



The Mental Health Community Coalition ACT (MHCC ACT) is the peak body representing the not for profit Community Mental Health sector in the Australian Capital Territory. Founded in 2004 the organisation promotes a diverse range of community agencies and local consumer and carer groups that support people recovering from a mental illness in the community.

MHCC ACT works inclusively with all stakeholders to support the development of community based services and promotes the interests of consumers, carers and not for profit community organisations.

ANNUAL REPORT 2008–2009

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OBJECTIVES

MHCC ACT seeks to promote and develop the Community Mental Health Sector through activities which support:

- organisational and service capacity building;
- workforce development, education and training;
- research and policy development;
- promotion of service partnerships and community care coordination;
- engagement with and promotion of sector interests to ACT, interstate and national stakeholders;
- information sharing; and
- consumer and carer participation.

Sector Development

MHCC ACT supports the continued growth of community based services through collaborative program and policy development initiatives, education, research, and support for agency management and governance. We work closely with our member organisations to articulate policy positions on mental health and related community service development.

Representation

We represent the interests of our members to a broad range of stakeholders through the preparation of submissions, policy statements, reports, community forums, and participation in meetings with key stakeholders such as politicians, government departments and industry bodies.

Information Provision

MHCC ACT compiles information for members and the community from local, national and international sources. The organisation also undertakes relevant research into recovery focused mental health policy and consumer and carer participation.

Health Promotion

The organisation works in partnership with member agencies and stakeholders to promote mental health awareness through a range of stigma reduction and service promotion campaigns such as Mental Health Week.

Membership

MHCC ACT members receive a range of benefits and access to industry networks, policy and service development support, training and education. Membership is available to community organisations, individuals, government agencies and affiliated institutions and professional bodies.

Consumer and Carer Caucus (CCC)

MHCC ACT has a unique governance structure known as the Consumer and Carer Caucus. The Caucus is made up of consumer and carer representatives and ensures that the work of MHCC ACT is informed by the interests and views of mental health consumers and carers from across the region.

Caucus provides direct policy advice and elects four representatives to the Board. Caucus also hosts a range of forums, community education sessions and provides timely advice to government departments and stakeholders.

BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

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

<i>Surname</i>	<i>Position on Board</i>	<i>Organisation</i>
Simon Rosenberg	President	Alcohol & Drug Foundation ACT
John Wilkinson	Vice President CCC (Carer Representative)	Mental Health Community Coalition ACT
Pam Boyer	Treasurer	Mental Illness Education ACT
Michael Firestone	Secretary CCC (Consumer Representative)	Mental Health Community Coalition ACT
David Lovegrove	Organisation Representative	ACT Mental Health Consumer Network
Robert Newman	CCC (Carer Representative)	Mental Health Community Coalition ACT
Anne Kirwan	Organisation Representative	CatholicCare Canberra–Goulburn
Heide Seaman	Organisation Representative	Richmond Fellowship
Paul Russell	Organisation Representative	Woden Community Service
Maureen McInerney	CCC (Consumer Representative)	Mental Health Community Coalition ACT
Keith Todd	Organisation Representative	OzHelp Foundation
Leigh Westcott	Community Representative	

Staff

Barry Petrovski

Executive Officer (until March 2009)

Karen Blake

Workforce Policy and Development Officer (until February 2009)

David Plant

Sector Development and Policy Consultant (until October 2008)

Martin Thomas

Policy and Sector Development Manager (until March 2009) Executive Officer (from April 2009)

Narelle Hart

Office Manager

Leanne Craze

Policy and Project Consultant

Erlin Erlina

Stepping Out of the Shadows Project Officer (until June 2009)



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Simon Rosenberg

It has been my privilege to be President of the Coalition since Winsome Willow's departure at the 2008 AGM, after her long and dedicated term of office.

We have confronted some key challenges in the last year, and I believe the Coalition is well placed for further growth in our reputation and effectiveness.

