

# Annual Report 2013-2014

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# LCSA's Vision



# **LCSA's Partners**

LCSA acknowledges our strategic partnerships, without which none of our work could be accomplished.

NSW Department of Family and Community Services, providing funding for:

- Core Operations (Sector Development Funding)
- communitybuilders.nsw website

Australian Neighbourhood House and Centre Association (ANHCA)

Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth (ARACY)

City of Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Forum of Non-Government Agencies (FONGA)

**Fiscal Policy Studies Institute** 

International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres

Internet Vision Technologies (IVT)

People Advantage (Role Requirement Frameworks)

**Tamarack Institute for Community Engagement** 

The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation

The CollectiveNSW

**United Way Australia** 

**University of New England** 

The Local Community Services Association is a state-wide, representative body whose purpose is to prevent social exclusion and promote social inclusion and community strengthening through supporting, developing and promoting neighbourhood centres and other community based and community managed organisations which focus on community development, social inclusion and community-focussed services.

# LCSA's

# Purpose

# LCSA's

Aims

1. To actively maintain, develop and promote locally managed, integrated/generalist community services.

- 2. To advocate and represent the interests of members.
- 3. To identify issues affecting members and develop strategies to deal with them.
- 4. To link members and encourage mutual support and action.
- 5. To support and resource members to meet the needs of their communities.
- 6. To effectively and efficiently manage LCSA.

# **President's Report**



**Gretchen Young** 

The 2013-14 financial year began with considerable uncertainty concerning the short and long term prospects of many members. LCSA has engaged our members, concerning aspirations and future directions, government, concerning service system reform, and a range of partners, concerning expertise and tools to equip LCSA members for a fast changing environment. It ends with continued long term uncertainty but emerging new directions. During this financial year, LCSA has sought to engage with FACS in its reform process.

We have advocated for the continuation and development of the role and funding of the Community Builders Renewable (CBR) funding program in contributing to FACS purpose and goals.

We have begun an ongoing process of listening to our members aspirations and concerns and drawing together common themes.

Within externally imposed constraints we have kept LCSA members informed of what we know of developments in government thinking and planning.

We have taken steps to prepare our members to thrive in a changing and uncertain environment while sustaining their principles and purpose.

Our advocacy and efforts to ensure our members perspective was heard and taken into account by government were acknowledged in FACS December 2013 communication to CBR funded services which stated "FACS has sought and heard the advice of the Local Community Services Association on the lead time needed for any change." Subsequently both renewable and fixed term elements of the CBR program were rolled over for two years until June 2016.

LCSA has responded positively and proactively to the directions of FACS reform outlined by Anne Campbell in her address to our 2013 conference.

Recognising the traumatising and paralysing effect of the combination of uncertainty and enforced change, our Executive Officer, Brian Smith, has produced a ten hour training package on change and innovation for LCSA members. This has been delivered in two regions.

We have placed some initiatives on hold and developed some new strategic partnerships to best prepare and assist our members in the emerging and fluid reform environment.

In particular, our partnerships with The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation, United Way Australia and The Collective NSW will present significant, new opportunities for LCSA members in relevant and innovative training and in contributing to FACS goal of breaking the cycle of disadvantage. *Gretchen Young, President* 

# Thank you,

to the Department of Family and Community Services for its ongoing funding of the Sector Development funding program;

to the Executive and Management Committees of LCSA for their leadership, capacity to wrestle with difficult issues and being prepared to take the risk of innovation, and especially to outgoing Vice President Andrew Tuck and committee member Lisa Foster;

to the LCSA staff team who have worked tirelessly and at times in very difficult circumstances, to advocate for our members and explore ways to prepare them for a changing environment, and especially to Ji Yongqiu who helped open the way for our partnerships in China.

# Executive Officer's Report



Recently one of our Morning Insights links which fed through to Facebook received twenty times the attention that our feeds normally attract. It was titled "3 Instant Anxiety Busters".

Given that most people accessing our links are connected to the community services sector, I believe this provides an accurate barometer of the emotional health of the sector at present, reinforcing what we are hearing from every direction.

Over-work used to be a sector-wide symptom. This has been replaced by something far more dangerous – prolonged, abnormally high levels of stress. LCSA began the year by engaging FACS concerning its reform strategy.

Following a meeting which provided some information on localisation, FACS agreed to provide a speaker for our conference to further explain the strategy. We appreciate FACS co-operation in this matter, given that the strategy was not fully formed.

