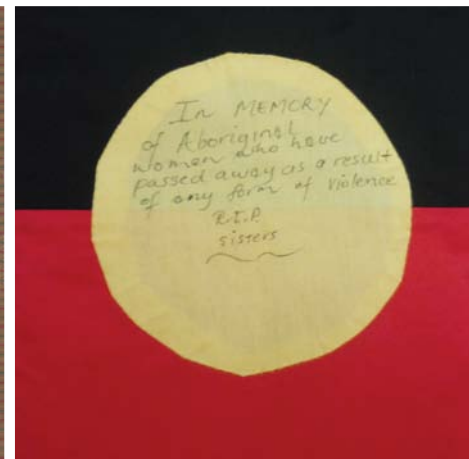


Working to ensure that
all women and children live free of
domestic and family violence.

Annual Review 2009/10



Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA)

Vision Statement

The Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) seek to ensure that all women and children live free of domestic and family violence.

Our Purpose

The Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) is a state wide peak organisation committed to improving the status of women and children in society.

The role is to provide a voice on domestic and family violence issues that facilitates and promotes policy, legislative and programmatic responses relevant to women and children who have experienced domestic and family violence.

The Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) operates from a feminist perspective. It proactively advocates for social justice in order to further empowerment, access, equity and safety for all women and children.

Statement of Principles

All women and children are people of dignity, strength and resourcefulness. Domestic and Family Violence interferes with women and children's ability to realise their full potential.

The following principles guide the actions of the Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA):

- A commitment to access and equity for all women and children who are or have been experiencing domestic and family violence
- A commitment to sustaining and developing a gendered analysis of domestic and family violence
- A commitment to early intervention that focuses on the safety and protection of women and children
- A recognition of domestic and family violence in same sex relationships
- A commitment to working collaboratively and developing partnerships with key stakeholders in the wider community

Objectives

1. To strengthen our unified voice on domestic and family violence issues.
2. To maintain the Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA) as an independent, viable and credible organisation
3. To improve the access of women and children to Women's Refuges and services which seek to deal with the effects of domestic and family violence
4. To provide leadership in the area of domestic and family violence issues to key stakeholders and the community
5. To increase the community awareness of the incidence, effects and responses to domestic and family violence
6. To collaborate with key stakeholders in the development of policies, legislation and programs which impact on women and children experiencing domestic and family violence
7. To ensure access and equity for all members in remote/rural locations

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Chairperson's Report

It is a credit to the commitment, passion and expertise of the women who have built the Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WCDFVS) over the years, that our policy advice is sought after and well regarded by government, community and private sectors alike. WCDFVS members continue to be at the cutting edge of new services and community campaigns for women to live free from violence.

This past year WCDFVS have advocated for reforms and improvements across a range of legislative, policy and funding areas, which are outlined further into the annual report.

One area of this work has been our advocacy for the establishment of a Family Violence Fatality Review process. Minister McSweeney has signalled her government's interest in establishing such a process, and we remain optimistic that a system review will be established in the near future. An effective systemic review of the government and community responses to domestic violence, can provide a breakthrough in preventing future deaths, and reducing violence against women.

Another quite different area of work which has been a focus for WCDFVS this year has been the sector wide push for both State and Federal government to increase funding to ensure that staff can be paid equitable wages. Decent pay for staff working in critical domestic violence services is essential to the sustainable provision of quality services. Women in Western Australia currently earn 27.9% less than men, and the community sector is overwhelming staffed by women. We look forward to greater funding for the community sector, and the improved outcomes for women's equality.

Throughout the year WCDFVS have enjoyed a productive alliance with the Family and Domestic Violence Unit, at the Department of Child Protection, and we look forward to continued work together.

Working alongside the WCDFVS staff and Executive members has been rewarding and inspiring. I would particularly like to congratulate CEO Angela Hartwig on her long term commitment, the achievements of the WCDFVS are in no small part a credit to Angela's expertise, professionalism and determination to work for justice for women.



Kate Davis
Chairperson

“Western Australia Police attended 34,085 domestic and family violence incidents between 1st July 2009 and 30th June 2010. Only 13,008 – 38.2% of these incidents resulted in criminal charges being laid.”

(Western Australia Police, Family/Domestic Relationship Incidents by District, for period from 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010)

CEO's Report

The WCDFVS state-wide membership base continues to grow with 62 Organisational Members, made up of Refuge Services; Domestic and Family Violence Outreach Services (WA); and Case Management Coordination Services (CMCs). The membership forms a strong, viable network, funded through the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) to deliver domestic and family violence homelessness accommodation and support services for women and children escaping domestic and family violence (DFV).

Bi-monthly Refuge Managers meetings continue to be held and well attended. Quarterly meetings/forums provide workers in Refuges and DFV Services a forum for professional development and networking. The Department of Housing (DoH) and Refuge Managers also hold quarterly meetings to discuss operational and policy issues that affect Refuge clients and housing needs. These forums provide an important opportunity for workers to identify and discuss key issues affecting the women and children experiencing DFV.

We have been fortunate to secure additional funding in 2009/10 for the following projects:

- Safe At Home;
- Keeping Kids Safe;
- Speak Out (Peer Education Project DVD);
- Skills Recognition for Refuge and DFV Workers;
- Safety and Security for Women; and
- Delivery of Training on DFV to Department of Housing (DoH) Staff.

I would like to sincerely thank staff members Jackie, Louise, Janette, Minako, Terri and Carolyn for their commitment and hard work which has contributed significantly to the success of the project work and growth of the organisation over the last year. Thank you also to Christina Kadmos who facilitated the state-wide Safe at Home Forum held in November 2009 and who has facilitated the delivery of DFV training to DoH staff in 2010.

Many thanks to all Executive Committee Members, for your role in overseeing the governance of the organisation and for the support you have provided me throughout the year. I would like to particularly acknowledge and thank our Chairperson, Kate Davis, who has given of her time and energy, to attend, with me, important meetings with relevant Government Ministers and Departments, in particular.

Also a special mention to our Patron, Ms. Diana Warnock for her ongoing support and commitment to WCDFVS over the years, with being available to MC and/or as a dynamic speaker at some of our key events.

The 20th Annual Silent Domestic Violence Memorial March will be held on 24 November 2010 in the lead up to the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence and will be followed by a DFV Conference on 25 and 26 November featuring keynote speakers Allan Wade, Linda Coates and Cathy Richardson from the Centre for Response-Based Practice in Canada.

I look forward to working together in the year ahead, to both review the key achievements and outcomes of our current Strategic Plan 2008-2011; and to develop future directions for the next three year as part of WCDFVS Strategic Plan for 2012-2015.



Angela Hartwig
CEO

“Violence against women and their children will cost the Australian economy an estimated \$13.6 billion this year ... Without implementing a plan to reduce violence against women and children an estimated 750,000 women in Australia will report being a victim of victim in 2021-22.”

