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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF WHO WORK OVER AN ENORMOUS GEOGRAPHIC SPREAD IN VERY DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTS



Geoffrey Court
Geoffrey Court, Chair

At the end of the 2003/2004 Financial Year, Save the Children Australia can look back on a year of achievement, putting the organisation on a firm foundation to grow.

The major event of the year was undoubtedly the completion of our consolidation into one organisation. The goodwill of members has brought this difficult process to finalisation. As at 7 July 2004, we became one organisation. Efforts are now being focused on making State Offices stronger through assistance provided by the National Office, work being undertaken with State Management Committees and through States supporting each other.

We continue to work directly for children in Australia, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands. In addition, Save the Children Australia has assisted our International Save the Children Alliance colleagues in major emergencies in Iraq and Sudan, through donations from the Australian public.

During the year, I travelled to Lao PDR. The contrasts between our lives in Australia and those we are assisting in countries such as Laos are poignant. We can be proud of our staff, working in remote areas to encourage child participation and protecting the rights of children and young people.

The International Save the Children Alliance has completed a major strategic review with our involvement. There are now clear achievable goals set for the Alliance in the period 2005 - 2020. As part of the Alliance, Save the Children Australia continues to play a major role growing the Market Development Program, which has attracted great support from the Australian community. We are also a lead agent in the implementation of the Alliance Global Strategy.

Two major contributors leave the Board this year. Our Chair of 6 years, Kay Hallahan, left in August 2004. It is hard to imagine Save the Children without Kay's calming hand on the tiller. We owe her a great debt. Kay's greatest legacy to us is a consolidated organisation on a sound financial footing. David Jacka has been on the Board for 6 years also, guiding the Program Advisory Committee with which he has been working since 1994. We can't thank both of them enough for their gift of talent and time.

Thank you to our staff who work over an enormous geographic spread in very different environments. We know we have dedicated people handling difficult challenges in the interests of children. Thank you also to the members, volunteers, donors, State Management Committees and Board who have generously given their donations and time, enabling the work of Save the Children to continue.

With your continuing support, we can bring about lasting changes around the world, helping the poorest and most disadvantaged children and their communities.

Thank you. There is still much to do.

CEO'S REPORT

THE MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONTINUES TO BE A SUCCESS GENERATING AN INCREASE IN REVENUE OF \$6.3 MILLION OVER THE 2002/2003 RESULT



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Douglas".

Margaret Douglas, CEO

Save the Children Australia has continued to progress in its achievements during the past year.

The consolidation process for the organisation was completed with Save the Children Victoria joining the consolidated organisation in June 2004, and Save the Children Queensland joining in July 2004.

We continue to operate programs in Australia, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and Vietnam. Highlights included winning the contract for the Health Sector project in Kampong Cham for another 4 years, transfer of management of Save the Children UK's HIV/AIDS project in Cambodia to Save the Children Australia, and obtaining the Cooperation Agreement with AusAID for Solomon Islands.

State offices currently operate our Australian programs, which include amongst others, mobile play schemes in NSW and Queensland, breakfast programs in Victoria and South Australia, early intervention family support in Queensland, early education and kindergartens in Victoria and our 'Speaking Out' program in Western Australia and South Australia. In addition, Save the Children Australia now has an Australian Program Manager employed at the national office and we are looking to operate a major national program in Australia in the coming year.

Staff numbers in the national Programs Department have been increased and the position of head of this department upgraded. We were happy to welcome back Karen Hill, a former Country Program Director in Cambodia, as General Manager – Development.

The Market Development Program continues to be a success generating an increase in revenue of \$6.3 million over the 2002/2003 result. The SCA Marketing team is well respected within the International Save the Children Alliance with Katherine Pengilly, General Manager – Marketing being appointed Chair of the Alliance MDP Hosts group.

In addition, as part of the marketing strategy, we are looking to diversify our funding sources and do more with the corporate world. A Business Alliance of senior managers from corporations, chaired by Mr Tim Warren, Chairman/CEO of Shell Australia Limited, has been set up to identify and develop opportunities for partnership within the Australian corporate sector, with a view to achieving mutual benefits through support of Save the Children programs.

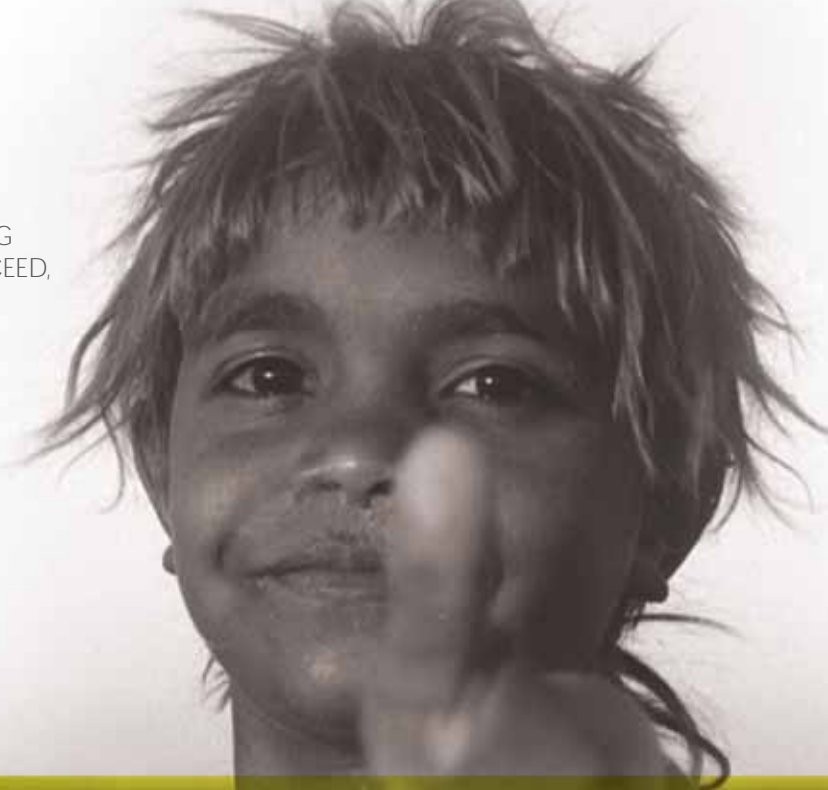
Finance systems have been upgraded and improved throughout the organisation with state and country offices gradually being connected to the national computerised accounting system. David McLaughlan, General Manager – Corporate Services has also played an active role in the development of the Alliance guidelines for Financial Management Best Practice.

We continue to be a committed member of the International Save the Children Alliance, being a Member on the Alliance Board and a lead agent for the Alliance Global Strategy.

The past four years, during the process of consolidation, has been a difficult period for staff, and I thank and congratulate them for their commitment and achievements despite the difficult circumstances. I know that all staff are now looking forward with hope and confidence that we can focus on a common future and continue to achieve in the coming year.

AUSTRALIA

OUR EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT HAVING TRUST IN YOUNG PEOPLE CAN POSITIVELY AFFECT THEIR CHANCE TO SUCCEED, BOTH IN THE IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM FUTURE



While in the developing world poverty may mean the difference between living or dying, in Australia poverty is essentially about the 'poverty of opportunity' and access to services available to most Australians – the opportunity to learn, to work in a meaningful job, or to live without the constant worry, stress and alienation of not having enough money to meet basic needs such as housing and education. While the characteristics of poverty and access may differ, the consequent sense of alienation can have similar outcomes in terms of social dislocation and destructive behaviours such as substance abuse and youth suicide.

