

As at 30 June 2009

Income & Expenditure Statement

Balance Sheet

	2009 \$	2008 \$
Income		
Grants	370,251	480,300
Member subscriptions	62,185	52,843
Donations	1,019	3,665
MB house fees	5,828	-
Sales and advertising	269	1,816
Interest	33,137	52,199
Expense recovery and transfers ⁴	1,338	34,727
Consultancy fees	-	4,049
Research and development	36,045	-
Conference and sponsorship	35,175	1,391
Total Income	545,248	630,991
Expenses		
Employment	396,891	437,584
Location	28,428	36,925
Supplies	18,411	48,564
Services	36,296	42,913
Reference materials	25,755	10,134
Travel	12,067	17,840
Equipment	21,529	26,470
General	1,516	3,398
Total Expenses	540,892	623,829
Net Operating Surplus	4,356	7,163
Transfer from Reserves	-	-
Marjorie Black House renovations & expenses	-	-
Net Surplus	4,356	7,163
Accumulated Funds at the beginning of the year	232,461	225,298
Accumulated Funds at the end of the year	\$236,817	\$232,461

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

	2009	2008
Marjorie Black House	730,000	660,000
Office Furniture, Equipment & Software - at cost	159,966	159,966
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	121,900	111,049
	768,066	708,917

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

	2009	2008
Balance at beginning of year	918,712	858,712
Bequest - Marjorie Black House	-	-
Funds expended - Marjorie Black House	-	-
Asset revaluation reserve	70,000	60,000
Balance at end of year	988,712	918,712

4 Cost Recovery from Projects SACOSS has a policy of recovering a portion of its administrative costs from projects.

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The Board's statement regarding SACOSS's financial position is available at www.sacoss.org.au/62agm

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Further information about SACOSS' year in 2008-09

can be found on our website at

www.sacoss.org.au/62agm

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
- Community Foodies Alliance
- Courts Administration Authority, Community Relations Committee *
- Dame Roma Mitchell Trust Fund for Children and Young People *
- DFC Steering Committee on Information Sharing Guidelines
- Domestic Violence Death Review Advocacy Coalition, and DVDR Reference Group *
- Energy Consumers' Council *
- Essential Services Commission of SA (ESCOSA) Consumer Advisory Committee
- Ethics Centre of South Australia
- Legal Services Commission Board
- Magill Youth Detention Centre Campaign Steering Group *
- OPAL Strategic Advisory Committee
- SA Dental Service Consumer Advisory Panel *
- SA Health & Community Services Skills Board
- SA NT Data Link *
- SA Water Customer Council *
- SA Works Review Reference Group

Secretariat

Karen Grogan *Executive Director*

Shane Dinnison *Deputy Director **

Richard Cannon *Senior Policy & Research Analyst*

Tom Stead *Senior Policy & Research Analyst*

Lucas de Boer *Policy & Research Support Officer*

Amy Kaim *Policy & Research Support Officer*

Linty McDonald *Policy & Research Support Officer**

Mavis Zutshi *Manager Development & Training*

Libby Connell *Office & Finance Coordinator*

Celia Brissenden *Communications Officer*

Harvey Brown *Volunteer*

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Chair's Report

Simon Schrapel

Where does SACOSS stand in the current environment as a shaper of public attitudes and policy, and how is this benefiting those without fair access to resources, services and opportunities? This question lies at the heart of any evaluation of the efficacy of SACOSS' work and assessment of its performance. It remains the question that we should continue to return to whenever determining our value to the South Australian community and to our members and who they serve.

SACOSS plays its part in public policy formation in different ways. Through the extensive networks of our members and, in particular, the expertise of our Policy Council and advocacy groups, we have continued to draw on the collective intelligence of our constituency. This is SACOSS' core resource and strength as a membership based organisation. This input and contribution is backed up by a sophisticated level of research and analysis produced by the SACOSS Secretariat. This has been demonstrated through a number of high calibre publications and reports, including the first of what will be a series of cost of living reports highlighting the impact of rises in essential daily living costs on those living on low incomes.

The combination of these assets makes SACOSS a potentially powerful and constructive voice and we have over the past year used them to good effect. They have underpinned SACOSS' detailed annual budget submission, our responses to draft legislation and public enquiries, and our platform in helping to 'Create a Better State' through our advocacy leading up to the 2010 state election.

This campaign not only seeks to generate political commitment to change across five key policy areas of Law and Justice, Child Health and Wellbeing, Affordable Housing, Social Infrastructure and Concessions reform, but to engage those directly impacted by these policies in informing public policy makers. This approach seeks to more actively involve in the political advocacy process those most affected by our public policies. SACOSS will seek to further build on this approach, in our future shaping of policy debates as an essential component in the democratisation of policy formulation in South Australia.

The past year has also seen an increasing engagement with our fellow Councils in other States and Territories, and with ACOSS in responding to policy issues at the national level.

From work on a National Compact with the third sector to Productivity Commission inquiries into gambling and the contribution of not for profits, SACOSS has taken an active and at times leading role in coordinating national sector input. Given the volume of public policy reform taking place at a national level, it will be important for SACOSS to continue to find ways in which to both share and help coordinate the collective expertise and resources of the COSS network to maximise our impact.

After five years of outstanding service to SACOSS and to the community service sector in South Australia, we will be farewelling our Executive Director, Karen Grogan. Karen has helped steer SACOSS through challenging times as we have sought to position ourselves as a credible and constructive contributor in an environment where independent voices have often struggled to be heard. Our standing in both the political and administrative arms of government talks to a growing status built in no small way on Karen's approach to forging effective relationships, whilst retaining a passionate advocacy position.

