

ANNUAL REPORT



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The Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia is proud to be the peak non-government youth organisation in Western Australia representing the needs of young people and those that support them. We're primarily a human rights organisation, acting as advocates for young people's needs at local, state and federal government levels.

Our aim is to strengthen trust, collaboration and professionalism and to provide a voice for the non-government youth service sector, and to celebrate and engage young people in all aspects of the Western Australian community.

YACWA boasts a membership which includes young people, policy makers, academics, members of parliament, local councils and youth workers who are all passionate about achieving positive and meaningful outcomes for the young people of Western Australia.

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 strive to enhance positive community attitudes towards young people and the youth sector and our work is governed by the guiding principles of respect, equity, integrity and the celebration of diversity.

OUR ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER LISA LASCHON



YACWA is an ever changing beast. When I took the position as Executive Officer in September 2007 it seemed as if every day, every week presented an entirely new challenge, new idea, different people and different issues. I imagined that this was my 'steep learning curve' and that any moment I would feel as if I could predict what the next week would bring – it hasn't happened yet. That is the real highlight of working with and for young people and the organisations and youth workers that support them – the only constant is change.

Changes in the past financial year included the successful application for funding from the Department of Health to run a two year research project that has the working title of the 'YEP' (Youth Educating Peers) Project, managed by Rebecca Walker and supported by Olivia Knowles. We welcomed Emma Breheny as our Policy and Communications Officer and Craig Comrie took a short contract with the Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC) as their Senior Policy Officer.

We also welcomed to our Board David Scaife and Sandra Spadanuda at our 2009 AGM and welcomed back Jane Forward and Amanda Murray. Our Board members for 2009/2010 included Brian Wooller (Chairperson re-elected at 09 AGM), Keelia Fitzpatrick (Vice Chair), Philippa Boldy, Richard Newnham, and Kate Carter and Katie Thompson (Treasurer), who were both invited to join the Board. The YACWA Board is predominantly a 'young' one with a broad range of skills and areas of interest and I thank them for their generous support of YACWA, the staff and myself, and their commitment to this organisation.

We were delighted by the federal government decision to refund the national youth peak, the Australian Youth Affairs Coalition, with an old friend, Meredith Turnbull, in the role of Establishment Director. Her nationwide tour provided an opportunity for us to provide feedback about the work and challenges we experience here in the West and I was very pleased to have become the Interim Chairperson of AYAC's Policy Advisory Committee, which gave me the opportunity to meet with peak members and organisations from around Australia which I found very interesting.

As 2010 would be YACWA's 30th anniversary we felt that it was important to undertake a major organisational development project which was funded by Lotterywest and has included the development of a strategic business plan for the future and also an accommodation needs assessment project. For both projects we were assisted by Creating Communities and we are pleased to present the outcomes of both of these projects to you at our Annual General Meeting and in this Annual Report.

FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON BRIAN WOOLLER



The year 2009-2010 has been one of consolidation for YACWA. We have been able to develop a broader income base which reduces our dependence on the core funding received from the Office of Youth. This has involved consultancy and training and managing a number of contracted programs.

In July 2009 we secured funding from the Department of Health (Western Australia) to undertake a youth peer education, sexually transmitted infection and blood borne virus research project. This is a two year funded project and involves a number of peer education models in six youth sector agencies.

We have also been able to get funding from Lotterywest to contract Creating Communities to assist us in developing our strategic plan and provide an accommodation needs assessment.

A successful Home Is Where My Heart Is exhibition was held and was well-attended by an amazing cross section of the population: young people, workers from the youth sector, politicians and interested members of the public. It was a clear demonstration of how the "arts" has the capacity to draw people together in a common appreciation - on this occasion it was the creativity and skills of young people.

We have continued with comment on and formal responses to matters of public policy, notably making strong representation on the proposed "stop and search legislation". The Board has met with the Minister for

Youth, the Shadow Minister, and National Party and Greens members, the Honourable Mia Davies and the Honourable Alison Xamon, respectively.

During this year we lost Craig Comrie to the national peak body AYAC. This was a good opportunity for Craig and will prove to be invaluable to YACWA in the longer term. The staff have all contributed well in their support of Lisa in what has been a very successful year. I would like to thank Lisa, our Executive Officer, for her leadership and her support to the Board, and extend a thank you to all staff who not only present themselves in a professional and positive manner but also produce quality work.

