACWA has successfully negotiated and secured a three year service agreement with the Department of Health, WA, Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Program. The focus of this funding agreement is on consolidating the research findings and disseminating them to the WA youth sector through a range of capacity building strategies, including training, support, networking and youth worker specific resource development.

IMPACT OF THE YEP CREW PROGRAM



HOME IS WHERE MY HEART IS 2010

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PROPEL YOUTH ARTS WA

The Home is Where My Heart Is (HIWMHI) exhibition opened its doors to a record number of more than 400 attendees on the opening night of 5th August 2010. Exhibited in a vacant space on Hay St in the centre of Perth city, the 2010 exhibition was well placed to raise awareness that despite Western Australia's economic boom, there is still much work to be done to allocate desperately needed funds to support accommodation services for young people experiencing homelessness in WA. Every night in our State, approximately 6000 young people are sleeping without a roof over their head, and experience higher rates of mental health issues, self-harm and suicidal ideation than the general population. Despite these dire statistics, there are positive stories to be told and heard.

With 2010 being its fourth year, the HIWMHI exhibition is about exploring the concept of home through the eyes of young people who have or who are experiencing homelessness. The project partners the young people with a photography mentor who teaches them about the more technical aspects of photography, and assists the young person to tell their story through the camera lens. The young people choose a series of images that are accompanied by a didactic, providing a snapshot of their story and sharing their experience of where without a house, they found a home.

YACWA staff facilitated the relationships between the young person and their mentor, heading out on photo shoots and having the privilege of their stories, inspired by their resilient nature and sense of hope for a better future. We visited Mandurah, old abandoned squats across Perth, car parks featuring young people's street art, the Supreme Court gardens, YMCA HQ, Pinnaroo Memorial Park, Gosnells, the beach and more, highlighting that 'home' means something different to us all, but that as a basic human right, everyone deserves to have a place where they can feel safe and secure.

The images were exhibited during Homeless Persons Week, and the money raised from the sale of the prints is donated back to the services the young people come from. In 2010 the participating services were Passages Resource Centre, Wanslea (Mandurah), Step 1 Street Work Program and Perth Inner City Youth Service (PICYS).

Young people: Bec, Josh, Emily, Ashleigh, Teagan, Jess, Jay and Emily
Photography mentors: Erica, Mikey, Guy, Lisa, James, Otilee, Jarrad and Nicole



SOCIAL NETWORKING PROJECT

The Department for Communities, Office for Youth funded the Western Australian Association for Mental Health (WAAMH) to conduct activities for young people between the ages of 13 to 17 who have a parent with a mental illness (CoPMI), and determine the social networking needs of this target group. WAAMH partnered with YACWA for support, and during the three month timeframe of the project, the two project officers from WAAMH and YACWA worked together to organise activities, communicate with young people and their families and consult with young people and organisations who work with CoPMI around the social needs of this target group. The activities undertaken were recommended by the young people who attended the events.

Despite activities and transport provided for free as part of the project the 13 to 17 year old CoPMI still face a number of other barriers to attending social activities such as social isolation, lack of confidence and social skills and responsibilities associated for caring for a parent or siblings. The project sustained contact with nine young people who attended at least one of the four social activities, but faced challenges in promoting activities to the target group and being able to foster a strong and supportive peer culture within the short timeframe.

The project was successful in delivering the following activities; tenpin bowling at Rosemount Bowls, outdoor laser tag in the Swan Valley, indoor rock climbing at the Hangout and indoor laser tag at Darklight. The young people that attended enjoyed the activities and said the thing they enjoyed most about coming along was the opportunity to meet new people. The project recommended that young people be engaged for a longer time frame, with more time dedicated to fostering their social connectedness and supporting the design and development of a social networking program (both online and offline) based on the findings of this initial consultation conducted at activities and through online surveys.



MEDIA PROFILE



One of our key roles at YACWA is to utilise and respond to the media to bring attention to important issues faced by the young people of WA. Over the past year we've worked hard to sustain a presence in the media, building strong relationships with journalists and media producers.