Our experience shows that having trust in young people, being willing to give them a 'fair go' and invest time and resources can positively affect their chance to succeed in new ventures, both in the immediate and long-term future.

Save the Children Australia's program will aim to address the issues at the root cause of poverty. While adopting a strategic approach to national program development, the proposed projects are intended as pilot models within 3 distinct community sectors – **remote**; **rural** and **urban**, identifying the circumstances and dimensions of poverty unique to each community. Building on the lessons learned within the pilot projects, a broader program of project rollout will be considered.

Pilot Projects Under Consideration

Remote Communities Project: Building stronger communities in the East Kimberley Region through the development of child-centred community practices.

Save the Children would work with remote indigenous communities to help strengthen families and create an environment where young people feel supported and encouraged to make the most of life's opportunities. With existing linkages with communities in the remote East Kimberley Region of Western Australia, a cohesive program of development activities, which would build on our key concept of 'Building Stronger Communities in isolated indigenous Kimberley communities' is being developed.

Our strategy would lead to the restoration of a child centred community which nourishes and enhances the health of indigenous children and their parents in remote communities, as well as enhancing opportunities for indigenous youth.

Rural Communities Project:

A Peer Education training model adapted from highly participatory training courses used successfully elsewhere in Australia and in SCA programs overseas is being proposed. Save the Children would work with existing youth and community development agencies and professionals in creating an innovative youth-centred program of activities to motivate, inspire, give voice to their expressions and provide them with the tools for community leadership, creative profitable employment and the skills to make informed life choices.

Urban Youth Project:

Save the Children is planning to develop an innovative youth leadership program in partnership with a youth development agency as well as other youth work professionals with strong networks in the community. The project would focus on youth-centred activities to motivate, inspire, and provide young people with the tools for community leadership, creative, profitable employment and the skills to make informed life choices. Communication and job skills would be a key focus.

Guy Hatfield, Program Manager - Australia



BANGLADESH

“YES, KEEP UP THIS KIND OF DEMONSTRATION...
IT IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR GOVERNANCE PROCESS”

M. Salifur Rahman, Bangladesh Minister of Finance & Planning

Highlights from a very busy and action packed year's activities include:

At the **Child Parliament** millions of television viewers in Bangladesh watching prime time newscasts were stunned to see Bangladesh's Minister for Finance & Planning engaged in a serious discussion with a group of children on budgetary issues. He spent an hour with the children before leaving for the national parliament's post-budget session, congratulating the Child Parliamentarians and requesting they submit recommendations before next year's budget.

Save the Children Australia organised the 3rd Child Parliament session with 67 children from 57 districts joining together for a parliamentary debate on the budget and sharing their perspectives with the Minister.

Journalists, donors, NGOs and academics observed the Child Parliament in session, which included a democratic selection process to select the speakers and deputy speakers from the child parliamentarians. The children's representatives attended a press conference and responded to questions on a range of topics.

With the Department of Women's Affairs and UNICEF, Save the Children organised the first ever **National Children's Conference** during February 2004, attended by nearly 1000 children from all 64 districts of Bangladesh (privileged and under privileged). Ninety-seven of these were Save the Children trained child facilitators who coordinated the whole program.

Child peer educators, leaders and facilitators were exposed to different ideas and methodologies and a platform to share and exchange their views was created. The children developed an action plan to be followed up by respective parties and implemented in their own community and geographic areas to promote and protect child rights.

Promoted by Save the Children, a local voluntary organisation of brothel-based Women Sex Workers, Mukti Mohila Sommittee (MMS) organised an **Annual Conference** of Sex Workers in the premises of MMS, Goalundo in January 2004.

Almost 1300 sex workers, over 400 of their children, and numerous government, NGO officials and journalists attended the conference. The program included a presentation of the MMS annual report, a presentation of children's research findings "Our lives in the Brothel" and putting forward an 11 point demand by MMS to the local level administrative authority and elected local government officials. The program was followed by a cultural display presented by

the children growing up in the brothel community.

Some of the demands presented at the conference included Government affiliation of the KKS (brothel) primary school; establishing a Safe Home specifically for boys; increased accommodation for girls in the existing Safe Home; provision of electricity in each home inside the brothel; development of a graveyard for sex workers and their children; improvement of water and sanitation conditions inside the brothel; land allocation for MMS; provision of medical facilities and providing guidelines for police to prevent harassment from police patrols. During the conference other important issues were highlighted which demonstrated the ongoing discrimination and repression encountered by children and their mothers each day.

Sultan Mahmud, Country Program Director

CAMBODIA

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES – OUR RESPONSIBILITY



Cambodia today is one of the world's poorest nations: 36%* of the population lives below the poverty line; annual income averages just US\$280; and 50% of the population is under the age of 18 years – and those most affected by Cambodia's underdevelopment are children.

In response to a sometimes over-burdened and under-resourced health care system, we have implemented health activities and significantly improved community access to public health facilities, reduced child and maternal mortality rates and achieved almost 100% immunisation rates of children in target areas.

Our projects have been implemented in partnership with the Government of Cambodia and with the generous support of numerous funders including: **Health Sector Support Project** (ADB/Ministry of Health/DfID); **Community Based Birth Spacing Project** (UNFPA); **Nutrition Project** (Australian Embassy); **Koh Sroloav School Construction and Health Education Project** (Japanese Embassy /SCA); **Community TB DOTS Project** (Global Fund); **Midwifery Support Project** (JICA); and **Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses** (CIDA).

At 2.6%** , Cambodia has Southeast Asia's highest rate of HIV infection and for the 164,000 Cambodians living with AIDS, prospects remain bleak. It is estimated that by the end of 2010, the number of children who have lost one or both parents to AIDS will exceed 140,000.

*UNDP Human Development Report 2004

**UNAIDS 2004 Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic

We have undertaken the following HIV/AIDS work, again with the support of many, including: **Children Affected by HIV/AIDS Program** (SCUK); **HIV/AIDS Program for Vulnerable Children** (SCA); **Advocacy Training for Buddhist Monks Project** (POLICY through USAID); **Support for Children Affected by HIV/AIDS** (Elton John AIDS Foundation); **Reproductive Health Initiative for Youth in Asia** (UNFPA); and **Reproductive Health for Adolescents** (Japan Embassy). These activities work with many local NGOs (WOMEN, LYCSO, ACCY, CLA, Mith Samlanh/Friends), Buddhist Monks, Buddhist Pagodas and Volunteer Peer Educators based in local communities.

The projects provide HIV/AIDS prevention activities to 1,000 children living and working on the streets of Phnom Penh and assisted 800 children affected by HIV/AIDS to remain integrated in school, culture and the community. They also work actively to reduce stigma and discrimination issues associated with HIV/AIDS. An important component is the focus upon sexual and reproductive health issues for youth in Cambodia.

Save the Children continues to offer support to a local NGO (Mith Samlanh/Friends) to enable vulnerable street children to participate in four vocational training programs.



These programs are part of a holistic approach offered to children enabling them to make positive life choices, receive secure shelter, medical assistance, life skills, training, access to recreational activities, education and placement support.