The Board, as was mentioned at the last AGM, now has two positions mandated for a young person. This has led the way to a Board that is now predominantly made up of young people, with an even gender balance and a set of wide ranging skills and abilities reflecting what is needed in a contemporary Board. We have been fortunate in this respect and have most bases covered. The Board is also representative of the youth work field with four of its members directly employed in that sector. While we have a young Board it is one which understands governance and discharges this duty in a professional and clear manner. I would like to thank all Board members for their support and clarity of thought throughout the past year; it has been a pleasure and a rewarding experience for me.

STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN 2010-2013

With the successful receipt of an Organisational Development Grant from Lotterywest we were able to contract Creating Communities to work with the Board and staff to develop a Strategic Business Plan which we are pleased to present to our members.

The creation of a dedicated role for an Organisational Development Officer (as held by Craig Comrie between August 2008 and November 2009) gave us the opportunity to road test some new ideas about how to better engage and serve our members. During this period we presented forums, coffee cup conversations, training and increased our profile with public events such as our candlelight vigils and protests.

Members were surveyed about these events and whether they found our regular publications such as the Youth Sector Update (YSU) and Interface of value. These results were used to determine the strategic business plan and opportunities for the future.

As you will see in the Strategic Business Plan it is essential that YACWA finds a way to provide an effective network of information dissemination and training for the youth sector, particularly for our rural and remote members who are often unable to access quality training and feel enormously isolated in their challenging work.

With the Strategic Business Plan as the focus of our work members are encouraged to provide information and opportunities for networks and training requirements when requested in the near future.

My Voice Matters (MVM) was launched in 2009. Aside from our core work MVM enables YACWA to undertake discrete projects, consultations and contracts and has allowed us to present the Home Is Where My heart Is project in 2009 as well as a myriad of projects as listed in 'Committees, Speaking Engagements and Events' in this Annual Report. YACWA is interested to work with experts with specific skills and has developed a pool of people whom are called upon to facilitate these services thereby adding to YACWA's profile and reputation of providing relevant and valued services.

The full Strategic Plan is available online at:
www.yacwa.org.au



YEP YOUTH EDUCATING PEERS PROJECT JULY 2009 – JULY 2011

The YEP Project is a two-year action research project that aims to establish an ongoing presence of sexually transmitted infection (STI) and blood-borne virus (BBV) information and education in the WA youth sector by development and implementation of effective and sustainable youth peer education strategies.

YEP, was born out of, and based on, several layers of evidence:

- Current epidemiology – young people experience the highest number of newly acquired notifications for Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and Hepatitis C, with Chlamydia having risen three-fold in the last decade
- 2007 WA state-wide youth consultation (Sorenson & Brown, 2007) – young people learn about sexual health from their peers; young people want sexual health education that is interactive, discussion-focused, and placed in a context that reflects the complexity of their real-life experiences (drugs and alcohol, relationships, consent, etc.)
- A strong international evidence base for STI/BBV youth peer education strategies (visit www.yacwa.org.au for a comprehensive literature review) and skills-based education
- Evidence of the synergy between the youth worker role and the context-based sexual health and BBV education being called for by the evidence (self-esteem, assertiveness, relationships, peer pressure, drug and alcohol etc)

The YEP Project has four key objectives that centre on capacity building of the youth sector and sustainability of program implementation with young people:

1. Increased confidence and competence of youth workers to develop, implement and evaluate STI/BBV peer education programs
2. Increased organisational capacity of trial agencies to respond to young people's STI/BBV needs
3. Increased capacity of young people (knowledge, confidence, self-esteem, skills) to adopt healthy STI/BBV behaviours and attitudes and to influence their peers to do the same
4. Mobilisation of the youth sector and media to increase the relevance of, and action relating to, STI/BBV issues for young people

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*YEP (Youth Educating Peers) Project
July 2009 – July 2011 continued...*

In order to achieve our objectives, YACWA has developed numerous partnerships, both with a dedicated reference group, and with six agencies who have committed to 'trialing' the development and implementation of STI/BBV peer education programs with their young people. These agencies are:

- Bullsbrook Girls Group
- Midland PCYC
- City of Swan Hyper Series
- Mission Australia Youth Accommodation Support Service
- The Cool Room Youth Centre
- Dungeon Youth Centre/Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre

There are approximately 20 youth workers involved over the six projects, who since March 2010, have committed extensive time and energy to being trained, participating in monthly planning and evaluation meetings, and designing and delivering their programs with young people.