15 July	2010	Youth Homelessness	'Seeking solutions and support for WA's homeless'	Have-a-go News
22 July	2010	Youth Homelessness	'Home Is Where My Heart Is'	X-Press Magazine
24 July	2010	Youth Homelessness	'Taking refuge in Teddy'	Perth Voice
28 July	2010	Multicultural Youth	'Young Women Show off Malay Culture with beautiful designs'	Great Southern Herald
31 July	2010	Youth Homelessness	'Youth issues 'ignored' in election: YACWA'	Perth Voice
1 August	2010	Youth Homelessness	'The List'	Sunday Times: STM Entertainment
4 August	2010	Youth Homelessness	'Rooms with a view'	The West Australian
6 August	2010	Youth Homelessness	'Home Is Where My Heart Is'	Stateline, ABC
7 August	2010	Voting Age	'Call for kid vote'	Perth Voice
4 September	2010	Juvenile Justice	'Youth slam police powers'	Perth Voice
20 October	2010	Youth Finance	Income Management	Mornings, 6PR
12 November	2010	Law and Order	Stop and Search	NOVA 93.7
17 November	2010	Juvenile Justice	'Search rules to stay'	Koori Mail
20 November	2010	Youth Achievement	'WA's Australians of the year finalists named'	News.com.au
26 November	2010	Juvenile Justice	Name and shame laws	Ten News, Channel Ten
1 December	2010	Juvenile Justice	Name and Shame	ABC 720 Perth
2 December	2010	Juvenile Justice	'Name and shame laws 'draconian''	Kalgoorlie Miner
9 December	2010	Juvenile Justice	'Evidence is against new law'	Joondalup Weekender
18 December	2010	Juvenile Justice	'Youth worker slams name, shame laws'	Kalgoorlie Miner
10 January	2011	Graffiti	'Offenders to clean up their own graffiti'	Ten News, Channel Ten

19 January	2011	Social Media	'Web presence key for business'	Kalgoorlie Miner
3 March	2011	Mental Health	'Youth mental health strategies'	Morning Magazine, RTRFM
19 March	2011	Youth Consultation	'Newman students have their say with 'Quizdom''	Pilbara Echo
26 March	2011	Sexual Health	'Big rise in Chlamydia cases prompts get-tested drive'	The Weekend West
1 April	2011	Youth Finance/ National Youth Week	Income Management	Morning Magazine, RTRFM
5 April	2011	Youth Homelessness	'We need to do more to help young homeless'	The West Australian
6 April	2011	Youth Homelessness Matters Day	YHMD	Morning Magazine, RTRFM
6 April	2011	Youth Homelessness	'Number of homeless young people on the rise'	ABC 720 Perth
6 April	2011	Youth Homelessness	'On any given night there are 105,000 homeless people'	ABC Southwest WA
9 April	2011	Youth Homelessness	'Dual society hurts kids'	The West Australian
13 April	2011	Homelessness	'Executives braces themselves to sleep rough'	The Catholic Record
13 April	2011	Homelessness	'House the homeless moved for CHOGM: Forrest'	The West Australian
13 April	2011	Youth Homelessness	'Call for homeless support'	Sound Telegraph
14 April	2011	Youth Homelessness	'Homeless youth need our help'	Joondalup Weekender
9 May	2011	Alcohol	'Debate on the binge drinking culture in WA'	Ten News, Channel Ten
12 May	2011	First homebuyers	'Buy a humble house for starters: Premier'	The West Australian
16 May	2011	Law and Order	'Operate Unite across Australia and New Zealand'	Mornings, 6PR
17 June	2011	Homelessness	'Leaders sleep rough for good cause'	Out In Perth
25 June	2011	Sexual Health	'Early sex education "healthy"'	News.com.au
26 June	2011	Sexual Health	'Start sex ed early'	The Sunday Times
13 April	2011	Homelessness	'House the homeless moved for CHOGM: Forrest'	The West Australian
13 April	2011	Youth Homelessness	'Call for homeless support'	Sound Telegraph
14 April	2011	Youth Homelessness	'Homeless youth need our help'	Joondalup Weekender



SUBMISSIONS

State-wide Volunteering Strategy

Commissioner for Children and Young People Inquiry into Mental Health

Australian Government Inquiry into the National School Chaplaincy Program

Federal inquiry into suicide prevention and young people

Joint Standing Committee on the Commissioner for Children and Young People

Prohibited Behaviour Orders- Bill (2010)

Standing Committee on Legislation- Inquiry into Criminal Investigation Amendment Bill (2009)

