

Income & Expenditure Statement

Balance Sheet

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Income | | |
| Grants | 480,300 | 634,791 |
| Member subscriptions & donations | 52,843 | 51,532 |
| Sales and advertising | 1,816 | 2,074 |
| Interest | 52,199 | 75,962 |
| Expense recovery and transfers ⁴ | 34,727 | 96,682 |
| Consultancy fees | 4,049 | 6,976 |
| Donations and support services | 3,665 | 23,955 |
| Conference and other income | 1,391 | 16,639 |
| Total Income | 630,991 | 908,611 |
| Expenses | | |
| Employment | 437,584 | 526,508 |
| Location | 36,925 | 77,557 |
| Supplies | 48,564 | 38,679 |
| Services | 42,913 | 91,598 |
| Reference materials | 10,134 | 15,361 |
| Travel | 17,840 | 18,370 |
| Equipment | 26,470 | 36,093 |
| General | 3,398 | 2,812 |
| Total Expenses | 623,829 | 806,978 |
| Net Operating | | |
| Surplus (Deficit) | 7,163 | 101,633 |
| Transfer from Reserves ³ | - | 66,366 |
| Marjorie Black House renovations and expenses | - | (146,748) |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) | 7,163 | 21,251 |
| Accumulated Funds at the beginning of the year | 225,298 | 204,047 |
| Accumulated Funds at the end of the year | \$232,461 | \$225,298 |

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes and the Auditor's Report.

Note 1 Statement of Significant Accounting Policies This financial report is a special purpose report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act. The Board has determined that the organisation is not a reporting entity. § The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the following Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements: AAS 1: Profit and Loss or Other Operating Statements; AAS 5: Materiality; AAS 8: Events Occurring After Reporting Date. § No other Australian Accounting Standards or other pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied. § The financial report is prepared on an cash basis, 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 specific accounting policy, which is consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, has been adopted in the preparation of this report: **Income Tax** The organisation is exempt from income tax as a non-profit organisation and funds are not available for distribution to members. **GST** All income and expenditure are stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST). **Comparatives** Where necessary comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with the presentation of current year figures. **Fixed Assets** The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over the useful life of the asset commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Assets purchased by grant funding are expensed in the year of purchase. **Employee Entitlements** Provision is made for the organisation's liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements include annual leave, long service leave, and redundancies where applicable. Contributions are made by the organisation to superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred. **Revenue** Government and other grants are brought to account as income to the extent to which they have been applied to the intended projects. Amounts received and not yet applied are recorded as liabilities under Grants and Funds Received in Advance. Membership fees are brought to account as income to the extent to which they represent fees for the current year. Fees received for subsequent years are recorded as liabilities under Membership Fees in Advance.

2 Property, Plant & Equipment

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Marjorie Black House | 660,000 | 600,000 |
| Office Furniture, Equipment & Software - at cost | 159,966 | 143,550 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | 111,049 | 108,963 |
| | 708,917 | 634,587 |

The property known as Marjorie Black House was transferred to SACOSS in 2006 (value \$600,000) and is disclosed at the Valuer General's valuation.

3 Reserves

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Balance at beginning of year | 858,712 | 325,078 |
| Bequest - Marjorie Black House | - | 600,000 |
| Funds expended - Marjorie Black House | - | (66,366) |
| Asset revaluation reserve | 60,000 | - |
| Balance at end of year | 918,712 | 858,712 |

4 Cost Recovery from Projects

SACOSS has a policy of recovering a portion of its administrative costs from projects.

The Board's statement regarding SACOSS's financial position is available at www.sacoss.org.au/61agm

Further information about SACOSS' year in 2007-08 can be found on our website at

www.sacoss.org.au/61agm

SACOSS has a representative on each of the committees listed below.

Reports from those marked * may be found on our website.