Anecdotally, preliminary outcomes with young people and youth workers have been extremely positive. It appears that the peer group structure for sexual health and BBV education facilitates a safe, confidential learning space where young people feel comfortable to express themselves without judgement. Key components of the programs which appear to be supporting their success are: flexibility to talk about whatever issues come up in the group; ongoing and meaningful youth participation and ownership; respect and confidentiality; and fostering social connectedness with peers and staff.

Looking forward to July 2011 (the project completion date), the YEP Project will be presenting six case studies of STI/BBV peer education programs, with recommendations to the WA Youth Sector on how to best develop, implement and evaluate STI/BBV peer-based programs.

Acknowledgements

- **Funding:** Department of Health (WA), Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Program
- **Research Supervisor:** WA Centre for Health Promotion Research – Graham Brown, Roanna Lobo
- **Reference Group:** WA Substance Users Association, Hepatitis WA, Family Planning WA, Inspire Foundation, WA Aids Council, Freedom Centre, WA Centre for Health Promotion Research, City of Swan, Dungeon Youth Centre, Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre, Quarry Health Centre, Derbarl Yerrigan.



HOME IS WHERE MY HEART IS 2009

After an overwhelmingly positive response to "Home Is Where My Heart Is" in its inaugural year, YACWA and Propel Youth Arts WA once again collaborated to deliver a project of exceptional quality and impact in 2009 despite the project going unfunded.

Once again, several young homeless people were partnered with talented emerging photographers who guided them through the process of using digital SLR cameras to produce high quality, artistic photographs of what 'home' means to them. True to the project's original theme, there was an emphasis on the positive aspects of what home can be – a safe place where loved ones are, an object you're attached to or a place where you belong, as opposed to the gritty image of rough sleepers that dominates perceptions of homelessness.

Home Is Where My Heart Is 2009 saw an even greater diversity of photographs produced by the young people, proving that 'home' can take many shapes and forms. While the images themselves were all stunning, it was the stories behind each young person's photographs that elevated them to something more than just something to hang on the wall.

The exhibition was held during National Homeless Person's Week, with the photographs displayed at The Bank gallery space on William Street in Northbridge. This space upheld the project's desire to use unexpected inner-city locations to display the work of the young people in order to keep the audience mindful of the issue being addressed.

Opening night saw The Bank brimming over with more than 350 people drawn from the arts community, the youth sector,



politics, business and those who were keen to support a cause and appreciate some stunning photographs. The exhibition was opened by the Honourable Lynn McLaren MLC, with photographer Nicole Norelli and young participant Tash also speaking. Sales were in excess of \$7,000 throughout the course of the exhibition.

Following on from the success of the exhibition, the photographs from Home Is Where My Heart Is were displayed at the Asia-Pacific Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect (APCCAN), held in Perth in November 2009. Delegates from across the region were exposed to the stories and aspirations of the ten participating homeless young people, transforming the statistics relating to child protection and homelessness into reality. A further \$1,600 was made from sales at APCCAN.

The profits that were donated to the services went mostly towards the purchase of cameras to be used by other young people engaged with each service. Several of the young people from both 2008 and 2009 have gone on to study photography courses after their interest was piqued by the project.

The photographers and young participants, as well as the agencies that support them, must be acknowledged, as well as those who contributed their time and resources to the project.

Photographers: Daniel Nevin, James Campbell, Kate Namestnik, Matthew Reed, Nicole Norelli, Seng Mah, Teneil Kable.

Young People: Isayas, Shae, Anna, Dean, Matt, Justin, Louise, Rosee, Serena, Tash.

Services: AnglicareWA's Step 1 Street-work Program, Armadale Youth Support Service, Joondalup Youth Support Service and Passages Resource Centre.



One of YACWA's key roles is to utilise and respond to the media in order to bring attention to important issues faced by young people in Western Australia. Over the past year we've worked hard to sustain a presence in the media and built strong relationships with journalists and media producers.

