



annual report 2006-2007

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About MHCC ACT

The Mental Health Community Coalition ACT is the peak body representing consumers, carers and the not for profit community mental health sector in the Australian Capital Territory.

The organisation was founded to represent the Community Mental Health sector in the ACT and works inclusively with all stakeholders to enhance consumer and carer involvement and partnerships for better mental health.

MHCC ACT is funded by ACT Health with additional grant assistance through Healthpact and Adult Community Education ACT.

Our Vision

To foster partnerships for better mental health and recovery

Our Objectives

Governed by a Board of Management and Consumer and Carer Caucus, MHCC ACT aims to enhance community partnerships, information sharing, sector development and coordination with all stakeholders.

The organisation's strategic plan includes the following key objectives:

Sector development

- Promoting partnerships
- Service and policy development
- Workforce development, education and training

Coordination and capacity building

- Capacity-building networks
- Research and information sharing
- Engagement with ACT, interstate and national stakeholders

Sector promotion and information services

- Communication
- Sector promotion
- Membership

Sustainability and governance

- Extending service capacity
- Organisational development
- Governance

Board Members

The MHCC ACT board is elected annually and consists of mental health community organisations and representatives from the Consumer and Carer Caucus. The board has played a pivotal role in establishing an effective governance structure and input into the agency's strategic planning and development.

Winsome Willow , President	Inanna & Raja Inc
Judy Bentley , Vice President	Consumer and Carer Caucus
David Allen , Treasurer	Consumer and Carer Caucus (Retired June 2007)
Edward Wallace , Secretary	Consumer and Carer Caucus
John Wilkinson	Consumer and Carer Caucus
Michael Firestone	Consumer and Carer Caucus
Bernette Redwood	Mental Illness Fellowship ACT
Jeannine Koochew	Carers ACT
David Lovegrove	ACT Mental Health Consumer Network
Sally Paterson	Belconnen Community Services
Heide Seaman	Richmond Fellowship ACT
Jacqui Joyce	Consumer and Carer Caucus
Keith Todd	OZ Help Foundation
Leigh Westcott	Community representative

Staff

Mr Barry Petrovski	Executive Officer
Dr Leanne Craze	Consumer and Carer Caucus Coordinator
Ms Louisa Dow	Communications and Membership Officer (Jan – Aug 2007)
Ms Denise Burton	Administration Officer (December 2006)
Ms Emma Wells	Administrative Assistant (Jan – July 2007)

Volunteers MHCC ACT volunteers also provide valuable support in the areas of administration, events and promotion.

President's Report

Winsome Willow



A great year for the Coalition in many ways! Firstly, the team headed by Barry Petrovski has been very successful in promoting the work of the Coalition and the sector to both Government and Community and winning the respect of both sectors. This has enabled a forward movement of the work of the organisation as well as obtaining further funding to do this work into the future. The Caucus team, facilitated by Dr Leanne Craze, has also contributed to keeping the organisation on its path of highlighting relevant issues and what matters to mental health consumers and carers in the ACT. The board has also been very attentive in promoting the work of the Coalition and I would like to extend a 'well done!' to everyone who has contributed to this work over the period.

It is a great hope for the coming year that there will be even more progress on the issues highlighted in the Building Capacity report launched earlier this year. With greater ability to respond and develop our own policy positions we are moving from an organisation that has been somewhat reactive to events and issues that are generated by outside influences; to one that sets its own agenda. The vision that the team holds for community mental health locally and nationally is gaining greater recognition. I am hearing more and more the use of "Community Mental Health sector" which reflects our identity, values and recognition as a key partner.

From my perspective, our sector is both making change happen and leading the way in forging new service types and practice models. In response to the community sector's demand for new types of services, we are now being called upon to be a key player in the delivery of a rapidly expanding range of services. These include *Step up Step Down* centres, Day to Day Living Programs and the Personal Helpers and Mentors which are good examples of new types of services having originated in the community sector. It is timely for our sector to take stock and realise that there is now greater acceptance and recognition by governments of our valuable role and contribution to supporting people living with mental health issues.