An important focus has also been the monitoring and evaluation of all Save the Children initiatives, in particular meaningful child participation activities. Staffing levels (now more than 70) have been enhanced by six Khmer work experience and four international volunteers throughout the past year. Save the Children has also supported staff to attend various workshops. All these activities have contributed towards strengthened program planning and project implementation and will provide a strong focus for the future.

Carol Mortensen, Country Program Director

LAO PDR

"THE SAYABOURY PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PROJECT IS PROBABLY THE MOST EFFECTIVE PROVINCIAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM IN THE LAO PDR."

Project Evaluation Report



The past year has seen both continuation and development of our core projects as well as expansion of our work with children and young people at risk, with particular emphasis on demonstrating the positive impact of our work on children.

The positive impact of the **Sayaboury Primary Health Care Project** is clearly evident in the following key areas:

- Infant mortality is 23 per 1,000 live births (compared to the national average of 82/1,000).
- Maternal mortality is 110 per 100,000 live births (compared to the national average of 530/100,000).
- Life expectancy in Sayaboury is now 71 years, compared to the national average of 55 years.

The **Remote Community Poverty Reduction Project** funded by AusAID and NZAID (through SCNZ), which targets remote poorer communities, is having a positive impact with many families now having sufficient food to feed their families for the whole year as well as producing a surplus for sale. Children have been a particular focus within the project, and the rebuilding of schools, provision of textbooks and sports equipment and in-service training for teachers, has resulted in a significant increase in school attendance.

As one parent said...

"In the past, my children often didn't want to go to school because they had no books, the roof leaked, and there was no sports equipment. Now, even if I ask them to stay home to help me sometimes, they say they want to be at school."

Over the past year, the project has also become involved in working in two remote villages that were to be resettled by the Government, but where the communities themselves did not want to move. The project has assisted them to remain in their original location and is currently seeking European Commission funding, in cooperation with Save the Children UK, to continue working with more such villages in 2005/2006.

In October 2003, a new agreement was signed between Save the Children Australia and the Ministry of Public Health for a new phase of the **Water and Sanitation Project** in two provinces, Sayaboury (with funding from NZAID) and Bolikhamxay (with funding from SCNZ). In Sayaboury, four villages totalling almost 2,000 people, who previously obtained their water from a muddy stream, now have a year round water supply and a latrine in every household. In Bolikhamxay, a participatory review of water and sanitation work done over the past 10 years in 14 villages has identified problems that need addressing and the project is moving ahead to

address these, particularly management aspects relating to longer term sustainability.

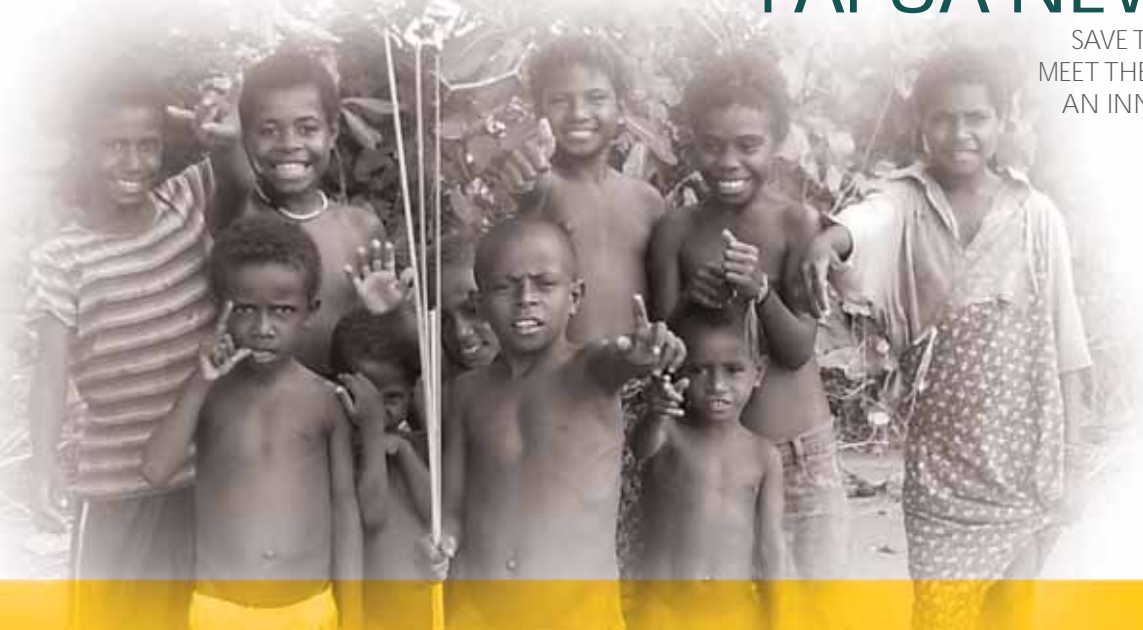
Save the Children Australia's work with children and young people in remote districts of Sayaboury bordering Thailand and affected by illegal cross-border migration to Thailand, has been given a boost, with additional funding from staff at an Australian company, SalesForce, for the construction of a children and young people's development centre in Khop District and from the Canada Fund which has provided funds for activities both at the Khop Centre as well as a vocational training centre in neighbouring Xieng Hone District.

Save the Children Australia has also continued support for youth work in urban areas, particularly peer education in reproductive health, HIV/AIDS and drug abuse prevention, with funds from Oxfam Hong Kong and SCNZ.

John Howe, Country Program Director

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

SAVE THE CHILDREN CONTINUES TO MEET THE CHALLENGE OF DEVELOPING AN INNOVATIVE MODEL OF SUPPORT FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN



The growth of the Papua New Guinea program over the past year has seen us well placed to respond to the now confirmed HIV/AIDS epidemic and the continual challenges throughout the country.

In order to slow down the damaging effect that HIV/AIDS is having on communities and the economy, Save the Children is working with a number of the most vulnerable groups which include, sex workers, men who have sex with men and their partners through the **Poro Sapot Project**. This project is implemented in Port Moresby, Morobe Province and Eastern Highlands Province, using a peer educator approach to educate and support targeted groups on topics such as HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections and legal rights. The project also aims to facilitate access to health, social and other services relevant to them. The project is supported in cooperation with UNICEF, AusAID and Family Health International.

A new project in the coming year is the UNICEF funded **Youth Preventing HIV/AIDS Project**. This project is also being established in the Eastern Highlands Province and Madang. Youth focused outreach centres will be established from which staff will support the work of youth volunteers and peer educators. The project will also oversee the production of new information materials that are both youth friendly and portable.

The **Child Trauma Counselling Training and Curriculum Development Project** is another example of UNICEF and Save the Children collaborating to meet the needs of children in Papua New Guinea. Child counsellors presently working with children are being invited to participate in a training program that assists them to better counsel children who have been the victims of domestic violence, sexual violence or tribal fighting. Once trained, they will also develop a Papua New Guinea focused curriculum which will be used to train other counsellors throughout the country.

This year the **Child Rights Project**, which aims to promote awareness of child rights, provided technical assistance to the Child Rights Monitoring Committee and created a new training package for community members as well as non government staff working in the country. With the growth in programs, there has been a corresponding rapid growth in staff numbers. In the coming year staff will benefit from training in child rights, part of a strategy to develop a new approach to Child Rights Programming in the country.

