

OMEPAustralia Limited

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

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OMEPA Australia Limited
ABN 97 060 578 092
Directors Report
for the Year Ended 30 June 2008

Your directors present their report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2008

The names of the directors in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are:

Madeline Dawn Butterworth
Shayne Scott Collins
Diane Duvall
Trevor Feder
Merilyn Webb

The profit of the company for the financial year after providing for income tax amounted to \$44,954.

A review of the company operations during the financial year and the results of those operations are as follows;

The company's operations during the year performed as expected in the opinion of the directors.

No significant changes in the company's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

The principal activities of the company during the financial year were:

Children's Education

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.

Likely developments in the operations of the company and the expected results of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the company.

The company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a state or territory.

Dividends paid or declared since the start of the financial year are as follows.

- a) There were no dividends paid during the year.
- b) There were no dividends or distributions recommended or declared for payment to members during the year that have not been paid or credited to the member throughout the year.

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No options over issued shares or interests in the company were granted during or since the end of the financial year and there were no options outstanding at the date of this report.

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company.

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of those proceedings.

The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

A copy of the auditor's independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is included with the financial reports

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director



Director



Dated this 24th day of October 2008

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 30th June 2008

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use by directors and members of the company. The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 110 Events after the Balance Sheet Date
AASB 1031 Materiality

No other Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report is prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report:

(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost, independent or directors' valuation. All assets, excluding freehold land and buildings, are depreciated over their useful lives to the company.

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Directors Declaration
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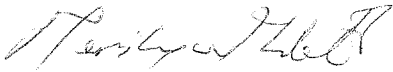
The directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The directors of the company declare that:

1. the financial statements and notes, as set out in the financial report present fairly the company's financial position as at 30 June 2008 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements; and
2. in the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director



Director



Dated this ¹⁰ 24 day of October 2008

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Independent Audit Report
to the Members of
OMEP Australia Limited

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of OMEP Australia Limited (the company), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008, and the income statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company 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 financial reporting requirements of the company's constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibilities also include 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 the 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 judgment, 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 appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the directors' financial reporting under the company's constitution. 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.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

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Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of OMEPAustralia Limited as of 30 June 2008 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.



Nicholas Matsis CPA
NRM Johnson Pty Ltd
43 Edward Street Norwood SA 5067

Dated this ^{24th} day of ^{October}2008

OMEPA Australia Limited

Summary of OMEPA Membership for the Year Ended 30 June 2008

Summary of OMEPA Membership 2007- 2008

State	Financial Members[1]	Life Members	Personal	Organisations	Concess- ion	Student
ACT	1		1			
N.T.	2			2		
NSW	12		5	7		
QLD	7		3	3	1	
S.A.	32		21	2	9	
VIC	69	3	28	10	27	
W.A.	23	1	8	3	11	
TOTALS	146	4		27	48	

Note:

[1] Includes the Life Members

Summary of OMEPA Membership 2006- 2007

State	Financial Members[1]	Life Members	Personal	Organisations	Unwaged	Student
ACT	3		2		1	
N.T.	4		1	2		1
NSW	13		6	6		1
QLD	10		5	3	2	
S.A.	25		13	2	10	
VIC	91	3	42	16	29	1
W.A.	29	1	14	4	7	3
TOTALS	175	4	83	33	49	6

Note:

[1] Includes the Life Members

President's Report – Trevor Feder

This Annual Report of The World Organisation for Early Childhood Education (OMEP) relates the activities for the year 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. As President it gives me pleasure to report on some of the activities carried out during this period.

Following the Annual General Meeting on 6th October 2007 the national secretariat moved to Adelaide, South Australia; this is the first time South Australia has provided this national service. As with any situation involving change there are always difficulties and glitches which have to be worked through and thanks to the Victorian Chapter and former secretariat members I believe these have been kept to a minimum.

A great deal of the OMEP Board's time and energy has been devoted to the continual examination and review of the constitution since it was pointed out by Maddocks solicitors that new criteria for Donor Gift Recipient (DGR) status had been introduced. This allowed objectives in the proposed constitution to be framed in a way which is more in line with OMEP international objectives; it is hoped these are more acceptable to members than previous drafts. Much time and energy was also used in ensuring that the document takes account of members concerns whereby each chapter retains the right of a representative on the board. For economic viability a chapter needs to consist of a minimum of 20 members, and a Board representative from each chapter will therefore provide a geographic spread of representation across the country. The draft constitution is a compromise of competing and diverse ideas but the Board is eager to move on with the constitutional issues and I am hopeful that the new draft will be approved.