We heard the five new paradigms on which FACS was working to address the NSW government's goal of "breaking the cycle of disadvantage":

- Localisation
- Flexibility
- Partnerships
- Leveraging
- Social Investment.

Given the assurance that LCSA members would have an opportunity to "enter the conversation", we decided to be proactive and surveyed all our members to determine how long such a conversation should be to be meaningful (6-9 months) and how much time they would need to adjust if the result was a substantial change to their funding (one year).

Armed with this information and an analysis of community strengthening indicators, we met the Minister's Chief of Staff and FACS executive staff in October. The meetings were constructive and we appeared to have a common understanding. However, we did not receive the required sign off to convey details to our members.

In its December communication to Community Builders Renewable (CBR)funded services, FACS indicated it had heard LCSA's representation and we had confidence they would take what our members had said seriously concerning timing.

A change of Minister's staff and then a change of Minister halted the momentum of these promising discussions.

In the meantime we pushed strongly for a recommendation on the rollover of CBR funding to be implemented and conveyed to the sector as soon as possible.

The damage done to productivity, trust and the psychological health of managers and staff of good and committed organisations, through the delay in making and communicating this decision and those concerning other funding streams, has been profound and widespread.

We have created the ten hour training package on change and innovation to help managers of member organisations lead their staff though the stresses and uncertainty which inevitably accompany significant change.

### Brian L Smith, Executive Officer

LCSA Executive Officer's record of common understandings expressed in meeting with government on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

- Adequate time shall be given both for conversations between government and the sector and to adjust to the outcomes of policy and service delivery changes.
- The conversations to which the FACS presentation invited neighbourhood centres should take place between now and the end of the financial year. They will be genuine conversations. That means centres will not be presented with a document which is so set that it cannot be changed as a result of these conversations.
- Following these conversations it is agreed centres need a full financial year to prepare for any proposed changes prior to them taking place. This will enable:
  - otime for the national DGR fund to be established,
  - time for the details of the social investment strategy to be understood, digested and operationalised,
  - $\circ$  time for appropriate partnerships to be identified and established,
  - $\circ \mathsf{time}$  for new skills and approaches to be developed,
  - time for new business models to be established within organisations which may not have the same access to government funding they previously enjoyed.
- That the goal of the NSW government in this is to enhance the work of neighbourhood centres and enable them to make a positive impact in the areas of greatest disadvantage.
- That the NSW government recognises the importance of the community strengthening role of neighbourhood centres and their contribution to a range of State Plan goals.
- That FACS will need to complete some work on social investment strategy as it is proposed to relate to this sector and to the Community Builders renewable funding which will need to be approved by the Minister before it is released for discussion. When this is released the period of conversation will begin.
- That work which has already been accomplished over the past six years to establish an proper evaluation framework for the sector will be fed into and inform new initiatives.

NOTE: This is only the record of LCSA's Executive Officer, it does not represent any commitment of the NSW government or FACS, whose views of the meeting may be different

# Sector development



Lyn Lormer



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### **Regional Sector Development**

LCSA developed a Regional and Sub-Regional Peaks Partnership by bringing together Western Sydney Community Forum, Community Resource Network, Mountains Community Resource Network, Sector Connect, Illawarra Forum, WESTIR and Youth Action (Western Sydney Project)

Our purpose was to assess how the Sector Development part of Community Builder's funding is understood within the sector and to work together in implementing the program. The group met 5 times in 2013-14.

Participating organisations have surveyed their constituents to determine how their view and requirements of sector development roles aligns to Community Builders program specifications. The results of this survey will be collated by WESTIR. This will inform the ongoing work of the group in supporting Community Builders funded services and in participating in conversations with FACS concerning the importance and specific role of regional and subregional sector development.

### **Intensive support**

LCSA was approached by two member neighbourhood centres to assist them with building capacity within their organisations. One was failing to meet its contractual obligations with FACS.

After consultation, each of the centres, supported by FACS, contracted LCSA to provide a Sector Development staff member for two days per week to review all aspects of the service, build management committee capacity, recruit new staff and, in one case, run a Results Based Community Planning process.

In the first service, we delivered: management and staff supervision; revised policies, procedures and systems; overhaul of organisational structure, including position descriptions and contracts; oversight of the recruitment of new staff; evaluation of current activities. In addition we delivered a report to the management committee with recommendations concerning: increased governance capacity; future Community Builders service plans; growth strategy; increasing stakeholder and resident engagement; an area appropriate

community engagement/ community development plan.