ACOSS Board of Governors *

Centrelink Community Consultative Committee

Courts Administration Authority Community Relations Committee *

Dame Roma Mitchell Trust Fund for Children and Young People *

Energy Consumers' Council *

Essential Services Commission of SA (ESCOSA) Consumer Advisory Committee *

Ethics Centre of SA

Legal Services Commission Board *

SA Dental Service Consumer Advisory Panel *

SA Health and Community Services Skills Board *

SA Water Customer Council

Secretariat

- Karen Grogan Executive Director
- Shane Dinnison Deputy Director
- Richard Cannon Policy Officer
- Anna Kennett Project Officer *
- Rob Manwaring Policy Officer *
- Tom Stead Policy Officer
- Libby Connell Finance Officer
- Celia Brissenden Communications Officer
- Kim Rowland Organisational Support Officer *
- Harvey Brown Volunteer
- Jennifer Roeth Volunteer

* Left during the year

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Justice, opportunity and shared wealth for all South Australians

Chair's Report

Simon Schrapel

For more than a decade Australia has basked in the economic good times. South Australia has also benefited from economic growth, further fuelled by the prospect of a mining and exploration boom. However, not all Australians have enjoyed the benefits of these conditions, as the evidence on wealth distribution and locational and population group poverty attests. A core element of SACOSS advocacy over this period has centred on spreading the advantages of a prosperous economy to all South Australians, with particular emphasis on those who continue to exist on the margins of our society. In effect, there has been no better time to 'poverty proof' our country. Yet despite overall reductions in unemployment and rising wages in many, but not all, sectors of the workforce, we have failed to capitalise on a strong economy for many South Australians.

The SACOSS *Blueprint for the eradication of poverty in South Australia*, released in late 2007, highlights very starkly who has missed out. It also demonstrates that, irrespective of the indicator, overall poverty rates have escalated over the past ten years. This, during a period where we should have been putting a huge dent in poverty levels.

As SACOSS members are well aware, poverty is much more than low incomes or about being in employment. It fundamentally impacts upon health status and outcomes, access to adequate and secure housing and a full and active participation in community life in a range of ways. The SACOSS *Blueprint* is the most comprehensive plan for the elimination of poverty ever produced for South Australia. It will continue to be the cornerstone of our advocacy as we try to shape public policy for the benefit of all South Australians.

More importantly though, the *Blueprint* is not just an instrument for SACOSS advocacy, it is a resource for all South Australians and organisations committed to pushing for fairness and equity. Its success will rely heavily on how it is used by our members and others seeking solutions to poverty and disadvantage.

In looking ahead, there are significant storm clouds on the economic horizon. All indications are that growth will be curtailed and a recession

is a distinct possibility. These are not conditions that South Australians have experienced for some time. The prospects for those in low skilled jobs or trying to enter or re-enter the workforce will be grim, and with a reducing revenue base there will be increasing pressures on public expenditure.

As economic uncertainty effects more South Australians, SACOSS and our members must ensure that our fight for justice becomes louder and more powerful. The targets and strategies outlined in the *Blueprint* become even more vital. We cannot allow inequity to grow further in South Australia. We must work with business, interest groups and governments to protect and promote the interests of those most vulnerable in our community.

At an organisational level, the past year has also been one of significance for SACOSS. As we have settled into our new surroundings at Marjorie Black House, the Board has focussed on how to secure our financial future and extend our reach and services to our members and the sector. This has resulted in a renewed focus in a number of areas, including expanding our membership, clarifying our role in the provision of organisational support and advice, and developing and extending our training and consultancy services.

One of our most exciting new developments has been the expansion of our research capacity. On the back of a strong record in the production of a range of high quality internal research papers and documents, SACOSS is now offering a research consultancy service to assist members address key policy and practice questions and issues. It forms a core plank of our work in helping to build sector capacity.

SACOSS is in a strong position. It is in this position largely due to the generous voluntary contributions that continue to be made by members of the Policy Council, our Policy & Advocacy Groups (PAGs), representatives on external bodies and advisory groups, and our Board members. These are invaluable inputs to the success of SACOSS in both its advocacy and governance and are wonderfully backed up by a committed and highly professional Secretariat.

Health Policy & Advocacy Group

Jody Anderson Phillip Beddall Marj Ellis Gwyn Jolley Kevin Liston Diana O'Neill Vicki Osland Anne Magarey David Scrimgeour Mark Waters

Law and Justice Policy & Advocacy Group

Chris Charles Mike Dawson Jennifer Duncan David Ferraro Leigh Garrett Neil Gillespie Andrew Patterson

Policy Council

Fiona Barr Women's Housing Association
Phillip Beddall Individual
Cynthia Betterman Individual
Gabrielle Canny Legal Services Commission
Ed Carson University of SA
Libby Craft UnitingCare Wesley Port Adelaide
Michael Dawson SACOSS Board
Jennifer Duncan Youth Affairs Council of SA
Lesley Edwards SA Network of Drug and Alcohol Services
Marj Ellis Individual
Rob Foggo Anglican Community Care
Karen Grogan SACOSS
John Haren St Vincent de Paul
Geoff Harris Mental Health Coalition
Vivienne Hope Multicultural Communities Council