Thanks must be expressed to Maddocks for their ongoing pro bono work with OMEP Australia constitutional matters.

Regardless of ongoing constitutional issues it is gratifying to know that work relating to children and matters which influence them continues at the state chapter level; the reports from state chapters attest to the effort contributed and indicate that chapters are the powerhouse of the organisation. The Board has been considering the possibility of a National Project which could be conducted by each state forming their own focus in line with particular needs but within the overall spirit of the project. It is hoped that such a project will travel parallel with the worthwhile work of each individual chapter but give a unifying focus for OMEP Australia. At this time no firm decisions have been made concerning a national project.

The work of the association has been greatly helped by the assistance of a number of people. Thanks go to Nick Matsis of NRM Johnson of the auditors; members of the investment committee; editor and producer of the news letter.

The Board of Directors met on the weekends of 21/22 July and 6/7 October. Seven teleconferences were held during the year. My thanks go to all directors for their loyalty and support. Apart from constitutional matters the Board has not progressed other projects but I am hopeful that once the new constitution is approved the Board will be able to focus its attention on other issues relating to the advancement of children's well being.

There were problems receiving information about international activities of OMEP but I have now been in contact with the Regional President and our electronic communication problems have been resolved. It was unfortunate that no Australian representative attended the regional congress in Hong Kong during May 2008; however Professor Wendy Schiller who is a longstanding OMEP Australia member delivered a keynote address on health, child development and current research at the conference.

In conclusion I would like to acknowledge the commitment and hard work of members and chapters around Australia in promoting the ideals of OMEP through projects and fundraising. This is the most significant contribution OMEP can make to the well being of children in Australia and the world.

Trevor Feder
President

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OMEP S.A.Chapter Report 1/7/2007- 30/6/2008

Committee Members: Angela Norris (president), Yvonne Boers, Anne Carrington, Trevor Feder (ex officio), Bev Hall, Elizabeth Mitchell, Merilyn Webb. Rebecca Harding for part of the year.

The South Australian Chapter has been pleased to host the national secretariat for the first time and delighted that Trevor Feder has been elected national president.

Cooperation with other organisations.

While membership remains steady and is gradually increasing, the chapter is indebted to The de Lissa Association of Early Childhood Graduates, ECA SA Branch, The Pre-School Directors Association and the 16 other organisations which make up the Children's Week Association of SA, colleagues, friends and families, for publicity and support of fund raising, projects and events. Chapter membership of the Children's Week Committee provides invaluable publicity for chapter activities and access to a range of stimulating events in and around universal children's day. The chapter successfully nominated members Prof Wendy Schiller OAM, Jeff Meiners and their research colleagues Cate Fowler and Julie Orchard from Windmill Performing Arts, for a Children's Week Award for their longitudinal research into the positive outcomes across the curriculum, for children participating in arts education. You will read of Jeff's current concern for arts in the national curriculum in the December newsletter. OMEP member Anne Glover AO, presenting the annual de Lissa Oration at the University of South Australia, drew on her wide experience of education in Indonesia and the near Pacific, inviting reflection on what is appropriate for Australian children, especially Aboriginal children.

Information sharing.

The SA committee is presently offering three opportunities for professional development each calendar year, through seminars, research reports or sharing in discussion. At the November AGM, Angela Falkenberg gave engaging glimpses of daily life at Hampstead Primary School and the value of the play centre which staff have developed for children who have limited previous experience of play in a group setting, practice in concentration, etc. In May Dr Janna Morrison from Uni SA and the Heart Foundation spoke of her research into the relationship between low birth weight in babies and the risks of developing heart disease in later life. The next focus is on prevention.

Fundraising, projects and donations.

A film night at the Trak cinema gave a useful lift to available funds and restaurateur Manjula Watts from the Snake Charmer made a generous donation at the conclusion of the annual dinner. Children, families, teachers and carers were invited to participate in raising money for the purchase of Goats for the Children of the World, through an Oxfam project in Sri Lanka. Communities found hugely inventive ways of buying goats and shortly after the close of the financial year the sum raised had topped \$6000 and 156 goats had been purchased on behalf of the children of South Australia. The chapter has long believed that Australian representation at OMEP World Assemblies is important. \$500 was given to the World Assembly Fund.

Chapter Bank Account.

With the agreement of the current auditor, Mr Nick Matsis, the board's decision to allow those chapters who wish to have their own bank accounts, and the reopening of the SA account, the sense of responsibility for this small corner of OMEP Australia was restored. Members remain committed to the work of OMEP Australia and the children of the world.