Karen has also overseen the creation of a high quality and united secretariat, the building

of SACOSS' research, training and member development capacity, and the successful transition to our new home at Marjorie Black House. We wish Karen well in her new work challenges, with the knowledge that she has left SACOSS in good shape.

The Board and Policy Council of SACOSS continue to provide excellent stewardship and strategic leadership of the organisation and to that end I acknowledge the contribution made by all members. Over the past year, Jennifer Duncan and Leigh Garrett have replaced Wendy Malycha and Ian Yates as Deputy Chairs after both had filled these roles with distinction for several years. Wendy and Ian exemplify the spirit of SACOSS through their years of selfless and dedicated service and it is encouraging to see others able and willing to assume these responsibilities at all levels with South Australia's peak community service body.

Executive Director's Report

Karen Grogan

The last year has been, as ever, a very busy one for SACOSS as we continue to build on our role as the pre-eminent advocate for low income and disadvantaged South Australians. This year has been exciting as we plan for the state election in 2010: the aim for this election is to build on the concept of participative democracy. We are aiming to get as deep into the community as we can and bring the people of South Australia closer to the politicians. We have developed a range of 'principles papers' to inform the development of the policy platforms that will be taken to the election, and have planned a range of advocacy days for people with lived experience of disadvantage to talk directly to those politicians.

In addition to the development of specific election principles papers we have also responded to the government's agenda. Responses have been provided to the raft of legislative reforms proposed throughout the year, particularly with regard to law and justice and child protection legislation. Other areas of work have included: Aboriginal disadvantage; human rights; affordable housing and homelessness; transport issues for low income consumers; water supply and pricing; energy supply and pricing; child protection.

We have also provided a range of submissions including: Submission to the National Human Rights Consultation; Submissions to the

Productivity Commission investigation into gambling in Australia; Submission to the Productivity Commission investigation into the contribution of the non-profit sector; OARS-commissioned research that highlights the current and projected costs of the government's policy on criminal justice; state and federal budget snapshots; and the launch of the first in a six-monthly series of papers tracking the *Cost of Living*.

Consultations have been high on the agenda to ensure we hear the voices of our members and ensure their views are considered in both the state and national arena. Consultations have included: SACOSS Conference; National Reform Agenda Consultations; National Compact Consultations; consultation regarding the new South Australian Compact *Stronger Together*; a series of consultations regarding the new Master Agreement between the sector and the departments of Health and Families and Communities; convened five roundtables of experts and stakeholders to assist in policy development in the areas of child health and wellbeing (child protection), social infrastructure, concessions, housing, and law and justice.

All of this work is backed and driven by the SACOSS Policy Council and supported by four sub-committees of the Policy Council covering Employment, Education and Training; Health; Essential Services; and Law and Justice.

Policy & Advocacy Groups

Employment, Education & Training

Alison Arblaster, Ed Carson, Angela De Conno, Jennifer Duncan, Phil Farrow, Ann Francis, Karen Hannon, Peter Laintoll, Mark Waters

Essential Services

Phillip Beddall, Kate Braham, Melinda Brindle, Mark Henley, Vivien Hope, Frank Lampard, Phil Saunders, Nigel Skeates, Greg Were, Rosalyn Williams, Gary Wilson

Law and Justice

Chris Charles, Mike Dawson, Jennifer Duncan, David Ferraro, Leigh Garrett, Karen Grogan, Geoff Harris, Andrew Paterson

Health

Elsa Barton, Kathryn Cunningham, Marj Ellis, Tammy Jennings, Peter Laintoll, Belinda Lunnay, Anne Magarey, Diana O'Neil, Vicki Osland, David Scrimgeour, Mark Waters

Our work has continued to benefit from a strong and reciprocal relationship with the other state and territory COSSEs and ACOSS. This relationship assists us to more fully explore state and nationally based issues, and to utilise the experiences of other COSSEs to broaden the work that we do.

Membership satisfaction has continued to be very strong and is proven by the repeat contact with members requiring direct advice and support. In 2008/09 a total of 134 issues were presented by members and advice and support was provided. In addition, 157 members attended seminars, forums and workshops and 23 resources and reports were prepared on behalf of the sector. A total of 131 meetings and forums were attended to provide advice to government.

I would like to thank the SACOSS Board, who have provided 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 with good humor and under pressure.

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*.

Board 2008-09

Chair Simon Schrapel Anglicare SA
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Yvonne Bentham Individual
Michael Dawson Victim Support Service
Jennifer Duncan Youth Affairs Council of SA
Marj Ellis Individual
Peter Hall Individual
Karen Hannon Individual
Wendy Malycha St John's Youth Services
Fiona Verity Flinders University
Karen Grogan ex-officio SACOSS

Policy Council 2008-09

Susan Arwen SHine SA
Andris Banders SA Network of Drug & Alcohol Services
Fiona Barr The Women's Housing Association
Phillip Beddall Individual
Ryan Bullivant St John's Youth Services
Gabrielle Canny Legal Services Commission of SA
Ed Carson Social Policy Research Group - UniSA
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Karen Grogan SACOSS
Karen Hannon SACOSS Board

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Vivien Hope Multicultural Communities Council of SA
Tina Karanastasis Migrant Resource Centre of SA
Charlene Kent Individual
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Gill McFadyen Community and Neighbourhood Houses & Centres' Association
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Phil Saunders Carers SA
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Gianna Tridente Individual
Gary Wilson Shelter SA
Ross Womersley Community Living Project
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