Gail Jackson YWCA
Bronwyn Kanahs Lutheran Community Care
Wendy Malycha St Johns Youth Services
Maddy Pattingale People Living with HIV/AIDS
Anthea Pavy UnitingCare Wesley Port Pirie
Norman Radican Wyatt Benevolent Institution
Vicki Radford UnitingCare Wesley Bowden
Phil Saunders Carers SA
Simon Schrapel Anglicare SA
Dr David Scrimgeour Aboriginal Health Council
Gianna Tridente Individual
Rille Walsh Community & Neighbourhood House Association
Gary Wilson Shelter SA
Ross Womersley ANGOSA
Rochelle Woodley-Baker SACOSS Board
Ian Yates AM Council on the Ageing

Board

Simon Schrapel, Chair Anglicare SA
Ian Yates, Deputy Chair COTA SA
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Mike Dawson Victim Support Services
Jennifer Duncan Youth Affairs Council of SA
Marj Ellis Individual
Leigh Garrett OARS SA
Karen Hannon Individual
Wendy Malycha St Johns Youth Services
Fiona Verity Individual
Rochelle Woodley-Baker Individual
Karen Grogan SACOSS Executive Director

Employment Policy & Advocacy Group

Alison Arblaster Ed Carson Jennifer Duncan Gail Jackson Lorraine Kerr Kevin Liston Mark Waters

Essential Services Policy & Advocacy Group

Phillip Beddall Mark Henley Phil Saunders Rosalyn Williams

Executive Director's Report

Karen Grogan

The last year has been very busy for SACOSS as we continued to build on our role as the pre-eminent advocate for low income and disadvantaged South Australians. The December 2007 release of our long term anti-poverty agenda, the *Blueprint for the eradication of poverty in South Australia*, has proven to be extremely valuable in guiding our advocacy and policy development work. As part of SACOSS' ongoing remit to tackle economic disadvantage and inequality we have updated and revised our anti-poverty strategy in this new *Blueprint* to:

- renew focus and action on the anti-poverty agenda;
- reflect new research and government policies;
- enrich the evidence base; and
- develop and refine strategies to support our targets.

A change in the Commonwealth Government leadership has had substantial flow on effects for policy development and advocacy at the state level. Great pressure was applied to SACOSS's resources and membership to respond to the numerous social policy inquiries and reviews during the first half of 2008. I am proud to report that the SACOSS membership, as always, was instrumental in providing leadership and support to the secretariat in enabling us to respond to the emerging national social policy agenda. Leading these responses were the SACOSS Policy Council and Policy & Advocacy Groups: Law and Justice; Health; Employment, Education and Training; and Essential Services.

The ongoing public debate on climate change — energy supply, pricing and usage, carbon pollution and peak oil — continues to remain high on SACOSS' advocacy agenda. As the debate becomes increasingly more sophisticated and technical, the community sector is struggling to develop and maintain the expertise required to respond to this complex problem. We will continue to play an active role in this important area.

During the year, SACOSS staff and representatives were involved in 35 continuing networks, made 18 formal presentations to external bodies, and made 11 formal submissions on varied issues such as peak oil, energy efficiency schemes, homelessness, disability, mental health, training, skills, workers compensation and the so-called 'bikies' bill. SACOSS was also mentioned in the media 174 times.

We have re-focussed our sector development programs and member services, including developing a training calendar, and reviewed our membership structure and benefits. SACOSS members have consistently requested research services to support campaigns and practice, and this has resulted in the Secretariat responding by developing a research service. SACOSS aims to consistently respond to member needs so as to best position ourselves and the sector for the future.

I would like to thank the SACOSS Board, who continue to provide me with leadership and guidance as we manage the finances, risk and contractual matters of the organisation and plan for a sustainable future. The dedicated staff team continues to produce high quality work under pressure. Finalisation of projects and new opportunities have seen us say goodbye to Kim Rowland, Anna Kennett and Rob Manwaring, whilst welcoming Tom Stead.

Finally, thank you to all staff, volunteers, and members for their contributions to the work of SACOSS. Without you, we would not be able to continue to influence the agendas that will see us reach our vision of justice, opportunity and shared wealth for all South Australians.