The community mental health sector's unique governance, knowledge and practices enables our services to get close enough to people whose lives are overwhelmed by the disabling affects of mental illness to offer flexible, appropriate and individualised responses. Key to this effectiveness is our sector's deep respect for and recognition of the knowledge and expertise of consumers and carers due to their lived experience. By drawing on this lived experience and hard won expertise while also being grounded in contemporary community mental health knowledge and practice, the sector is at the forefront of articulating a new model of professional practice. This 'new professional model' assists those working in other mental health sectors including the private and public, to increasingly integrate medical-based practices with recovery approaches to mental health treatment and care. This philosophical shift gives emphasis to 'empowering the client', a tenet central to the Recovery Model being sought and promoted by consumers and their carers.

Despite all of these developments, whenever I go to a mental health conferences I still hear and see the frustration of consumers as they ask to be listened to. My hope for the coming year is that we move closer to the understanding of what this means for community mental health service delivery for consumers and carers. As we have seen, the training developed by Dr Leanne Craze and Caucus will assist in bringing greater understanding to the meaning of this plea!

Thanks for the privilege of being in the Coalition and being part of this journey.



Executive Officer's Report **Barry Petrovski**

Welcome readers to the 2006-2007 Annual Report. I'd like to firstly acknowledge the outstanding work of the board, consumer and carer caucus and staff for making 2007 a truly successful year. In many ways 2007 has been a great year for the Coalition and one that marks the organisations next growth cycle as key strategic objectives were achieved and new funding opportunities realised.

Building on the momentum of last years COAG initiatives the community mental health sector across Australia has received increased recognition and support as a key partner in the mental health reform process. At a local level the Coalition has been involved in a range of projects to help raise the sectors profile. This included the successful launch of the Building Capacity in the ACT Community Mental Health Sector's report as well as proactive involvement in a range of policy and service development initiatives with key stakeholders.

At a national level the Coalition has worked closely with our sister peak organisations interstate to develop new ways of promoting the sector across Australia and working together to further our shared vision and growth plan for the future. This recently included a combined national senate submission and planning for future national projects.

With regard to our membership services we offered a range of forums and professional development seminars which included workshops with Ron Coleman, Dorothy Rowe and VICSERV as well as consultations on the Mental Health ACT Review, ACT Services Plan and development of Social Firms. We also established two new member's forums to lend further support to the sectors policy and workforce development needs and continue to support the valuable work of the Transcultural Mental Health Network and newly formed Carers Alliance.

Furthermore the work undertaken by the Consumer and Carer Caucus supported by Leanne Craze over this period has been invaluable. A significant achievement for Caucus was the establishment of the Quarterly Consumer and Carer Community Forums in partnership with the ACT Mental Health Consumer Network, ACT Health and carers groups. We hope this quarterly forum will become a permanent fixture on the mental health events calendar and provide a platform to promote consumer and carer participation in the ACT.

2007 has also been a year of change and I'd like to acknowledge the longstanding efforts of Margy Wilde- Brown formally of MIEACT, Prue Borman formerly of (ACT MHCN), Ian Morrison (MIFACT), David Allen and Denise Burton (MHCC) for their contribution to the community mental health sector in Canberra.

Finally I'd like to thank all member organisations especially the ACT Mental Health Consumer Network and carers groups for keeping us on track and connected to the real issues. While 2007 has been a rewarding year, we still have a long way to go in terms of building a service system that can truly meet the needs of all consumers and carers in a responsive and coordinated way.

I look forward to working with our members into the future as we continue to seek out new opportunities for our sector's forward development and growth.

Consumer and Carer Caucus Report

Dr Leanne Craze



The 2006-2007 period has been hectic and also a successful year for Caucus which culminated in obtaining recurrent funding to continue the work of Caucus. Additionally, this funding will support the development of consumer and carer participation and representation throughout the ACT community mental health sector. For a core group of around 16 people, this funding has been a dream come true and a goal for five years since the first Caucus meeting was held with the support of ACTCOSS. Members of Caucus wish to acknowledge the support of ACT HealthPact (Health Promotions Grant Program) and the ACT Department of Education Adult Community Education Grant Program. These grants have enabled Caucus to be established, to consolidate its role, to provide opportunities for consumers and carers to have input into policy and service reviews and to conduct much needed community based mental health training and education programs.