In the second service we delivered: a viable, functioning management committee; management and staff supervision to maintain existing operations; new administrative systems; oversight of the recruitment of new staff; a successful transition plan for the service's Community Builders funding. In addition, the organisation has been prepared to undertake a Results Based Community Planning process.

In each of these partnerships the capacity of the centres to meet their service obligations was strengthened and they regained options for the future. In successfully completing this work we were able to use the resources and tools LCSA has developed over a number of years to assist member services build their capacity.

### **Response to requests**

We have received an average of 12 sector development requests per week of varying complexity from LCSA members over the past year and have successfully completed 85% of those.

### Lyn Lormer & Can Yaşmut

# Communities shaping the future



With 230 participants, our August 2013 conference, Communities Shaping the Future, was the largest ever. The conference showcased the possibilities for communities to shape their future through Australian and international input. This provided a range of examples of effective practice.

However, the conference was somewhat overshadowed by a sense of anxiety and uncertainty among participants concerning future funding. This was exacerbated rather than allayed by FACS' presentation of its reform themes. Keynote speaker Liz Weaver, from the Tamarack Institute for Community Engagement, also provided the pre-conference training.





Deputy Chief Executive of Community Services, Anne Campbell, addresses the conference.



Conference delegates respond to Mr Shun's "Welcome" song, composed to celebrate LCSA's visit to his community in Xiamen in may 2013.

Neighbourhood and Community centres approach their work from the recognition that communities are just as important as service systems in shaping the lives of children, families and young people.

Speakers at our 2012 conference reinforced the need to view and treat people as citizens, not consumers. This year's conference sought to expand on that theme.

Keynote speakers Liz Weaver, Graeme Gibson and Susan Goodwin inspired and encouraged us by explaining the elements that had contributed to the success of ground up initiatives.

Jian Chen and Shen Yungchan gave us an insight into community in the context of urban China and demonstrated the common aspirations for community which cross cultural, linguistic and political divides.

To close the conference, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Mick Gooda, inspired us with his experience, insight and integrity and challenged us to learn from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander social justice initiatives and keep the recognition of their rights at the centre of community endeavours.

Fourteen different workshops provided a wide range of opportunity

for participants to develop their skills and knowledge.

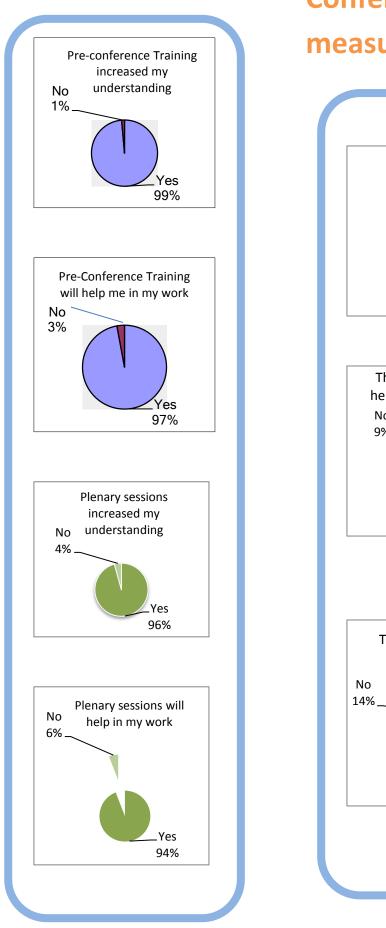
Anne Campbell, Deputy Chief Executive of Community Services provided an insight into FACS approach to breaking the cycle of disadvantage. She presented five "new paradigms":

- Localisation
- Flexibility
- Partnerships
- Leveraging
- Social Investment

Anne ended with the assurance "You will have an opportunity to hear more about FACS' approach to social investment later this year and join the conversation" and indicated FACS would "stay in contact with the LCSA and let them know important dates and milestones".

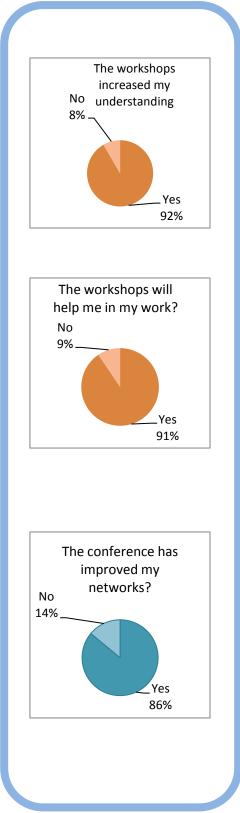
We appreciate FACS sharing its embryonic approach with LCSA members. It provided some insight and increased understanding. At the same time it raised more questions than it answered and most participants felt it heightened their sense of uncertainty and anxiety. This somewhat overshadowed the rest of the conference.