(Commonwealth of Australia, 2009, The Cost of Violence against Women and their Children)

Section 1: Administration

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Publications Officer



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Project Officer



Janette Richardson
Office Manager



Louise Carey
Children's Policy
Officer



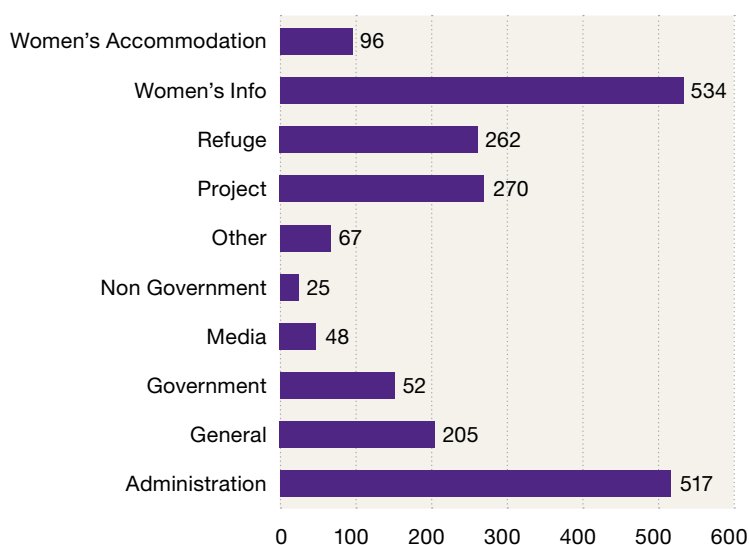
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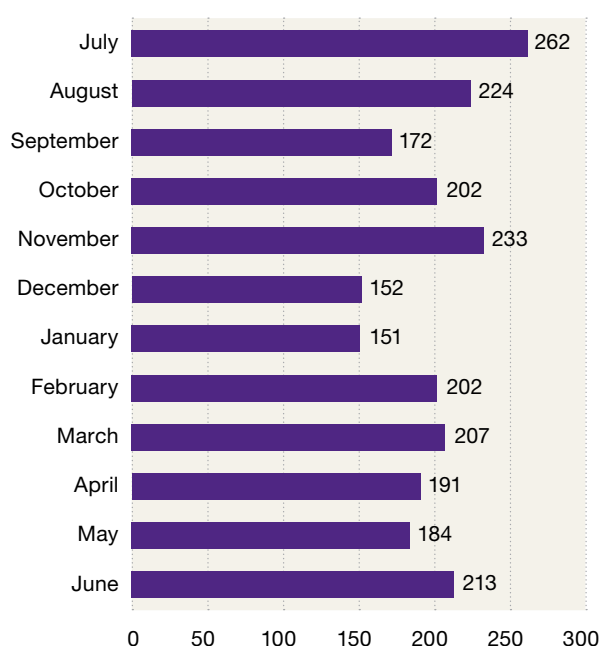
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Incoming Calls

Phone Tally: July 2009 to June 2010



Phone Tally by month: 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010



WA Refuges On-line

The WCDFVS monitors the available beds number and calculates the average beds.

* Data for April is not recorded due to the server problem.

Average of Available Beds Number by Region: July 2009 to June 2010

	TOTAL	METRO	WB	PEEL	SW	GS	GF	MS	PB	KIM
July	153.1	19.0	8.0	3.0	0.3	19.8	19.8	30.1	29.2	40.6
August	112.4	16.7	6.6	3.8	0.4	0.2	4.0	24.0	25.8	40.6
September	109.0	10.0	8.4	0.8	0.8	9.3	12.1	24.5	14.0	29.0
October	89.6	11.6	4.2	1.3	0.7	10.5	10.9	16.0	11.8	22.6
November	88.2	6.4	7.4	0.4	3.0	7.2	10.5	14.2	9.0	30.2
December	70.1	8.8	3.5	1.4	0.2	3.8	19.6	9.3	12.2	11.2
January	95.7	11.5	8.3	1.1	0.9	8.0	24.2	11.8	16.6	13.3
February	110.0	9.9	4.8	1.0	0.5	4.0	22.2	20.8	11.6	35.3
March	106.2	13.4	10.3	0.2	0.7	3.1	25.7	16.8	11.3	24.7
May	112.7	17.8	7.3	2.3	1.0	10.3	17.5	18.1	13.1	25.3
June	115.6	19.7	11.2	2.3	5.9	11.6	9.9	10.4	21.1	23.5
AVERAGE	105.7	13.2	7.3	1.6	1.3	8.0	16.0	17.8	16.0	26.9

Average Beds Number per Refuge/Safe House: July 2009 to June 2010

	TOTAL	METRO	WB	PEEL	SW	GS	GF	MS	PB	KIM
July	4.4	1.1	4.0	3.0	0.3	3.1	11.7	15.0	9.7	7.3
August	3.5	0.9	3.3	3.8	0.4	0.2	4.0	12.0	9.9	7.3
September	5.3	0.6	4.2	0.8	0.8	9.3	6.1	12.2	6.2	7.7
October	4.7	0.7	2.1	1.3	0.7	10.5	5.4	8.0	5.6	7.5
November	4.7	0.4	3.7	0.4	3.0	7.2	5.2	7.1	4.0	11.5
December	3.8	0.6	1.8	1.4	0.2	3.8	9.8	4.6	6.1	5.6
January	5.7	0.7	4.5	1.1	0.9	8.0	12.1	5.9	13.1	4.9
February	5.8	0.6	2.4	1.0	0.5	4.0	11.1	10.4	11.6	10.6
March	5.7	0.8	5.2	0.2	0.7	3.1	12.9	8.8	11.3	8.1
May	6.6	1.0	3.7	2.3	1.0	10.3	8.7	9.1	13.1	9.9
June	6.7	1.2	5.6	2.3	5.9	11.6	4.9	5.2	13.8	9.7
AVERAGE	5.2	0.8	3.7	1.6	1.3	6.5	8.4	8.9	9.5	8.2

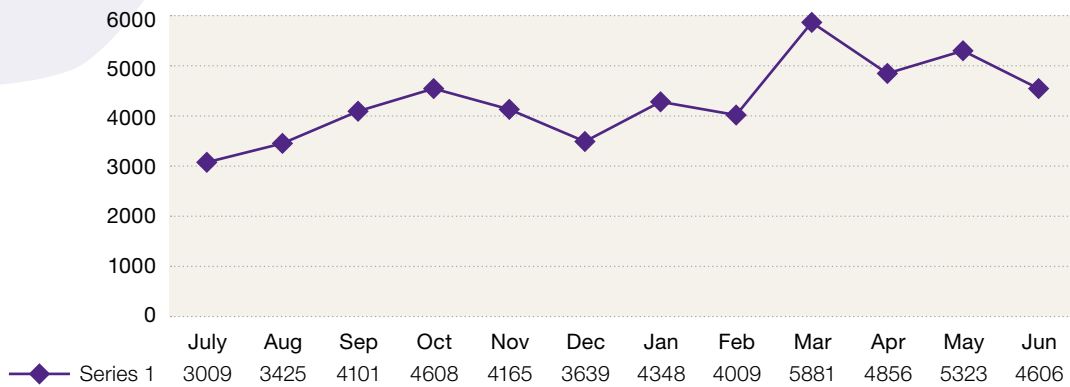
METRO = All refuges within a Perth metropolitan area plus Lucy Saw Centre
 WHEATBELT (WB) = Djoekanka and Northam
 PEEL = Pat Thomas House
 SOUTH WEST (SW) = Bunbury
 GREAT SOUTHERN DISTRICT (GS) = Albany

