

ANNUAL REPORT

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Try Youth and Community Services
(Incorporating WILLIAM FORSTER TRY BOYS' SOCIETY) Inc

To give families and individuals opportunities to reach their potential



TRY'S MISSION, VISION & VALUES

Mission: To give families and individuals opportunities to reach their potential.

Vision: To be recognised as a national leader in our programs.

Values:

- Innovation
- We listen to and apply new ideas and actions.
- Sustainability
- Our people are the best in their field.
- Our programs are environmentally responsible, fiscally sound and of high quality.
- Inclusion
- Our culture is diverse and welcoming.
- Our services are available to all.
- Integrity
- We treat everyone fairly.
- Our decisions balance risk, value and creativity.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Helen Robinett

It is with great pleasure that I present this years Annual Report, my first as Chairman of our wonderful organisation, Try Youth and Community Services. It has certainly been a remarkable year in terms of our long-term planning, our operational success and our sustainable strategic developments.

We welcomed many new Committee Members to Try that included much needed diversity, skills and talents to our experienced Committee of Management. The Try Committee is an active, strategic and strong governing body to our rapidly growing community based organisation.

The past 12 months has seen some sensational results in all aspects of our operations and I would like to acknowledge three of them here. We have agreed to take on the management of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Melbourne the leading youth mentoring organisation in Australia. We were successful in tendering for a 165 place Child Care Centre at the Showgrounds that will also house our new Head Office. Thirdly, we have agreed to purchase the Clayton Community Bingo Centre to further strengthen our fundraising efforts.

The coming 12 months also provides a range of further decisions including the consideration of having Try become a National registered operation and the continued growth of our operations that are planned for the next 3 – 5 years.

During our 125th Year celebrations the Governor of Victoria hosted a formal gathering where there were 110 people in attendance. Try also held a conference that was attended by 50 staff and board members that helped set our strategic directions.

I would like to thank fellow Committee members, a range of funding bodies including Federal, State and Local Governments. Furthermore the support of numerous Trusts, Foundations and Corporate bodies continues to support various parts of our operations.

In conclusion I would like to thank our Chief Executive Officer, Damien Mowlam, for having the vision and courage to begin this journey for Try. My thanks also go to the Executive Management team, all staff and volunteers that help deliver services to over 30,000 people every year.



Helen Robinett





CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DAMIEN MOWLAM

A YEAR OF GROWTH

Try has laid the foundation for a strong future that concentrates on our Mission, Vision and Values that have been agreed on over the past 18 months.

From an operational sense we have identified 4 major program areas:

- Children’s Services
- Training & Employment
- Youth Services
- General

During the last 12 months there has been significant change across many facets of the organisation as outlined throughout the Annual Report. One of the highlights has been the new collaboration between Try and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Melbourne. Try has continued to grow and over the past 12 months have included:-

- 3 Child Care Centres
- 7 Vacation Care Program
- 6 Before & After Care Programs
- 12 new Kindergartens

HUMAN RESOURCES

There has been a wealth of changes during the past 12 months. We fare well a number of long serving staff including Joe Morris, Chris Hamilton and Trevor Downes. This created a range of additions and promotions including Michele Fielding to General Manager, (Training & Employment), Ismael Bermudez to Finance Manager, Paul Mathewson, General Manager (Youth Services), Lyn Foster (North/West Team Leader), Ruth Mules (Southern Team Leader) and a range of new Directors including Debbie Muir, Angela Flattery and Tracey Fenton.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

During the past 12 months we have met with many key organisations and people. We welcomed Peter Batchelor – Minister for Community Development to the Our Future Our Place program, Warren Truss the Nationals Leader also visited OFOP. We also hosted Minister Maxine Morand – Minister

for Children’s Services at Wirrigirri Kindergaten for the announcement of a range of funding.