We are proud to have been a loud and vocal advocate for young people and the youth sector in 2009-10 having commented on issues ranging from youth homelessness and drug and alcohol issues to graffiti and young people's working rights.

| DATE | YEAR | ISSUE | HEADLINE | MEDIA OUTLET |
|---------|------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 9 June | 2009 | Funding | 'Funds welcomed' | Stirling Times |
| 6 July | 2009 | Youth Rights | 'Red cards for children behaving badly in shopping centres' | 6PR |
| 6 July | 2009 | Youth Rights | 'Shopping centre red cards for antisocial teenagers' | Business Spectator |
| 6 July | 2009 | Youth Rights | 'Shopping centres cracking down on antisocial behaviour' | 92.9FM |
| 7 July | 2009 | Youth Rights | 'Easy way out' – Letters to the Editor | The West Australian |
| 18 July | 2009 | Youth Drug Use | 'Spliff sniffers pound the beat' | Perth Voice |
| 18 July | 2009 | Youth Drug Use | 'A pooch and his posse' | Fremantle Herald |
| 22 July | 2009 | Uranium Mining | 'Calls for public inquiry into uranium mine' | RTR |
| 23 July | 2009 | Youth Drug Use | 'Youth peak wants drug bins to continue' | 6PR |
| 23 July | 2009 | Youth Drug Use | 'Police scrap concert drug bins' | The West online |
| 23 July | 2009 | Youth Homelessness | 'Youth peak welcome Federal funding for homelessness' | 6PR |
| 23 July | 2009 | Youth Drug Use | 'Youth peak call for longer trial for amnesty bins' | 94.5 FM |
| 23 July | 2009 | Youth Drug Use | 'Youth peak wants more effective trial for amnesty bins' | 94.5 FM |
| 24 July | 2009 | Youth Drug Use | 'Police scrap concert drug bins' | The West Australian |
| 27 July | 2009 | Youth Drug Use | 'Youth peak opposed to scrapping amnesty bins' | RTR |
| 28 July | 2009 | Youth Rights | 'Calls to lower voting age' | RTR |
| 31 July | 2009 | Youth Homelessness | '\$130m to tackle homeless issue welcomed' | Weekend Courier (Rockingham) |
| 1 Aug | 2009 | Youth Drug Use | 'YACWA: Don't dump bin trial' | Perth Voice |
| 4 Aug | 2009 | Youth Homelessness | 'Home street home' | Guardian Express |
| 8 Aug | 2009 | Youth Rights | 'Call for young teens to vote' | Fremantle Herald |
| 5 Aug | 2009 | Youth Homelessness | 'Youth focus during National Homeless Persons Week' | RTR |
| 6 Aug | 2009 | Youth Justice | 'Heavy approach will not work' | Joondalup Community |