Vanessa Meachen presented the preparations for a national Deductible Gift Recipient fund and invited feedback from conference participants.



## **Conference outcome**

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# Neighbourhood Centre Veek 2014

We chose Being, Belonging, Becoming as the theme for Neighbourhood Centre week to assert the value of the principles that underpin our sector. We had observed a growth in language associated with community services reform which diminishes the subjectivity of the very people that the reforms are designed to assist. We departed from our practice of producing a range of merchandise and instead provided unlimited free posters for our members. Member organisation participation increased by 84% over the previous year.

**Being** - Neighbourhood centres have always been places where those who come can "be themselves". Neighbourhood centre participants are not reduced to being consumers of services. They are citizens. They are the subjects of their own lives. They have strengths which can be built on and developed. They are far, far more than a bundle of complex problems that need to be "impacted" by services. **Belonging** - Neighbourhood centres are a focus of community, particularly for those who are socially isolated or who struggle to fit in. People discover, or rediscover, their strengths in community and find they can make a meaningful contribution. People develop as citizens in community, they discover their own voice. They move from being the recipients of help to genuine participants in making a better world for everyone.

**Becoming** - Neighbourhood centres are places where many, many people have started, or resumed, the journey of reaching their full potential. When you experience acceptance and can be yourself, when you move out of isolation and join your strength to that of others in community, when you have a place where you know you belong, your life can flourish, you can become amazing!



# New Strategic Partnership

Sector reform requires LCSA members to relate to a changed environment while acting with authenticity to their roots and principles.

LCSA believes its members potentially have a valid and valuable role in any reformed system as organisations which span the boundary between, public knowledge, held by the community and expert knowledge held by the service system.

To perform this effectively, excellence in community engagement is essential. We have investigated available approaches, tools, resources and training both nationally and internationally.

Due to its unique insights and effective role in relating community to collective impact, LCSA has entered a partnership with The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation to provide its Public Innovators training to LCSA members.

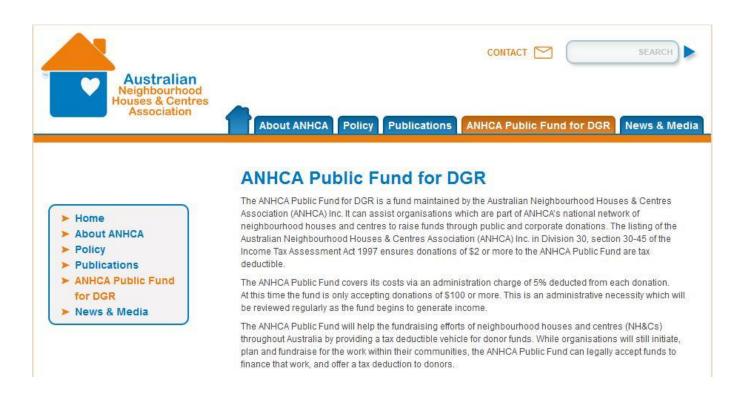


**Richard Harwood** 

# ANHCA Public Fund for DGR

At the 2013 annual conference, LCSA members were invited to comment and provide input on the formation of the ANHCA Public Fund for DGR.

The fund has now been established. It provides members of LCSA and its interstate equivalents, who do not have Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status in their own right, access to the (DGR) provisions of the ANHCA Public Fund for their own fundraising. This is a significant outcome providing new opportunity for 70% of LCSA members.



## communitybuilders.nsw

LCSA was contracted to manage the communitybuilders.nsw website by the Department of Family and Community Services in 2013. The Sector Development team have been running the site over the past year, together with Asha Fonseka our Administration Officer. We informed FACS of the need to update the content management system of this site in our original tender and have successfully advocated for this improvement in functionality and operation. The process of reskinning and replatforming the website is underway and scheduled for completion in October 2014.



# **Morning Insights**

Morning Insights is a new resource for LCSA members and community. It uses current technology to access and curate information from hundreds of sources nationally and internationally. These are distilled to two feeds a day providing information we believe will help, provoke thought, stimulate or challenge.

It has received more unsolicited positive comment from members than any other initiative of LCSA over the past 8 years. It has raised our electronic media profile by approximately 500% (combining metrics from all platforms). More importantly, analysis of the social media response to the feeds is enabling us to better undersand the issues of greatest importance to our members and to the wider community.



