



**Newsboys Foundation**

114th Annual Report 2007



**NEWSBOYS  
FOUNDATION**



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NEWSBOYS CAMP  
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**Newsboys Foundation**  
**(A Company Limited by Guarantee)**  
**The Report of the Committee of**  
**Newsboys Foundation**  
**(formerly Melbourne Newsboys Club Foundation)**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2007**

## **Committee of Management**

Kenneth David Barry  
Patricia Joan Cox  
Nigel Graham Morgan  
Wayne Bunte  
Keith Clifford Gillett  
Robin Byram Gowan (resigned November 2006)  
Barry Kingsley Johnson  
Deryk Arthur Henry Stephens  
John Richmond Warner  
William Brind Zichy-Woinarski QC  
Kevin Joseph McNeill JP

## **Staff**

Sandy Shaw – CEO appointed November 2006  
Rhonda McNeill – Executive Officer  
retired November 2006  
Kerrie Bradburn – Executive Assistant  
appointed July 2007

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## PRESIDENT'S REVIEW

It is with pleasure that we present our 114th Annual Report, for the year ended 30 June 2007.

The past year has seen significant change at the Foundation. In November 2006, Robin Gowan retired from the Committee of Management after some 30 years of service, and Kevin McNeill was appointed to the Committee.

Rhondda McNeill retired from the Executive Officer role at the end of November 2006 after 21 years of dedicated service. We thank Rhondda for her contribution and commitment to the Foundation over two decades.

Sandy Shaw was appointed in November 2006. Sandy has worked in the community sector for more than 20 years in a range of areas, including philanthropy, youth, health, arts, sport, Indigenous issues and the environment. Sandy has done a great job in the relatively short time she has been with us.

The Foundation continued to make grants to a range of organisations to support disadvantaged young people and children in Victoria.

The 2006–07 financial year produced many highlights:

- The Foundation allocated grants worth a total of \$999,645.
- Grant allocations increased 13 per cent on the previous year.
- Grants were given to 82 organisations.
- Since it was established in 1974, the Foundation has allocated grants worth over \$8 million.

In June 2007, the Committee of Management recommended to Foundation members that the name of the organisation be changed to Newsboys Foundation. After discussion by the Committee, it was resolved that the proposed name would be more suitable for the future of the organisation. The members endorsed the proposal in July 2007. Importantly, the new name includes the word "newsboys", which always arouses curiosity in terms of the origins of the organisation and provides the ideal opportunity to describe the history of the organisation as a very successful Club for newsboys in Melbourne.

We are deeply saddened to report the passing of Foundation member Mr Bill Howden in 2006. Mr Howden was a volunteer wrestling coach at the Melbourne Newsboys Club, and went on to coach the Australian Olympic and Commonwealth Games wrestling teams.

As the organisation continues to grow and develop, we welcomed 15 new members to the Foundation. In closing, we thank John Warner for his professional financial guidance and our honorary solicitors, Deacons, for their legal services.

**Kenneth D. Barry**

President

For and on behalf of the Committee of Management

*Left to right, back row: Deryk Stephens, Nigel Morgan, Kevin McNeill JP, William Brind Zichy-Woinarski QC, John Warner, Barry Johnson  
Left to right, front row: Ken Barry, Keith Gillett, Tricia Cox, Wayne Bunte, Sandy Shaw*



# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

## ***'The Melbourne Newsboys Club shaped our lives.'***

Bob Urquhart

Melbourne Newsboys Club Member 1946 to 1959

I was very pleased to take up the position at the Melbourne Newsboys Club Foundation in November 2006. The organisation has an impressive and interesting history, first as a Melbourne-based Club for newsboys from 1893 until 1973, and then as a Foundation supporting organisations working with disadvantaged young people and children in Victoria.

Throughout its long life, the organisation has remained true to its core objective of supporting young people and children in our community who need assistance to realise their full potential. The Melbourne Newsboys Club provided a meeting place in the city where newsboys could gain access to a range of services, including education, social, recreation, medical and dental. The Club helped shape the lives of its members in a positive way, and many old newsboys still talk fondly of their days at the Club and the significant impact it had on their lives.

In 1973, the Committee had the foresight to sell the Melbourne Newsboys Club building in Little Collins Street, Melbourne, along with the country holiday property, Millgrove. It was believed that by establishing a Foundation and providing grants to the increasing numbers of youth organisations, more young people and children throughout Victoria could be supported to reach their full potential.

The proceeds from the sales, along with donations from community members, have been invested well. With \$806,456 in 1974, grant allocations in that year totalled \$16,177. Since then the Foundation's investment portfolio has grown to \$22,774,919 in 2007, providing sufficient income for grant allocations totalling \$999,645 to be made in the 2006-07 financial year. This represents outstanding growth and good management.

I would like to acknowledge the work of my predecessor, Rhondda McNeill, who retired in November 2006 after 21 years of service to the Foundation. Rhondda was assisted in the later years of her service by her husband, Kevin McNeill, who worked as a consultant, and by Barry Weir, who provided accountancy services from 2000 to 2007. I had the good fortune to come into a well-managed organisation with a long and strong history. It was also evident that the Foundation had the potential to continue to evolve to meet the needs of future generations of Victorians.

Over the past twelve months, the Foundation has continued to provide grants to a broad range of organisations working with young people and children in Victoria. The grants have focused on young people and children who have experienced some form of disadvantage, such as financial, social, emotional, physical or intellectual. The programs have addressed a range of needs, including education, recreation, social inclusion, housing and financial.

The programs provide a connecting point for young people and children who would otherwise be marginalised in some way, and give them opportunities to build their life skills and confidence. Educational programs, camps, recreation activities and arts projects are just a few of the types of programs that have been supported. The following report details the grants that have been made throughout the year, and gives an insight into the impact that the programs have had on young Victorians.

I thank Ken Barry, President, and the Committee of Management for their outstanding support. It has been a pleasure working with the Committee to continue the work of the Foundation and to implement changes for the future. I warmly welcome Kerrie Bradburn to the newly created part-time Executive Assistant role, and Wendy Marris, who will provide accountancy services to the Foundation.

In July this year we received approval from the Foundation membership to change our name to Newsboys Foundation. The new name maintains a reference to newsboys and the important history of the organisation, and continues its description as a Foundation. We have developed a new visual identity and will reveal our updated website towards the end of 2007.

Like our colleagues before us, we continue to work to make our community a more inclusive and positive environment for all. We look for programs that are innovative, address community needs, and have a positive and lasting impact on the lives of young people and children. Where programs have the potential to be adapted and replicated in other communities, we work with others to make this happen. Smaller, grassroots community organisations that encourage the active involvement of young people are well represented in our list of grant recipients.

Finally, we salute all the organisations and people who work tirelessly to improve the lives of young people and children in our community. We hope that we have been able to assist you in your endeavours over the past year, and we look forward to continuing working with you to help shape the lives of young people and children in a positive way, and to provide opportunities for them to realise their full potential.

**Sandy Shaw**

Chief Executive Officer



# GRANTS

## Aboriginal Literacy Foundation

Tutoring and camps  
\$22,000

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Establish a classroom and office at Ross House as a base for tutoring Indigenous young people and conduct four literacy camps to enhance their learning.

## Anglicare Vic. Dixon House

Christmas hampers for vulnerable families with children

\$4000

Marianne Dienes

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Provision of staple and festive foods to the most vulnerable families with children living in the Clayton area. The hampers will ease the burden of Christmas and allow them to experience Christmas like others in the community.

*"I thought, is this really all for us?"*

RECIPIENT OF A FOOD HAMPER

## Ararat & District YMCA Youth Clubs

Recreation Programs

\$12,745

Brooke LeSeuer

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Provide children and young people aged between five and 15 in Ararat and surrounding areas with the opportunity to take part in recreation programs. Funds ensure disadvantaged young people and children have discounted access to the pools, Slammers basketball coaching, soccer and basketball competitions.

## Ardoch Youth Foundation

Ardoch Geelong LinCS (Linking Communities & Schools) Project

\$25,000

Janet Inglis

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The Geelong LinCS Project supports up to 10 schools in the North Geelong region. The LinCS Coordinator works cooperatively with each school and the community to resource and deliver programs to help the schools meet their students' needs. These tailored programs reduce disadvantage, enhance wellbeing, and improve learning opportunities. ▶

## Banyule Community Health Service

Let's Do It

\$6000

Cynthia Munro

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A family holiday program that aims to build strong positive relationships between mothers and their children living in West Heidelberg. Recent research suggests that West Heidelberg is the second most disadvantaged suburb in Melbourne and has the highest rate of single-parent families in Victoria. Let's Do It provides opportunities for mothers to meet with their children in an environment away from the pressures of home and to relax and enjoy parenting.

## Bendigo Regional YMCA

Unity Family Camps

\$9400

[www.bendigo.ymca.org.au](http://www.bendigo.ymca.org.au)

Provide four weekend camps for disadvantaged families to experience fun recreation activities and build positive relationships. Activities include canoeing, ropes course, swimming and yabbing. Workshops for parents are conducted at the camp, including parenting skills, positive family relationships and budgeting. Families who attend the camps will also be provided with free access to the Bendigo YMCA health programs for a further 12 months to encourage a healthy lifestyle.