Save the Children continues to partner with Haus Ruth to meet the challenge of developing an innovative model of support for women and children in Port Moresby. The AusAID funded **Port Moresby Crisis Centre** has provided a safe haven, counselling and support for an increasing number of women and children affected by violence and abuse, while also

providing a safe and comfortable hostel for young women working in Port Moresby. The PACE committee (People Against Child Exploitation), which oversees this program, has played a vital leadership role in raising awareness nationally on issues of domestic violence and child sexual exploitation.

The Papua New Guinea program continues to support women and children living in the remote areas of Lufa district in the Eastern Highlands through its partnership with **Health Services of Faith Mission**. Public infrastructure in the province continues to deteriorate and it is only through the efforts of this partnership that health education programs and immunisations occur in the region. Volunteers, trained with the support of Save the Children, do regular foot patrols in this rugged area of the highlands, to meet the demand for information and health care.

Henry Braun, Country Program Director



SOLOMON ISLANDS

THE YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAM AIMS TO PROMOTE THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF YOUTH AND GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE A VOICE ON ISSUES THAT CONCERN THEM

Youth represent a large and growing section of the Solomon Islands population, but have few opportunities to participate in decision making or contribute to community affairs. The potential for young people to become active and valued members of their community has often gone unrecognised, but with the support of the **Youth Outreach Project** this potential is slowly becoming recognised by community leaders and local organisations alike.

The AusAID funded **Youth Outreach Program** has undergone a number of developments this year, including a re-design as part of the new project phase. The Youth Outreach Program has continued to use a youth peer-to-peer approach which involves provincially based peer educators mobilising and supporting a network of volunteers, who in turn conduct youth outreach activities with young people in their local communities. These activities have addressed such issues as sexual health and behaviour, substance abuse, family violence, conflict resolution and governance issues. As well as this, the program has introduced a number of different methodologies to enhance the ability of Youth Outreach Program staff to carry out outreach activities. These have included a gender

pilot project which focused on raising awareness of gender issues within the program.

A new phase of the Youth Outreach Program, which began in April 2004, continues to operate across five provinces and in Honiara. It aims to promote the active participation of youth in their communities and give young people a voice on issues that concern them. The objectives of the new project phase will include creating opportunities for better life choices for young people, mobilising young people for increased community engagement and participation in decision making, and facilitating the coordination of key stakeholders in the youth sector so that they may be able to effectively engage in the policy arena.

Save the Children Australia has continued to take an active role in promoting child rights through the **Child Advocacy Project**. This year the project has continued to support the position of Children's Development Officer on the National Advisory Council on Children. This position has been partially funded by Save the Children New Zealand and UNICEF. In the latter part of this year the Children's Development Officer position was incorporated into the public service by the Solomon Islands Government as a full-time position. This can be seen as a significant move forward in the government's recognition of the importance of child rights in the Solomon Islands.

Save the Children Australia continues to actively work with the National Advisory Council on Children as an advising member and was particularly active on the Participation Task Force. Steady steps forward in relation to child rights and the recognition of issues facing children in the Solomon Islands also continued. Awareness on key issues affecting children was reviewed by the program and the introduction of initial awareness raising materials have been developed on such issues as child abuse, domestic violence and child rights.

Ian Rodgers, Country Program Director

VANUATU

SAVE THE CHILDREN CONTINUES TO TAKE AN ACTIVE
ROLE IN RAISING CHILD RIGHTS AWARENESS IN VANUATU



The past 12 months have seen a number of exciting developments within the Vanuatu program, including an increase in the number of project activities, the appointment of a Deputy Program Manager and the development of the Country Strategy Plan, which will set the directions of the program for the next five years.

The **Child Rights Project** funded by Save the Children Australia continues to take an active role in raising child rights awareness in Vanuatu. Project activities this year have included the development of Information, Education and Communication materials, which consist of seven sets of posters and a booklet on the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child. As well as this, the project has produced a national radio program, provided support to the National Children's Committee and participated in National Children's Day activities. In the coming year the project will undergo a new design which will re-define our focus and strengthen our commitment to child rights work.

In January 2004, the Vanuatu program was successful in receiving a funding grant from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs under the Human Rights Small Grant Scheme. This grant will be used for the **Child Rights Awareness and Capacity Building Project**, a one year project which will focus on the development of a Convention of the Rights of the Child training guide for non government and government partners. A number of workshops will be held to train participants on how to use

the guide and how to conduct appropriate training for staff in their organisations and with the target groups with which they work.

Save the Children Australia has continued to work with remote communities as part of the Save the Children New Zealand funded **South Santo Bush Project**. The project focuses on a number of training workshops to foster greater ownership and management of community development by South Santo Bush communities, local government and non government agencies. These workshops include planning and management, business skills and literacy training, sustainable forestry and agricultural practices. These workshops have been seen as an important step in building linkages between the project, government departments and non government agencies.

Strengthening local management of Community Health Aid Post roles is also a key feature of the AusAID funded **Village Health Worker Project**. Numerous rural zone nurses, Village Health Workers and Aid Post Committees have received training and two project pilot sites have been established on the islands of Tanna and Malekula. As a result, many remote communities will now take the lead in managing these services with support from local health staff. A management system has also been established to strengthen and build the capacity of community based health management. This system will be coordinated by the provincial governments, who will now be playing an

increased role in the project after the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministries of Health and Provincial Affairs.

The **Pacific Children's Project** has seen a number of developments this year, including a new partnership with the Ministry of Education. This project focuses on child protection and is funded by AusAID's Pacific Regional Program and managed by IDSS, an Australian Managing Contractor. This year the project has focused on working with teachers in rural zones to raise awareness of child protection issues in communities and schools in three provinces. The project is linking with local sources of support, for example with a well known church leader strengthening awareness and support by acting as an advocate for children protection and issues that affect young people.

Hilson Toailu, Country Program Director

VIETNAM

"SAVE THE CHILDREN AUSTRALIA HAS ENSURED THAT CHILD-CENTRED TEACHER TRAINING AND CLASSROOM LEARNING WILL CONTINUE WELL AFTER THEIR WORK IS FINISHED."

Project Evaluation Report



The Ministry of Education in Vietnam published in May 2004 "A Teacher's Guide to Making the Teaching and Learning of Language in Grade 1, ACTIVE." Save the Children Australia developed the book, compiling ideas from **Basic Education and Teacher Training Project** training workshops that teachers in Binh Thuan had successfully trialed in classrooms. Funding from Save the Children Sweden and Australia enabled the printing of 12,000 copies which were distributed to schools in nine provinces around Vietnam. All primary schools in Binh Thuan Province received copies of the book.

Save the Children Australia has been working closely with the Provincial Education Department in the Binh Thuan province (located in Vietnam's south) since 1995 to improve the quality of education.

The project trains primary teachers in activity based child-centred learning methodologies, as opposed to traditional teacher-centred learning, with a resultant change in students' attitudes and an increase in their confidence, enthusiasm, interest and learning.

Teams of teacher trainers run workshops for primary school teachers in schools across all districts of the province. Through workshops and child-centred training method promotion, more than 20,000 children are benefiting from this new way of learning.

The project has become known as an excellent example of child-centred teacher training and new teaching/learning methods.

Remarkable results with the teacher training program continue. In an extract from the Project's recently completed Mid Term Evaluation Report the Evaluation Consultant concluded that "by providing quality training and completely aligning project work with the Ministry of Education's Reforms in Education, Save the Children Australia has ensured that child-centred teacher training and classroom learning will continue well after their work is finished. Because of the impressive results from schools new to the project in its third phase, the Save the Children Australia model should be considered for condensed, widespread replication."