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| 6 Aug | 2009 | Youth Homelessness | 'Home is where the heart is during National Homeless Persons Week' | RTR |
| 11 Aug | 2009 | Youth Homelessness | 'Donations find a home' | Stirling Times |
| 11 Aug | 2009 | National Youth Week | 'Kent is youth champ' | Guardian Express |
| 24 Aug | 2009 | Gen Y | 'Gen Y make themselves at home, expensively' | The West Australian |
| 27 Aug | 2009 | Media Representation | 'Mabury: "YACWA holds me in high regard' | 6PR |
| 31 Aug | 2009 | Youth Driving | 'Phones, iPods set to be banned for P-platers' | Channel 10 |
| 26 Sept | 2009 | Youth Drug Use | 'Parklife: | Perth Now |
| 27 Sept | 2009 | Youth Drug Use | 'Festival drug dog secrecy' | Sunday Times online |
| 27 Sept | 2009 | Youth Drug Use | 'Sniffer dogs at concerts' | Sunday Times |
| 1 Oct | 2009 | | 'YACWA EO to speak at the University of the Third Age' | Joondalup Community |
| 13 Oct | 2009 | Graffiti | 'Protest against anti-graffiti laws at Parliament today' | Curtin FM |
| 13 Oct | 2009 | Graffiti | 'Youth unhappy with anti-graffiti laws' | ABC 720 |
| 16 Oct | 2009 | Graffiti | 'Artists protest at laws' | Weekend Courier (Rockingham) |
| 17 Oct | 2009 | Graffiti | 'Pen and paints ban protest' | Perth Voice |
| 17 Oct | 2009 | Graffiti | 'Texta sale ban rankles artists' | Subiaco Post |
| 17 Oct | 2009 | Graffiti | 'Anti-graffiti laws not fair: letters to the editor' | Kalgoorlie Miner |
| 20 Oct | 2009 | Graffiti | 'Graffiti protest' | Eastern Suburbs Reporter |
| 20 Oct | 2009 | Graffiti | 'Graffiti laws cop a spray' | Canning Times |
| 20 Oct | 2009 | Graffiti | 'Young artists angered by new anti-graffiti laws' | Guardian Express |
| 20 Oct | 2009 | Graffiti | 'New graffiti laws "too broad": youth council' | Western Suburbs Weekly |
| 27 Oct | 2009 | Graffiti | 'Youths protest anti-graffiti bill' | Southern Gazette |
| 5 Nov | 2009 | Graffiti | 'Law may not reduce graffiti' | Joondalup Community |
| 16 Nov | 2009 | Youth Safety | 'Schoolie rape squad "victim-blaming"' | Internet News Unassigned - Australia |
| 16 Nov | 2009 | Youth Safety | 'Rape squad for Rotto schoolie week' | The West Australian online |
| 16 Nov | 2009 | Youth Safety | 'Rape squad for Rotto schoolie week' | Yahoo! News Australia |
| 17 Nov | 2009 | Youth Safety | 'Rape squad for Rotto schoolie week' | The West Australian |
| 22 Nov | 2009 | Youth Employment | 'Teens "working" 60 hours-a-week' | Sunday Times |
| 22 Nov | 2009 | Youth Employment | 'Busy kids: Teens "working" 60 hours-a-week' | Perth Now |
| 28 Nov | 2009 | Law and order | 'Pen-pushing will not stop crime' | Subiaco Post |
| 28 Nov | 2009 | Graffiti | 'A crime against art' | The West Australian |
| 1 Dec | 2009 | Graffiti | 'Let us spray' | Canning Times |
| 19 Dec | 2009 | Juvenile Justice | 'Privatisation of prisoner transport puts lives at stake' | Perth Voice |

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| 30 Jan | 2010 | Youth drug use | 'Drug drought as police raids bite' | Perth Voice |
| 2 Feb | 2010 | Graffiti | 'Government's new hardline for graffiti offenders' | ABC Northwest WA |
| 9 Feb | 2010 | Youth Safety | 'Teens tempting fate for kicks' | Guardian Express |
| 9 Feb | 2010 | Law and order | 'Row on new police laws' | Melville Times |
| 13 Feb | 2010 | Law and order | 'Expert warns of WA police state' | Fremantle Herald |
| 27 Feb | 2010 | Media representation | 'Raunch culture comes under fire' | The West Australian |
| 3 March | 2010 | Youth Safety | 'Teens flirt with death in pursuit of euphoria' | Mandurah Coastal Times |
| 13 April | 2010 | Juvenile justice | 'Jail focus lashed' | Canning Times |
| 13 April | 2010 | Juvenile justice | 'Tough line under fire' | Comment News |
| 13 April | 2010 | Youth Homelessness | 'More awareness and understanding on Youth Homelessness Matters Day' | 6PR |
| 17 April | 2010 | Youth Employment | 'A burger of a long job queue' | Perth Voice |
| 17 April | 2010 | Youth Homelessness | 'Shelter crisis for young' | Fremantle Herald |
| 4 May | 2010 | Youth Drinking | 'Raising drinking age no deterrent for young' | ABC Northwest WA |
| 11 May | 2010 | Youth Drinking | 'Don't raise drinking age' | Guardian Express |
| 11 May | 2010 | Youth Drinking | 'Raising drinking age debate hots up' | Stirling Times |
| 12 June | 2010 | Sector Pay Issues | 'Rally to demand equal pay for essential work' | RTR FM |
| 19 June | 2010 | Youth mental health | 'Youth mental health put in the spotlight' | Kalgoorlie Miner |
| 22 June | 2010 | Youth Participation | 'Living to make a difference' | Western Suburbs Weekly |
| 22 June | 2010 | Youth Safety & Homelessness | 'Don't wait 24 hours: Police' | Comment News |
| 22 June | 2010 | Youth Safety & Homelessness | 'Report the missing promptly' | North Coast Times Community |
| 22 June | 2010 | Youth Safety & Homelessness | 'Tell us earlier: police' | Guardian Express |
| 22 June | 2010 | Youth Safety & Homelessness | 'Report missing early on: Police' | Wanneroo Times |
| 24 June | 2010 | Role models | 'PM Gillard 'aspirational' for young women' | ABC Northwest WA |

SUBMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

In addition to our major projects YACWA has made a number of submissions to Government inquiries, including:

- Green Paper on Electoral Reform (Federal Government)
- Prohibited Behaviour Orders - Draft Bill (2010)
- Social Housing Taskforce Report (WA)
- Standing Committee on Legislation (WA) - Inquiry into Criminal Investigation Amendment Bill (2009)

YACWA members were also represented at many conferences, forums and on committees including:

- Asia Pacific Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect
- YACWA presentation to Edith Cowan University Journalism students
- Australian Youth Affairs Coalition Policy Advisory Council
- Peaks Forum (WACOSS)
- Child Policy Advisory Council (WACOSS)
- Housing Advisory Roundtable (Department of Housing)
- LandCorp Conference
- Curtin Roundtable on Homelessness
- Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth Conference
- Presentation by YACWA to SMYL Community Services
- Mental Health Roundtable

- YACWA Policy Officer Morning Tea's
- Youth Funders Forum
- YACWA, AnglicareWA and Commissioner for Children and Young People Forum with Dave Turner
- Community Violence Stakeholder Forum
- National Youth Coalition on Housing
- WA Association of Youth Workers & YACWA 'Youth Work Ethics' Forum with Howard Sercombe
- Department for Child Protection Driver's License Committee





TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to present the audited financial statements for the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia for the financial year ending 30 June 2010.

I acknowledge Mr. John Clapton and his work as Treasurer and thank him for his commitment before I was co-opted to the Board in November 2009.

Through the successful application for project funding from the Department of Health for the Youth Educating Peers project (July 2009 – July 2011), YACWA effectively doubled its income and was able to employ 1.6 full time equivalent staff.

Salary and wages costs were kept within budget with the leave without pay of one member of staff and other costs were, the members will be pleased to learn, kept within budget.

Members will note that there was income generated from Fairground 2010 registrations gathered prior to the end of the financial year however all costs were incurred in the next financial year and a true outcome of Fairground 2010 will be reflected in the 2010/11 Annual Report.

Independent income was incurred through two contracts through the My Voice Matters suite of services.

With responsible governance, management, and staff of the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia I am pleased to report that the audited reports reflects the continued financial viability of this organisation.

Katie Thompson - Treasurer

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

I have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report comprising the *Income and Expenditure Statement and Statement of Assets and Liabilities of the Youth Affairs Council of WA* for the financial year ended 30 June 2010.

The Council's Committee of Management is responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (WA) and needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit of this financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Council. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The special purpose financial reporting has been prepared for the distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the organisation's financial reporting requirements under the Associations Incorporation Act (WA). 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 members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Audit Approach

I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the organisation. My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance

whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements. These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional requirements. The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Independence

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

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of the Youth Affairs Council of WA as at 30 June 2010 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

FW Kort - Chartered Accountant
12th day of October, 2010

YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA BALANCE SHEET*

Assets

| | 2010 | 2009 |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Current Assets | 298,496 | 110,426 |
| Cash at Bank | 185,121 | 45,835 |
| Cash on Hand | 232 | - |
| Cash Invested | 47,532 | 48,298 |
| Accounts Receivable | 57,162 | 12,498 |
| Staff Loans | 811 | - |
| Rental Bond | 5,555 | - |
| Net GST Refundable | - | 2,203 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 2,083 | 1,591 |

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| Fixed Assets | 30,176 | 30,654 |
| Office Equipment: | | |
| At Cost | 46,270 | 41,231 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation | -29,794 | -25,631 |
| Motor Vehicles: | | |
| At Cost | 20,740 | 20,740 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation | -7,040 | -5,685 |

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| Total Assets | 328,762 | 141,080 |
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Liabilities

| | 2010 | 2009 |
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| Current Liabilities | 82,672 | 17,140 |
| Accounts Payable | 30,362 | 908 |
| Net GST Liabilities | 20,536 | - |
| Superannuation Payable | 5,419 | 3,064 |
| PAYG Withholding Payable | 3,134 | 3,722 |
| Provision for FBT | 6,656 | 4,773 |
| Annual Leave Provision | 16,565 | 4,673 |