## Berengarra School

Berengarra School Radio Project

\$7000

Mitch Musulin

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Berengarra School is developing a variety of learning programs and curriculum activities based around a school radio station. The aim is to develop the oral literacy of students through various styles of writing and radio programs. In collaboration with community radio station 3CR, staff have commenced professional development in audio digital recording.

*"We could do talk shows and information shows. We could have a lunchtime program and talk about school issues and write scripts in English. We could read out comics."*

ROWAN, STUDENT

## Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre

Imagination Trail Work Stations

\$7335

Tony Bellette

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Creation of an innovative 700-metre activity track for students with special needs. As the students walk around the trail, they visit 10 work stations where they take part in a variety of activities to develop their life skills and confidence.



Ardoch Youth Foundation – Learning origami at Corio South Primary.



**Boroondara Kindergarten**  
Sudanese Integrated Playgroup  
\$16,868

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Community-owned and managed, Boroondara Kindergarten has worked for 93 years with Richmond's vulnerable and disadvantaged families, including migrant and refugee families who have arrived since the 1970s. The Kindergarten offers sessional pre-school, half-day and full-day programs, occasional care and family support through parenting classes. The Foundation supported the establishment of a Sudanese Integrated Playgroup to support Sudanese children and their families. ▲

*"We like the kindergarten and the support they give us with our children."*

PARTICIPANT

**Broadmeadows Uniting Care**  
Education Project  
\$8000

Jane Conway-Clark  
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Provide educational support to 40 students in the Hume region. Without the assistance, many students would have left school early, or gone without vital textbooks.

*"I am so grateful for the help you have given my family. It really has made a difference to my boys and their education."*

DAVID, RECENTLY WIDOWED FATHER OF TWIN BOYS

**Church of All Nations (Carlton Youth & Family Services)**

**Ernie's Club 26th Birthday**  
\$500

Ernie Sims, OAM

Ernie's Club was established on the Carlton high-rise housing estate in 1981. Run by Ernie Sims, the programs are conducted at the Church of All Nations next to the estate. The grant helped Ernie's Club hold a 26th birthday celebration for old and new club members.

**Church of All Nations (Carlton Youth & Family Service)**

**Ernie's Club Christmas Holiday Program**  
\$600

Ernie Sims, OAM

A Christmas holiday program for children was held at the Carlton high-rise housing estate. Activities included sailing at Sandringham Yacht Club, go-kart racing, a four-night camp at Torquay and several sports days.

**Chances for Children (Mallee Family Care)**  
Education Support

\$20,000

Rebecca Thurman  
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www.chancesforchildren.com.au  
Chances for Children provides educational opportunities to disadvantaged children and young people from the Mallee region to ensure no financial barriers prevent them from achieving their potential.

*"The opportunities that will now be available to me seem almost surreal and words can't express how much your generosity means to my mother and I. With your help everything has fallen into place, allowing me to look to the future with added optimism and less trepidation."*

LARA

**Righteous Pups Australia (formerly Righteous Pups Bendigo)**  
SWAT Program (Specifically Working with At-risk Teens and young people)  
\$13,055

Righteous Pups trains and socialises dogs to assist people living in the Bendigo community. The SWAT Program works with troubled teens and young people to train dogs for socially isolated, aged and disabled people.

When the dogs are fully trained after two years, they provide an important service and companion to their new owners. In addition, the young people who are involved in their training develop a range of life skills and enhanced self-esteem.

SWAT participants come from difficult backgrounds and struggle within the mainstream school system. Many have depression, anger-management issues and low self-esteem. The program provides them with an important connecting point and a sense of purpose.

A dog trainer and a counsellor instruct and mentor the young participants.

Throughout the one-day-a-week program, they encourage the students to challenge some of their own beliefs and learn important life skills, including boundaries, self-perception and conflict resolution.

They discuss the growth and development of the dog with participants, who transfer their understanding of the dog's development to their own lives. Trainers and counsellors are encouraging and constructive, and bring out the best in their young students, who increase their self-esteem throughout the program.

The program also enables participants to become highly competent dog trainers. By being involved in something that is greater than themselves, they make friends and develop a tremendous sense of personal pride. The skills they develop throughout the program are transferable to other areas of their lives.



Training Session.

*"When I came here, I didn't have much confidence in myself. I like working with the dogs because it makes me feel good and they like working with me...and I have made a lot of friends that don't put me down."*

JANE, 15



Cottage By The Sea – Children and staff enjoy the new deck.

## Cottage By The Sea

### Decking Extension

\$25,850

Tony Featherston

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www.cottagebythesea.com

The second stage of decked area was built, creating more under-deck storage area. Children who holiday at Cottage By The Sea can now enjoy a view from the deck of the sea, passing boats and the famous Rip. ◀

*“I feel like a millionaire sitting out here.”*

SEVEN-YEAR-OLD BOY

## Create Foundation

### Debutante Ball

\$5000

Kate Brady

www.create.org.au

A debutante ball to mark the transition of young people from the care system to adulthood and independence. Fifty young people (25 couples) aged between 16 and 17 will attend, with the Premier of Victoria invited to receive the debutantes.

## Cystic Fibrosis Victoria Inc.

### Material and Crisis Aid

\$5000

Melissa Grenville

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Provides families and individuals emergency financial assistance for cystic fibrosis-related expenses, such as medical/physiotherapy equipment, ambulance cover, utility expenses, food vouchers and hospital treatment. ▼



Mark and Simon Bessen, families living with Cystic Fibrosis.

## Casey North Community Information & Support Service

### Back to School

\$5000

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The Back to School project helps families experiencing severe financial hardship get their children back to school. Small grants are provided to enable them to purchase books and uniforms that otherwise might have been unaffordable.

*One young mother burst into tears when presented with the cheques for her son's schoolbooks. “Today is my birthday and this is the best present I have received,” she said.*

## Ceres

### Training Program

\$25,000

Melissa Lawson

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Ceres is a four-hectare community environment park in Brunswick East that provides horticulture and hospitality training programs for youth at risk. Training is hand-on and set in a real working environment.

(see expanded profile on page 8)

## Child & Family Services (CAFS) Ballarat Education & Training Support

\$15,000

Jenny Jones

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The CAFS Education & Training Fund has provided resources to enable young people who, due to a range of circumstances beyond their control, face significant barriers to taking up education and training opportunities.

## Child & Family Services (CAFS) Ballarat

### January 2007 Holiday Program

\$4800

Rob Petrie

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Children who live in the two Ballarat Family Group Homes (four children per home) of the Residential Care Program take part in an annual seaside holiday program. The week-long holiday provides children with fun and activities during the summer school break.

## Children's Charity Network

### Virtuoso Writing Workshops

\$5000

Rob Leonard

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www.childrenscharity.com.au

The Virtuoso weekend was aimed at disadvantaged and at-risk children who enjoy reading and writing. The weekend writing workshops hosted by well-known children's authors extended the children's literacy skills.

*“I really enjoyed the writer's workshop. I had a lot of fun and I learnt a lot of things. It was a great idea and it was a pleasure meeting you! You're a talented author and I hope to be like you one day.”*

ZELDA, GRADE 5





Edmund Rice Camps – Learning about ourselves as sustainable leaders.

### Dallas Neighbourhood House

#### Hip Hop Dance

\$8150

Moya White

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The project consists of a series of hip hop dance rehearsals (weekly sessions over 25 weeks) that will culminate in a major public performance. Many participants, aged from 13 to 16, live in the local area of Dallas and Broadmeadows. Participants are trained by qualified instructors from the Anti-Racism Action Band.

*“It gives us the opportunity to meet new people and show others that we have talent.”*

FUNDA, 14

### Deaf Children Australia

#### STAR (Success Through Adult Role Models)

\$10,000

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STAR is aimed at deaf/hearing-impaired children aged between five and 12 who are experiencing significant social isolation and communication issues. DCA matches these children with appropriate adult role models who are also deaf/hearing-impaired. Through the mentoring program, children receive the understanding and support they need to effectively manage their deafness.

### Don Bosco Youth Centre & Hostel Inc.

#### New Security System

\$6830

Father John Murphy

[www.donbosco.org.au](http://www.donbosco.org.au)

Installation of a new security key system for rooms for the Don Bosco Youth Centre and Hostel.

### Doncare, Doncaster Community Care & Counselling Centre

#### Back to School 2007

\$4000

Doreen Stoves

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Doncare's back-to-school program operated in January and February 2007 to provide financial assistance to help get children back to school. The funding covered items such as school books, stationery and uniforms.

*“With this help, my kids will now feel the same as the other kids.”*

PARENT

### Dromana Cricket Club Inc.

#### Kids Cricket Equipment

\$2400

John Cooley

Phone: (03) 5987 1552

Cricket equipment kits for teams with young people and children aged under 18 who, due to financial constraints, are not able to purchase their own equipment.