GOLDFIELDS (GF) = Goldfields (Kalgoorlie), Esperance
 MURCHISON (MS) = Geraldton, Carnarvon
 PILBARA (PB) = Port Hedland, Karratha, Newman, Roebourne
 KIMBERLEY (KIM) = Broome, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek, Kununurra, Wyndham, Derby

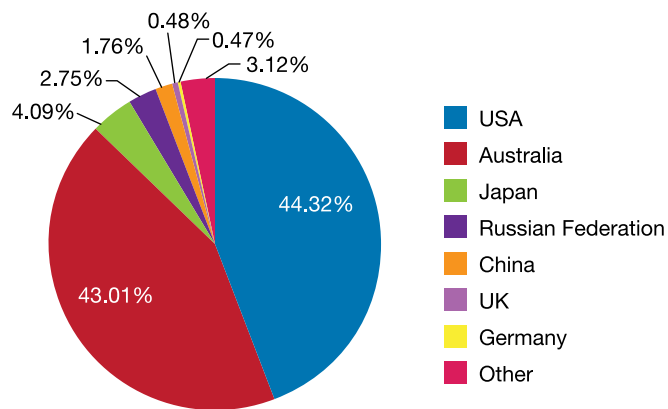
Website Statistics

The number of visits to the WCDFVS Website was 52,270 during the 2009/10 financial year. The following graphs indicate more details and aspects of the visitors.

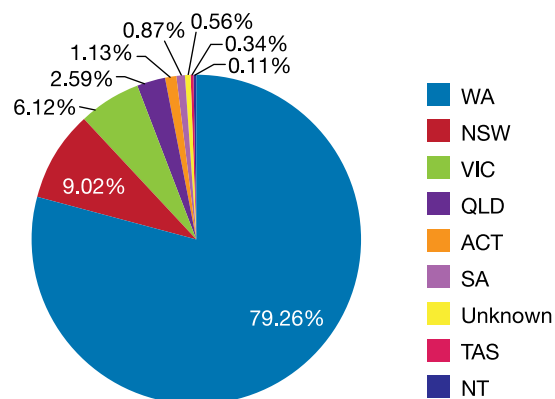
Number of Visits: July 2009 to June 2010 – Total Visits: 52,270



Visits by Council: July 2009 to June 2010 – Total Visits: 52,270



Visits by city in Australia: July 2009 to June 2010 – Total Visits: 22,483



Section 2: Sector and Policy Development

The WCDFVS Service Model

The WCDFVS delivers a service model that provides support to domestic and family violence homelessness accommodation and support services across three broad strategies of:

- Early intervention and prevention;
- Breaking the cycle of homelessness as a result of domestic and family violence; and
- Working to strengthen and better connect the DFV homelessness service system.

With a focus on:

- Improving the access of women and children to DFV homelessness accommodation and support services including Women's Refuges and other DFV services;
- Integrated and responsive DFV homelessness accommodation and support services promoting best practice to provide access to sustainable housing and follow up support for women and children experiencing DFV;
- Workforce development for workers from DFV homelessness accommodation and support services;
- Supporting and assisting DFV homelessness services to operate effectively; and
- The promotion of best practice across DFV homelessness services.

The WCDFVS is committed to promoting innovative good practice models relevant to women and children who experience DFV. This occurs in a number of forums including:

- Bi-monthly Refuge Manager's Meetings;



Supporting Children who have Experienced Domestic and Family Violence Conference.

- Quarterly Refuge and Department of Housing Manager's Meetings;
- Quarterly Training Workshops for Refuge and DFV staff;
- Regular up-dates through our email network and website; and
- Quarterly editions of the WCDFVS E-News.

The WCDFVS held a three day Conference on 26-28 October 2009, entitled, 'Supporting Children Who Have Experienced Domestic and Family Violence'. Day 1 provided the opportunity to showcase good practice models throughout the state with peers. Specialist training was provided by the Australian Childhood Foundation on 'The impact of Trauma on Children's Brain Development' and 'Working with Traumatized Children' on Days 2 & 3.

National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPA)

The WCDFVS received additional funding from DCP to assist with the development and implementation of six Safe at Home and five Domestic Violence Outreach models as part of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPA). With additional funding received for the Keeping Kids Safe Project, the forthcoming Good Practice guidelines have been work-shopped and issues such as case management and mentoring have been covered. The ability to bring together metro, and rural and remote Child Support Workers for the 25 May Keeping Kids Safe workshop provided a great forum for face-to-face discussions on the unique challenges they face when working in their communities.

WA Strategic Plan for Family and Domestic Violence 2009-13

This year the State Government finalised the WA State Strategic Plan for Family and Domestic Violence for 2009 to 2013. This plan aims to raise the community's understanding and awareness of family and domestic violence and ensure that each part of the system has the capacity to take action to maximise the safety of victims and the accountability of perpetrators. The plan has ten key strategies that will be implemented; these fall under three broad outcomes:

- **Prevention and early intervention:** Individual attitudes and behaviors within the community reflect that family and domestic violence in any form is not acceptable;
- **Safety for victims:** Adult and child victims are safe and kept free from harm through timely and accessible services; and
- **Accountability for perpetrators:** Perpetrators are held accountable for their actions and are actively supported to cease their violent behaviour.

An Annual Action Plan was also released which sets out the key actions to be progressed during 2009-10. The WCDFVS worked, as part of the Senior Officers Group, on the development of the State Strategic Plan and the Annual Action Plan and looks forward to progressing this plan over the next two years. For further information on the State Strategic Plan please visit DCP's website (www.dcp.wa.gov.au).

Review of the Regional Coordinated Responses (RCRs)

The Review of the Regional Coordinated Responses (RCRs) proposed a new service model with a major focus on coordinated case management responses for high risk cases. The review has also identified that, where a Refuge/DFV specialist service has been the lead agency with the RCR, these models have worked well and had a high level of collaboration and cooperation.

A number of consultations and forums have been held over the last twelve months. The WCDFVS has worked in partnership with the Department for Child Protection (DCP) to hold consultation meetings on the key initiatives and interagency responses such as the Case Management Coordination Services (CMCs) and the Safe at Home Service models.