YACWA was also represented at many conferences, forums and government committees

- Australian Youth Affairs Coalition Conference
- Western Australian Sexual Health Conference
- 2011 Australasian Sexual Health Conference
- Western Australian Sexual Health Forum
- Western Australia SiREN Research Symposium
- 2011 Australian and New Zealand Adolescent Health Conference
- Western Australian Sexual Health Forum Working Party
- Western Australian Committee for BBVS STI and HIV/AIDS
- Equal Opportunity Commission's Steering Committee and Working Group for challenging sexuality and gender based discrimination in schools
- Department for Communities, the Commissioner for Children and Young People and the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY) WA Middle Years Forum
- Western Australian Mental Health Commission, Youth Mental Health Workshop
- YACWA presentation to Edith Cowan University journalism students
- YACWA presentation to TAFE youth work students
- Oxford Foyer Steering Committee
- WACOSS Peaks forum
- Australian Youth Affairs Coalition Board
- Australian Youth Affairs Coalition Policy Advisory Council



SUSTAINABILITY



In order to achieve organisational sustainability and best practice governance YACWA endeavours to increase financial independence and stability

- 2011-2014 Strategic Business Plan

I am pleased to present the audited financial statements for the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia for the financial year ended 30 June 2011.

I acknowledge Ms Katie Thompson and her work as Treasurer and thank her for her commitment before I was co-opted to the Board in March 2011.

This year has been one of significant financial growth and sustainability for YACWA, which I we can credit to responsible strategic management of the organisation by the Executive Officer and the staff.

The organisation achieved total income of \$745,026 for the 2011 year, compared to \$411,566 for the 2010 financial year. This is a tremendous result, which can be attributed to large increases in project grants, consultancy fees and conference income.

Highlights of the financial performance in 2010 include:

- total income increased by \$333,460 to \$745,026 in 2011, compared to \$411,566 in 2010
- net surplus was \$21,491 in 2011, compared to \$(22,279) in 2010
- accumulated reserves increased by \$21,491 to \$8,950 in 2011, compared to \$(13,329) in 2010
- project grants totalled \$232,666

Members will note that the income earned and costs incurred for the 2010 Fairground Conference were incurred in the 2011 financial year and therefore they are reflected in this year's financial statements.

The independent auditor's report for the organisation is qualified. This is due to a current overstatement of the value of office equipment, which will be rectified in the new financial year.

I am pleased to report that excellent strategic management, responsible governance and dedicated staff at the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia has ensured that the 2011 audited financial statements reflect the continued financial viability and growth of this organisation.



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF WA (INC.)

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Youth Affairs Council of WA (Inc.), which comprises the statement of assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2011 and the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and statement by members of the board.

Managements Responsibility for the Financial Report

The management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statement which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the needs of the members and in accordance with Association Incorporation Act (Western Australia). The management's responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstance.

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 about 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 risk of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also

includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonable of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the members financial responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the member, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australia professional accounting bodies

Basis for Qualified Auditor's Options

Included in the statement of assets and liabilities is office equipment with a written value of \$18,651. We have performed a physical inspection and are unable to satisfy ourselves as the existence of several office equipment items and valuation of the total written down value as at 30 June 2011.

Qualified Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Auditor's Opinions paragraphs, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects the results of operations for the year ended 30 June 2011 and the financial position of Youth Affairs Council of WA (Inc.) as at 30 June 2011 in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statement and Association Incorporation Act (Western Australia)

SHAKESPEARE PARTNERS
Chartered Accountants
Leigh-Anne Meyewitz
November 2011

CURRENT ASSETS	2011	2010
CURRENT ASSETS	89,631	298,496
Cash at Bank	27,422	185,121
Cash on Hand	-	232
Cash Invested	47,378	47,532
Accounts Receivable	2,900	57,162
Staff Loans	1,492	811
Rental Bonds	5,555	5,555
Net GST Refundable	1,363	-
Prepaid Expenses	3,521	2083

FIXED ASSETS	30,080	30,176
Office Equipment	-	-
At Cost	48,445	46,270
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-29,794	-
Computer Equipment	-	-
At Cost	1,589	-
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-530	-
Motor Vehicle	-	-
At Cost	20,740	20,740
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-10,370	-7,040