### Edmund Rice Camps Inc.

#### Training Edmund Rice Camp Volunteers

\$4000

Mark Monahan

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Training for Edmund Rice Camp Volunteers, including training on leadership, behaviour management (autism, ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome), executive roles, and how to look after yourself as a leader. The training has resulted in more professionally run camps, and camp volunteers have increased their capacity to care for kids at risk. ◀

### Education Foundation

#### City Centre

\$20,000

Julian Waters-Lynch

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The City Centre, in Melbourne's CBD, was established to make an impact on the widely recognised problem of disengagement from school in the middle years. The Centre brings around 100 Year 9 students into the CBD each week for an inspiring program of research and independent learning. Students find that Melbourne's corporate, cultural and community doors have been opened to enrich their learning. The Newsboys Foundation supported scholarships to ensure schools from disadvantaged areas were able to participate in the program. ▼

*“The most inspiring thing I got out of this camp was learning that I could approach people and survey them even though I didn't know them.”*

STUDENT



Education Foundation – Students with Lord Mayor, John So.

**Frankston Special Developmental School**  
Camping Equipment  
\$2275

Rudi Geppert

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Camping equipment for an outdoor education program. The program focuses on confidence building, independent living, socialisation, health, fitness, community engagement, and recreational activities for students with disabilities.

*"We played games on our camp. And I liked sleeping in the tent. It was fun to be with my friends."*

STUDENT

**Goulburn Region Foster Families Association (Berry Street Program)**  
Annual Camp  
\$6000

Dennyse McQueen

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Each year a week-long camp is held for foster families and the children they care for. The camp gives the children an opportunity to experience activities that help them to achieve success. At camp, the foster carers are able to attend training that further develops their skills in caring for vulnerable children.

**Haemophilia Foundation Australia**  
Boys Toys Program  
\$4000

Natasha Coco

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The Boys Toys Program enables fathers and sons to get together in a male support group. The aim of the program is to bring together fathers and sons, and significant other male carers, as many fathers feel left out of the care process. ▼

*"I had the best day with my dad. Go-karting was so much fun!"*

PARTICIPANT



Haemophilia Foundation – Three of the younger boys getting ready to race in their oversized helmets!

**Haig Street Primary School**  
School Camp  
\$2800

Sharyn Murphy

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Assisted Grade 6 students from Haig Street Primary School attend a school camp at Appin Hall, in Tasmania. Haig Street Primary, in Heidelberg West, is in an area of low socioeconomic status and has the highest rate of single parents in Victoria.

**Helping Hand Foundation**  
Lifeskill Education  
\$12,000

Nicole Bendet

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Working with 400 young people to develop skills and strategies to help them believe in their own capacity to influence positively their achievements in all areas of life.

*"I love coming to the program. It teaches me that the harder I try, the better my success."*

PARTICIPANT

**CERES**

Organic Farm Training Program  
\$25,000

CERES (Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Strategies) is a community environment project set on four-hectares beside the Merri Creek in Brunswick East.

The CERES Organic Farm Training Program involves students at risk and those with intellectual or physical disabilities in all aspects of the CERES organic farm and market. Students work on projects such as landscaping, propagation, planting, harvesting and caring for animals, and are assessed in units from the Certificate II in Horticulture.

In 2007, students from Kensington Community High School are undertaking the Certificate II in Hospitality, which includes food preparation and presentation. Combined with the Certificate II in Horticulture, the program represents a full circle of learning, from propagation through to harvesting, cooking and hospitality.

Students manage all aspects of projects, from planning to

implementation. With the support and guidance of CERES trainers, they develop a stronger sense of self, improve their social and communication skills, develop project management and leadership skills, and learn to work effectively with other students, trainers and community members.

With support from the Newsboys Foundation, the CERES training team has purchased safety-protection gear, gardening tools, student-learner resources and hospitality equipment. The hospitality students are now serving a monthly lunch for the horticulture students.

The Newsboys Foundation support will also fund a joint camp at Camp Bambara for students from Kensington Community High School and the Victorian College for the Deaf. The horticulture students will attend to the maintenance needs of the camp, while the hospitality students will cater for the entire camp, consolidating further their horticulture and hospitality skills.



*"Stoked! I wasn't expecting to go to camp with CERES. It feels like we are going out on a job and getting more hands-on experience."*

16-YEAR-OLD STUDENT COMMENTING ON CAMP BAMBARA

## Iedirections Limited

Believe in Me  
\$8500

Linda M Scrimgeour  
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The Iedirections Centre helps young people re-establish their learning style and build confidence. The centre encourages them to take responsibility for their own actions while preparing themselves for employment.

*"We are given lots of attention and encouragement and never made to feel dumb."*

STUDENT

## John Pierce Centre

CODA Club Program  
\$3925

John Davies  
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www.jpc.org.au

Children of Deaf Adults (CODA) children generally start school life with poor language skills and can suffer isolation by "being different". Intervention, both socially and in education, is vital for these children to help them gain confidence and assist their integration into the hearing world. The CODA Club Program provides positive social and educational opportunities for children of deaf adults.

## Kids Under Cover Inc.

Bungalow Program  
\$28,000

Jo Swift  
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www.kuc.org.au

Provision of bungalow-style accommodation for young people at risk of homelessness and families at breaking point. The bungalow accommodation provides one or two bedroom units with a bathroom. They are constructed in the back yards of families in need.

*"Great to be back home with the space to continue my studies. I was never happy when staying away from mum. We are a good family and we are helping each other and getting on well. The bungalow has helped me settle back with the family and it is where I go for time to myself."*

18-YEAR-OLD BUNGALOW OCCUPANT



Kids Who Care Campers

## Kids Who Care Foundation

Young Carers Project  
\$10,000

Hanna Maxwell  
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www.kidswhocare.org.au

The Young Carers Project at Kids Who Care is a statewide program that provides young people who have extraordinary caring responsibilities with a range of support services and recreational opportunities.

The main component of the project is a week-long camp in the January holidays. The camp is based on a peer support and recreation model that provides young carers aged between 11 and 17 with a break that focuses on relaxing, having fun and making friends. The camp also helps reduce isolation as young carers share similar experiences and stories of their caring roles. ▲

*"Just wanted to say thanks for an incredible camp. It really makes you think about your role as a carer and you learn a lot about yourself, but at the same time it is great respite."*

JACOB

## Lakeside Secondary School

Social Skills Program  
\$2000

Paul Ryan  
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The Social Skills Program at Lakeside Secondary School provides a range of social activities that broadens life experience, promotes group cohesion, develops a more responsible and caring attitude, teaches negotiation and conflict resolution, and builds self-esteem.

## Larmenier Child & Family Centre Computers & Basketball Court Repairs \$8236

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Larmenier Child and Family Centre helps children who are experiencing social, emotional or behavioural difficulties in their relationships. Eight computers for the classrooms and the Library and Information Centre at Larmenier have been purchased and much-needed basketball court repairs have been completed. Access to computers will enhance learning and development, and encourage shared learning activities.

## Lighthouse Foundation Resource & Administration Centre \$25,000

Susan Barton  
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www.lighthousefoundation.org.au  
Renovations of the new Lighthouse Resource and Administration Centre in Richmond. The building plays an important role in the ongoing development of the Lighthouse Foundation: it accommodates the administration team and hosts the counselling, education, training and holistic health programs.

## Mackillop Family Services

Creative Arts Program at St Augustine's  
Education & Training Centre, Geelong  
\$10,000

Diane A Clark  
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www.mackillop.org.au

The program helps at-risk young people express themselves. They are given the opportunity to take part in hands-on creative learning, work cooperatively in a small group setting, and build positive peer relations. ▼



*"I have learnt that it shouldn't matter what other people think. That I should paint what and how I like because it is part of who I am."*  
PARTICIPANT

## Melbourne Citymission

T.I.M.E. Out Sibling Program  
\$10,000

Meg Moorhouse

Phone: (03) 9385 3211

[www.melbournecitymission.org.au](http://www.melbournecitymission.org.au)

The T.I.M.E Out Sibling Program runs groups for children in Broadmeadows and Brunswick who have siblings with a disability. The program aims to give young people an opportunity to develop confidence, strategies and skills in living in a family where there is a child with a disability, and a chance to get to know others with a similar experience. It also provides space and time in a fun, safe and understanding group.

## Melbourne Legacy

Legacy Junior Public Speaking Awards  
\$5000

Legatee Deirdre Nixon

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[www.legacy.com.au](http://www.legacy.com.au)

The awards for students aged 12 to 14 aim to enhance oral communication skills. In 2007, 1500 students throughout Victoria took part, 18 of whom will compete at a state final. The winner and runner-up at the state final will represent Victoria at the national final.

*“Winning the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award was the jewel in the crown.”*

SIMON RAFFIN, STUDENT

## Melbourne Youth Music Inc.

Financial Assistance Program  
\$10,000

Jan Constable

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[www.mym.org.au](http://www.mym.org.au)

Financial assistance for disadvantaged young people to enable them to take part in the Melbourne Youth Music Programs. ▼

*“We are very grateful for the fantastic opportunity offered to our son.”*

MOTHER OF 15 YEAR-OLD-BOY TRAVELLING IN FROM OUTER METROPOLITAN AREA



Young musicians hone their skills at Melbourne Youth Music's 35th Annual Summer School.



Volunteers from the community are an important support at Sages Cottage Farm. Lee, a Youth Work student, helps a therapy group create a drawing showing 'what makes me a good friend'.