In our policy and advocacy role, it was gratifying to see that some of the Coalition's priorities for the ACT Budget were taken up. Indeed, new mental health spending, including community mental health programs like the Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI), was significant in the context of a tight Budget.

The announcement of the HASI measure was perhaps a good indication of future directions on mental health programs. It has an explicit involvement not just between community and clinical mental health providers, but across sectors. Housing and mental health will come together to meet needs in a way that focuses on consumer needs, rather than service boundaries.

The ACT Mental Health Services Plan 2009-14 was released in June, and was a significantly improved document compared to the draft versions that had been circulating previously. It was a sign of the maturity of the community mental health sector that the Coalition, the Mental Health Consumer Network and Carers ACT representatives worked together to push for the necessary improvements. The final Plan has a strong focus on recovery, consumer and carer driven services, cross-sectoral partnerships, and increased investment in community mental health services and sector capacity.

As outlined in Biff Ward's report, the Coalition undertook a review of the Consumer and Carer Caucus to seek to reinvigorate this key part of the Coalition, and the ACT community mental health sector. Many of the recommendations present challenges about how we operate, and what consumer and carer participation

really means in practice. The Board is committed to progressively implementing the Report, and has commenced with initiatives such as having Caucus reports as a standing item at every Board meeting, supporting an independent facilitator for Caucus, prioritising Caucus issues in our strategic planning, and moving to clarify the roles of Caucus representatives to the Board.

The Coalition assisted with a number of successful Sector Development and Quarterly Consumer and Carer Forums over 2008/09 which were well attended, generated lively debates, and helped strengthen partnerships across and outside the sector.

At time of writing, the Board is about to finalise the Strategic Plan for 2010-12, which will build on the achievements to date. It will have a particular focus on building the capacity of the sector, improved services for members, and the Caucus Review.

The Coalition would have achieved little without the skills and commitment of our staff. My warm thanks to Narelle Hart, Leanne Craze, Barry Petrovski, Martin Thomas, Simon Viereck, Karen Blake, and Christine Bowman.

And as a new President I must acknowledge the very welcome support of a dedicated Board. Many of the Board members have had long and deep experience in the sector, and this has often generated robust, constructive discussion. This has been invaluable in keeping the Coalition focused on the needs and aspirations of our members, and the consumers and carers who are at the heart of the Coalition's reason for being.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Pam Boyer

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's report on behalf of the board of the Mental Health Community Coalition of the ACT.

This year the books for the Coalition have been ably managed by Lesley Hyndal and Rebecca Lawrence from Brazen Books, well supported by Narelle Hart in the office, allowing for smooth bookkeeping arrangements in the office. My thanks go to them all for all their capable and consistent care with this work.

The core business of MHCC – sector development, advocacy and policy work, is funded by a core grant from ACT Health. Our income for the year, \$521,402, was significantly increased from last year due to a range of additional projects. Other funds were received from Department of Families, Housing and Community Services (FaHCSIA), ACT Health Promotion Grants, Adult

Education ACT, Mental Health Council of Australia, Department Disability Housing and Community Services (DHCS), Industry Skills Council, and our secretariat work for Community Mental Health Australia. With expenses totaling \$428,118, this has led to a surplus of \$93,284, leaving the Coalition in a healthy position for future years. Thanks must go to Barry for his success in attracting this level of diversity in funding and projects over this time.

I would like to thank all our funding partners, in particular ACT Health for their continued support of the Coalition and its work.



STAFF REPORT

Simon Viereck

The last year has been a challenging one in the Coalition office. A number of staff have left and as would be expected this has led to disruption as well months of understaffing. Taking this into consideration it is well worth congratulating ourselves on the many achievements of the Coalition over the year.