In September 2004, Basic Education and Teacher Training Project schools will provide opportunities for children to really enjoy the popular children's Mid Autumn Festival with hands on activities such as drawing and painting, mask-making and lantern-making using paper. Many schools will be organising their own mini Lantern Parades, where children from Grades 1-3 will be active participants, displaying their own simple lanterns.

Save the Children Australia recently completed its **Village Health Education Project**. For almost a decade we worked in three village communities, Tan Nhut, Binh Loi and Pham Van Hai in the Binh Chanh District, one of Ho Chi Minh City's outer districts to improve the health of these communities. Working with these marginalised urban communities the project reduced the instances of ill health in school children, their siblings and their communities by enhancing the knowledge and practice of primary health care in their village communities, leading to improved health, nutrition hygiene and sanitation levels.

Fiona Farley, Project Manager/Education Advisor



NEW SOUTH WALES QUEENSLAND SOUTH AUSTRALIA TASMANIA VICTORIA WESTERN AUSTRALIA

EACH WEEK MORE THAN 200 DISADVANTAGED AND MARGINALISED CHILDREN TAKE PART IN THE MOBILE PLAY BUS PROGRAM

Save the Children in New South Wales has enjoyed a busy and fruitful year in both community programs and fundraising.

The **Mobile Play Bus Program** continues to be very successful in responding to a clearly identified need in Sydney's inner-city and western suburbs, as well as Villawood Immigration Detention Centre. Each week more than 200 disadvantaged and marginalised children, including representatives from Aboriginal and non-English speaking backgrounds, take part in the program.

In May 2004, New South Wales Minister for Community Services, the Hon. Carmel Tebutt visited the **Inner City Mobile Play Bus Program**, which is fully funded by the New South Wales Department of Community Services. The Minister commented that this funding was critical in preventing child abuse and neglect and supporting vulnerable families, thanking Save the Children for its important work in this area.

The program seeks to address problems of isolation and poor access to important services, such as the assessment of early childhood development and has an early intervention and prevention focus. Over the past decade there has been wide research and growing international literature surrounding the importance of early intervention, suggesting that focusing on vulnerable families and investment in the early years will give children a better start to life.

An Employee Volunteer Involvement Program was established in conjunction with ANZ Bank, which enabled bank employees to participate in the Inner City Mobile Play Bus Program. The program produced very positive feedback from both the community and employee participants.

Fundraising activities in the year included a Corporate Breakfast in June to coincide with the visit of Burkhard Gnarig, CEO of the International Save the Children Alliance. The breakfast, hosted by the Australian-British Chamber of Commerce was a great success.

A Krispy Kreme doughnut day in March was hugely successful generating an unprecedented number of "Sweet Doughnations" as Sydney office workers generously put their figures on the line, while in September, Krispy Kreme supported activities centred on National Child Protection Week.

The renowned Sculpture by the Sea coastal walk, of which Save the Children is the official charity generated commissions on sales of sculptures, donations and sales of merchandise.

A Festival of Trees event was held at Broadway Shopping Centre over Christmas and was well supported by retailers and corporate partners who decorated their own Christmas trees and made donations.

We would like to thank all the Save the Children Branches and their members who made invaluable contributions throughout the year, together with all our volunteers for their hard work, commitment and continuing support.

Thank you

Frances Cinelli, State Executive Officer



NEW SOUTH WALES QUEENSLAND SOUTH AUSTRALIA TASMANIA VICTORIA WESTERN AUSTRALIA

PROVIDING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH POSITIVE PARENTING
ATTITUDES IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS FUN AND FOCUSED
ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

In the past year, we have seen the expansion of a number of our programs.

With funding from the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS), under the Intensive Supported Playgroups Program, the **Mobile Playscheme** commenced operating in Darwin. Partnerships were established with Larrakia Nation and Karu Aboriginal Child Care Agency to visit three selected sites in the local area. Larrakia established a staff training process through Charles Darwin University that allows staff to complete a Certificate III in Child Care with a culturally appropriate assessment framework. A Family Support Worker from the local community with vast experience in drug, alcohol and domestic violence counselling heads up the Playscheme team.

Intensive supported playschemes in the Brisbane metropolitan area, Sunshine Coast and Gold Coast continue to receive funding from FaCS with additional funds being received from the State Department of Communities and the Department of Corrective Services to bring playgroups and family support services to caravan parks, housing estates and to two women's correctional centres.

The **Early Intervention Family Support Work Project** received a further three years' funding from the State Department of Communities and will provide therapeutic support to families experiencing crisis as a result of domestic violence, homelessness and poverty.

Domestic violence is a difficult issue for women to resolve and becomes more complex when children are involved. Our refuges, **Jebb** and **Gareema**, have continued to provide safe accommodation and support to women and children with an emphasis on building community links for these families to be able to rebuild their lives. During the year, legal firm Clayton Utz established a youth literacy program at Jebb supporting reading and learning for children and young people affected by domestic violence. Gareema's new children's play area had an extra boost with further equipment donated by the Brisbane City Council City Business Division.

Residential Care programs are now under the jurisdiction of the newly formed Department of Child Safety as part of the Crime and Misconduct Commission's recommendations for an improved child protection system. A partnership approach to providing an integrated and flexible out of home care placement and support system was trialed between the Department of Families Area Offices of Redlands and Wynnum, Anglicare (TRACC Shared Family Care), Silky Oaks Children's Haven with Save the Children as the lead agency. The initiative provided a greater range of placement and support options for young people aged 12-18 years and their families requiring out of home care within the Wynnum and Redlands area that could be subject to ongoing child protection orders.

The **Future Parents Program** completed a two year funding agreement with FaCS under the Stronger Families and Communities Strategy to provide young people with positive parenting attitudes and behaviours and practical child care knowledge and skills in a learning environment that is fun and focused on young people's participation. Objectives of the project included the development of the skills and knowledge of young people to care for their own children, siblings and other people's children in a non-abusive and positive way; to better link young people to supports in their community; and to increase the capacity and the options of Indigenous Communities to better respond to the needs of their young people as parents and carers of children. Ten Indigenous women successfully completed the Certificate IV in Facilitating Abuse Prevention Programs and were then employed in the program to deliver courses to young people at 24 sites including Brisbane, Ipswich, Stradbroke Island, Sunshine Coast, Bundaberg and Rockhampton. Good relationships have been formed in these communities providing a solid foundation for future work.

The generous support of donors, members and volunteers is greatly acknowledged and appreciated.

Thank you

Lynn Thompson, State Executive Officer

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CONGRATULATIONS AND HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL OUR DEDICATED, HARD WORKING SHOP CONVENORS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR WONDERFUL EFFORTS



The year has been a challenging, exciting and productive one for all.

Much energy and effort went into the maintenance and upgrade of our eleven Op-Shops attracting new volunteers and customers as well as generating newfound enthusiasm and vitality: the benefits of which are manifested in the increased shop figures. Our congratulations and heartfelt thanks to all our dedicated, hard working shop convenors, assistant convenors and volunteers for their wonderful efforts: together they have helped deliver one of our best ever results.

It's a delight to announce that our recent outreach to the wider community, the Channel 9 Telethon, Mix 102.3 Radio and local print media is also helping raise awareness of the plight of children in need both within Australia and overseas. These endeavours are starting to pay dividends and importantly are generating much needed additional income.