## **MORNING INSIGHTS**

Tuesday 27 May 2014

Dear Brian

Everyone has something to contribute. A question and answer article with Dr Edgar Cahn, founder of Time Banking.

<u>The Debunking Handbook</u>. A short, simple guide for communicators in all areas who encounter misinformation. This was produced three years ago to counter misinformation in the climate change debate but has much wider areas.

# Treasurer's Report



Tairyn Vergara

In the 2013-14 financial year, LCSA worked with its lowest level of income since the 2005-2006 financial year as our only additional funded project has been the communitybuilders.nsw website.

Nevertheless, through tight management of expenses, writing back some provisions, allocation of members funds to sector development activities and gaining some contracted sector development work, we have managed to break even for the year. LCSA's main source of funding in the 2013-14 financial year came from the Sector Development Program of the Department of Family and Community Services (FACS).

We are also contracted by FACS to manage the communitybuilders.nsw website.

Membership fees also contribute to LCSA's income and in 2013-14 membership fees totalled \$55,184. We are pleased to note this arrested the trending decline in membership fees that occurred over the previous two years.

Owing to the completion of our last major funded project, the Transition Resource Project, we were unable to continue our previous and very successful financial strategy of running regular sector development operations within the core funding budget and using Members Funds to fund special projects of significant benefit to member organisations. Members Funds now augment the Sector Development Program funding to enable the employment of the Senior Project Officers in the completed Transition Resource Project as Sector Development Managers. We believe this is the best way we can assist our members in the current government reform context.

The financial statements in this year's Annual Report have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards in line with the requirements of the bodies to whom we report.

The complete audited financial statements are included in this report and provide a more detailed account of the overall financial position and performance of the organisation.

Thank you to LCSA Executive Officer, Brian Smith, for his approach to fiscal management which has ensured LCSA continues to be in a stable position to move forward into the future while allocating accrued funds to prepare LCSA members for the new challenges we face as a sector.

I nominate Greg Middleton of Meagher Howard and Wright as the auditor for the 2014-15 audit.

### Tairyn Vergara, Treasurer

# LCSA Committee 2013-14

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE					
President:	Gretchen Young	Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre			
Vice President:	Andrew Tuck	Coast Community Connections			
Secretary:	Naomi Rees	Maitland Neighbourhood Centre			
Treasurer	Tairyn Vergara	The Parks Community Network			
Member	Skye Sear	New School of Arts Neighbourhood House			
Member	Sharon Parker	North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre			
Public Officer	Tairyn Vergara	The Parks Community Network			

Regional Representatives:
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Blue Mountains	Kris Newton	Mountains Community Resource Network
Central Coast	Andrew Tuck	Coast Community Connections
Cumberland/Prospect		
Blacktown	Margaret Tipper	Community Resource Network
Far North Coast	Skye Sear	The New School of Arts Neighbourhood House
Hunter	Naomi Rees	Maitland Neighbourhood Centre
Illawarra	Sharon Parker	North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre
Inner Sydney/Inner West	Charmaine Jones	Regional Council for Social Development
Marrickville/Canterbury/		
St George	Shelley Ross	Kogarah Community Services
Mid North Coast	Paul Sekfy	
Nepean	Lisa Foster	St Mary's Area Community Development Project
New England	Gail Galloway	Tenterfield Social Development Committee
Riverina Murray	Peggy Elliot	Gundagai Neighbourhood Centre
South West Sydney/Macarthur	<sup>.</sup> Tairyn Vergara	The Parks Community Network
Sutherland	Luba Monro	Shire Community Services
Western NSW	Alison Conn	Wellington Information & Neighbourhood Centre

## **Audited Financial Report**

LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION 66 025 175 245

#### FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

Meagher Howard & Wright Certified Practising Accountants Suite 505 55 Grafton Street BONDI JUNCTION NSW 2022

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#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Your executive committee members submit the financial report of the Local Community Services Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

#### **Executive Committee Members**

The names of committee members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Gretchen Young Tairyn Vergara Andrew Tuck Naomi Rees Sharon Parker Skye Sear

#### **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

LCSA is a not for profit association whose purpose is to prevent social exclusion and promote social inclusion and community strengthening through supporting, developing promoting neighbourhood centres and other community based and community managed organisations which focus on community development, social inclusion and community focussed services.

#### Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

#### **Operating Result**

The profit after providing for income tax amounted to \$369.00.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Executive Committee.