Consumer and Carer Caucus

The Consumer and Carer Caucus have been very much on the agenda in the last year. The Caucus Review, resulting in a report with a range of recommendations to re-invigorate Caucus, was carried out from early 2009 to June 2009 and was one of the biggest achievements of the year for the Coalition. But Caucus also managed a number of other achievements, such as hosting four Quarterly Consumer Carer and Community Forums in August, November, March and June. Both the Caucus Review and other Caucus activities are covered in more detail elsewhere in this Annual Report.

Sector Development

It is a goal of the Coalition to support development of the community mental health sector in the ACT. For this purpose the Coalition engages with organisations and individuals in the sector to provide information, enable discussion, and facilitate partnerships.

The Coalition hosted three Sector Development Forums during the year. The topics were:

- Workforce Development (Nov 08)
- Outcome Measurement (March 09)
- Housing, Homelessness and Mental Health (Sept 09)

After the successful Sector Development Forum on Outcome Measurement the Coalition formed an Outcome Measurement Working Group with representatives from Government, the Community Mental Health sector and the Alcohol and Other Drug sector. This group has explored the experiences of the public mental health sector with outcome measurement and is aiming to link with developments in other jurisdictions to promote the use of routine consumer

outcome monitoring as part of ongoing quality improvement frameworks in the Community Mental Health Sector.

On the back of the Forum on Workforce Development and as part of the Coalition engagement with mental health Peaks in other jurisdictions through Community Mental Health Australia, the Coalition undertook a workforce survey of the sector and as a consequence published the Workforce Development 2009 Survey Report in June. This report provides insight into the composition of and key challenges for the community mental health sector in the ACT.

Policy and Projects

It is also a key part of the Coalition aims to monitor and contribute to government policy development as well as to develop policy documents to advance the aims of the community mental health sector. The Coalition pursues opportunities to influence government mental health policy by developing and lodging a submission to the ACT budget every year. This year, the Coalition expanded on this by developing the publication 'Mental Health Recovery in our Community: 2020 Vision & Action Requirements', which outlines a vision for the mental health sector going towards the year 2020.

Much of the work in this area is done, however, through Coalition participation on various committees and working groups. The Coalition sits both on mental health specific committees like the Mental Health ACT Strategic Executive Committee and joint government and community sector committees such as the Joint Community Government Reference Group and the ACT Comorbidity Strategic Working Group. The Coalition also pursued cross-sector collaboration by developing a Coalition/ACTCOSS joint Submission to "A Strong Foundation" PPEI Framework.

Other major pieces of work in this area include a Submission in response to the draft ACT Mental Health Services Plan (Dec 08).



Special Projects

The Coalition pursues different projects as appropriate opportunities arise. An ongoing commitment is to strengthening collaboration of state and territory community sector mental health peaks through Community Mental Health Australia. This collaboration shows great potential. For example CMHA has over the last two years undertaken the Family Support and Carer Respite Project, which the Coalition coordinated the ACT component of.

The ACT Transcultural Mental Health Network in collaboration with the Coalition and ACT Health are currently in the process of establishing the 'Stepping Out of the Shadows' stigma reduction program for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities in the ACT. This project has been progressing slowly and the barriers to implementing mental health related programs in CALD communities are evident in this work. Nonetheless reducing stigma and increasing mental health literacy in CALD communities needs to be a priority and the Coalition is pleased to auspice a program with these aims.

The Coalition was also closely involved in the establishment of an ACT Social Enterprises Hub to support development in the ACT of businesses with a social agenda. Social enterprises are businesses which employ people with disabilities or other disadvantaged people up to a pre-determined proportion of staff. The Social Enterprises Hub can help the aspiring businesses to access business expertise and mentoring, and other support. The ACT Social Enterprises Hub is operated by Social Ventures Australia, and the Coalition is pleased to host the Hub in our office.

Staff comings and goings

On the staff front the Coalition has in the last year had to farewell Workforce Policy and Development Officer Karen Blake, Executive Officer Barry Petrovski, and in September 2009, Executive Officer Martin Thomas (formerly Policy and Sector Development Manager). The only new addition to core staff has been current Policy and Sector Development Manager Simon Viereck (from August 09). These developments meant the Coalition

was in a state of organisational change for about half of the last year and was understaffed for long periods while undertaking recruitment. Naturally this has impacted on the ability of the organisation to deliver outcomes.