Time for Action: National Plan to reduce Violence against Women and Children

In April of 2009 the Federal Government released The National Plan to Reduce violence against Women, Immediate Government Actions in response to the *Time for Action* report released by the National Council to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children. As part of this Plan the Australian Government agreed to progress the following actions starting in 2009-10:

- Invest \$12.5 million for a new national telephone and online crisis service. The new service will be run by professional staff and make active referrals to follow-up services. The new service will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;
- Invest \$26 million for primary prevention activities including:
 - > \$9 million to improve the quality and uptake of respectful relationships programs for school age young people;

- > \$17 million for a public information campaign focused on changing attitudes and behaviours that contribute to violence; and
- Invest \$3 million to support research on perpetrator treatment and nationally consistent laws;
- Work with the States and Territories through the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General to:
 - > Establish a national scheme for the registration of domestic and family violence orders. This scheme will allow orders to be enforced across State and Territory borders.
 - > Improve the uptake of relevant coronial recommendations.
 - > Identify the most effective methods to investigate and prosecute sexual assault cases.
- Develop a multi-disciplinary training package for lawyers, judicial officers, counsellors and other professionals working in the family law system, to improve consistency in the handling of family violence cases.
- Ask the Australian Law Reform Commission to work with State and Territory law reform commissions to examine the inter-relationship of laws that relate to the safety of women and their children; and
- Establish the *Violence Against Women Advisory Group* to advise on the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women.

Time for Action identifies six key outcome areas and 20 high-priority actions that require an urgent response. The Government has agreed to immediately implement eleven, will consult with the States and Territories on seven and will consider two within the context of the *National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women*.



Copies of the National Plan, Immediate Government Actions and the National Councils *Time for Action* report are available on the FaHCSIA website www.fahcsia.gov.au.

The WCDFVS has continued to provide advice and/or written submissions in the following areas:

- Cross Government Response to Domestic and Family Violence, Family & Domestic Violence Unit
- National Register Monitoring Violence Restraining Orders (VRO's)
- DfV Fatality Review Working Group
- National Family Violence Inquiry by Australian Law Reform Commission
- National Plan to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children (Priorities)
- Pay Equity Submission
- Review of the VRO Legislation Amendments Act (2004)
- Review of the Residential Tenancy Act
- WACOSS Pre-budget submission to the State Government 2010-11

Advisory Groups and Committees (Angela)

The WCDFVS, amongst other methods, participated in policy and advocacy through their involvement with the Family and Domestic Violence Senior Officers Group (SOG). Through the SOG the WCDFVS provided input into the WA Strategic Plan for Family and Domestic Violence which runs through to 2013 and sets the targets around domestic and family violence service provision for the next two years.

There have also been some significant gains in the State Governments commitment to the progressing of a fatality review process for WA and the continued development of a common risk assessment and management framework.

Fatality Review Process

On the 24th of November 2009 the Department for Child Protection held a workshop to explore options for developing a fatality review process in Western Australia. This was an initiative that the WCDFVS had long been advocating to government for and was the focus of our Silent Domestic Violence Memorial March in 2008. The Fatality Review Workshop was a fantastic event which received a lot of support from the sector, since then Kate Davis, in her role as Chair of the WCDFVS, has been participating on the Senior Officers Group, Fatality Review Working Group, to progress the establishment of a Family Violence Death Review Committee in WA.

Family and Domestic Violence Risk Assessment and Management Framework

Anne Moore continued in her role providing input into the Family and Domestic Violence Risk Assessment and Management Framework on behalf of the WCDFVS. The development of a Risk Assessment and Management Framework and some common guidelines around minimum standards for risk assessment in Western Australia is a significant step towards a consistent

response in screening and identifying risk for victims of domestic and family violence.

WCDFVS representatives have been the members of the following Committees and Advisory Groups for 2009-10:

- Department for Child Protection Community Sector Roundtable (Angela Hartwig)
- Ethnic Communities Council of WA (Vivienne Pillay)
- Family Law Court of WA (Children Issues) (Kedy Kristal)
- Family and Domestic Violence Senior Officer's Group (Kate Davis/Angela Hartwig)
- Women's Advisory Council (Annette Chivers/Kate Davis)
- WACOSS Peak Forums (Angela Hartwig)
- WESNET: WA Representative (Kedy Kristal)

Executive Committee Membership for 2009-10

Chairperson: Kate Davis
 Deputy Chair: Annette Chivers
 Secretary: Gail Bowen
 Treasurer: Tania Seath
 Rural rep: Gail Bowen
 Remote rep: Valda Carrington
 CaLD rep: Vivienne Pillay
 Indigenous rep: Gloria Walley
 Executive Member: Judy Dimmocks
 Executive Member: Melissa Rowe
 CEO: Angela Hartwig (ex-officio)

Section 3: Projects

Keeping Kids Safe

In 2009 the WCDFVS was funded by the Department for Child Protection to provide information, training and resources to support Women's Refuges' work with children. In late 2009 this funding was extended for a further three years to 2012 in recognition of the importance of continuing to provide support, training and resources to Women's Refuge staff to enable them to best support children and young people.

Based on the consultations with Child Support Workers and Child Advocates completed at the start of 2009 and 2010 further state-wide training was delivered including:

- The impact of violence on children;
- Case management and working with children in Refuge;
- Working therapeutically with children;
- Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder/ Foetal Alcohol Syndrome;
- Protective Behaviours;
- Family Rhyme Time;
- The Impact of sexual abuse on children;
- Working with traumatised children and the neurobiology of complex trauma; and
- Best Practice and collaboration.

WCDFVS also conducted a consultation with children about their experience of arriving at and living in a Refuge. Children living in Refuges, or attending outreach programs after exiting Refuge were consulted about their experiences and perceptions of Refuge services. This provided an opportunity to hear from the key stakeholders of this project and ensure children's voices permeate service provision.

To conclude the 2009 training calendar WCDFVS and Keeping Kids Safe hosted a good practice



keeping **KIDS** safe

forum. Concepts for Change and the playback theatre group helped to facilitate discussion about good practice standards for supporting children who have experienced domestic and family violence. Attended by over 70 people from around the state the forum showcased 'sector good practice' in respect to:

- Supporting children in Women's Refuge Services;
- Disclosure safety and assessment; and
- Research and innovation.

Seven regional and metropolitan Refuges participated in the consultation, providing access to 32 children aged between three and fourteen. Unstructured, play based sessions were facilitated by two Women's Council staff. The children who participated were asked broadly about their experiences. Key themes that emerged included; leaving home, arriving at the Refuge, living at the

Refuge, perceptions of the staff and Refuge services and exiting the Refuge. Children and young people were generally positive about their experiences, however some aspects of living in a Refuge like sharing limited space arose as an issue. The negative aspects were overwhelmingly outweighed by the sense of safety experienced in the Refuge. These consultation outcomes have helped to inform the project.



These consultations, discussions and trainings have helped to further inform the good practice standards as well as future project planning. Keeping Kids Safe is looking forward to building on this work and developing new resources and training opportunities over the next few years.

Safe at Home and Domestic Violence Outreach Programs

With the release of *'A Road Home: a National Approach to Reducing Homelessness'* in 2008 and the Federal Government's ambitious target to halve homelessness by 2020 there is a sense of change amongst homelessness services in Western Australia. 2009-10 saw services receiving the first round of new funding, through the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness, aimed at supporting people who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness.