## Menzies Inc.

Animal Assisted Therapy at Sages Cottage Farm  
\$25,000

Mary Beth Melton

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[www.menzies.org.au/Home/index.html](http://www.menzies.org.au/Home/index.html)

Menzies Inc. offers Animal Assisted Therapy (AAT) at Sages Cottage Farm to young people aged eight to 12 who have been exposed to family violence, abuse and neglect. Research indicates that young people who have experienced family violence are slower to develop empathy, a willingness to try new things, and a sense of being competent. Structured AAT involves specific activities that are carried out under the guidance of a qualified therapist and are designed to hasten the development of these qualities. ▲

## Monterey Secondary College

Writer's Camp  
\$6950

Carol Hankinson

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A two-day writers camp for 90 middle year students from all the government schools in the Frankston Network. Students who took part were identified as exemplary in their writing skills. At the conclusion of the camp, they were asked to submit their final piece of work for a professionally published anthology, which will showcase the excellent writing produced by students from Frankston's schools. ►

## Mordialloc Community Centre Gymnastics Club

Replacing old equipment  
\$5933

Kaye Mnich

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To replace old, worn and unsafe equipment with new equipment, including crash mats and floor strips.

*“Landing on this crash mat is much better and easier.”*

GYMNAST



Monterey Secondary College Writer's Camp – The mix of ages provided a stimulating learning environment for all. Year 5 to Year 8 students worked alongside each other exploring genre and style.

**Noah's Ark  
Sibling Camp**  
\$5200

Merryn Summers

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Siblings of a person with a disability are often neglected or deprived of attention by their parents due to the extra care required by their brother or sister. A small group of young people went on a weekend jam-packed with activities that were all about them.

*"This is so awesome! My sister always gets to do the fun stuff. Finally I get a turn to do cool things."*

ABBHEY

**Open House Christian Involvement  
Centre**

**Attitude Management Program**  
\$20,000

Rex Anderson

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The Attitude Management Program works with teenage boys who struggle with maturity, relationships and self-esteem. The program provides opportunities for these teenagers to grow in self-esteem and develop new skills, enabling them to become valued members of society.

*"I have learnt so much through the program. Geoff has pushed me to try different things. I came with a low self-esteem but it has risen. I am now attending a pre-apprenticeship brick-laying course."*

PARTICIPANT

**Port Phillip Specialist School**

**Outdoor Shade Sails**

\$25,000

Bella Irlight AM

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Purchase of outdoor sails to cover playground equipment and protect children during the summer months.



A previous participant in the program helps a new participant learn how to repair a bike.

**Portland YMCA Youth & Community  
Services**

**Bicycle Recycle Program**  
\$20,690

Anita Rank

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Bicycle recycling program using bicycles and parts donated by the community, unclaimed bicycles from police, and bikes and parts from the local council tip. Young people who are disengaged from mainstream education work with mentors to repair bicycles. Along the way they develop skills in maintenance and a sense of social responsibility by donating bikes they have repaired to disadvantaged young people in their local community. ▲

*"It's fun. I get to learn new skills, build a bike and keep one."*

PARTICIPANT

**Prison Fellowship Australia (Vic)**

**Kids at Risk**

\$7000

Richard Whaley

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[www.pfi.org.au/vic](http://www.pfi.org.au/vic)

To prevent generational crime by providing new influences and new aspirations for the children of prisoners. A camping and school holiday program for primary-aged children of prisoners. Where possible, World Vision's Kids Hope Program provides mentors for some of the children. The grant also helped provide Christmas parties in the prisons to bring children and their fathers together. ►

*"No one teases me at the camp, like they do at school camps, because they know how it feels to have a parent in prison."*

BRAD, 8

**Riding for the Disabled Association  
(Victoria)**

**Riding Program**

\$20,000

Petra Pike

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Riding for Disabled Association of Victoria is a voluntary not-for-profit organisation that provides opportunities for physically and/or intellectually disadvantaged people of all ages to enjoy therapeutic, safe, stimulating, healthy recreational activities. RDA has 250 horses in the riding program.

**Righteous Pups Australia (formerly  
Righteous Pups Bendigo)**

**S.W.A.T. Program**

\$13,055

Joanne Baker

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Righteous Pups trains and socialises dogs to help people living in the Bendigo community. The SWAT Program (Specifically Working with At-risk Teens and young people) helps troubled teens and young people train dogs for socially isolated, aged and disabled people.

*(see expanded profile on page 5)*

**Shamrock House**

**Summer Holidays**

\$8000

Paula Page

Summer holidays are provided for children from low-income families in the Koroit area who would not otherwise have the opportunity to go away. About 20 children take part in a summer holiday at a seaside location to enjoy positive and fun recreation activities.



Prison Fellowship Australia – A new adventure.

## Regional Extended Family Services REFS Wilderness Therapy – A Bush Adventure

\$30,000

Gloria Moore

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A wilderness program for at-risk Indigenous males aged between 14 and 18. ▼

*“This speaks to one of the most fundamental philosophies of the program – that if we avoid discomfort then we may never achieve anything of value, and that not all positive things we do feel comfortable as we are doing them. Such is life.”*

WILDERNESS THERAPIST



Regional Extended Family Services – Greater confidence in working as part of a team, and being able to contribute to group problem solving, effort and collaboration.

## Sids & Kids Victoria

### Art Therapy for Grieving Children & Teens

\$3000

Karen Passey

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Designed for teenagers and young children who have experienced the death of a sibling, the program focuses on the individual needs of grieving children through art therapy.

*“I didn’t know how I was feeling until I saw my drawings.”*

PARTICIPANT

## Somebody’s Daughter Theatre Company Inc.

CRED (Community Creative Education Project)

\$15,000

Maud Clark

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Somebody’s Daughter’s HighWater Theatre works intensively with high-risk marginalised young people in Wodonga aged between 12 and 18. The Newsboys Foundation helped the company present its production of *Catch a Star Falling* to young people and communities throughout rural and regional Victoria.

(see expanded profile on page 13)

## Soundhouse/Debney Park Secondary College

Student Community Leadership Development

\$14,470

Martin Carlson

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The leadership program at Debney Park Secondary College involves training students in animated film/music composition/video editing to improve their communication and leadership skills. The students will then work with children in local primary schools in a teaching/mentoring role.

## Southern Chances for Children & Young People (Connections Uniting Care)

Southern Chances Program

\$25,000

Denis Oakley

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Southern Chances is based on the program operating very successfully in the Mallee, Chances for Children. It aims to ensure that no child or young person who comes to the program’s attention will be denied the opportunity to fulfill their ambitions because of a lack of resources, either financial or social.

## Southern Cross Kids Camps

Camps

\$5000

Marion Magyar

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Southern Cross Kids Camps provide assistance to disadvantaged children aged between seven and 12 who have experienced abuse, domestic violence, neglect or abandonment. The programs are specifically planned to bring fun and laughter back into their lives.

## St John Ambulance Victoria

ASSK (Alcohol and Substance Survival Knowledge)

\$15,000

Ms Wendy Duri

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St John, in conjunction with the police and other community groups, created ASSK to support younger teenagers. The program uses different scenarios to teach them:

- to assess the safety level of a social environment
- the effects that drugs and alcohol have on the body
- first-aid skills
- to resist peer pressure
- safe ways to travel home.

## St Kilda Police Citizens Youth Club Youth Leadership Camp

\$5000

Lauren Lewis

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The St Kilda Police Citizens Youth Club aims to provide low-cost, affordable, safe and supervised leisure and recreational activities for young people. The Youth Leadership Camp aims to prepare young people for a more active role in their community. It also helps with skills for school, life and future work.

## St Kilda Youth Service

Camping/Recreational Program

\$9660

Mark Rosser

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St Kilda Youth Service is a generalist youth service that targets at-risk young people. It provides a camping-recreational program for disadvantaged young people, including a snow trip to Mount Buller, white-water rafting on the Goulburn River, surf lessons at Torquay, and a range of day activities.

## St Luke’s Anglicare

Youth Resource Team Programs

– Adventure/Recreation and Real to Reel Music

\$12,902

David Pugh

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The program aims to provide positive experiences that contribute to the personal development of young people. Adventure-recreation programs provide a form of therapeutic intervention consisting of experiential learning in a variety of settings. The activities incorporate learning experiences that have the potential to enhance participants’ sense of self and provide them with skills that can be used in everyday life.

## St Vincents De Paul Aged Care & Community Services

Fund A Future

\$19,200

Netty Horton

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Fund A Future assists and subsidises young homeless people in finding accommodation, completing their studies and pursuing educational, training and employment opportunities, giving them the best chance of finding a rewarding future in the community. ▶

## Stride Foundation Ltd

Making a Difference – Preventative Programs for Disadvantaged Schools

\$25,000

Sonya Tufnell

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Providing children and young people in disadvantaged schools with programs that build their capacity through the development of supportive local environments and stabilisation of risk factors that can lead to suicide, depression, bullying and aggression.



Current Fund A Future participants.

*“It’s like I have a future now. I’m learning to hang in there and not give up. I have started saving in a bank, getting work, and thinking about where I want to live. I know when I get a place of my own, I’ll be ready.”*

FUND A FUTURE PARTICIPANT

## Sunshine Heights Cricket Club

Surfing Safari

\$1815

Gavin Mahoney

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Why surfing? Surfing is an activity that requires balance, poise and coordination. If a young person can control their centre of gravity, they are not only controlling their own sense of being but also training themselves in the art of balance and coordination that helps develop their cricketing and sporting skills.