There has been an array of meetings with senior government staff, corporate agencies such as VicUrban, Westpac Bank and Fletcher Industries.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

A number of changes occurred at the Board level. We have had Ken Scott and Nigel Ford retire from the Board after many years of service. We also welcomed 5 new Board Members; Carson White (Vice President), Susan Tonks, Juliet Robinson, Bernard Morris and Vicki Key. We have also had significant changes at the Executive Level and welcome Helen Robinett as the new Chairman, Carson White as Vice President and Ian Brown as Treasurer. David Southwick remains Senior Vice President.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Try Youth and Community Services had a sound year financially. Our overall revenues grew by 54%, the net surplus as indicated in our financial reports was \$300,000. Our investment portfolio has a mixed year, our share portfolio had a loss of \$300,000 but our Building at Elizabeth Street increased in value.

THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

The coming 12 months will see the fruition of a number of exciting projects including the management of Clayton Community Bingo Centre, the Showgrounds Child Care Centre and the relocation of Head Office from Elizabeth Street to the Showgrounds. We are also anticipating the continued growth of Try programs in our 4 key program areas.

CONCLUSION

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank our executive staff, Tricia Ciampa, David Mc Donald, Michele Fielding, Ismael Bermudez and Paul Mathewson for their outstanding leadership in a period of significant growth and development. Furthermore, I greatly appreciate all staff and volunteers in Try for their dedication and leadership.

Finally, thank-you to our enthusiastic and high quality Chairman who works alongside a diverse and supportive Committee of Management.

Damien Mowlam





Helen Robinett
Chairman

Director of Image Quest, Helen advises corporate and individual clients in developing comprehensive image-management strategies to ensure the team reflect the image and branding of the company.



David Southwick BBus, Grad Dip (Mktg)
Senior Vice President

David is a Director of Ice Events and is also the President of Ardoch Youth Foundation and brings a unique understanding of community and business needs.



Carson White, BA (Recreation), AMIAA
Vice President

Carson is the National Marketing Manager at ICMI. Carson chairs the Fundraising & 125 Committee.



Ian Brown
Treasurer

A former stockbroker and member of the ASX, Ian now devotes much of his finance knowledge as the Treasurer and member of the Finance Sub-committee.



William Brind Zichy-Woinarski QC

Zichy is a leading barrister who offers invaluable legal guidance in complex matters.



Juliet Robinson

Director of Maximise, a boutique consulting firm specialising in communications and change management. Juliet has a background in general management and is a member of the Youth Services Sub-Committee.



Bernard Morris

Bernard comes with a background in the IT and Finance industries and is a member of Youth Services Sub-Committee.



Stuart D. Southwick OAM JP

Stuart chairs the Finance sub-committee and has a wealth of community and business experience.



Kevin J. McNeill JP, Grad Dip (Recreation)

Kevin is the immediate Past President and past Chief Executive Officer. Kevin is a member of the Finance Sub-committee.



Keith Gillett

Keith is a financial planner with AMP. Keith is a member of the Fundraising Sub-committee and the organization leader of the major fundraiser for TRY being the Calcutta evening in November.



Louis Salamon BBus (Acc)

Louis is a financial consultant with Citigroup and is a member of the Finance Sub-committee.



Susan Tonks (MBA) Divisional Manager

Divisional Manager Bisley Corporation. Susan chairs the Training & Employment Sub-committee and is also a member of the Childrens Services Sub-committee.



Vicki Key

Acting Senior Sergeant in charge of a Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Unit located at Fawker Police Station. Vicki is a member of the Childrens Services Sub-committee.

TRY YOUTH'S SENIOR MANAGEMENT



**Damien Mowlam MA – Recreation Management,
Adv Dip Bus. Management
Chief Executive Officer**

Damien has been the CEO since April 2007 and works closely with the Executive team to deliver the operational plans that meet the Mission, Vision and Values of the organisation.



**Paul Mathewson BA Arts, BA Social Work, Masters
in Management & Public Policy
General Manager, Youth Services**

Paul has been the Executive Officer of BBBS Melbourne for last 4 years and in December 2007 joined Try as General Manager, Youth Services and leads all the youth programs.