Gretchen Young

Committee Member: -----

Executive Committee Member

Executive

Tairyn Vergara

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014

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#### INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

		2014	2013
	Note	\$	\$
INCOME			
Grant Income			
FACS - Sector Development Program		261,013	281,425
FACS - communitybuilders.nsw Website		72,646	20,899
FACS - Community Builders Transition			
Resource Project		-	256,502
FACS-Sector Development (ERO)		4,282	
FACS-communitybuilders W-setup	_	11,220	
		349,161	558,826
Membership		55,184	51,551
Policy Income		3,454	9,728
Publications Sales		631	
Training		60,413	
Conference Income		106,624	105,853
MSO Subscriptions		(37)	8,428
N'Hood Centre Week		527	5,519
Interest Received		19,950	25,260
Other Income		57	
	-	595,964	765,165

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. Page 2

#### INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
EXPENDITURE			
Staff Salaries & Oncosts			
Wages & Salaries		326,091	373,46
Bookkeeping		15,000	16,90
Superannuation		30,204	30,84
Workers Compensation		2,635	2,66
Prov for Annual Leave		2,814	(22,560
Prov. Long Service Leave		3,625	10,47
Staff Development & Training		5,683	1,82
Staff Advertising		, _	12
Staff Amenities		728	49:
	-	386,780	414,24
AGM & Conference			
Accommodation/Dinner		89,356	94,27
Consulting Training		1,000	2,99
Entertainment		-	63
Prizes		-	30
Set Up		4,669	94
Speakers		10,568	63
Travel		492	1,58
Travel Rural Subsidy		502	79
Volunteer Expenses		-	3,04
VMS Expenses		11,648	13,83
AGM Expenses	_	714	
	-	118,949	119,03
Donations		10,000	
Program Development & Consultants			
ANHCA		5,451	6,52
Consultants Fees		3,200	11,89
Govt. Web Development		-	13,10
MSO Portal		3,843	28,51
Neighbourhood Centre Week	-	222	5,36
	-	12,716	65,39

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. Page 3

### INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

		2014	2013
	Note	\$	\$
Office Expenses			
Audit Fee		2,300	1,67
Bank Charges		305	34
Cleaning		3,596	3,82
Computer Services & Expenses		1,563	1,69
Copier Expenses		7,003	6,19
Equipment Maintenance		637	39
Insurance		5,722	6,90
IT Expenses		1,804	64
Lodgement Fee		153	15
Office Amenities		551	26
Phone/Fax/Internet		8,007	7,79
Postage & Courier		289	1,02
Printing		-	15
Property Expenses		(21,000)	21,00
Resources		17	
Stationery		480	3,72
Subscriptions		1,681	1,40
Website		14,125	25,97
	-	27,233	83,19
Publications		-	7,54
Travelling Expenses			
MC Travel expenses		18,089	23.50
Staff Travel		21,828	34,79
Members Training		~	ç
CP Travel Expenses		~	4,30
		39,917	62,69
	-	595,595	752,10
Profit before income tax	-	369	13,06
Profit for the year	-	369	13,06
Retained earnings at the beginning of the			
financial year		516,141	503,08
Retained earnings at the end of the	-	516,510	516,14

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. Page 4

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

		2014	2013
	Note	\$	\$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	745,324	766,579
Trade and other receivables	3	18,675	19,822
Prepayments		1,193	1,340
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		765,192	787,741
TOTAL ASSETS	-	765,192	787,741
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables		130,664	139,299
Borrowings		24,909	25,411
Employee benefits	4	17,397	23,262
PAYG Withholding	_	5,710	17,252
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	178,680	205,224
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee benefits	4	25,002	21,375
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	-	25,002	21,375
TOTAL LIABILITIES		203,682	226,599
NET ASSETS	-	561,510	561,142
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Reserves	5	45,000	45,000
Retained earnings	6	516,510	516,142
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS	-	561,510	561,142

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. Page 5

#### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

		2014 \$	2013 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		558,369	534,936
Payments to suppliers and employees		(591,601)	(695,175)
Interest received		11,977	25,259
Net cash used in operating activities		(21,255)	(134,980)
Net decrease in cash held		(21,255)	(134,980)
Cash at beginning of financial year		766,577	901,557
Cash at end of financial year	2	745,322	766,577

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.  $\label{eq:page-f} \mbox{Page-f}$ 

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

#### **1** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Basis of Preparation**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

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

#### Accounts Receivable and Other Receivables

Accounts receivable are recognised initially at the transaction price (i.e. cost) and are subsequently measured at cost less provision for impairment. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

At the end of each reporting period, the carrying amount of accounts receivable and other receivables are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that the amounts are not recoverable. If so, an impairment loss is recognised immediately in income and expenditure statement.