Over the period of their employment with Coalition, the organisation has benefited greatly from the efforts of Karen, Barry and Martin and we must acknowledge the vital part they each played in the achievements of the last year. In addition consultants Biff Ward and Leanne Craze have played a major role in two of the big projects the Coalition engaged in this year, the Consumer and Carer Caucus Review and the Family and Carer Respite Project. Finally we cannot thank Office Manager Narelle Hart enough for providing exceptional support, single-handedly running the office and for providing much needed stability and continuity over the year.

Key publications in 2008-09:

- *Review of the Consumer and Carer Caucus*
- *Workforce Development 2009 Survey Report*
- *Mental Health Recovery in our Community: 2020 Vision & Action Requirements*

Key submissions in 2008-09:

- Response to the draft ACT Mental Health Services Plan
- Coalition Submission to the 2009–10 ACT Budget
- Coalition/ACTCOSS joint Submission to "A Strong Foundation" PPEI Framework.



CONSUMER AND CARER CAUCUS REPORT

Robert Newman

Caucus met on 8 September 2008 with special guest Keith Baker, Director of Psychological Therapies MH ACT, who discussed a questionnaire he had developed with regard to MH Consumer and Carer satisfaction with the services within MH ACT. He also outlined the 'psychological ('talking') therapies strategy as used in New Zealand. In subsequent Caucus discussion there was continued concern amongst some Caucus members in regard to the role and function of Caucus and how to improve communication with the MHCC Board.

The next meeting was on 20 October. Denise Burton from the MHF talked about her Carer Research on the experience of Carers with the PSU. Although numbers at the meeting were small there was some useful discussion around what can be a very difficult issue for both carers and consumers.

The main activity from the middle of 2008-9 was the involvement of Caucus in the Caucus Review process, which is covered in more detail elsewhere in this Annual Report. In November 2008, following much discussion and consultation, the MHCC Board decided to develop terms of reference and engage an independent consultant (Biff Ward of SPECTRA Consultants) to review Caucus.

Caucus was strongly involved in the development and implementation of the review via a Reference Group which consisted of the MHCC President, Acting EO, the two consumer and two carer representatives on the Board and the Treasurer. The Group met several times to monitor the process and provided constructive comments on matters such as the wording of a survey questionnaire.

On 1 April 2009 Caucus hosted an open lunch meeting to discuss the progress of the review and outcomes of the survey process. This was well attended (approximately 20 people) and provoked some lively discussion, feedback and a sense of optimism for a more effective Caucus.

On 4 May 2009 Caucus met with a full agenda including further discussion on the possible Mental Health Legal Centre for the ACT; the review of the ACT Mental Health Act and whether the ACT is moving to 'capacity based' legislation' (guest speaker Maree Livermore, consultant to the review) and the Caucus review.

The feedback from Caucus meetings is that the special dynamic of consumers and carers discussing issues and having a voice, both back to the MHCC Board and to other stakeholders, is highly valued by stakeholders and this was also confirmed in the Caucus Review Process. The challenge now will be to take on the twenty one recommendations of the Review report (delivered on 1 June) and work with the MHCC Board to re-invigorate Caucus in the future.

In regard to training, several Caucus members attended various units of Building Better Boards: The 2009 ACTOSS Governance Workshop Program which was rated highly in improving board member skills by those attending.

Four Quarterly Consumer, Carer and Community Forums were held during the year:

- **The New Zealand Experience (11 August 2008)**

Marion Blake, CEO Platform (Peak body for NGO Mental Health organisations in New Zealand) was a key speaker. The forum provided a good opportunity to hear about recent mental health community sector innovations and policy developments in New Zealand and discuss their relevance to the Australian situation.