**Tricia Ciampa MBA, BA (Recreation)
General Manager, Children's Services**

Tricia has been with Try for 13 years and currently oversees all Children's Services that include Kindergartens, Child Care Centres, Vacation Care programs and Before & After Care. In addition Tricia also supports the Doncaster Activities Centre.



**Michele Fielding
General Manager, Training & Employment**

Michele Fielding was appointed General Manager in October 2007 prior to that Michele was Business Manager. The General Manager heads up the area that includes Work for the Dole contracts, Trywood and Try Training.



**David McDonald
General Manager, Fundraising & Support Services**

David has been in a variety of roles over the past 13 years and currently manages the Gladstone Park Community Bingo Centre along with all other fundraising such as Street Collections and the annual Calcutta.



**Ismael Bermudez
Finance Manager**

Ismael has been with Try for 6 years and during the last 12 months has taken on the role of Finance Manager. Ismael oversees the Accounts department to ensure all financial obligations are met.



**Jeff Stewart Dip. Computer Programming
Chief Information Officer / Risk Manager**

Jeff has been with Try for 8 years and currently leads the Risk Management and Information Technology departments. This role includes chairing the Occupational Health & Safety Committee.



**Rima Boules
Out of School Hours Care Team Leader**

Rima Boules joined Try in May 2007 and has undertaken to improve the quality of all our Vacation Care sites as well as our Before & After Care programs. Rima has continued the growth of our middle aged programs.



**Lyn Foster Dip. Teaching – Early Childhood
Team Leader Western Region**

Lyn Foster was appointed in October 2007 and prior to that was the Director of the Parkwood Green Kindergarten. Lyn manages the Western Kindergartens.



**Ruth Mules BA. Education – Early Childhood
Team Leader Southern Region**

Ruth Mules was appointed in February 2008 and manages the Southern Children's Services including 2 Child Care Centres and a number of Kindergartens.



GENERAL MANAGER CHILDREN'S SERVICES

TRICIA CIAMPA

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EARLY YEARS

Another year of growth sees us currently with nine services in Western region, seven services in Northern region and nine services in Southern region.

- With the appointment of two new Team Leaders and additional resources we present as a team with a wide range of early childhood experiences and skilled leadership. This year we have:
- Initiated a borrowing library of support materials, literature and equipment;
- Applied for and obtained over \$250,000 in grants for capital improvements;
- Strengthened our relationship with local partners, in particular Ardoch Youth Foundation which supports staff and families at two of our services;

Provided free speech assessments and program support to over 50 children. Received \$20,000 grant from DEECD to bolster governance within our management model. The way ahead already reveals increased demand, and government support, for not for profit children's services, and we have an ambition of bringing more kindergartens and child care centres on board. 2009 will see the opening of the new Showgrounds Child Care Centre, offering quality care and education to over 120 children, and Try becoming a more prominent community-based provider in the early year's sector.

MIDDLE YEARS

The Teen Vacation Care program, operating from the Doncaster Activity Centre, commenced in January becoming the 10th vacation care program, alongside five Before- and After-School Care programs. Services operate from a wide geographic area, with a cluster from Seymour to Whittlesea, four services in the eastern suburbs, the CBD and stand alones in Murrumbena and Churchill.

We have developed partnerships with a number of primary schools where these services are co-located, and this year we have continued to foster new relationships, resulting in 3 additional OSHC services to commence late 2008. The programs continue to offer children a wide range of activities and interests with some services linking in with the Commonwealth's 'Active After-School Communities', introducing children to sport and promoting a healthy lifestyle through the 'Kids -Go for your life!' campaign.

We are on the precipice of change within this sector; regulations will be introduced for the first time in May 2009 so we are strengthening our processes and internal structure to position ourselves for new opportunities that will surely arise.

DONCASTER ACTIVITIES CENTRE

The financial position of the Activities Centre has been on a progressive upturn, with classes running more efficiently, increased numbers of classes being offered, and a steady influx of new enrolments.