#### **Employee Benefits**

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

#### Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

### **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.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

#### Revenue

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

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

#### **Accounts Payable and Other Payables**

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liabilities at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association that remain unpaid.

Accounts payable are recognised at their transaction price. Accounts payable are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms.

### Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of GST. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the balance sheet.

#### Subsequent events

The LCSA Management Committee decided, at it's June meeting, to invest \$476,000 in a partnership with The Harwood Institute for Public Innovation. This partnership, which will extend over three years will deliver for 100 participants over a period of two years:

- Public Innovators Lab a three day introduction to and training in public innovation practice
- Learn and apply webinars and coaching a series of six webinars which will provide Lab participants with additional training
- Monthly coaching calls a Harwood certified coach will guide trained public innovators in applying the Harwood approach and embedding it within their organisations.
- Innovation spaces bringing together the cohort of trained public innovators three times over the life of the project.
- Harwood Tools and Products trained public innovators will receive license to use the Institute's frameworks and tools with their staff and with their partners in the community.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

In the third year the partnership will produce 5 fully trained and certified Harwood coaches within the LCSA retwork.

The cost of the investment will be offset by sponsorship and participants fees. Future earnings will be created by the capacity of LCSA to run training in partnership with The Harwood Institute through its certified coaches.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

		2014 \$	2013 \$
2	Cash and Cash Equivalents		
	Petty Cash	200	200
	CBA - Cheque Account	122,662	9,942
	CBA Cash Management Account	106,790	110,858
	CBA Investment Account	2,546	26
	CBA - On Line Saver Account	63,126	645,553
	Cwith Bank - Term Deposit	450,000	-
		745,324	766,579
3	Trade and Other Receivables		
	Current		
	Trade Debtors	7,414	13,914
	Income Accrued	7,952	-
	GST on Acquisitions	3,309	5,908
		18,675	19,822
4	Employee Benefits		
	Current		
	Provision for Annual Leave	17,397	23,262
	Non-Current		
	Prov'n for Long Service Leave	25,002	21,375
		23,002	21,070
5	Reserves		
	General Reserve	45,000	45,000
6	Retained Earnings		
	Retained earnings at the beginning of the financial year		
		516,141	503,080
	Net profit attributable to the association	369	13,062
	Retained earnings at the end of the financial year	516,510	516,142

## STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the executive committee the financial statements as set out on pages 1 to 10:

- Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Local Community Services Association as at 30 June 2014 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Local Community Services Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

1.4 President:

Gretchen Young 1eAnn M Treasurer: Tairy

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2014



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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSOCIATION 66 025 175 245

#### **Report on the Financial Report**

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Local Community Services Association (the association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2014, profit and loss statement and cash flow statement, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory information and the statement by members of the committee.

#### Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of Local Community Services Association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I 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 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 reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.



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#### Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of Local Community Services Association presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of Local Community Services Association as of 30 June 2014 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

### **Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution**

Without modifying my opinion, I draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Name of Firm:

Meagher Howard & Wright Certified Practising Accountants

Name of Director:

Greg Middleton ICAA 24953

Address:

Suite 505, 55 Grafton Street BONDI JUNCTION NSW 2022

Dated this 28th day of August 2014



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## DEPARTMENTAL TRADING, PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
SECTOR DEVELOPMENT		
OTHER INCOME		
Grant Income		
FACS - Sector Development Program	261,013	256,093
FACS-Sector Development (ERO)	4,282	
Interest Received		30
	265,295	256,402
EXPENSES		
Staff Salaries & Oncosts		
Wages & Salaries	195,559	183,897
Bookkeeping	7,800	8,450
Superannuation	18,196	13,870
Workers Compensation	1,529	1,175
Prov for Annual Leave	3,045	(25,704
Prov. Long Service Leave	2,904	3,715
Staff Development & Training	5,683	59 <sup>-</sup>
Staff Amenities	528	407
Program Development & Consultants		
ANHCA	-	1,523
Office Expenses		
Audit Fee	1,150	1,673
Bank Charges	275	294
Cleaning	26	1,090
Computer Services & Expenses	1,415	1,199
Copier Expenses	3,504	3,099
Equipment Maintenance	-	390
Insurance	5,722	6,909
IT Expenses	1,804	224
Lodgement Fee	76	154
Office Amenities	515	143
Phone/Fax/Internet	3,952	3,771
Postage & Courier	288	1,012
Printing	-	152
Property Expenses	(9,625)	10,500
Resources	17	
Stationery	473	1,638
Subscriptions	602	414
Travelling Expenses		
MC Travel expenses	16,853	20,596