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| Total Liabilities | 82,672 | 17,140 |
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| Net Assets | 246,000 | 123,940 |
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| Association Reserves | 31,075 | 53,353 |
| Revenue Reserves (Deficit) | -13,328 | 8,950 |
| Project Redevelopment Reserve | 39,017 | 39,017 |
| Vehicle Replacement Reserve | 5,386 | 5,386 |

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| Funding Received in Advance | 214,925 | 70,587 |
| Department of Health - Unexpended Project Funds | 116,510 | 70,587 |
| Womens Program 2010 | 4,800 | - |
| Fairground Conference Grants | 25,000 | - |
| Fairground Conference Sponsors | 17,500 | - |
| Fairground Conference Registrations | 37,265 | - |
| City of Swan Grant | 10,000 | - |
| HIWMHI Aug 2010 | 3,850 | - |

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| Total Liabilities | 246,000 | 123,940 |
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* As at 30 June 2010

YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Statement for Year Ended 30 June 2010

Income

| | 2010 | 2009 |
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| Dept. of Communities | 172,530 | 166,417 |
| Projects Grants | 136,095 | 131,452 |
| Projects Other | 10,019 | 0 |
| Membership | 25,895 | 12,941 |
| Training Fees | 4,392 | 25,599 |
| Consultancy Fees | 35,873 | 7,140 |
| Conference | 23,832 | 82,442 |
| Conference Sponsors | 0 | 52,410 |
| Interest Earned | 2,920 | 3,616 |

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| Total Income | 411,556 | 482,016 |
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Expenses

| | 2010 | 2009 |
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| Audit Fees | 1,300 | 800 |
| Bank Charges | 1,510 | 1,025 |
| Bookkeeping Fees | 3,354 | 4,700 |
| Consultants Fees | 59,428 | 9,554 |
| Conference | 9,405 | 141,303 |
| Sponsorship | 6,600 | 26,472 |
| Depreciation | 5,517 | 4,825 |
| Equipment Maintenance | 3,405 | 668 |
| Fines and Penalties | 484 | 695 |
| Fringe Benefits Tax | 1,883 | 4,773 |
| Insurance | 4,639 | 4,679 |
| Interest Paid | 1,042 | 482 |

Expenses continued

| | 2010 | 2009 |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Legal Fees | 0 | 32 |
| Low value asset write off | 0 | 534 |
| Marketing and Events | 11,899 | 6,989 |
| Motor Expenses | 5,067 | 4,897 |
| Postage and delivery | 2,580 | 1,759 |
| Relocation Costs | 3,520 | 0 |
| Rent and related Occupation | 31,956 | 24,230 |
| Salaries and Wages | 206,045 | 168,066 |
| Salaries and Wages On costs | 20,316 | 16,414 |
| Salaries and Wages Leave Provision | 11,892 | -1,127 |
| Staff Related other costs | 0 | 2,195 |
| Stationery and Printing | 16,098 | 38,866 |
| Subscriptions, Journals and Memberships | 1,892 | 998 |
| Sundry Expenses | 482 | 23 |
| Telecommunication and Internet | 6,035 | 16,280 |
| Training and Seminars | 1,364 | 255 |
| Travel, Accommodation and Allowances | 8,162 | 6,576 |
| Provision for Unrecoverable Debts | 7,962 | 0 |

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| Total Expenses | 433,835 | 486,964 |
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| Net Deficit for the year | -22,279 | -4,948 |
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| Accumulated Reserves at 30 June 2009 | 8,950 | 13,898 |
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| Accumulated Reserves (Deficit) at June 2010 | -13,329 | 8,950 |
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 Passages Resource Centre
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 People with Disabilities
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 Perth Inner City Youth Services
 Perth Youth Advisory Council
 Propel Youth Arts WA
 Quarry Health Centre (FPWA)
 Richmond Fellowship of WA Inc
 Save A Mate Program (Red Cross)
 SCALES Community Legal Centre
 Sevenoaks Senior College
 Shelter WA
 Shire of Dardanup

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 Swan Alliance
 Swan City Youth Services
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