With an average of 560 people attending classes per week over the whole year in approximately 50 classes a week plus occasional care the centre is a hive of activity from 9am until 9pm on most nights. Hall hirers for private classes and parties have also become more popular and a great stream of additional revenue.

Tricia Ciampa





GENERAL MANAGER YOUTH SERVICES PAUL MATHEWSON

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BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

I am happy to report that 2008 has been another year of growth for Big Brothers Big Sisters. This has meant that the organisation is supporting more mentoring friendships for young people and volunteer mentors than any other time in our 26 year history.

More specifically, the result has been due to a number of important factors. These have included:

- The dedication and retention of mentoring staff;
- Big Brothers Big Sisters' capacity to attract quality and committed volunteer mentors;
- The financial support from individual donors and key philanthropic and government partners;
- The alliance with Try Youth & Community Services which has increased our efficiencies and access to infrastructure.

The Young Achievers Program and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Wangaratta have commenced in the past year. These programs are now part of growing suite of mentoring initiatives which all aim to provide young people with additional adult support.

A pleasing result has been the strengthening of recently established initiatives including the Young Refugees Mentoring Program and the Young Adults Mentoring Program. Both these initiatives have established mentoring friendships for young people in the past year and have plans for further expansion in the upcoming 12 months.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Outer South East of Melbourne was established in 2005 in partnership with the YMCA Victoria. Staff based at Narre Warren have undertaken a range of activities to support the ongoing delivery of mentoring services in the area including activity days for young people on the waiting list, intersection collections, balls and business dinners. I commend their initiative, enthusiasm and hard work. I also note the amazing efforts of a dedicated band of volunteers who, not only mentor young people, but also take lead roles in supporting these initiatives.

Thanks to Damien Mowlam and staff at Try Youth & Community Services who have assisted us with our smooth transition from our previous offices in Richmond. Try has provided tremendous support to Big Brothers Big Sisters and share our vision of expanding youth mentoring services to a much larger audience.

A big thank you to our volunteer mentors who build important connections with vulnerable young people in our community. The effectiveness of our mentoring services is best summed up in the words of Stacey Fuller, a young person now 19 years of age who was matched to her mentor (Nicky) for 6 years:

"I did have problems at home and Nicky was my escape. I don't think she'll ever know how much difference she has made in my life. I am actually part of her family now."

This is a wonderful example of the power of mentoring and why Big Brothers Big Sisters needs to continue its growth of mentoring services throughout Melbourne and elsewhere in Victoria. The foundations for the organisation are stronger than ever before so I look forward to the upcoming 12 months which will be marked by further growth of our mentoring services to vulnerable young people.

Paul Mathewson



Matched for the past 18 months, Sarah (14) and her mentor, Kerry share a laugh together.
Photo courtesy of The Age.



YOUNG CARERS PROJECTS

HANNA MAXWELL

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YOUNG CARERS PROJECT

The Young Carer Project supports young people who have extraordinary caring responsibilities within a family where someone experiences disability, mental illness, drug or alcohol addiction or chronic disease. It is now estimated that 6% of the youth population have such caring responsibilities within their households.

2008 has been an exciting and progressive year for the Young Carer Project.

- As always, to kick off the year we held our annual young carer camp in the January school holidays at Merricks Lodge on the Mornington peninsula. A record breaking 57 young carers attended the camp from as young as 8 years old up to the age of 18.
- The first of our Family Weekend Retreats was held this year, with 15 young carers and their parents attending the weekend aimed at a positive and fun experience for the whole family away from the stress of their home responsibilities. The weekend was for young carers who assist in the care of their disabled siblings. With the parents also in attendance, workshops were held for them about positive and inclusive parenting and how to manage the maze of life when living with a child who experiences disability.
- Kids Who Care were successful in receiving funding from both the City of Melbourne and the City of Moonee Valley council regions in their 2008 Community Arts and Culture Grants. The project delivered with the funding is entitled Young Carer Community Education and the aim is to inform and educate schools and teachers within Melbourne and Moonee Valley secondary schools about the existence and needs of young people within their classrooms who have caring responsibilities.
- The young carers program had some exciting news earlier the year, with Savings and Loans Credit union approaching us with corporate sponsorship. The Adelaide based credit union is expanding across Melbourne and with the launch of their new Care Visa Card, are giving the profits of its sales to young carer programs across Australia. This funding will go towards ensuring our annual camp can be delivered for the next three years.
- In collaboration with the Eastern and Southern Carer Respite centres, and their "at risk" respite program funding, we once again conducted a camp for 20 young carers living in the eastern and southern regions of Victoria.
- A number of Young carer activities have followed our camps allowing young carers to reunite with one another as well as providing short respite away from their caring roles. These days have included; Fun fields Toboggan Park, Luna Park, and Horse Riding.