With *'The Road Home'* recognising the strong links between domestic and family violence and homelessness amongst women and children the Federal and State Government have provided funding for the development and implementation of a Safe at Home program in WA. On the 10th of November 2009 the WCDFVS in partnership with the Department for Child Protection held a Forum to determine what a 'Safe at Home' would look like and how it would be implemented.

Funding was provided to six organisations, four metropolitan and one each in the South West and Wheatbelt, to provide support to enable 300 women, and their accompanying children, to remain in their homes where it is safe to do so and have the perpetrator removed. This approach recognises that women and their children should not have to leave their homes as a result of violence and holds perpetrators accountable through exclusion from the home.

The WCDFVS was funded to act in a coordination role throughout the development of the program and has worked closely with DCP to ensure that services are involved in the development of this program and that a consistent response is being provided across the six locations.

In addition to these six Safe at Home locations, five Domestic Violence Outreach services and a perpetrator response through Communicare's Breathing Space, has received funding to provide an early intervention

response to victims and perpetrators of domestic and family violence. These services make contact with victims and perpetrators, providing consent is obtained, following police attendance at a domestic and family violence incident. These services have a focus on the safety of victims of violence, including children, and holding perpetrators accountable for their violent behaviour.

For further information please contact Jackie Newbigin on jackie@womenscouncil.com.au.



Statewide Safe at Home Forum held 10 November 2010 with keynote speaker Ludo McFerran from the Australian DV Clearing House.

SPEAK OUT: Supporting Peers to End Abuse



SPEAK OUT: Supporting Peers to End Abuse (formerly the Domestic and Dating Violence Peer Education Project) continued to be delivered in three schools during 2009. The program has been particularly popular in regional areas of WA with two of the three schools located in the Great Southern Region. The four schools are listed below:

- Kent Street Senior High School (Perth Metro)
- North Albany Senior High School (Great Southern)
- Mount Barker Community College (Great Southern)

All three of these schools engaged students as Peer Educators with approximately 40 students provided with a one and a half days training to provide them with the skills to perform this role within the school. This training was provided on-site and provided students with further information on what is healthy and unhealthy within relationships as well as providing them with skills in confidentiality, protective interrupting, debriefing, organisational and presentation skills.

These students went on to run awareness raising activities within the school such as, holding a sausage sizzle to raise money, painting a mural promoting healthy relationships, holding a healthy relationships stall as part of healthy lifestyle week, presenting at school assembly's and creating posters to put around the school. These students also acted as contact points for other students, to inform them what is and isn't healthy within relationships.



Kent Street Senior High School Peer Educators 2009.

Feedback from the schools was extremely positive with comments such as:

“What is particularly good about this is that the students selected were a different group of kids that have traditionally taken on leadership roles in our school. As a result of your program their confidence and engagement with the school has increased.” Leanne Prior, Associate Principal, Mount Barker Community College.

“You have offered a service to our schools that otherwise wouldn't have been available. The information that you provided to the students and staff addresses a serious issue in a preventative way. Student feedback indicated it was a high interest topic for them and relevant to their needs.” Stephen Baxter, Director of Schools, Department of Education, Albany District Education Office.

The WCDFVS also obtained additional funding from Lotterywest in 2009 to produce a promotional DVD to



Kent Street Senior High School Peer Educators 2009.

highlight the success of the SPEAK OUT program. The DVD has been produced by WBMC, will be used by the WCDFVS to engage schools, Government, funding bodies and other interested groups in the program and will hopefully assist in securing ongoing funding and support of the program as well as engagement by schools and support services interested in participating/delivering the program.

Launch of Supporting Women with Complex Needs Resource

The Supporting Women with Complex Needs Resource was launched by The Hon. Robyn McSweeney MLC, Minister for Child Protection; Community Services; Women's Interests; Seniors and Volunteering on Friday 4 December 2010 at City West Lotteries House. The Resource focuses on women experiencing domestic violence who also use or misuse alcohol and other drugs. The project aimed to work with domestic violence and alcohol and other drug services to improve understanding and collaboration between services and to service provision to women with complex needs. The project was undertaken in partnership with the WA Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (WANADA) with funding from the Department for Communities, WA Grants for Women and the Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Foundation.

The Supporting Women with Complex Needs resource continues to be very popular with over 200 copies provided to services across WA. The WCDFVS has maintained its partnership with WANADA and will continue to progress this important issue. For copies of the resource please visit the WCDFVS website.



Launch of Supporting Women With Complex Needs Resource.

Skills Recognition Project (SRP)

West Coast TAFE and the Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services are currently piloting a partnership project offering Refuge staff the opportunity to gain skills recognition in Community Services, Certificate III and IV.

The project began in late 2008 as a result of feedback gained through a state-wide survey with Refuge Managers conducted by Chrissy Armstrong from TAFE, who was working with Community Skills Training Centre as part of a return to industry placement. Currently there are 27 workers participating in the pilot from six Refuges which include, Lucy Saw, Pat Thomas, Goldfields, Anawim, Byanda and Wooree Miya. Community Service Work, Lecturer, Therese Smith from West Coast TAFE and Angela Hartwig have been conducting the workplace based assessments with Refuge and DFV Staff as part of the Skills Recognition Project. If you would like to take part in this project, or would like more information, please contact Angela Hartwig, CEO: ahartwig@womenscouncil.com.au

Supporting Older Women Who Have Experienced Domestic and Family Violence and Mistreatment

Following the success of the National *Ageing Safely* Forum in Adelaide in October 2009, two state based forums have been organised, with a further forum in the planning stages in Victoria. The Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) and Advocare organised the first follow up event, held in Perth on 26 March 2010.

Over fifty participants attended the *Supporting Older Women Forum*, representing diverse groups. The day began with keynote addresses by Angela Hartwig (CEO, Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA), Patrick Smith (Aboriginal Advocacy, Advocare) and Bettine Heathcote (State President, Council on the Ageing (WA)). Following the presentations, participants broke up into five smaller groups to discuss questions on service provision strengths, challenges, gaps and working partnerships.

Seven key themes emerged from the discussion groups:

- greater community awareness and education
- cross sector training
- risk assessment, safety and referral pathways
- networking
- resources and support groups
- accommodation and support services
- interagency collaboration and partnerships

Go on-line to

www.womenscouncil.com.au for full report from the WA Forum.

Just over one month later, on 29 April, 200 people from a range of Local Councils, Police, Health, Aged and Family violence services and a large contingent of Older Women's Network (OWN) NSW members attended the *Older Women Ageing Safely in NSW Forum* in Sydney.

Section 4: Community Education and Training

WCDFVS Publications

HURT Website, DVD and Training Resource

The HURT website continued to be a popular web based and training resource both internationally and within Australia. The Interactive, media rich website, provides insight into the experience of domestic and family violence from the perspective of the women and children who experience it and the men who perpetrate acts of violence and abuse.