- **Mental Health Services Plan & ACT Budget (10 Nov 2008)**

Topics discussed were the Draft Mental Health Services Plan and the 2009-2010 ACT Budget. This provided an opportunity to give feedback to MHCC, Mental Health Consumer Network and ACTOSS members present.



- **Mental Health Legal Centre (2 March 2009)**

The ACT Attorney-General, Simon Corbell was a key speaker, along with Dr Helen Watchirs – Human Rights Commissioner; Linda Crebbin – President ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal and Vivienne Topp – Lawyer, Mental Health Legal Centre (Vic)

Not surprisingly, there was a strong attendance at this meeting and an ideal opportunity for the views of both consumers and carers to be put.

- **Mental Health Act Review & MHCC Consumer Carer Caucus Review (1 June 2009)**

There were two topics for this meeting

ACT Mental Health Act Review: Consultant, Maree Livermore, presented the options for legislation now being discussed in the ACT. A special Guest Speaker: Professor Duncan Chappell

also addressed the meeting. Professor Chappell has more than four decades experience as a legal academic and was a former President of the NSW Mental Health Review Tribunal.

MHCC Consumer Carer Caucus Review:

Consultant Biff Ward further discussed the outcomes of the Review and the path ahead to ensure a revitalized Caucus.

Other activities

Like many others, members of Caucus also participate widely in many other voluntary activities in addition to addressing the challenges of their personal situations. Consequently special thanks are due to all who participated in a year which included not just Caucus and Quarterly Forum meetings but the review process as well.

CAUCUS REVIEW

Biff Ward

In late 2008, there were many changes at the MHCC, including a new President of the Board. As part of the stocktake of where the organisation was at, it was agreed to contract an independent consultant to undertake a review of the operations and future directions of the Consumer and Carer Caucus which is a mandated body within the Rules of Association of the MHCC.

The review was undertaken from February to May. The methodology of the Review was as thorough as time allowed for: thirty nine people were interviewed in depth; written statements were received from several people and fifteen questionnaires were filled out and returned. About fifteen people attended a lunchtime meeting where the first findings were presented and discussed: extensive notes were taken of the discussion. A Reference Group consisting of the President, the Acting EO, the four Caucus representatives to the Board and the Treasurer met several times to monitor progress and suggest directions. The report was delivered 1 June 2009.

The Report contained 21 recommendations, all constructed around the central finding that people, both internal and external, wanted to see a vibrant and proactive Caucus as an integral part of the MHCC's operations. The recommendations were designed to reactivate and energize Caucus and to ensure that it was positioned within an MHCC that was highly skilled in its ability to support and respond to Caucus deliberations.

Since that time, the goalposts have shifted in that Mental Health ACT, in this second half of 2009, has indicated that it wants the ACT Mental Health Consumer Network and Carers ACT to operate as the peak advisory bodies for consumers and carers respectively and for the MHCC to represent the community sector organisations. The period 2009-10 will see this shift being implemented in ways that are not yet completely clear.



POLICY & PROJECT CONSULTANT'S REPORT

Dr Leanne Craze

The new financial year of 2008-2009, saw the six Respite Project Partners hard at work on continuing to develop the partnership and to formulate the design of a Mental Health Family Support and Respite Program that would seek to meet the respite needs of all family members including the person experiencing mental illness. The partners were: Woden Community Service as nominated lead agency, Mental Health Foundation of the ACT, Inanna, ADFACT, Communities at Work and Tandem. The partners met monthly and worked their way through the Partnership Workbook, a resource developed by the ACT to guide partners step by step through the establishment of a partnership and through the development and implementation of a new service. Considerable time and effort was expended by the partners.

For reasons that are still unclear, the ACT Partnership was not successful in tendering for funds under the Third Round of Funding of the National Mental Health Respite Development Fund.

On the positive side, much was learned and achieved by the ACT Partnership who on many fronts led the Project nationally and contributed resources, tools and analyses that were adopted throughout Australia. The partners took pride in having developed a model for coordinated and case-managed care transferable to other service types and to other groups in the community mental health sector.