It is timely for the Coalition to acknowledge the persistence, untiring commitment and vision of this core group of people who from the beginning has included: Pat Daniels, David Lovegrove, Andrea Walsh, David Allen, Denise Allen, Judy Bentley, Charmaine Honey, Kerry Fry, Kathy Egan, Stephen Price, Rae Conway-Dean (sadly deceased this year), Edward Wallace, Meena Koerner, Sheelagh Egan, Sara Bhas, Leila Cormick, Ian Morisson, Gail Menzies, John McMurray, John Wilkinson, Joan Alfreds, Ron Rockman, Francis and Greta Grybaitis. More recently, Caucus has benefited from the expertise and energy of Michael Firestone, Jacqui Joyce, Denise Burton, Deb Merritt and Chrissy Allen. Caucus is pleased to welcome Karen Blake who recently commenced employment with the MHCC and who will work with Caucus on promoting consumer and carer participation and representation both throughout the ACT and nationally.

The achievements of Caucus for 2006-2007 are here summarized.

Training and education for people living with mental illness and their families

- The ACE and HealthPact funded *Telling it Like it is 2005-2006 'Mental Illness, Relationships and Communications'* attended by approximately 90 people
- The ACE and HealthPact funded *Telling it Like it is 2006-2007 'Mental Illness, Relationships and Communications'* attended by 129 people.

Consultations and submissions

- ACT Health Mental Health Services Plan;
- ACT Health Mental Health Model of Care;
- ACT Health Community Mental Health Teams Review;
- ACT Health Mental Health Consumer and Carer Participation Framework

- ACT Health Review of Mental Health Crisis and Assessment Services;
- ACT Government Review of the ACT Mental Health Act 1994;
- Australian research Council Australian Mental Health Tribunals Study;
- Australian Senate Community Affairs Committee Mental Health Care Inquiry with the Australian Community Mental Health Peaks.

A total of 290 mental health consumers and carers participated in these consultations and contributed to the resulting submissions. Caucus members also provided input to the MHCC ACT Strategic Planning process.

Caucus Meetings

- 8 Caucus meetings attended by 9-16 people and a total of 98 attendances
- Working Group meetings attended by 4-6 people and a total of 20 attendances

Research and promotion

- *Chatter Cheese Chums* – an interactive and fun research project looking at the accommodation, housing and support needs of people experiencing mental illness and their families. Thirty eight responses received and coordination provided by a team of 6 Caucus members.
- Conference Paper: *'Telling it like it is: innovative communication training for people living with mental illness and their families'*, World Mental Health Congress for the World Federation for Mental Health, Hong Kong

Contribution to consumer and carer participation capacity building and representation;

- Contribution to the establishment and coordination of the Quarterly Mental Health Consumer, Carer and Community Forum
- Support to, and membership of the ACT Mental Health Carers Alliance;
- Support to, and membership of the National Mental Health Consumer and Carer Forum;
- Support to, and membership of the ACT Transcultural Mental Health Network;
- Consultation and contribution to the Building Capacity in the ACT Community Mental Health Sector Project;
- Two final year Bachelor of Social Work placements from the ACU – the first, assisting with *Chatter, Cheese and Chums*, the second, currently examining the potential of establishing an online communication channel for people living with mental illness;
- Most members of Caucus sit on a number of committees, boards and working groups.

Consumer and Carer Representative's Report

David Lovegrove & Judy Bentley

We have had a busy 12 months sharing consumer and carer representative roles on the MHCC- ACT Board of Management, the ACT Mental Health Strategic Executive and as ACT representatives on the National Mental Health Consumer and Carer Forum (the Forum).

The Forum was established in 2002 in order to progress consumer and carer participation and partnerships at a national level and is facilitated by the Mental Health Council of Australia. Funding is provided from the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council and the State and Territory governments.

A consumer and a carer represent each State and Territory at the Forum in partnership with representatives of peak mental health groups, including the Association of Relatives and Friends of the Mentally Ill; the Australian Mental Health Consumer Network; Beyondblue; Carers Australia; the Consumers Health Forum of Australia; GROW – Self Help/Mutual Help Groups; and the National Network of Private Psychiatric Sector Consumers and Carers. Part of the duties of the consumer and carer representatives include providing a report on developments, major issues, achievements, etc from their constituent State/Territory. Feedback from the Forum is then provided back to the relevant body, in this case ACT Mental Health.

Our work with the Forum has become more dynamic since the employment of a dedicated Executive Officer four days a week to support the activities of the Forum. Members are now in a better position to act on issues of concern for people living with mental illness. Working groups have been set up to progress three priority issues: mental health privacy and confidentiality; the practice of seclusion and restraint in mental health facilities; and the welfare to work legislation.