Funds raised were allocated to both overseas development programs and to support our local **Schools Breakfast Health and Nutrition, Life Skills and Speaking Out Programs.**

Some of the highlights of the year were:

- Piloting the Speaking Out Program
- Introducing a Volunteer Training Certificate Course
- The Telethon Car Lottery: one of our volunteer Shop Co-convenors winning first prize
- Receiving grants from the Morialta Trust & The Advertiser Sunday Mail Foundation
- Save the Children Week incorporating:
 - Inaugural Big breakfast, held at the Adelaide Zoo
 - Public Forum – Change a child's life...
 - Westpac Branches displaying and selling FunRaiser badges
 - Badge Day
- A Gala Dinner at the Hilton Adelaide
- Royal Show – managed promotional booth
- Choices Recycle Boutique - Fashion Parade celebrating second birthday
- Volunteer Service Awards hosted and presented by Her Excellency Marjorie Jackson-Nelson AC, CVO, MBE, Governor of South Australia and Patron, Save the Children Australia-SA.
- Taking children to an Adelaide Crows football match

Special thanks are due to Margaret Douglas, Save the Children Australia CEO, and her professional team; also our State Management Committee for their tremendous support throughout the year and to all our dedicated volunteers without whom we would be unable to continue with our work. Also to all our wonderful, committed and hard working staff who, too, give so enthusiastically of their time, energy and talents.

Finally to all our faithful donors who continue to so generously respond to our appeals in order to help make a difference in the lives of children in need.

On behalf of the children,

Thank you

Éva Varga, State Executive Officer



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AN IMMEDIATE BENEFIT OF CONSOLIDATION HAS BEEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE TIES WITH THE NATIONAL OFFICE IN THE FORM OF ADDITIONAL STAFFING SUPPORT

Save the Children in Tasmania has had a year of change, challenge and frustration. A significant amount of time and effort was spent on finalising consolidation and the legal aspects incorporated in this change whilst at the same time endeavouring to explore future promising revenue raising opportunities.

As a part of this review, we identified the need to focus on key successful fundraising events. These were the **Chocolate Lover's Ball** and the **Celebrity Tree Trim**, and following the positive feedback received, we look forward to continued growth in these areas and the promotion of other chocolate-based fundraising themes in the next financial year.

An immediate benefit of consolidation has been the opportunity to improve ties with the National Office in the form of additional staffing support and the expertise required to ensure that best accounting and business procedures are followed. We welcome the opportunity to continue this relationship on matters of fundraising and marketing in general.

As a result of consolidation, a conscious decision was made by the State Management Committee to review its strategic direction rather than undertake additional program work at this time. However, in May 2004 a **nutrition program** was initiated at a north-west Tasmanian high school, and although in its early stages, current indicators are encouraging.

In November 2003, a highly successful National Members and Volunteers conference was held in Hobart. Delegates from every Australian state attended and discussions centred around our work both here in Australia and overseas. In closing, a commitment was made to further develop our work within Australia.

As part of our strategic focus and based upon successful Save the Children Australia Op-Shop models running in other states, a review was undertaken of all retail activity. Focus has been re-directed with the closure of one store and the opening of a clothing-on-consignment shop in Criterion Street Hobart, which will house our state office. The retail shop provides us with the opportunity to access two Work-for-the-Dole schemes, the benefits of which are two-fold in providing work experience for the long term unemployed and the receipt of a small grant as the sponsor of the scheme. We are extremely fortunate to have volunteers staffing the shop during the week.

Under difficult circumstances our State Management Committee, consisting of Marcus Badcock, James Gard (Treasurer), John Green, Dr Santokh Sindhu, Eleanor Temple and Connie Kay have done an excellent job. National Board Director Gillian Groom acted as an ex-officio member and kept us up to date with all aspects relating to National Board decisions.

We are delighted to confirm that with the consolidation process finalised in 2004, we look forward to continuing our organisational review and restructure in the coming year. Special thanks are due to all our members, volunteers and donors who have been enthusiastic in response to our new direction and improvements.

Thank you

*Kate Domeney, Chair -
State Management Committee*



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SCHOOLS REPORT MANY BENEFITS INCLUDING SUSTAINED ATTENDANCE, INCREASED ENERGY, CONCENTRATION AND PARTICIPATION LEVELS WITHIN THE CLASSROOM

The 2003/2004 year brought enormous change, challenge and success for Save the Children in Victoria.

In September 2003 over 130 members and supporters celebrated our 60th Anniversary of the commencement of Branches in Victoria with a luncheon at Park Hyatt Melbourne. The Governor, Mr John Landy AC MBE and Mrs Landy were present at the occasion. The Governor presented the 2003 White Flame Award to His Honour Eugene Cullity QC for his contribution to the Juvenile Justice System.

At our Annual General Meeting, Margaret Harrison handed over the reins to Anthony Nicholls. We are incredibly grateful to Margaret for her energy, passion and commitment.

Anthony Nicholls took on the role of President, at a time when the organisation faced its most difficult challenge: consolidation. Anthony saw this as his objective and worked tirelessly to achieve this outcome.

At our Branch Conference in May 2004, members voted unanimously to amalgamate with Save the Children Australia. We thank them for their patience and support over the last four years.

Also on the day, Victorian State Parliamentary Secretary Mr Telmo Languiller MP presented the 2004 White Flame Award to Mr Ian Holten from the *Oasis Unit* in Sunshine. Ian was honoured for his work with some of the most

disadvantaged and vulnerable children in our community.

Throughout the year we continued to develop programs in the key areas of **early education** and **nutrition**. We continue to work with teachers, parents and local communities to develop solutions for children in crisis.

Our kindergartens at **Mooroopna** and **Nowa Nowa** in remote country Victoria cater for Koori children and children from disadvantaged backgrounds and continue to provide excellent early education opportunities for children who would otherwise miss out.

Our **nutrition** programs continue to grow and with the support of Kellogg's we have been able to assist the many requests for them. The overall strategy engages students in a supportive program allowing them to participate more effectively in the academic and social framework of their school. Participating schools report many benefits including: sustained attendance; increased energy, concentration and participation levels within the classroom; improved communication skills; greater social integration; increased self-esteem; and development of life skills such as basic food preparation, table manners and cleaning up.

We also launched the "Literacy through the Arts" program at the Oasis Unit in Sunshine, which aims to develop literacy through drama-related activities for teenagers with severe literacy problems.

Our major fundraising event for the year was the **Garnier Festival of Trees**. The event, which ran from 4–24 December, exceeded our expectations. We thank L'Oreal and all those who supported Festival of Trees 2003.

Thank you to the members for their continuing support and to the Ararat Opportunity Shop for a record breaking result this financial year.

To the Board of Directors, thank you for your commitment, energy and support, and to the staff for their outstanding contribution.