## DEPARTMENTAL TRADING, PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Staff Travel	8,160	17,697
•	270,451	258,876
NET LOSS	(5,156)	(2,474)

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## DEPARTMENTAL TRADING, PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
TRANSITION RESOURCE PROJECT		
OTHER INCOME		
Grant Income		
FACS - Community Builders Transition Resource		
Project	-	256,50
	-	256,50
EXPENSES		
Staff Salaries & Oncosts		
Wages & Salaries	-	182,17
Bookkeeping	-	8,45
Superannuation	-	16,31
Workers Compensation	-	1,41
Prov for Annual Leave	-	3,14
Prov. Long Service Leave	-	6,76
Staff Development & Training	-	1,23
Staff Advertising	-	12
Staff Amenities	-	8
Office Expenses		
Bank Charges	-	5
Cleaning	-	1,05
Copier Expenses		3,09
IT Expenses	-	25
Phone/Fax/Internet	-	4,02
Postage & Courier	-	1
Property Expenses	-	10,50
Stationery	-	49
Publications	-	4:
Travelling Expenses		
Staff Travel	-	17,09
Members Training		94
		256,41
NET PROFIT		83

## DEPARTMENTAL TRADING, PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
COMMUNITYBUILDERS.NSW WEBSITE		
OTHER INCOME		
Grant Income		
FACS - communitybuilders.nsw Website	72,646	20,899
FACS-communitybuilders W-setup	11,220	-
	83,866	20,899
EXPENSES		
Staff Salaries & Oncosts		
Wages & Salaries	65,793	7,400
Superannuation	5,982	666
Workers Compensation	870	74
Program Development & Consultants		
Govt. Web Development	-	13,100
Office Expenses		
Website	11,220	-
	83,865	21,240
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	1	(341

## DEPARTMENTAL TRADING, PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

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	2014 \$	2013 \$
CONFERENCE		
OTHER INCOME		
Grant Income		
FACS - Sector Development Program	-	25,320
Conference Income	106,624	105,853
	106,624	131,18
EXPENSES		
AGM & Conference		
Accommodation/Dinner	89,356	94,270
Consulting Training	1,000	2,99
Prizes	-	30
Set Up	4,669	940
Speakers	10,568	63
Travel	492	1,58
Travel Rural Subsidy	502	79
Volunteer Expenses	-	3,04
VMS Expenses	11,648	13,83
Office Expenses		
Bank Charges	30	
Postage & Courier	1	
Stationery	-	1,51
Travelling Expenses		
Staff Travel	106	
	118,372	119,91
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	(11,748)	11,264

### DEPARTMENTAL TRADING, PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
MEMBERS		
OTHER INCOME		
Membership	55,184	51,5
Policy Income	3,454	9,7
Publications Sales	631	0,,,
Training	60,413	
MSO Subscriptions	(37)	8,4
N'Hood Centre Week	527	5,5
Interest Received	19,950	24,9
Other Income	57	,•
	140,179	100,1
EXPENSES		100,1
Staff Salaries & Oncosts		
Wages & Salaries	64,739	
Bookkeeping	7,200	
Superannuation	6,026	
Workers Compensation	236	
Prov for Annual Leave	(231)	
Prov. Long Service Leave	721	
Staff Amenities	200	
AGM & Conference	200	
Entertainment	-	6
AGM Expenses	714	
Donations	10,000	
Program Development & Consultants		
ANHCA	5,451	5,0
Consultants Fees	3,200	11,8
MSO Portal	3,843	28,5
Neighbourhood Centre Week	222	5,3
Office Expenses		
Audit Fee	1,150	
Bank Charges	· _	
Cleaning	3,570	1,6
Computer Services & Expenses	148	5
Copier Expenses	3,499	
Equipment Maintenance	637	
IT Expenses	-	1
Lodgement Fee	77	
Office Amenities	36	1:

## DEPARTMENTAL TRADING, PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

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\$	\$
4,055	-
-	3
(11,375)	-
7	82
1,079	994
2,905	25,970
-	7,500
1,236	2,913
13,562	-
-	4,300
122,907	95,651
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