*“This is the first time that I have ever been to the beach. We had a great time. I have never worn a wet suit. We learnt how to surf, played beach cricket with friends, and their families, and the fish and chips were beautiful!”*

DAVID DENG, OF THE UNDER 15S SUNSHINE HEIGHTS CRICKET CLUB, ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA TWO YEARS AGO FROM SUDAN

## Somebody’s Daughter Theatre Company

Community Creative Education Project

\$15,000

For 27 years, Somebody’s Daughter Theatre Company has worked in drama, art, and music with:

- women in prison and after they have been released
- disadvantaged young people (particularly in regional and rural areas)
- communities interested in establishing creative partnerships to enhance the health and wellbeing of marginalised groups.

Over the past seven years, the company has worked intensively with marginalised young people in Wodonga aged between 12 and 18, most of whom have histories of abuse and homelessness. The experience has seen the birth of the company’s first official offspring, HighWater Theatre.

The Newsboys Foundation helped the company present the HighWater Theatre production of *Catch a Star Falling* to young people and communities throughout rural and regional Victoria.

The play weaves together the lives of young people in the theatre group with the lives of young people from rural areas who have been unable to take part in the formal school system. The production was seen by students, teachers and health workers from Balmoral, Casterton, Geelong, Hamilton, Lorne, Myrtleford, Portland, Wangaratta, Warrnambool and Wodonga.

The response was extremely positive. The process of creating and performing the work had an extremely constructive impact on the lives of the participants. The artistic quality of the performance was high, and the play highlighted relevant issues in a positive way. It spoke the language of young people and allowed participants to raise and address difficult issues surrounding drug use, abuse and homelessness. It also provided an opportunity for students, teachers and health workers who saw the performance to discuss such issues.



Before the project

*“I was getting into trouble with police and shoplifting a lot. I was always getting into fights. I felt like I was angry all the time, except when I was drugged. I used a lot of drugs and drank a lot.”*

Now

*“Well, I am not using drugs at all now and am drinking a lot less. I haven’t been in trouble with the police once since I have been coming here or fighting. They have taught me to control my temper.”*

YOUNG MALE, 13, HIGHWATER THEATRE PARTICIPANT



Above: Mackillop Family Services – Creative Arts Program at St Augustine’s Education & Training Centre, Geelong.



Above: Ceres – Training Program.



Above: Blackwood Special Schools Outdoor Education Centre – Imagination Trail Work Stations.

Above: Prison Fellowship Australia (Vic) – Kids at Risk.  
Below: Cystic Fibrosis Victoria Inc. – Material and Crisis Aid.





Above: Taskforce Community Agency Inc. – Life Skills.



Above: Education Foundation – City Centre.



Above: The Song Room – Music Workshops in Broadmeadows.



Above: Monterey Secondary College – Writer's Camp.

Left: Somebody's Daughter Theatre Company – Community Creative Education Project.



Taskforce – Working together to make a meal for the Lifeskills group.

### Taralye: The Oral Language Centre for Deaf Children

Purchase of disposable electrode pads used in audiological testing  
**\$10,000**

Therese Kelly  
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Disposable electrode pads are used when conducting Auditory Brainstem Response (ABR) and Steady State Evoked Potential (SSEP) hearing tests. Electrode pads are placed on the head and behind the ear to record electrical responses from the brain during auditory stimulation. Of the 900 newborns and babies tested since August 2006, 17 were identified with sensorineural hearing loss.

### Taskforce Community Agency Inc.

Life Skills  
**\$19,000**

Karenza Louis-Smith and Denis Carroll  
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[denisc@taskforce.org.au](mailto:denisc@taskforce.org.au)  
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Establish a kitchen and life skills program with disadvantaged young people. The Life Skills program helps young people develop skills for life and focuses on simple tasks, such as preparing food and making meals for themselves, and managing money, budgets, planning and shopping. It helps build social networks and skills and addresses issues of poverty, addiction, unemployment and isolation. On completion, Taskforce awards certificates to participants, including accredited training modules. ▲

### The Alannah & Madeline Foundation Children Ahead Program

**\$15,000**

Dr Judith Slocombe  
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The Children Ahead Program provides direct support to children and young people aged up to 20 who are victims of physical, sexual and emotional abuse, or who have experienced the loss of a parent or sibling.

### The Australian Ballet

First Impressions

**\$7000**

Sharyn Gilham  
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The First Impressions program enables disadvantaged young people to attend a ballet performance free of charge. The term "disadvantaged" is used in its widest sense to include physical, intellectual, social and economic conditions.

*"The looks of delight and awe on the children's faces were beyond words. Furthermore, the socialising that this special day evoked cannot be expressed in words. This program allows kids who would not usually have the opportunity to experience something so expensive and experience something so beautiful and awesome. Thank you for this immeasurable gift."*

NORTH CARERS LINK, VICTORIA

### The Portsea Camp

Bookshelves for the library at Portsea Camp

**\$4352**

Stephen Eastop  
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The Portsea Camp has established a library for primary school-aged children from disadvantaged backgrounds who attend the camp. Shelves were required to house the large amount of donated books.

*"The dorm's too noisy sometimes. I like escaping to read quietly."*

SARAH, APRIL CAMP 2007

### The Song Room

Music Workshops in Broadmeadows  
**\$19,000**

Caroline Aebersold

An early intervention program aimed at bringing more meaning to the lives of those who may struggle to adjust to social order and harmony within the community. It uses music as the medium to achieve broader outcomes and enhance learning, while encouraging positive engagement in the school and community. ▼

*"Whenever the songroom teaching artist is giving a lesson, we can hear the music throughout the school. It is lovely to hear."*

STAFF AT BROADMEADOWS WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



The Song Room – A student from Campmeadows Primary in a music lesson.



VAYC – Sailing at Camp Icthus on the Gippsland Lakes.

### Thornbury High School

Local Heroes Project  
\$9600

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Local Heroes attempts to break down the generational divide between youth and the elderly. The idea is for students to visit retirement villages and community groups to interview elderly people about their lives. Their stories are then edited to a broadcast quality standard.



Typo Station – On top of the world.

### Typo Station Ltd

Life Skills Program  
\$25,000

Natalie Robbins  
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Support for 20 disadvantaged young men to take part in Typo Station's two-year supported life skills and alternate education program. For many families experiencing hardship, only a portion of the small program fee is achievable and the sponsorship program enables those experiencing hardship to take part. ◀

*“Patterson River Secondary College has regularly referred students to this program because of its strong impact on those who attend. For many students who have attended Typo Station, it has been their first positive educational experience. For many of the students it has been nothing short of life changing.”*

CRAIG WALDRON, PATTERSON RIVER SECONDARY COLLEGE

### Victorian Arabic Social Services (VASS)

Changing Directions – a group for young males  
\$20,000

Leila Alloush  
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A program designed for young Arabic males who experience problems managing their anger. The project helped them deal with the issues and problems they face within themselves, and identify the external factors that evoke such emotions.

### Victorian Association of Youth in Communities (VAYC)

Youth Group Development  
\$10,000

Joe Morris  
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Develop and support community-based youth clubs throughout Victoria. Primarily aimed at benefiting disadvantaged young people, the VAYC works with communities to initiate and establish youth groups to support young people and provide opportunities for them to develop their interests. ▲

# GRANTS

## Very Special Kids

Respite Care

\$14,784

Trish Roath

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Caring for children with high medical needs can be physically and emotionally exhausting. Access to respite care means families can rebuild physical, emotional and psychological resilience, strengthen their family relationships or take a holiday. With funds from the Newsboys Foundation, support was provided to four families who were in need of respite care for their seriously ill child. ▶

*“Giulia loves her stays at the house and we enjoy the much-needed break knowing that she is in capable hands.”*

URSULA, GIULIA'S MOTHER



Alexander has a cuddle with Nat, a carer at Very Special Kids House.

## Westside Circus Inc.

Spilt Milk by Westside Circus Professional Troupe (Salty Circus)

\$11,300

Lynden Costin

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Westside Circus Professional Troupe has created a new work called *Spilt Milk*, a reflective exploration of emotional wellbeing and mental health for young people. *Spilt Milk* will tour primary and secondary schools across Victoria in 2008 with Regional Arts Victoria's Arts2Go program. ▶

*“Being in the Westside Troupe has been physically and mentally demanding. Sometimes I have felt utterly exhausted and like I couldn't possibly do any more that day, but then I do. But it is a very satisfied kind of exhausted.”*

CLEO CUTCHER, TROUPE MEMBER

## WHITELION

Young Lions Program

\$10,090

Whitelion is a non-profit organisation that supports disadvantaged young people and helps make the community a more inclusive and safer place.

Young people who come from severe hardship or have been abused have few opportunities to explore and develop their own leadership capacity. Formed in 2005, the Young Lions Program provides young people who have experienced the Youth Justice or Out-of-Home Care systems with opportunities to develop and practise their leadership skills.

The program aims to:

- educate young people in leadership skills
- encourage young people to mentor each other and engage with positive role models
- connect young people in purposeful, fun activities organised by young people for young people
- use young leaders to support the mentoring team on community days.

Young people involved in the Young Lions Program take part in several activities, all designed to motivate



participants to become self-driven and be their own catalysts for change.

Activities supported by the Newsboys Foundation included fortnightly meetings that were used for training workshops and activity planning, an annual leadership training camp, a camp for other young people and their mentors known as the Youth Muster, and a fundraiser called the 3 Peaks Challenge.