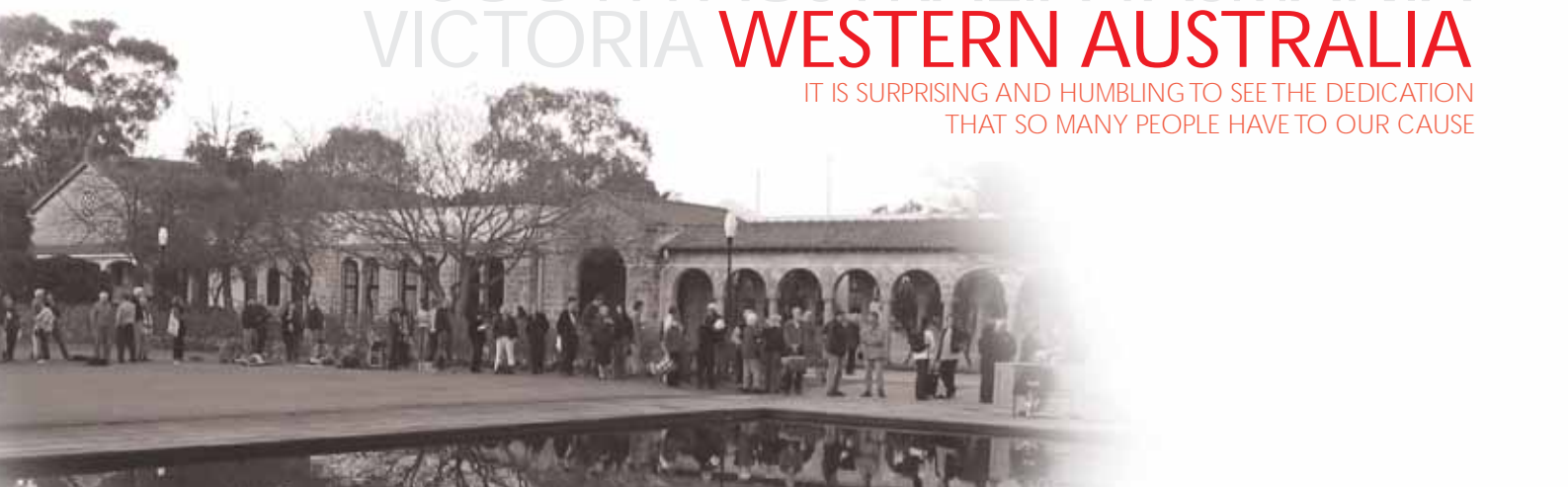
We look forward to the coming year and hope that we may help many more children in the community who deserve a better future.

Thank you

Christina Strahan, State Executive Officer

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IT IS SURPRISING AND HUMBLING TO SEE THE DEDICATION
THAT SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE TO OUR CAUSE



The last 12 months have been both productive and challenging.

In December 2003 after 16 years at the helm Keren McCullagh retired as State Executive Officer and special thanks are due to her for her tireless approach.

Save the Children Western Australia celebrated the international 85th birthday celebrations with an evening reception held in our honour, his Excellency The Governor and his wife, our Patron, Mrs Sanderson at Government House; an art exhibition with 85 donated paintings by Santina Stransky and friends; and a lunch with the Mandurah Branch. All of this followed on from another fantastic Street Appeal on 7 May.

The 39th Booksale by the University Branch held in July was another outstanding success with a record breaking amount raised in just a few days – after a year of careful, devoted and precise planning.

In early 2004 Save the Children supported the following projects:

- Djooraminda
- Leaps & Bounds Inc
- Peel Youth Program Inc
- South Lake Ottey & Family Centre
- Carnarvon Police & Citizens Youth Club
- Wheatbelt Community Services Drug Team
- Nyandi Women Prison
- Extra Edge Services
- Victoria Park Youth Accommodation
- Muslim Women's Support Centre WA
- Loftus Community Centre & Bilingual Families
- Hills Community Support Group
- Senses Foundation

The coming year is proving to be just as challenging and exciting. A Retail Manager has been appointed to take on the challenge of our nine popular Op-Shops – and more. In addition, we are also looking to have more fundraising events and even more young people involved in what we do.

Visits to the branches, book depots, shops and various events have proven to be insightful, busy and rewarding. It is surprising and humbling to see the length of time committed and the dedication that so many people have to our cause. Every day there seems to be someone who has done something for Save the Children for 40 years or more: be it sorting stamps, knitting scarves or working in one of our shops. To these people – there is a debt of thanks.

Thank you

Rebecca Gulvin, State Executive Officer

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Save the Children has been working in Australia and around the world for more than 70 years, making it possible for children to grow up healthy, safe and prepared for a better future. With the trust and support of many we have accomplished a great deal, but without ever losing sight of the goal of increasing our impact and efficiency and reaching even more children.

This year has seen the recruitment of a National Corporate Marketing Executive as part of our continued focus on better serving the needs of our corporate and business partners in working together to the benefit of children. With an emphasis on delivering mutual benefits, 2003/2004 has laid the foundations of a successful, long-term partnership with corporate Australia.

Many Australian companies have supported our work through **monetary and in-kind donations** and **special promotions**. Company employees have also made a significant contribution through **workplace giving, fundraising events and volunteering**.

Over 80,000 healthy and nutritious breakfasts have been served as part of our Healthy Breakfast Program and the support of companies such as Kellogg's through the donation of breakfast cereal has been pivotal in the continued development of this program.

SalesForce staff, through their workplace giving program, have funded the construction of the Kop Children and Young People's Development Centre in Lao PDR. The Centre will provide a valuable community resource for more than 8,500 young people living in the Kop District and surrounding areas, a resource that would not have been possible without the generous support of the SalesForce team.

ANZ Broadway Branch staff have also played an active role in supporting the NSW Inner City Mobile Play Bus Program in Glebe through their Employee Volunteer Involvement Program.

With the support of our many partners Save the Children has been able to build on past successes, continuing to efficiently deliver education, child protection and economic opportunities where the need is greatest.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our major corporate partners and supporters in 2003/2004 for being active partners for children in that effort.

Thank you

Amanda Ralph, National Corporate Marketing Executive

BOARD MEMBERS



Hon Kay Hallahan AO

Kay Hallahan Hon. D. Litt (Curtin) joined the Save the Children Western Australian Board in 1997, and was appointed the Chair of Save the Children Australia Board in 1998.

Kay was a member of the Western Australian Parliament and a Minister for seven years, with responsibilities during that time for community services, the family, youth, the aged, women's interests, local government, planning, the arts, education and training, and served in both Houses. Kay was nominated for pre selection in the Federal seat of Canning and duly resigned her position as Board Chair in August 2004.

Kay has been involved in a number of community organisations and, in 2002, was appointed by the Government to an Inquiry into the Response by Government Agencies into Complaints about Family Violence and Child Abuse in Aboriginal Communities. She chairs the newly established Child Deaths Review Committee in Western Australia.

Chair - Geoffrey Court

Geoffrey is qualified as a solicitor and is currently Team Development Manager of SalesForce Australia Pty Ltd, responsible for all human resource, industrial relations and corporate affairs matters. He joined the Save the Children Australia Board in 2000.

Prior to joining SalesForce in 1999, Geoffrey was with Ansett Australia from 1976. In Western Australia, he was Marketing Manager and later State Manager. He later took up positions in Market Research and Product Management based in Melbourne. Geoffrey is Secretary of Christ Church Mission Inc which has recently completed the funding and construction of a community centre in St Kilda, Victoria, designed to address the needs of the area.

Deputy Chair - Virginia Rogers

Virginia Rogers LLB (Hons), Dip. Comm. Law, is a corporate lawyer with over 20 years' experience in private practice and with major corporations. She joined the Save the Children Australia Board in 2000.

Virginia is currently a Director of Prahran Market Pty Ltd. Past board positions include Chairperson of the Victorian Equal Opportunity Commission from 1994-2002, Member of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Commissioner of Glen Eira City Council, and Councillor with the former St Kilda City Council.