Merilyn Webb Director

ANNUAL CHAPTER REPORT – VICTORIA 07/08

The 07/08 report talks about the amount of energy required to motivate Victorian members and the general feelings of despair of members and this was very apparent at the AGM when there were no nominations to fill committee positions. The Chapter agreed to form a leadership group as an interim measure that has continued all year.

The leadership group has worked tirelessly throughout the year to keep the spirit of OMEP alive. Regular bulletins to members helped keep everyone informed about events and happenings.

CARE BAGS – in June the chapter presented 42 bags to Denis Minster from Anglicare Gippsland to use for children taken into emergency foster care. Denis was overwhelmed with the number and content of the bags and accepted them with pleasure. The support received from members particularly Ruyton Early Learning Centre and the band of energetic bag fillers drew members back to the very focus of OMEP – children. The chapter plans to continue this initiative in 2009.

A Christmas lunch at the Fitzroy Gardens Pavilion acknowledged the work and commitment of Victorian members over several years to the National Secretariat and Board. A presentation was made to both Sue Harper and Sue Lancaster as thanks for their tireless dedication and commitment to OMEP Australia despite the many barriers faced as they endeavoured to provide OMEP Australia with a solid foundation on which to grow.

Spring in September, an afternoon with music, butterflies and plants, was another very enjoyable way members joined together to network and discuss current issues for OMEP and the early childhood field. Music provided by Quintessential Brass was well received both by OMEP members and the general public. A profit of \$67.50 was a pleasant surprise.

Victoria faces many challenges in the immediate future to maintain its place as a leader within OMEP Australia but with vision and hard work, and a strong commitment to what OMEP stands for, the challenges will be overcome.

Special thanks to the leadership group for staying and seeing the year through. We have achieved much to be proud of and also, thanks to Sue Lancaster, Sue Harper and Pat Cooper who have provided the inspiration, support and belief in OMEP to keep Victoria alive.

Shayne Collins - Director

Chapter Report

Western Australia

I am pleased to report that the 2007/2008 year was a successful and harmonious one for Western Australia. Following the decision of the Board of OMEP Australia to permit the choice of chapters to incorporate, providing that they adopt a constitution congruent with that of OMEP Aust, OMEP WA drafted a constitution, made application and received incorporation on January 22, 2008. This action has enabled WA to maintain the same degree of autonomy, integrity and efficiency previously enjoyed.

Popondetta Feast

Following a field trip to Papua New Guinea with fellow OMEP member Judith Parker to open fresh water tanks donated by the International Council of Women, Dawn met with the Early Childhood Branch and community members and received urgent calls for assistance. It was decided to support Inota Village, Popondetta by providing roofing iron to keep out the rain, and also Beama Village by the provision of basic teaching materials. To help defray the expenses involved, a delicious Popondetta-style feast was held in the beautiful poolside garden of Tina Elsegood, at which PNG artefacts were also raffled.

Annual General Meeting

At the 2007 Annual General Meeting held at the Perth Flying Squadron Yacht Club, the WA constitution was passed, office bearers elected and a power-point presentation given by Judith Parker and Dawn Butterworth of their visit to PNG.

Cooperation with other Organisations

As part of our policy to cooperate with other associations with similar aims to our own, WA provided the early childhood prize for the *Eating for Living Project* and served on the judging panel. Organised by NCW WA, this project was aimed at promoting healthy eating and exercise to ward off obesity among WA school children.

In addition, children's clothing was collected and sent with member Dame Patricia O'Sullivan to support poor children attending her Hearing Clinic in Surabaya, Indonesia.

School Starter Kits

For the twelfth successive year, WA members organised, packaged and delivered 300 school starter kits for the commencement of the 2008 school year for Year 1 children from needy families. This was a cooperative effort between the Swan River Trust who donated the library bags; Wooldridges Educational Supplies who donated all the school materials; Ashton Scholastics who donated the reading books; and the Education Department who posted those kits destined for rural and remote areas of our vast State.

Refugee Welcoming Kits

Welcoming kits consisting of a nylon backpack donated by ALCOA and containing a welcoming letter, basic toiletries, toys, books and writing materials, continue to be progressively distributed on behalf of OMEP through the Refugee Clinic at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children.

Executive

The WA Executive members have met monthly and have found that the current mix of gender and occupation represented has widened the perspective of members considerably. I wish to record my special thanks to the WA executive members for their continued fellowship, support and encouragement in pursuit of our mission to improve the lives of young children.

Dr Dawn Butterworth Director