Young people who were involved in the program showed improved confidence, self-esteem and willingness to try new things. By putting young people in

positions of responsibility, and providing the necessary training and support to enable success, the Young Lions Program encourages participants to challenge their negative self-perceptions and believe in themselves.

*“I never thought I'd be able to do something like this. This is something I'll tell my grandkids about.”*

ROB, 20



Spilt Milk by Westside Circus Professional Troupe.

### Wesley Mission Melbourne

Kids Under Kanvas

\$15,000

Daniel Findley

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Wesley Kids Under Kanvas provides young people aged eight to 18 who have a disability with an opportunity to take part in recreational camps, outings and day trips. The camps also provide a break for participants' families who are providing what is often a high level of personal care.

### Whitelion

Whitelion Young Lions Program

\$10,090

Bianca Ousley

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Young people from severe hardship or abuse have limited opportunities to explore their own capacity for leadership. The Whitelion Young Lions Program provides young people from the Youth Justice or Out-of-Home Care systems with opportunities to develop and practise leadership skills through planning and facilitating activities for other young people.

(See expanded profile on page 16)



Bridge House camp.

### Visionary Images

A-LURE

\$30,000

Maria Filippow

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A-LURE, in collaboration with artists, engages young people who have experienced hardship to develop and produce a pilot locative media game. Urban and regional youth are challenging gaming and mass media culture by creating a highly interactive journey that places artwork in public spaces to explore concepts of cultural acceptance and respect. ▼

*“What I’ve gotten out of Visionary Images the most is that it has helped me interact with people I wouldn’t otherwise meet, and helps me build up my confidence as well as participate in something that I enjoy.”*

PARTICIPANT



Visionary Images – Stop-motion animation workshop.

### Youth for Christ

Bridge House

\$8430

David Hobbs

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Bridge House is a relationship-based activity and support program that aims to help meet the needs of at-risk young people by providing a positive peer group, role models, the development of strong trusting relationships, positive self-image and constructive recreational activities. ▲

# NEWSBOYS FOUNDATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## **Newsboys Foundation (A Company Limited by Guarantee) The Report of the Committee of Newsboys Foundation For the year ended 30 June 2007**

At a General Meeting of Members held 19 July 2007, it was resolved by special resolution that the name of the Melbourne Newsboys Club Foundation be changed to Newsboys Foundation.

The Committee present their report together with the financial report of the Newsboys Foundation in accordance with a resolution of the Committee, for the year ended 30 June 2007, and the auditor's report thereon.

The members of the Committee at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

### **Mr Kenneth David Barry LL B**

President  
Chairman, Deacons, Lawyers  
Chairman, Wallace Absolute Return Ltd  
Chairman, Doxa Youth Foundation  
Chairman of Trustee of IOOF Foundation  
Director of DWS Advanced Business Solutions Ltd  
Director of Next Generation Clubs Australia Pty Ltd  
Appointed to the Committee: 17 December 1972

### **Ms Patricia Joan Cox**

Vice President  
Formerly Chief Manager Marketing Bendigo Bank  
Appointed to the Committee: 17 May 2001

### **Mr Nigel Graham Morgan**

Treasurer  
Former Member of the Australian Stock Exchange Ltd  
President of Melbourne Anglican Foundation Ltd  
Board Member, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Victoria Inc  
Chairman of Friends of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Victoria Inc  
Managing Trustee – The Barbara Gillam-Hunt Foundation  
Appointed to the Committee: 17 July 1980

### **Mr Wayne Bunte**

Fundraising/Development Manager, Try Youth and Community Services  
Member Melbourne Newsboys Club 1955 - 1973  
Appointed to the Committee: 11 December 2003

### **Mr Keith Clifford Gillett**

Vice President, Try Youth and Community Services  
Vice President, Victorian Association of Youth in Communities  
Member of Friends of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Victoria Inc  
Director of Newgrange Financial Services Pty Ltd  
Appointed to the Committee: 21 September 1995

### **Mr Robin Byram Gowan**

Formerly Director of The Craftsman Press Pty Ltd  
Appointed to the Committee: 19 August 1975  
Resigned: 16 November 2006

### **Mr Barry Kingsley Johnson**

Retired Estate Agent  
Appointed to the Committee: 27 November 2001

### **Mr Deryk Arthur Henry Stephens B Com**

Financial Consultant  
Appointed to the Committee: 21 July 2005

### **Mr John Richmond Warner B Com CA**

Representative – E. L. & C. Baillieu Stockbroking Ltd  
Appointed to the Committee as an Alternate:  
11 November 1980  
Appointed to the Committee: 10 December 1998

### **Mr William Brind Zichy-Woinarski QC**

Barrister at Law  
Formerly Chairman of the Criminal Bar Association Victoria  
Appointed to the Committee: 12 December 1991

### **Mr Kevin Joseph McNeill JP Grad Dip Rec**

President, Try Youth & Community Services  
President, Victorian Association of Youth in Communities  
Previously Consultant to the Newsboys Foundation  
Member of Royal Victorian Association of Honorary Justices  
Appointed to the Committee: 16 November 2006

The total number of members of the Foundation including Committee members is 65 (2006: 49 members). No members had outstanding liabilities to the Foundation as at 30 June 2007.

## The Committee of the Newsboys Foundation Meetings

The Committee of the Newsboys Foundation meets monthly, except in January.

The number of Committee meetings held and number of Committee meetings attended by each of the Committee members during the financial year was:

| Committee Member              | Meetings attended | Meetings held while a Committee Member |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Mr K D Barry                  | 9                 | 11                                     |
| Mr W G Bunte                  | 10                | 11                                     |
| Ms P J Cox                    | 9                 | 11                                     |
| Mr K C Gillett                | 8                 | 11                                     |
| Mr R B Gowan                  | 4                 | 4                                      |
| Mr B K Johnson                | 8                 | 11                                     |
| Mr N G Morgan                 | 8                 | 11                                     |
| Mr D A H Stephens             | 10                | 11                                     |
| Mr J R Warner                 | 10                | 11                                     |
| Mr W B Zichy-Woinarski        | 8                 | 11                                     |
| Mr K J McNeill (As Alternate) | 5                 | 5                                      |
| Mr K J McNeill (As Director)  | 6                 | 6                                      |

## Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Foundation in the course of the year was the investment in stock exchange listed securities and interest bearing cash deposits the income from which was used mainly to provide financial assistance to community organisations working with disadvantaged young people and children in Victoria. No significant change in the nature of this activity has taken place during the year.

## Review and Results of Operations

The net surplus for the financial year was \$2,285,102 (2006: \$283,887).

Investments have been revalued to fair value being the quoted market price at balance date. At 30 June 2007 a net revaluation increment of \$977,273 (2006: increment of \$2,986,844) was taken to the Investment Revaluation Reserve. Also, in accordance with the relevant accounting standard, investments sold during the year were revalued to the date of sale. These revaluations, taken to Investment Revaluation Reserve, amounted to \$570,265.

In the opinion of the Committee, operations of the Foundation for the year under review were at a satisfactory level.

## State of Affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Foundation during the year.

## Events Subsequent to Balance Date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material or unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the Committee, to affect substantially the operations of the Foundation, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Foundation in subsequent financial years.

## Likely Developments

The Committee is confident that the Foundation will continue to maintain a satisfactory level of operations, realising sufficient income to continue a high level of allocations to community organisations working with disadvantaged young people and children in Victoria.

## Dividends

The Foundation is precluded from declaring and paying dividends under its Constitution.

## Related Party Transactions

Since the end of the previous financial year no member of the Committee has received or become entitled to receive any benefit by reason of a contract made by the Foundation with the member, or a firm of which he/she is a member, or with a company in which he/she has a substantial financial interest, save for Mr J R Warner who is a Representative of E L & C Baillieu Stockbroking Ltd., which has received or become entitled to receive fees for professional services rendered, and Mr K J McNeill, who was a consultant until he retired on 23 November, 2006, and who received or became entitled to receive fees for professional services rendered.

The Committee has authority for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Foundation. Subject to the above, no member of the Committee has received any remuneration.

By order of the Committee of the Newsboys Foundation:



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Kenneth D Barry, President

Dated at Melbourne this 20th day of September 2007.



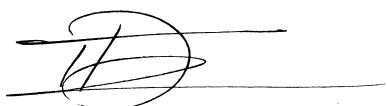
## Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001

To: the Committee of the Newsboys Foundation

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit for the financial year ended 30 June 2007 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

KPMG



Tony Romeo  
Partner

Melbourne  
September 2007

## Independent audit report to the members of Newsboys Foundation (A Company Limited by Guarantee)

### Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a general purpose financial report, of Newsboys Foundation ('the Foundation'), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2007, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration set out on pages 24 to 28.

### Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Foundation's Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Notes 1 to 15 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibility also includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Notes 1 to 15, are appropriate to meet the needs of members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report. In note 1(a), the directors also state, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, that the financial report, comprising the financial statements and notes, complies with International Financial Reporting Standards.