The WCDFVS has also had many expressions of interest in the both the site and the DVD with the training resource and DVD clips continuing to be used to engage service providers, members of the public, high school students, victims and perpetrators around issues of domestic and family violence. Training Resources and DVD's are still available through the WCDFVS.

An order form for the HURT training package can be accessed at www.womenscouncil.com.au/default.aspx?MenuID=6

To view the HURT website visit www.hurt.net.au

'What is Domestic and Family Violence' Community Education Booklet

The 'What is Domestic and Family Violence?' booklet which has been hugely successful. These community education booklets provide readers with definitions of domestic and family violence and statistics and information on, the impacts on women, children and young people, myths and misunderstandings, barriers to leaving, ways you can help and details of service providers. 2,500 booklets have been sold. Free copies have been given out at the *Every Woman Expo* and they have proved to be a hugely successful way to educate the public.

The 'What is Domestic and Family Violence?' booklet is now available to order from the WCDFVS. A copy of the order form can be downloaded from the WCDFVS website www.womenscouncil.com.au/default.aspx?MenuID=6.

Quarterly E-News

In 2009 the WCDFVS began producing a quarterly member's newsletter. The purpose of the



newsletter is update members about the activities of the WCDFVS including events, projects, policy work and current issues or affairs.

All WCDFVS members can submit articles, event information, or advertise new resources within the newsletter. To submit information to the newsletter, please contact Carolyn Wall on 9420 7264 or policy@womenscouncil.com.au

Supporting Women with Complex Needs Resource

The WCDFVS Supporting Women with Complex Needs Resource has proved to be a popular resource, and the first of its kind in Western Australia. The resource deals with issues of domestic and family violence and the use and misuse of alcohol and other drugs and provides information for service providers on these issues. This resource was produced by the Women's Council in partnership with the WA Network of Alcohol and Other Drugs and can be viewed on the WCDFVS website (www.womenscouncil.com.au). Hard copies are available with an order form also available on the WCDFVS website.



Department of Housing Training on identifying and responding to Domestic and Family Violence

In 2009/10 the WCDFVS continued to provide domestic and family violence training for Department of Housing Customer Service Officers throughout WA. The two day training program was delivered in Perth in the latter half of 2008. In 2009 this training was put on hold by the Department for three months in March 2009, as part of the Government's 3% efficiency cuts. The contract has since been renegotiated for the 2009/10 financial year and will commence with training in 2010.

Parenting Over Violence: Understanding & Empowering Mothers Affected by Adolescent Violence in the Home

The Pat Giles Centre and the WCDFVS hosted the launch the 'Parenting Over Violence' Research Report on 25 June, 2010 at City West Lotteries House, West Perth. In 2009, the PGC received funding from the Department of Communities (Office for Women's Policy) to conduct a qualitative research project exploring the issue of adolescent violence towards mothers in Western Australia. The 'Parenting Over Violence' project commenced in June 2009 and mothers and service providers from all over WA contributed their experience, knowledge and recommendations to the project. Ashleigh Haw presented results and implications of the research to a forum attended by 40 participants and incorporated a session with general discussion about the way forward. This innovative research was the first of its kind in WA and the full report can be downloaded in PDF format from www.saferfamilies.org.au.

Other activities

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

The WCDFVS in partnership with Amnesty International (WA) to coordinate and facilitate the annual Calendar of Events which profiles events that are being held within the 16 Days (25 November-10 December).

Approximately 50 events and/actions are held by agencies throughout WA in a bid to raise awareness about the issue of violence against women and highlight the prevalence and current issues faced by many women and children who suffer abuse at the hands of a male perpetrator. This is an international campaign which is an opportunity to keep the issue of violence against women on the UN agenda. White Ribbon Day, a male lead campaign (25 November) provides the opportunity for positive role models to encourage other men within the community that violence against women is unacceptable and a crime. Many agencies worked collaboratively during this time to profile the good work they are doing to address this issue.

Reclaim The Night 2009

The philosophy of Reclaim The Night encourages grass roots participation in the organisation of events by as many women as possible. In this way Reclaim The Night March is able to draw together women from diverse backgrounds and experiences to work together in addressing issues of men's sexual violence against women and children. The WCDFVS supported the Reclaim The Night March and Rally by providing their support to the ROAR Collective provided through a donation for insurance costs associated with holding the 2009 Reclaim The Night March. The WCDFVS also held an information stall at the event.



WCDFVS stall at the Every Woman Expo.



Every Women Expo 27-29 June 2010

The WCDFVS for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) held a stall at the Every Women Expo in June 2010. DFV specialist staff from a number of Refuge and DFV Services donated their time across the three days to provide information, support and advice to women attending the expo. The stall aimed to raise awareness of domestic and family violence and its impact. It also promoted the role of Women's Refuges and Domestic and Family Violence Services in the community.

To order a copy of the booklet fill out the below and fax/post back to:

ORDER FORM Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA)
 Fax: (08) 9488 8744
 Post: PO Box 8437 Perth Business Centre WA 6849

Supporting Women with Complex Needs
 Government: \$5.50 each (incl GST) Tick Quantity
 WCDFVS / WANDIA Members: \$11.00 each (incl GST)

What is Domestic and Family Violence?
 Non-members: \$11.20 each (incl GST)
 Associate Members: 10% off of Non-members

HURT Training Resources
 WCDFVS Members: \$27.50 each (incl GST)
 Non-members: \$55.00 each (incl GST)
 Associate Members: 10% off of Non-members

Women's Refuges and Domestic Violence Services Pocket Directory
 50 cent each (incl GST)
 * First 50 copies are free for WCDFVS Organisational Members or 25 copies for Associate Members every financial year

Through Young People's Eyes Postcards
 \$20.00 for five copies of 5 different pictures (total of 40 post-cards)

* Plus postage and handling costs (value with Australia Post dependent on weight and distance)

Name: _____
 Organisation: _____
 Phone: _____
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WOMEN'S COUNCIL FOR DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICE (WA) INC.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S COUNCIL FOR DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICE (WA) INC.

Scope

The financial report and committee's responsibility.

The financial report comprises the balance sheet, income statement and accompanying notes to the financial statements and the statement of the committee for Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Service (WA) Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2010.

The committee are responsible for the preparation and the true and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act (WA) and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committees' financial reporting requirements under the Associations Incorporations Act (WA). 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.

Audit Approach

We conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the organisation. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, in order to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgement, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act (WA), including compliance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the organisation's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL FOR DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICE (WA) INC.

Independent Auditor Report to the members of Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Service (WA) Inc. continued

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report, and
- assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of the significant accounting estimates made by the committee.

While we considered the effectiveness of the management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Service (WA) Inc. presents a true and fair view in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, of the financial position of Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Service (WA) Inc. as at 30 June 2010 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Ray Woolley Pty Ltd

Ray Woolley
Registered Auditor No 16396
29 September 2010

19 Bayport Circuit
Mindarie
WA 6030



Section 5: Financial Statements

WOMEN'S COUNCIL FOR DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICES (WA)

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2010

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements are not general purpose financial reports. They are “special purpose financial reports” prepared for the members and the funding bodies to enable compliance with their conditions.