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2008–2009 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT

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 2009.

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

Simon Rosenberg	(President)
John Wilkinson	(Vice President)
Michael Firestone	(Secretary)
Pam Boyer	(Treasurer)
David Lovegrove	
Robert Newman	
Anne Kirwan	
Paul Russell	
Keith Todd	
Heide Seaman	
Maureen McInerney	

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 profit for the financial year ended 30 June 2009 was \$ **93,284**

Signed: 
SIMON ROSENBERG
(PRESIDENT)

Date: 28/9/09

Signed: 
Pam Boyer - Treasurer

Date: 28/9/09



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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

In the opinion of the Committee

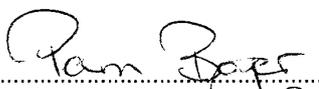
- (i) the accompanying Statement of Financial Performance is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of Mental Health Community Coalition of the ACT Inc. For the year ended 30 June 2009.
- (ii) the accompanying Statement of Financial Position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the results of Mental Health Community Coalition of the ACT Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2009.
- (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


.....
(Committee Member) SIMON ROSENBERG (PRESIDENT)


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(Committee Member) Pam Bayer - Treasurer

Dated this 28th Day of September 2009



MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY COALITION OF THE ACT INC

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

2008		2009
\$	INCOME	\$
319,876	Government Grants	496,473
6,978	Membership fees	3,544
4,505	Interest Received	10,347
1,895	Workshops	-
4,557	Other	11,038
<hr/>	TOTAL INCOME	<hr/>
337,811		521,402
	EXPENSES	
5,783	Accounting & Bookkeeping Fees	10,141
12,460	Advertising & Promotion	15,978
2,825	Annual Leave Provison	1,037
1,400	Audit Fees	1,600
260	Bank Fees	521
4,969	Computer Expenses	-
5,202	Consumer & Career Caucus Expenses	-
4,401	Depreciation	3,696
-	Executive Management Fee	4,300
3,767	Forum Expenses	-
3,420	General Expenses	8,815
5,125	Insurance	6,329
393	Library Resources	1,802
9,673	Board Meeting Expenses	13,093
4,211	Office Equipment & Furniture	1,495
2,957	Printing & Stationary	5,271
10,151	Rent & Electricity	14,711
3,918	Repairs & Maintenance	858
127,780	Salary & Wages	189,632
4,836	Staff Training	23,979
80,800	Subcontractors/Consultants	87,370
11,411	Superannuation	16,641
4,773	Telephone & Internet	6,867
7,966	Travel & Accommodation	13,983
<hr/>	TOTAL EXPENSES	<hr/>
318,481		428,118
19,330	OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	93,284
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2009

2008 \$		Note	2009 \$
	CURRENT ASSETS		
139,350	Cash and Cash Equivalents	2	260,728
26,804	Receivables		561
2,198	Prepayments		2,568
<u>168,352</u>	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>263,857</u>
	NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
15,172	Property, Plant & Equipment		11,477
<u>15,172</u>	TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>11,477</u>
<u>183,524</u>	TOTAL ASSETS		<u>275,334</u>
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
45,315	Trade and Other Payables	3	26,496
2,243	Staff Leave Provisions		4,450
71,442	Unexpended Grants	4	87,750
<u>121,631</u>	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>118,696</u>
	NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
2,631	Long Service Leave Provisions		1,461
<u>121,631</u>	TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,461</u>
<u>243,262</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>120,157</u>
<u><u>61,893</u></u>	NET ASSETS		<u><u>155,177</u></u>
	MEMBERS FUNDS		
42,563	Accumulated Funds at beginning of year		61,893
19,330	Current year surplus/(Deficit)		93,284
<u>61,893</u>	MEMBERS FUNDS AT END OF YEAR		<u>155,177</u>



**MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY COALITION
OF THE ACT INCORPORATED**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009**

NOTE 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards 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%



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

c. Impairment of Assets.