Treasurer - Cliff Caldwell

Cliff graduated Bachelor of Economics (Hons), with majors in accounting and economics. He has had wide experience in finance, having been Finance Director for Cadbury Schweppes, Director of Incitec Limited (a subsidiary of ICI Australia) and Executive Director, Finance of ICI Australia Limited. In 1994, he was appointed by the Victorian Government as Chief Commissioner for the City of Glen Eira and, at the same time, was General Manager for Australian Foundation Investment Company Limited, Djerrriwarrh Investments and AMCIL Limited, with collective assets of \$4 billion.

In mid-2001, Cliff was appointed to the Alliance Panel of Chief Advisers, which advises the Alliance and member organisations on matters of governance, management and finance.

PAC Chair - Dr David Jacka

David Jacka MB BS, FRACGP, FChAM, DTM&H, MPH, DRANZCOG, joined Save the Children Australia Program Advisory Committee (PAC) on his return from Africa in 1994, and was appointed Chair of that Committee and a Board Director of SCA in 1998.

David graduated from Monash Medical School in 1977, and has spent a number of years working overseas and among indigenous communities, most recently as a senior health administrator in primary health care program implementation in Central Africa. He is currently a general practitioner in inner city Melbourne, with a practice focusing on juveniles in custody, adolescent drug dependency and homelessness.

David is an active educator, regularly providing training to general practitioners and the general public through RACGP, Monash University, and Family Drug Help. He is also on the Board of Homeground, an NGO implementing large government-funded programs addressing homelessness, drug abuse and multiple disabilities. He and his wife live in the inner city, with their three older adolescent sons nearby.

Jill Cameron

Jill Cameron worked in the areas of community services, health and education, and held senior management positions in government and non-government organisations before establishing her own consultancy business in 1994. Jill has undertaken projects throughout Australia in areas such as community consultation, planning, capacity building and evaluation.

Jill joined the Western Australian Board in 1999, and became a member of the Program Advisory Committee (PAC) in 2001. Since joining PAC, she has worked closely with State Executive Officers and National program staff on the development of a framework for a National Program Strategy.

Associate Professor Peter Davies

Peter Davies B.Sc(Hons), M.Phil. Ph.D is currently the Scientific Director of the Children's Nutrition Research Centre (CNRC), Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, University of Queensland, Royal Children's Hospital, Brisbane. He has previously held appointments within the Faculty of Health at

Queensland University of Technology, and in the UK he was a staff scientist at The Medical Research Nutrition unit in Cambridge. He is also currently an Honorary Research Fellow in the School of Public Health at Queensland University of Technology.

Peter has published many articles and papers over a number of years in the fields of childhood growth and development and energy metabolism and energy requirements, in both health and disease. He has been a member of a number of expert panels and international groups related to energy expenditure and energy metabolism in children.

Peter is a past President of Save the Children (Queensland).

Gillian Groom

Gillian holds a Diploma of Occupational Therapy, operating consultancy and rehabilitation services to business, industry, private hospitals and individuals. She was Chairman of the Board of Save the Children Tasmania and is a member of Boards and committees of many varied organisations within Tasmania.

Margaret Harrison

Margaret Harrison BMus (Hons), MEd, Post Grad. Dip. Mktg, MBA, first joined the Save the Children Board in 1995 for four years and was reappointed to the Board in 2000. Margaret's work is primarily in the field of Human Resources and she is a Director of Our HR Company, a consulting company providing expertise in all areas of people management. Prior to starting this company, some of Margaret's roles have included HR Director at Adidas Australia, HR Manager and Organisational Change Manager at RACV, a senior consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Managing Director of Joint Horizons. Prior to moving to her career in business, Margaret was a principal lecturer in music and education at the Australian Catholic University.

Among her interests Margaret lists family, music, food and wine, and travel. She and her husband have two adult daughters.

Geoffrey Mildred

Geoffrey Mildred BA (Hons) AKC PGCE Dip. Ed LRAM M Ed(Admin) PhD FAIM CPMgr
Geoffrey's management experience includes 13 years as CEO of higher education institutions in the UK and Australia, and running his own business as a management consultant specialising in the fields of Organisational Culture and Human Resources. In recent years his consultancy has focused on developing oral and written communication skills. He is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management and has been designated a Certified Professional Manager by the AIM. Geoffrey has been involved with Save the Children for more than 35 years and, before joining the Board in 2003, served on the former South Australian Board and the State Management Committee.

Sue Morphet

Sue Morphet has been the General Manager for Bonds, Pacific Brands' single biggest brand, since September 1999. Since joining, the company's core business has grown from \$120 million to \$160 million. Prior to this, Sue was General Manager for Tontine. Sue has a Bachelor of Science (Education) and taught Biology at Kilbreda College in Victoria at the beginning of her career.

Sue believes her greatest success is undoubtedly her three children, and manages to marry a successful professional and personal life.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND AUSTRALIA

OPERATING STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2004

REVENUE	2004 \$,000	2003 \$,000
Donations and Gifts	480	107
Legacies and Bequest		
Grants		
AusAID	2,815	1,377
Other Australian	1,078	29
Other Overseas	2,395	3,588
Received from Save the Children Divisions	3,528	1,267
Donor Income - Market Development Program	11,296	4,911
NSW Division - Net Assets Transferred	1,192	404
Tasmania Division - Net Assets Transferred	-	48
South Australia Division - Net Assets Transferred	-	648
Investment Income	121	164
Retail	1,220	-
Other Income	45	1,091
TOTAL REVENUE	24,170	13,634

DISBURSEMENTS

Overseas Projects		
Funds to Overseas Projects	5,880	4,994
Other Project Costs	909	-
Donations to Save the Children Alliance Programs	6,250	-
Domestic Projects	220	363
Community Education	-	15
Fundraising Direct Costs - Donor Income	4,033	4,036
Retail	751	-
Commercial Activities	2,301	-
Administration	2,447	3,253
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	22,791	12,661

Scope

We have audited the summarised financial report of Save the Children Fund Australia as prepared in accordance with the Australian Council of Overseas Aid (ACFOA) Code of Conduct reporting guidelines for the financial year ended 30 June 2004. This report, as set out opposite has been audited in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the information reported in the summarised financial report is consistent with the annual statutory financial report from which it is derived and upon which we expressed an unqualified audit opinion in our report to the members dated 28 September 2004. For a better understanding of the scope of our audit, this report should be read in conjunction with our audit report on the annual statutory financial report.



Graeme A Marriott
Partner
Hall Chadwick
Melbourne
29 September 2004

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2004

ASSETS	2004 \$,000	2003 \$,000
Cash	7,963	5,330
Investments	231	917
Property Plant Equipment	1,158	989
Other	662	258
TOTAL ASSETS	10,014	7,494
LIABILITIES		
Creditors and Borrowings	5,145	4,131
Provisions	342	215
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,487	4,346
Net Assets	4,527	3,148
Equity		
Reserves	-	-
Funds Available for Future Use	4,527	3,148
Total Equity	4,527	3,148

2003/04 DISSECTION OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE USE

Sources of Fund	Balance End Last Year	This Year Revenue	This Year Disbursements	Balance End This Year
AusAID	-	2,815	2,815	-
Asian Development Bank	-	989	989	-
General	3,148	20,366	18,987	4,527
Total	3,148	24,170	22,791	4,527

* Full audited Financial Statements are available on request from our Registered office.

Transfers (to) from Reserves -
Total as above 4,527



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