These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Notes 1 to 15 to the financial statements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's financial position, and of its performance.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's financial reporting obligations under the *Corporations Act 2001*. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

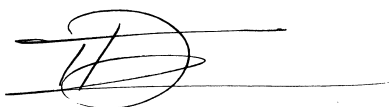
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

## Auditor's opinion

In our opinion the financial report of Newsboys Foundation is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the Foundation's financial position as at 30 June 2007 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1;
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (c) the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in note 1(a).

KPMG



Tony Romeo  
Partner

Melbourne

20 September 2007

## Declaration by the Committee of Newsboys Foundation For the year ended 30 June 2007

1. In the opinion of the Committee of the Newsboys Foundation:
  - (a) the financial statements and notes, set out on pages 24 to 28, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
    - i) giving a true and fair view of the Foundation's financial position as at 30 June 2007 and of its performance, for the financial year ended on that date; and
    - ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
  - (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Foundation will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Dated at Melbourne this 20th day of September 2007.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of the Newsboys Foundation:



Kenneth D Barry, President

## Income Statement For the year ended 30 June 2007

|   | Notes | 2007<br>\$       | 2006<br>\$       |
|---|-------|------------------|------------------|
| Investment revenue  | 2     | 1,319,325        | 1,247,975        |
| Other revenue   |       | -                | 817              |
| <b>Total revenue</b>                                      |       | <b>1,319,325</b> | <b>1,248,792</b> |
| Net gains on sale of investments                          |       | 2,155,901        | 63,944           |
| Employee expenses   |       | (112,052)        | (72,615)         |
| Depreciation expense                                      |       | (3,665)          | (6,329)          |
| Other expenses  | 3     | (74,762)         | (65,145)         |
| Allocations to Youth Welfare and Child Care Organisations |       | (999,645)        | (884,760)        |
| <b>Profit for the year</b>                                |       | <b>2,285,102</b> | <b>283,887</b>   |

The income statement is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements set out on pages 26 to 28.

## Statement of Changes in Equity

|   | Retained Earnings<br>\$ | Investment Revaluation Reserve<br>\$ | Total equity<br>\$ |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>For the year ended 30 June 2006</b>                  |                         |                                      |                    |
| Opening balance at 1 July 2005                          | 8,138,625               | 9,744,609                            | 17,883,234         |
| Profit for the period                                   | 283,887                 | -                                    | 283,887            |
| Revaluation of investments                              |                         |                                      |                    |
| Sold during the year                                    | -                       | 8,160                                | 8,160              |
| On hand at 30 June 2006                                 |                         | 2,986,844                            | 2,986,844          |
| Amounts reclassified to profit upon sale of investments | -                       | (63,944)                             | (63,944)           |
| <b>Closing balance at 30 June 2006</b>                  | <b>8,422,512</b>        | <b>12,675,669</b>                    | <b>21,098,181</b>  |
| <b>For the year ended 30 June 2007</b>                  |                         |                                      |                    |
| Opening balance at 1 July 2006                          | 8,422,512               | 12,675,669                           | 21,098,181         |
| Profit for the period                                   | 2,285,102               | -                                    | 2,285,102          |
| Revaluation of investments                              |                         |                                      |                    |
| Sold during the year                                    |                         | 570,265                              | 570,265            |
| On hand at 30 June 2007                                 |                         | 977,273                              | 977,273            |
| Amounts reclassified to profit upon sale of investments | -                       | (2,155,901)                          | (2,155,901)        |
| <b>Closing balance at 30 June 2007</b>                  | <b>10,707,614</b>       | <b>12,067,306</b>                    | <b>22,774,920</b>  |

The statement of changes in equity is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements set out on pages 26 to 28.

## Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2007

|                                | Notes | 2007<br>\$        | 2006<br>\$        |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Current assets</b>          |       |                   |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents      | 5     | 2,114,642         | 963,121           |
| Receivables                    | 6     | 526,429           | 466,918           |
| Total current assets           |       | <u>2,641,071</u>  | <u>1,430,039</u>  |
| <b>Non current assets</b>      |       |                   |                   |
| Investments                    | 7     | 20,138,216        | 19,667,427        |
| Property, plant and equipment  | 8     | 4,672             | 22,315            |
| Total non current assets       |       | <u>20,142,888</u> | <u>19,689,742</u> |
| Total assets                   |       | <u>22,783,959</u> | <u>21,119,781</u> |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>     |       |                   |                   |
| Payables                       | 9     | 6,019             | 4,812             |
| Employee benefits              | 10    | 3,020             | 16,788            |
| Total current liabilities      |       | <u>9,039</u>      | <u>21,600</u>     |
| Total liabilities              |       | <u>9,039</u>      | <u>21,600</u>     |
| Net assets                     |       | 22,774,920        | 21,098,181        |
| <b>Equity</b>                  |       |                   |                   |
| Retained earnings              |       | 10,707,614        | 8,422,512         |
| Investment revaluation reserve |       | 12,067,306        | 12,675,669        |
| <b>Total equity</b>            |       | <u>22,774,920</u> | <u>21,098,181</u> |

The balance sheet is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements set out on pages 26 to 28.

## Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 30 June 2007

|  | Notes | 2007<br>\$       | 2006<br>\$         |
|--|-------|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>                                    |       |                  |                    |
| Cash receipts in the course of operations                                      |       | 263,332          | 336,722            |
| Cash payments in the course of operations                                      |       | (199,376)        | (196,455)          |
| Dividends and distributions received   |       | 864,991          | 767,120            |
| Interest received  |       | 131,491          | 122,734            |
| <b>Net cash from operating activities</b>                                      | 11    | <u>1,060,438</u> | <u>1,030,121</u>   |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>                                    |       |                  |                    |
| Proceeds from sale of investments  |       | 4,723,668        | 969,678            |
| Payments for investments   |       | (3,646,918)      | (2,327,965)        |
| Payments for property, plant and equipment                                     |       | -                | (4,302)            |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment                            |       | 13,978           | -                  |
| <b>Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities</b>                     |       | <u>1,090,728</u> | <u>(1,362,589)</u> |
| <b>Net (decrease) increase in cash from operating and investing activities</b> |       | 2,151,166        | (332,468)          |
| <b>Cash payments to community youth organisations</b>                          |       | <u>(999,645)</u> | <u>(884,760)</u>   |
| <b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash</b>   |       | 1,151,521        | (1,217,228)        |
| <b>Cash at the beginning of the year</b>                                       | 5     | 963,121          | 2,180,349          |
| <b>Cash at the end of the year</b>   | 5     | <u>2,114,642</u> | <u>963,121</u>     |

The statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the financial statements set out on pages 26 to 28.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2007

### 1. Significant accounting policies

Newsboys Foundation is a Foundation domiciled in Australia. The financial report was authorised for issue by the Foundation Committee on 20 September 2007.

#### (a) Statement of compliance

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards ('AASBs') (including Australian Interpretations) adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the Corporations Act 2001. International Financial Reporting Standards ('IFRSs') form the basis of Australian Accounting Standards ('AASBs') adopted by the AASB, and for the purpose of this report are called Australian equivalents to IFRS ('AIFRS') to distinguish from previous Australian GAAP. The financial report of the Foundation also complies with IFRS's and interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board.

#### (b) Basis of preparation

As stated above, the Foundation has adopted the above-mentioned accounting standards. However, those standards or amendments that were available for early adoption have not been adopted. The quantification of the potential impact of non-adoption of those standards and amendments is not known or reasonably estimable in the current financial year.

The financial report is prepared on the historical cost basis, except for investments in listed securities which have been stated at fair value.

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

There are no key assumptions or source of estimates that have a potential to cause a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets or liabilities in the next year.

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in the financial statements.

#### (c) Investments

##### Investments in listed securities

Investments in listed securities held by the Foundation are classified as being available-for-sale and are stated at fair value, with any resultant gain or loss being recognised directly in equity (investment revaluation reserve) – unless the reduction in fair value is judged to represent an impairment in which case

the reduction is recognised in the income statement. When these investments are derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognised directly in equity is recognised in profit or loss.

The fair value of investments in listed securities classified as available-for-sale is their quoted bid price at the balance sheet date.

Available-for-sale investments are recognised / derecognised by the Foundation on the date it commits to purchase / sell the investments.

#### (d) Receivables

Receivables are stated at their amortised cost less impairment losses.

#### (e) Investment revenue

Interest revenue is recognised in the income statement as it accrues. Dividend and distribution revenue is recognised in the income statement on the date the Foundation's right to receive payments is established, which in the case of listed securities is ex-dividend date.

#### (f) Income tax

The Foundation, being a charitable institution, is exempt from income tax in accordance with Section 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

#### (g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits.

#### (h) New standards and interpretation not yet adopted

The following standards, amendments to standards and interpretations have been identified as those which may impact the entity in the period of initial application. They are available for early adoption at 30 June 2007, but have not been applied in preparing this financial report.

AASB 2005-10 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards (September 2005) makes consequential amendments to AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements* and AASB 1 *First-time Adoption of Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards*. This is applicable for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2007 and is expected to only impact disclosures contained within the financial report.