The Accrual method of accounting has been used in accordance with the matching concept. The Historical Cost Convention has been used.

Going Concern – The accounts of the organisation have been prepared on the going concern basis. This is dependent upon it being able to attract continuing funding support from the Government and supporting bodies.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL FOR DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICES (WA)

Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2010

	2010 \$	2009 \$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bankwest Cash Management (WRG)	76,698	77,337
Bankwest Cash Management (JF)	13,635	22,203
Bankwest Cheque	67,248	130,932
Nulsen Haven Trust Account	16,630	0
Cash on Hand	38	379
Investment Portfolio	66,624	61,408
Accounts Receivable	7,038	1,556
Deposits Paid	0	1,180
Net GST Receivable	2,788	5,697
Prepayments	9,140	11,997
Total Current Assets	259,839	312,689
Non Current Assets		
Computers/Phone Equipment	51,678	33,529
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(34,558)	(31,071)
Fixtures & Fittings	11,818	11,818
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(5,745)	(5,253)
	23,193	9,023
Total Assets	283,032	321,712
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accrued Expenses	1,614	0
Alcohol Ed & Rehab income in Advance	0	13,000
Department For Child Protection	45,000	0
Dept of Families Comm Services Income in Advance	0	10,650
Lotteries West Income Advance	0	49,290
Income Received In Advance	5,000	0
Trade Creditors	20,575	0
Provisions		
Provision for Annual Leave	19,721	14,995
Provision for Long Service Leave	19,237	25,763
Provision for Sick Leave	5,736	7,665
Payroll Liabilities	4,309	13,956
Total Liabilities	121,192	135,319
NET ASSETS	161,840	186,393
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Balance at End of Year	141,096	132,393
Reserves		
Share Revaluation	5,216	0
Keeping Kids Safe Reserve	0	30,000
Jordon Fogerty	15,528	24,000
	161,840	186,393

WOMEN'S COUNCIL FOR DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICES (WA)

Statement of Financial Performance

for the year ended 30 June 2010

	2010 \$	2009 \$
INCOME		
Government Grants		
Department for Child Protection	127,003	115,711
Aboriginal Education Grant	15,000	
Department for Child Protection - Keeping Children Safe	75,000	124,000
Department for Families Comm Services		34,850
DCP Membership		720
Department for Child Protection - Safe at Home	54,500	0
DFC WA Grants	10,650	15,000
DFC/FDV Unit (Memorial March)	0	5,500
Lotterywest	0	31,463
Lotterywest- Peer Education	61,290	16,014
Office of Crime Prevention	0	4,169
	343,443	347,427
Self Generated		
Organisational Membership/Peak Fees	36,924	41,555
Administration Fee	0	6,000
Association Membership Fees	649	636
Bank Interest	648	1,542
Donations	7,323	22,325
DVF Income	5,440	12,000
Fees	6,349	8,581
Hurt Income	1,604	0
Portfolio Value	0	(7,113)
Reimbursement of Expenses	0	1,073
Training Income	4,852	200
Other Income	4,601	7,457
	68,390	94,256
TOTAL INCOME	411,833	441,683
EXPENSES		
Accounting Fees	12,377	1,000
Advertising	6,690	10,210
Audit	1,800	1,200
Bank Charges	271	125
Binding		18
Computer Technical Support	1,578	3,033
Consultants	14,342	31,745
Courier Costs	481	1,322
External Supervision		1,790
Fax	95	41
Gifts	465	1,149
Internet	1,090	1,169
Insurance	4,868	6,648
Laminating		204
Lease Rental	9,034	8,280
Lotteries West Grant Refund DV March		1,219
Membership		
Meeting Expenses	4,220	20,865

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WOMEN'S COUNCIL FOR DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICES (WA)

Statement of Financial Performance

for the year ended 30 June 2010

	2010 \$	2009 \$
Miscellaneous	1,251	5,824
Office Amenities	1,753	2,074
Office Equipment /Computers	2,725	0
Parking		185
Photocopying	3,802	5,261
Postage	1,620	1,953
Printing	2,237	9,549
Refundable Bond		700
Repairs & Maintenance	4,695	0
Resources	17,092	1,060
Software		349
Staff Amenities		1,490
Stationery	6,072	455
Subscriptions	1,423	1,084
Taxis	629	482
Telephone	8,692	3,468
Transparancies		57
Travel & Accommodation	15,650	
Venue Hire	10,941	705
WC's Bannerstand		460
Website	126	1,000
	136,019	126,174
Other Expenses		
AGM/Annual report	3,010	1,818
Catering	9,906	3,813
Forums & Events		15,560
HURT Project		38,550
Strategic Planning	3,870	0
Project Evaluation	8,450	0
WC Projects		11,925
Prior year writeoffs	5,717	
	30,953	71,666
Depreciation	3,980	949
Personnel Costs		
Leave Provisions	(3,730)	0
Other Employee Expenses		1,427
Staff Development	15,833	4,210
Superannuation	21,945	16,672
Travel Reimbursement	4,116	2,047
Wages & Salaries	250,593	207,836
Workers Compensation	1,974	1,598
	290,731	233,790
TOTAL EXPENSES	461,683	432,579
SURPLUS	(49,850)	9,104
Capital Subsidies		
Lotterywest	20,081	0
SURPLUS AFTER CAPITAL SUBSIDIES	(29,769)	9,104

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2010

	2010 \$	2009 \$
Surplus/ (Deficit) for year	(29,769)	9,104
Transfer (to)/from Reserves	(15,528)	
	(45,297)	9,104
Balance at Beginning of Year	186,393	177,289
Balance at End of Year	141,096	186,393

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2010

1. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These Financial Statements are a special purpose financial report prepared for use by members of the Association. The committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and therefore there is no requirement to apply Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) in the preparation of these statements.

The principal accounting policies of the Association, which are set out below, have been consistently followed in all material aspects.