The Forum has recently sent questionnaires to all Senate and House of Representatives candidates standing for the November 24 election, requesting their policies on current mental health issues. Specific areas for clarification are: mental health reform; access to appropriate employment services for people with mental illness; how to address the disadvantages experienced by people adversely affected by the provisions of the Welfare to Work legislation; access and funding for appropriate social housing; affordable and continued access to health services, including dental and medical benefits items for allied health services. The Forum recognises candidates are busy electioneering, but by responding we are able to provide an opportunity for them to communicate their policies to the many Australian mental health consumers, carers and families. The Forum has also developed a brochure outlining the purpose, activities, action priorities and membership contact details, which can be distributed in hard copy and will also be put on to a dedicated website for the Forum.

The Mental Health Council of Australia (MHCA) was recently provided with funding from the Australian Government Dept of Health & Ageing (DOHA) to provide programs to support mental health consumers and carers. The *'Consumer and Carer Mentoring for the Future'*, and the *'National Register of Mental Health Consumer and Carer Representatives'* programs will support and enhance training, advocacy and mentoring opportunities for selected consumers and carers. It is then expected that the trainees in leadership skills will be supported and empowered to provide leadership and mentoring to consumers and carers at a national and local level.

As successful candidates for the program, and with another four carer and four consumer representatives from Australia, we were fortunate in being selected to attend the recent International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership Conference and Exchange in Ottawa, Canada. We were representing mental health consumers and carers in Australia and not the views of MHCA or DOHA. We spent two days in a mental health placement before the conference to exchange views and learn about mental health support activities in other countries. We will use this information to build on our training and mentoring activities, which will continue to develop for the next twelve months. Australia will be hosting the next conference in March 2009 and we hope to be involved with the planning for this conference. We would welcome any questions, comments or input to issues from consumers or carers and can be contacted through the Mental Health Community Coalition-ACT.

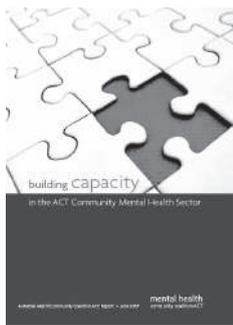
Sector Development and Membership Services

This year has been an important time for the Coalition in terms of strengthening our sector development and membership services. During 2006-2007 we engaged in the following projects to further promote and articulate the sectors service and policy development directions.

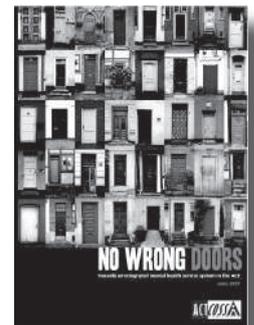
Building Capacity in the ACT Community Mental Health Sector Project

This project was undertaken in partnership with the ACT Council of Social Service during Nov 2006 – June 2007 and was coordinated by Dr Leanne Craze and Jacqueline Phillips. The aim of this project was to define the role, function and future policy and service development needs of the ACT community mental health sector. In addition, the project also focused on how the broader mental health sector works in with other health and human service areas.

Through the consultation process it became apparent that two reports were required one that focused on the intra-sectorial issues of the ACT Community Mental Health sector and another report that focused on the broader inter-sectorial linkages between community, government and other service sectors.



On June 21 2007 two complimentary reports entitled **Building Capacity in the ACT Community Mental Health Sector and No Wrong Doors: Towards and Integrated Mental Health Service System** were launched at the Legislative Assembly by the Minister for Health Ms Katy Gallagher. Both reports have been valuable tools in assisting the Coalition and members to articulate the future directions of the sector and culminated in two new forums being established; Community Mental Health Sector Development Reference Group and the Work Practice forum.



Professional Development Seminars

The following professional development seminars were delivered over this reporting period:

Ron Coleman Recovery Workshops

The outgoing Scottish mental health educator Ron Coleman delivered 3 workshops in Canberra during September 2006. These workshops focused on recovery and were well received by consumers, carers and health and community professionals. A total of 71 people attended these workshops.

Dorothy Rowe Workshop

This forum was held in early 2007 with renowned psychologist and author Dorothy Rowe. The session was well received by workers, consumers and carers with 31 participants. This session explored new developments in mental health treatment and care with a focus on depression.