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| Notes                                   | 2007<br>\$        | 2006<br>\$        |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>2. Investment revenue</b>            |                   |                   |
| Interest revenue                        | 131,491           | 122,734           |
| Dividend and distribution revenue       | 871,621           | 831,867           |
| Franked credits received                | 316,213           | 293,374           |
|   | <u>1,319,325</u>  | <u>1,247,975</u>  |
| <b>3. Other expenses</b>                |                   |                   |
| Rental                                  | 21,000            | 21,000            |
| Administration                          | 36,985            | 27,327            |
| Other                                   | 16,777            | 16,818            |
|   | <u>74,762</u>     | <u>65,145</u>     |
| <b>4. Auditor's remuneration</b>        |                   |                   |
| Audit services                          |                   |                   |
| KPMG Australia:                         |                   |                   |
| Audit of financial reports              | 6,300             | 6,300             |
| <b>5. Cash and cash equivalents</b>     |                   |                   |
| Bank balances                           | 56,537            | 36,585            |
| Deposits on call                        | 2,058,105         | 926,536           |
|   | <u>2,114,642</u>  | <u>963,121</u>    |
| <b>6. Receivables</b>                   |                   |                   |
| Current                                 |                   |                   |
| Dividends and distributions receivable  | 155,173           | 148,543           |
| GST receivable                          | 3,946             | 1,427             |
| Franked credits receivable              | 367,310           | 316,948           |
|   | <u>526,429</u>    | <u>466,918</u>    |
| <b>7. Investments</b>                   | <u>20,138,216</u> | <u>19,667,427</u> |
| <b>8. Property, plant and equipment</b> |                   |                   |
| <b>Cost</b>                             |                   |                   |
| Balance at start of the period          | 40,081            | 35,779            |
| Acquisitions                            | -                 | 4,302             |
| Disposals                               | (29,402)          | -                 |
|   | <u>10,679</u>     | <u>40,081</u>     |
| <b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>         |                   |                   |
| Balance at start of the period          | (17,766)          | (11,437)          |
| Depreciation charge for the year        | (3,665)           | (6,329)           |
| Disposals                               | 15,424            | -                 |
|   | <u>(6,007)</u>    | <u>(17,766)</u>   |
| <b>Carrying amounts</b>                 |                   |                   |
| At start of the period                  | 22,315            | 24,342            |
| At end of the period                    | <u>4,672</u>      | <u>22,315</u>     |
| <b>9. Payables</b>                      |                   |                   |
| Sundry creditors                        | <u>6,019</u>      | <u>4,812</u>      |
| <b>10. Employee benefits</b>            |                   |                   |
| Current                                 |                   |                   |
| Liability for annual leave              | 3,020             | 127               |
| Liability for long-service leave        | -                 | 16,661            |
|   | <u>3,020</u>      | <u>16,788</u>     |

## 11. Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities

|   |                  |                  |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Profit for the year   | 2,251,102        | 283,887          |
| Adjustments for:  |                  |                  |
| Allocations to community youth organisations                      | 999,645          | 884,760          |
| Gain on disposal of investments:                                  | (2,121,902)      | (63,944)         |
| Depreciation  | 3,665            | 6,329            |
| Operating profit before changes in working Capital and provisions | 1,132,510        | 1,111,032        |
| Change in assets and liabilities during the financial year:       |                  |                  |
| Decrease/(increase) in receivables                                | (59,511)         | (22,216)         |
| Increase/(decrease) in sundry creditors                           | 1,207            | (57,185)         |
| Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits                          | (13,768)         | (1,510)          |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                         | <u>1,060,438</u> | <u>1,030,121</u> |

## 12. Defined contribution superannuation fund

The Foundation makes contributions to a defined contribution superannuation fund. The amount recognised as expense is \$9,776 for 30 June 2007 (2006: \$13,125).

## 13. Related party disclosure

### Committee Members

The names of each person holding a position on the Committee of the Melbourne Newsboys Club Foundation during the financial year are:

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Kenneth D Barry                           | Wayne G Bunte              |
| Patricia J Cox                            | Keith C Gillett            |
| Barry K Johnson                           | Nigel G Morgan             |
| Kevin J McNeill JP                        | Deryk A H Stephens         |
| John R Warner                             | William Zichy-Woinarski QC |
| Robin B Gowan (resigned 16 November 2006) |                            |

### Other transactions with the Foundation

The following members of the Committee or entities related to that member have had dealings with the Foundation throughout the year:

Mr John R Warner is a Representative of E L & C Baillieu Stockbroking Ltd., Stockbrokers. EL&C Baillieu Stockbroking Ltd has transacted share dealings and attended to the investment of the Foundation's surplus funds during the year, for which it has been remunerated on a commercial basis.

Until Mr Kevin J McNeill retired on 23 November 2006, he acted as an internal consultant to the Foundation assisting in the allocation of funds to youth welfare and child care organisations for which he received \$5,764 (2006: \$ 12,500) by way of consulting fees.

No other fees, salaries or other benefits have been paid to Committee members during the year.

## **14. Members liability**

The Foundation is a Company limited by guarantee. In the event of winding up, all members of the Foundation undertake to contribute up to fifty cents each towards the liabilities of the Foundation, and the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up. At present there are 65 members of the Foundation.

## **15. Subsequent events**

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material or unusual nature likely to affect substantially the operations of the Foundation, the results of those operations or the affairs of the Foundation in subsequent financial years.

# MELBOURNE NEWSBOYS CLUB TRUST FINANCIAL REPORTS

## Melbourne Newsboys Club Trust Special Purpose Financial Report For the year ended 30 June 2007

### Melbourne Newsboys Club Trust Income Statement For the year ended 30 June 2007

|                      | 2007<br>\$ | 2006<br>\$ |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Donations            | 500        | -          |
| Interest revenue     | 338        | 276        |
|                      | -          |            |
| Surplus for the year | <u>838</u> | <u>276</u> |

### Melbourne Newsboys Club Trust Statement of Changes in Equity as at 30 June 2007

#### For the year ended 30 June 2006

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Opening balance at 1 July 2005         | 6,033        |
| Surplus for the year                   | 276          |
| <b>Closing balance at 30 June 2006</b> | <u>6,309</u> |

#### For the year ended 30 June 2007

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Opening balance at 1 July 2006         | 6,309        |
| Surplus for the year                   | 838          |
| <b>Closing balance at 30 June 2007</b> | <u>7,147</u> |

### Melbourne Newsboys Club Trust Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2007

|                          | 2007<br>\$   | 2006<br>\$   |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Assets</b>            |              |              |
| Cash on deposit          | <u>7,147</u> | <u>6,309</u> |
| <b>Total assets</b>      | <u>7,147</u> | <u>6,309</u> |
| <b>Retained earnings</b> | <u>7,147</u> | <u>6,309</u> |

## Melbourne Newsboys Club Trust Statement of Cash Flows For the year ended 30 June 2007

|   | Note | 2006<br>\$   | 2005<br>\$   |
|---|------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities</b> |      |              |              |
| Cash receipts in the course of operations   |      | 838          | 276          |
| Net cash from operating activities          | 2    | <u>838</u>   | <u>276</u>   |
| Net increase in cash                        |      | 838          | 276          |
| Cash at the beginning of the financial year |      | <u>6,309</u> | <u>6,033</u> |
| Cash at the end of the financial year       |      | <u>7,147</u> | <u>6,309</u> |

### Melbourne Newsboys Club Trust Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2007

#### 1. Significant accounting policies

##### (a) Statement of compliance

The Melbourne Newsboys Club Trust was established as a Public Fund for charitable purposes to encourage the growth of the resources of the Fund by other donations and benefactions. Any donations to the Fund are tax deductible.

In the opinion of the Trustees the Trust is not a reporting entity. The financial report of the trust has been drawn up as a special purpose financial report for the purpose of fulfilling the terms of the Trust Deed.

The financial report is a special purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with recognition and measurement aspects of all applicable Australian Accounting Standards ('AASB's') (including Australian Interpretations) adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the provisions of the Trust Deed constituting the Trust.

## (b) Basis of preparation

The financial report is prepared on the historical cost basis.

The preparation of a financial report in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reports amount of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. There are no key assumptions or source of estimates that have the potential to cause a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets in the next year.

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in the financial report.

## (c) Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised in the income statement as it accrues.

## 2. Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities

There were no reconciling items between operating profit and net cash provided by operating activities.

## Trustees Declaration Melbourne Newsboys Club Trust

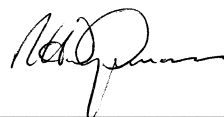
1. In the opinion of the Trustees of Melbourne Newsboys Club Trust:
  - (a) the financial statements and notes, set out on pages 29 to 30, are in accordance with Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards and the provisions of the Trust Deed dated 1 August 1977, including giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Trust as at 30 June 2007 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows, for the year ended on that date; and
  - (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Dated at Melbourne this 9th day of October 2007.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Trustees of Melbourne Newsboys Club Trust:



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Martin John O'Dell Armstrong



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Robert Henry Neil Symons



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Kenneth David James Barry



## Independent audit report to the members of Melbourne Newsboys Club Trust

### Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Melbourne Newsboys Club Trust (the entity), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2007, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the trustees' declaration set out on pages 29 to 30.

### Trustees' responsibility for the financial report

The trustees of the entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Trust Deed and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The trustees' responsibility also includes establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the trustees, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the entity's financial position, and of its performance and cash flows.


The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the trustees' financial reporting obligations under the trust deed. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Melbourne Newsboys Club Trust as of 30 June 2007 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

KPMG



Tony Romeo  
Partner

Melbourne

9 October 2007

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