- (a) The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.
- (b) The provision for long service leave is calculated at current rates of pay.
- (c) Annual Leave is accrued based upon "entitlement" and "pro-rata" hours valued at current rates of pay
- (d) Sick leave is accrued at 100% of entitlement for all staff
- (e) Assets are written off in the year of expenditure provided the value does not exceed \$5,000.
Where applicable, depreciation/amortisation is calculated on a straight- line basis so as to write off the net cost of each fixed asset during its expected life. The rates used are:

Furniture & Fittings	7.5%
Computers	33.33%
- (f) Funded Assets – The purchase of certain assets have been subsidised with funds provided by certain granting bodies. This funding is brought into account as a "Capital Subsidy" in the year in which it is received.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL FOR DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICES (WA)

Statement of Cash Flow

for the year ended 30 June 2010

	2010 \$	2009 \$
Cash Flow from Operating Activities		
Donations	7,323	22,325
Interest Received	647	1,542
Grant Income	337,202	343,258
Other Income	60,419	55,812
Payments to Suppliers	(464,124)	(402,249)
Net cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities	(58,533)	20,688
Cash Flow from Investing Activities		
Fixed Asset purchase	(18,150)	
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets		
Capital Subsidies	20,081	
Net cash provided (use) by Investing Activities	1,931	0
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash Held	(56,602)	66,604
Cash at Beginning of Reporting Period	230,851	164,247
Cash at the end of the Reporting Period	174,249	230,851
1. Reconciliation of Cash		
Cash on Hand	38	379
Cheque Account	67,248	130,932
Nulsen Haven Trust Account	16,630	
Funds on Deposit	90,333	99,540
	174,249	230,851
2. Reconciliation of Net Cash provided by/ (used in) Operating Activities		
Operating Result	(29,769)	9,104
Depreciation	3,980	949
Capital subsidies	(20,081)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	1,464	6,315
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepayments	(661)	
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	(3,729)	(891)
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors & Accruals	26,498	(1)
Increase/(Decrease) in Unexpended Grants	(36,896)	5,873
Net Cash provided by/(used in) Operating Activities	(58,533)	20,688

Section 6: Membership and staff

Executive Committee Members 2009/10

Chairperson:	Kate Davis
Deputy Chair:	Annette Chivers
Secretary:	Gail Bowen
Treasurer:	Tania Seath
CALD Rep:	Vivienne Pillay
Indigenous Rep:	Gloria Walley/Sheridan Walley
Remote Rep:	Valda Carrington
Rural rep:	Gail Bowen
Executive Member:	Judy Dimmocks
Executive Member:	Melissa Rowe
Executive Member:	Christine Hall (until Feb 10)

Staff Members

CEO:	Angela Hartwig
Children's Policy Officer:	Louise Carey
Project Officer	Jackie Newbigin
Project Support Officer:	Minako Nakazawa
Office Manager:	Janette Richardson
Casual:	Terri Aldridge Carolyn Wall

Organisational Members

Albany Women's Centre
Anawim Women's Refuge
Carnarvon Family Support Service Inc.
– Gascoyne Women's Refuge
Chrysalis House Women's Refuge
Chrysalis Support Services Inc.
Coort Coolong – Aboriginal Early Years
Damara House Refuge
Djookanka House Women's Refuge
– Share and Care Community Service Group
Domestic Violence Agencies Network – East Metro
DV Legal Workers Network
Domestic Violence Advocacy and Support (DVAS Central)
Esperance Crisis Accommodation Service
Fremantle City Council (Fremantle Regional DV Committee)
Gawooleng Yawoodeng Aboriginal Corporation
Goldfields Women's Refuge
Graceville Women's Centre Byanda/Nunyarra
Hedland Women's Refuge
Hills Community Support Group – (Kira Safe House)
Jardamu Safe House
Joondalup Regional DV Committee
Kalgoorlie Accommodation Support Service
Karijini Family Violence Prevention Service
Karratha Women's Refuge
Koolkuna Women's Refuge
Lucy Saw Centre
Lucy Saw Centre – Outreach Support Service
Marnin Bowa Dumbara Family Healing Centre
Marninwarantikura Fitzroy Women's Resource Centre
Marnju Jarndu Women's Refuge
Mary Smith Women's Shelter
Meekatharra Family & Domestic Violence Service

Multicultural Women's Advocacy Service
Munga Tharndu Maya (Roebourne Safe House)
Nardine Wimmin's Refuge
Newman Women's Shelter
Ngarangga Ngurra Safe House
Onslow Safe House – The Salvation Army
Orana House Inc.
Pat Thomas Memorial Community House Inc.
Pat Thomas Memorial Community House Inc./
Peel DV Advocacy & Support Service
Patricia Giles Centre
Pat Giles Centre – Children's Counselling Service
Pat Giles Centre – Women's Counselling Service
Relationships Australia WA Inc.
Ruah Women's Refuge
South Metropolitan Integrated Family Abuse Service
(SMIFAS – RCR)
South West Refuge
Starick House Refuge
Starick House Refuge – SPEARS
Stirling Women's Refuge
Waminda House Women's Refuge
Waratah Support Centre SW Inc.
Waratah Family Abuse Intervention Service
Warrabee Women's Refuge
Women's Law Centre of WA (Inc.)
Women's Legal Referral Service
Wooree Miya
Wyn Carr House – UnitingCare
Zonta House Refuge Association

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Ann Marie Mullaney
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Centacare Kimberley
Communicare Breathing Space
Denise McCalmont
Giz Watson MLC
Hon. Helen Morton MLC
John & Christine Gladstone
Dr Suellen Murray – RMIT University Centre for Applied
Social Research
SCALES – Community Legal Centre
Sexuality Education Counselling & Consultancy Agency
South Coastal Women's Health Services
Starfish Consulting
Gabrielle Whiteley
WA AIDS Council
Women's Electoral Lobby

Reciprocal Members

Domestic Violence Resource Centre Inc (Qld)
WA Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies
Injury Control Council of WA

Acknowledgements and Glossary

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Australia Post Perth Mail Centre	John & Christine Gladstone
Advanced Cosmeceuticals	Hon. Helen Morton MLC
Asthma Foundation of Western Australia Inc	Icon Film Distribution
Bakers Delight Park Centre – East Victoria Park	Karrakatta Club Inc
BUNNINGS Warehouse – South Perth	Lotterywest
Cash & Carry – Canning Vale	Office for Women’s Policy, Department for Communities
Coles Park Centre – East Victoria Park	Office of Crime Prevention
Craft Friendship Group – McFarleane House Learning Centre	I. Pleyer
Department for Child Protection	Soroptimist International on the Terrace Club
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Starfish Consulting
Duet Style	The Body Shop
Dustin Taylor	WA Variety Club – TOYBANK
Dymocks	Woolworths Victoria Park
Fair Work Ombudsman – Contract Centre WA	Workplace Relations Branch, Human Resources, WA Police

Glossary

AGM	Annual General Meeting	NGO	Non-Government Organisation
ASU	Australian Services Union	NPA	National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness
CaLD	Culturally and Linguistically Diverse	CSRT	Community Sector Roundtable
CMCs	Case Management Coordination Services	RCR	Regional Co-ordination Response
CSTC	Community Skills Training Centre	SAAP	Supported Accommodation Assistance Program
DCP	Department for Child Protection	SACS	Social and Community Services
DOH	Department of Housing	SAS	Safety And Security
DFV	Domestic and Family Violence	UK	United Kingdom
ECCWA	Ethnic Communities Council of WA	WACOSS	WA Council of Social Services
FLC of WA	Family Law Court of WA	WANADA	WA Network of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies
IWD	International Women’s Day	WCDFVS	Women’s Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA)
MLA	Member of the Legislative Assembly	WINFO	Women’s Information
MLC	Member of the Legislative Council		
NAHA	National Affordable Housing Agreement		



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