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

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the group estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

d. Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. 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, plus related on-costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

e. 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.

f. Revenue

Government Grants

Government grants are recognised as income on a systematic and rational basis over the periods necessary to match them with the related costs.

Sales of goods and services

Revenue is recognised upon the delivery of goods and services to customers.

Donations

Donations revenues are recognised when they are received.

Interest revenue

Interest is recognised on an accrual basis.

g. Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.



MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY COALITION OF THE ACT INC

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

2008	Note 2	Cash and cash equivalents	2009
\$			\$
12,098		CBA - Premium Business Account	10,979
126,322		CBA - Investment account	249,634
780		Deposit in Transit	-
150		Petty Cash	115
<u>139,350</u>			<u>260,728</u>
	Note 3	Trade & Other Payables	
17,491		Trade Creditors	20,124
-		Employee Packaging	2,315
		Accrued Expenditure	
1,600		Accounting	1,900
8,886		Net GST	(897)
7,434		PAYG	-
9,904		Other	3,054
<u>45,315</u>			<u>26,496</u>
	Note 4	Current Liabilities - Other	
		Grants Unexpended at Balance Date	
58,817		- RESPITE	-
11,708		- ACE	-
917		- CALD	-
-		- Infrastructure	11,980
-		- Industry skills	13,169
-		- Mental Health Council Workforce	36,364
-		- Transcultural	26,237
<u>71,442</u>			<u>87,750</u>



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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY COALITION OF THE ACT INC INCORPORATED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

Scope

I have audited the attached financial statements of the Mental Health Community Coalition of the ACT Incorporated for the year ended 30th June, 2009. 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.

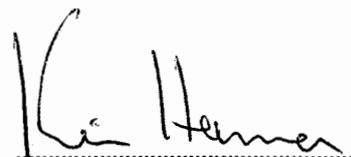
My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the 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.



Kim Hanna FCA
Registered Company Auditor

Date: 6/10/09



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 2009.

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

Simon Rosenberg	(President)
John Wilkinson	(Vice President)
Michael Firestone	(Secretary)
Pam Boyer	(Treasurer)
David lovegrove	
Robert Newman	
Anne Kirwan	
Paul Russell	
Keith Todd	
Heide Seaman	
Maureen McInerney	

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 profit for the financial year ended 30 June 2009 was \$ **93,284**

Signed: 
SIMON ROSENBERG
(PRESIDENT)

Date: 28/9/09

Signed: 
Pam Boyer - Treasurer

Date: 28/9/09



MHCC ACT MEMBERS

Workways

Women's Centre for Health Matters Inc.

Woden Community Service Inc.

Volunteering ACT

UnitingCare Canberra City

Toora Women Inc.

Tandem

Southside Community Services Inc.

Richmond Fellowship

Post & Ante Natal Depression Support
& Information Inc.

OzHelp Foundation

Northside Community Service

NeuroScience Research Centre Pty Ltd

Mental Illness Fellowship VIC

Mental Illness Fellowship ACT

Mental Illness Education ACT

Mental Health Foundation ACT Inc.

Marymead Child & Family Centre

Lifeline Canberra Inc.

Inanna Inc.

Havelock Housing Association

GROW

Community Connections

Communities @ Work

CatholicCare Canberra-Goulburn

Carers ACT Inc.

Canberra Men's Centre

Canberra & Queanbeyan ADD Support Group Inc.

Calwell Mental Wellbeing Service

Beryl Women Inc.

Belconnen Community Service

Barnardos – Canberra

Alcohol & Drug Foundation ACT

AIDS Action Council of the ACT

ACT Mental Health Consumer Network

ACT Division of General Practice

ACT Disability, Aged & Carer Advocacy Service

ACT Critical Incident Stress Management Information

headspace ACT

Individual Associate Members

A total of 14 associate memberships issued during this reporting period

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