VICSERV Psychosocial Rehabilitation Training Workshop

Nicky Bisogni from VICSERV delivered a two day training program on psychosocial rehabilitation for ACT community mental health workers. The course was well attended by 30 member agencies and one that the Coalition hopes to continue in the future.

Community Forums

The following community and members forums were held over this reporting period:

Community Mental Health Sector Development Forum

This forum was held in November 2006 as part of the Building Capacity project and aimed to bring community stakeholders together to assist with defining the role and function of the sector. This forum was well attended with over 32 participants and provided much valuable information for the report.

Social Firms Forum

This forum was held in May 2007 with speakers from Social Firms Australia (SOFA) and Social Ventures Australia (SVA) to promote the development of new social enterprises in the ACT region. This forum was well attended with over 40 participants. Subsequent work has been undertaken by MHCC ACT and SVA to develop a Social Enterprise Hub in the ACT.

MHCC ACT Member's Forum

A member's forum held in February upon the board's recommendation to promote collaborative approaches to the new FACSIA mental health initiatives. The forum was attended by several ACT member agencies with valuable discussion around the new initiatives and how these services can compliment and build upon existing programs in the ACT region.

Information Services

MHCC ACT continues to provide timely information to members and the community and distributed a fortnightly e-bulletin to over 400 subscribers during this reporting period. The MHCC ACT website also provides another source of information for members and is currently being redeveloped to provide more interactive online information for members.



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MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY COALITION OF THE ACT INC

STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In accordance with the requirements of Section 73(1)(c) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991, the Committee submits its report for the financial year 30 June 2007.

1. The names of each member of the Committee at the date of this report are:

Winsome Willow	(President & Treasurer)
Judy Bentley	(Vice President)
Edward Wallace	(Secretary)
Keith Todd	
Jeannine Koochew	
David lovegrove	
Sally Paterson	
Heide Seaman	
Jacqui Joyce	
Bernette Redwood	
Michael Firestone	

2. The principal activity of the Association is Provision of co-ordination, systemic representation and community/sector development service for mental health consumers, carers and community mental health service providers in the ACT.

There has been no change to this activity during the year.

3. The net deficit for the financial year ended 30 June 2007 is **(\$ 6,595)**

Signed:  Date: 10.10.07

Signed:  Date: 11.10.07

MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY COALITION OF THE ACT INC

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

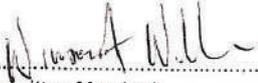
In the opinion of the Committee

- (i) the accompanying Statement of Financial Performance is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of Mental Health Community Coalition of the ACT Inc. For the year ended 30 June 2007.
- (ii) the accompanying Statement of Financial Position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of Mental Health Community Coalition of the ACT Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2007.
- (iii) at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that Mental Health Community Coalition of the ACT Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The financial report has been made out in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

This statement is made and signed on behalf of the Committee.

On behalf of the Committee


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(Committee Member)


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(Committee Member)

Dated this 11th Day of September 2007.

Income and Expenditure Statement

For The Year Ended 30 June 2007

2006		2007
\$	INCOME	\$
13,180	Management Fees	–
18	Other	1,854
1,875	Membership fees	2,210
155,167	Government Grants	158,452
2,195	Interest Received	2,753
–	Workshops	3,849
172,435	TOTAL INCOME	169,118
	EXPENSES	
2,983	Accounting & Bookkeeping Fees	4,144
2,594	Advertising	4,986
(2,099)	Annual Leave Expenses	625
1,600	Audit Fees	1,860
206	Bank Fees	91
1,171	Board Meeting expenses	1,216
–	Computer Expenses	2,513
27,171	Consumer & Career Caucus Expenses	41,568
3,314	Depreciation	3,571
200	Donations	–
1,080	Forum Expenses	889
494	General Expenses	2,303
1,658	Insurance	2,521
784	Library Resources	375
9,260	Management Fees	–
1,786	Office Equipment	1,878
1,864	Printing & Stationary	1,070
5,409	Rent & Electricity	6,774
818	Repairs & Maintenance	843
63,515	Salary & Wages	79,636
348	Staff Training	4,200
2,078	Subcontractors/Consultants	1,340
5,223	Superannuation	6,901
3,864	Telephone & Internet	2,897
459	Travel & Accommodation	3,512
135,778	TOTAL EXPENSES	175,713
36,658	OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(6,595)

Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2007

2006 \$		Note	2007 \$
	CURRENT ASSETS		
53,030	Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	65,506
213	Receivables		219
5,179	Prepayments		1,912
58,422	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		67,637
	NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
12,278	Property, Plant & Equipment		10,226
12,278	TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		10,226
70,700	TOTAL ASSETS		77,863
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
6,482	Trade and Other Payables	3	15,978
1,424	Provisions		2,050
13,636	Other	4	17,272
21,542	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		35,300
49,158	NET ASSETS		42,563
	MEMBERS FUNDS		
12,501	Accumulated Funds at beginning of year		49,158
36,658	Current year surplus/(Deficit)		(6,595)
49,158	MEMBERS FUNDS AT END OF YEAR		42,563

Notes to the Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 30 June 2007

NOTE 1 : Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards and Urgent Issues Group Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991.

The financial report covers Mental Health Community Coalition of the ACT Incorporated as an individual entity. The Association as an association incorporated in the ACT under Association Incorporation Act 1991.

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

Basis of Preparation

Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non-current assets, and financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

Accounting Policies

a. Income tax

No provision has been made for income tax as the Association is exempt from taxation under Section 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

b. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

Where an asset is acquired at no cost, the cost is its fair value as at the date of acquisition

The carrying amount of the assets is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows is discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on prime cost basis over its useful lives to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciating rates used for each class are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Rates
Computer & Office Equipment	7.5 - 40%

Notes to The Financial Statements

As At 30 June 2007

NOTE 2	Cash and cash equivalents	2007
		\$
	CBA - Premium Business Account	20,823
	CBA - Investment account	43,627
	Deposit in Transit	906
	Petty Cash	150
		65,506
NOTE 3	Trade & Other Payables	
	Trade Creditors	7,403
	Accrued Expenditure	
	Accounting	2,050
	Electricity	58
	Net GST	(327)
	PAYG	6,794
		15,978
NOTE 4	Current Liabilities - Other	
	Grants Unexpended	
	- ACE	14,929
	- CALD	1,000
		15,929
	Transcultural Funds HELD	1,343
		17,272

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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY COALITION OF THE ACT INC INCORPORATED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2007.**

Scope.

I have audited the attached financial statements of the Mental Health Community Coalition of the ACT Incorporated for the year ended 30th June, 2007. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Association.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's position and the results of its operations.

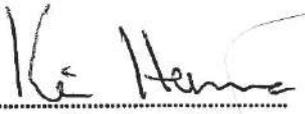
The audit opinion in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion.

In my opinion,

- (a) the financial statements of the Association are properly drawn up:
- (i) So as to give a true and fair view of matters required by subsection 72(2) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 to be dealt with in the financial statements
 - (ii) in accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991; and
 - (iii) in accordance with proper accounting standards, being Applicable Accounting Standards;
- (b) I have obtained all the information and explanations required;
- (c) Proper accounting records have been kept by the Association as required by the Act; and
- (d) The audit was conducted in accordance with the rules of

the Mental Health Community Coalition of the ACT Incorporated.


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Kim Hanna FCA
Registered Company Auditor
Date..... 22/10/07.....



mental health
community coalition ACT

2006-07 MHCC ACT Members

MHCC ACT is a membership-based organisation that includes; mental health consumers, carers and community organisations. Membership is available to individuals (Associate Members), community agencies (Organisational Members), government agencies, institutions and affiliated professional bodies. For further information please contact: admin@mhccact.org.au

Organisational members

ACT CISM	ACT Mental Health Consumer Network
ADFACT	Barnardos – Canberra
Belconnen Community Service	Calwell Community Centre
Carers ACT	Canberra & Queanbeyan ADD Support Group Inc
Centacare Canberra	Community Connections
FaBRiC	GROW ACT
Inanna & Raja Inc	Havelock Housing Inc
Marymead Family and Children Services	Mental Health Foundation ACT
Mental Illness Education ACT (MIEACT)	Mental Illness Fellowship ACT
Northside Community Services	Respite Care ACT
Richmond Fellowship ACT	Skills for Carers CIT
Southside Community Services Inc	Toora Women Inc
Woden Community Service Inc	Women's Centre for Health Matters Inc
Work-ways	

Associate members

A total of 62 associate memberships issued during this reporting period.