TOTAL ASSETS	119,711	328,672
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CURRENT LIABILITIES	2011	2010
CURRENT LIABILITIES	62,322	82,672
Accounts Payable	16,340	30,362
Net GST Liabilities	21,598	20,536
Superannuation Payable	4,309	5,419
PAYG Withholding Payable	558	3,134
Provision for FBT	6,656	6,656
Annual Leave Provision	12,861	16,565

TOTAL LIABILITIES	62,322	82,672
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NET ASSETS	57,390	246,000
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Association Reserves	52,565	31,075
Revenue Reserves (Deficit)	8,162	-13,328
Project Redevelopment Reserves	39,017	39,017
Vehicle replacement Reserves	5,386	5,386

Funding Received in Advance	4,825	214,925
Department of Health - Unexpected Project Funds	4,454	116,510
Womans Programs 2010	-480	4,800
Fairground Conference Grants	-	25,000
Fairground Conference Sponsors	-	17,500
Fairground Conference Registrations	760	37,265
City of Swan Grant	-	10,000
HIWMHI August 2010	-	3,850
Office for Youth Grant	-	-

57,390	246,000
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INCOME & EXPENDITURE

YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Statement For Year Ended 30 June 2011

ASSETS	2011	2010
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Dept. of Communities	184,345	172,530
Project Grants	232,666	136,095
Projects Other	59,597	10,019
Membership	27,207	25,895
Training Fees	15,532	4,392
Consultancy Fees	63,984	35,873
Conference	109,924	23,832
Conference Sponsors	46,809	-
Interest Earned	4,963	2,920

TOTAL ASSETS	745,026	411,556
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EXPENSES	2011	2010
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Audit Fees	1,300	1,300
Bank Charges	1,238	1,510
Bookkeeping Fees	6,782	3,354
Consultants Fees	119,054	59,428
Conference	150,492	9,405
Sponsorship	3,000	6,600
Depreciation	3,859	5,517
Donations	16,005	-
Equipment Maintenance	10,534	3,405
Fines and Penalties	837	484
Fringe Benefits Tax	-	1,883
Insurance	1,900	4,639

EXPENSES CONTINUED	2011	2010
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Interest Paid	138	1,042
Legal Fees	50	-
Low value asset write off	-	-
Marketing and Events	33,190	11,899
Motor Expenses	2,323	5,067
Postage and delivery	3,218	2,580
Relocation Costs	-	3,520
Rent and related Occupation	41,605	31,956
Salaries and Wages	226,523	206,045
Salaries and Wages on cost	21,729	20,316
Salaries and Wages Leave Provision	20,327	11,892
Staff Related other costs	187	-
Stationary and printing	28,090	16,098
Subscriptions, Journals and memberships	1,791	1,892
Sundry Expenses	918	482
Telecommunication and Internet	6,699	6,035
Training and Seminars	1,807	1,364
Travel, Accommodation and Allowances	19,940	8,162
Provision for Unrecoverable Debts	-	7,962

TOTAL EXPENSES	723,535	433,835
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Net Income (Deficit) for the year	21,491	-22,279
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Accumulated Reserves at beginning of the year	-13,329	8,950
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Accumulated Reserves (Deficit) at end of the year	8,162	-13,329
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Rural Youth WA Inc	Foundation Housing	Headspace Great Southern
Town of Bassendean	Outcare	Central Institute Of Technology (Central TAFE)
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Volunteering WA	Edith Cowan University Library	Lead On - Bayswater
Inspire Foundation WA	Fairbridge Western Australia Inc.	Town Of Kwinana - Youth Team
Youth Affairs Network of Qld Inc	Youth Network of Tasmania	Migrant Resource Centre
Youthreach South	City of South Perth	Southern Rip
SCALES Community Legal Centre	Carers Association of Western Australia	Save The Children
Local Drug Action Groups Inc	Swan Emergency Accommodation	Mission Australia - On Track
Financial Counsellors Resource Project	Save A Mate Program	Crossroads West - TSS
Anglicare WA - Yes Housing	Youth Focus	Wheatbelt Mental Health
Anglicare WA - Step 1	Red Cross	Propel Youth Arts WA
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Youth Coalition of the ACT	Balga Detached Youth	WA Centre for Health Promotion Research
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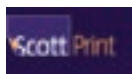
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