THE FUTURE AND LOOKING AHEAD TO 2009

Heading in to 2009, the Kids Who Care foundation will be focusing on a number of new initiatives that are all focused around the future of the program and making our current program more sustainable.

- Kids Who Care Interactive Website- A new website has been a long time coming for the Kids Who Care foundation and in 2009 we are ready to get this project under way after some consultation with the young carers the website is set to be not only for young carers but produced by the young carers with all aspects of the website being their suggestions.
- Young Carer DVD Documentary- In 2009 Kids Who Care will be looking at producing a DVD documentary aimed at not only raising awareness of Young Carers in our community, but also to be used as a tool to promote the Kids Who Care foundation and the Young Carers project with the DVD including footage of camp, activity days and interviews with the young carers the attend our programs.
- Kids Who Care Information Pack- To go along with the development of the new Kids Who Care website, in 2009 we will be creating a new Information Pack including flyers, brochures, and other bits and pieces to help market the project to outside agencies and interested young people.

As we continue to receive referrals at an increased rate, the young carers program will continue to develop new project ideas to keep interest and service provision at a high standard.

Hanna Maxwell





TRY DANCING SCHOOL BETTY BRUCE OAM

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Our concert which was held in November, 2007 was another success. It is nice to see some of the former pupils and their families who like to visit each year.

The children entered competitions again this year with several 1st and 2nd prizes being won. At present the children are busy working hard for our 2008 Concert.

Thank you to the City of Stonnington once again for their support of our dancing school and for the use of Chapel Off Chapel and the Town Hall for our Annual Revue.

Betty Bruce OAM
Dance Instructor



CADET UNITS

Regular contact is being maintained with both the Cadets Brigade Headquarters and individual Cadet Units sponsored by Try. Routine twice yearly visits are conducted to each Cadet Unit. A lot of contact is made by interested parents regarding their children who want to join the Cadets

TRY SPONSORED ARMY CADET UNITS (ACU):-

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32 ACU – Geelong	198 Myers Street, Geelong 3220
33 ACU – Wangaratta	5 Sisley Street, Wangaratta 3677
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312 ACU – Broadford	Broadford 3658



GENERAL MANAGER, TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT

MICHELE FIELDING

WORK FOR THE DOLE

The WFD team has entered into its 10th year of successive Federal Contract work, working from offices at the Dandenong and Morwell offices. A low unemployment rate has seen a slight reduction in business over the past year but this is already turning around as the Australian economy enters a new phase.

Tenders for the new Employment Stream Services (ESS) are being prepared for the 2009-2012 contract. This contract is a marked change from the past provision of employment services due to the Government's strong commitment to skills training, and the amalgamation of current Job Network Providers and Community Work Co-ordinators, into a single 'platform' of providers covering the full range employment services.

TRYWOOD

2007/2008 presented unique opportunities for TRYWood, the social enterprise based at Morwell. In addition to its eco-friendly outdoor furniture sales, TRYWood was successful in gaining 2 maintenance contracts with Latrobe City, to assist both aged residents and the City's own needs.

In conjunction with the RTO, TRY successfully applied to The Building Commission of Victoria for building exemption status, in order to allow TRY to focus on construction projects that had a training base. This has now seen the successful tender to the Office of Housing to build 4 'flat pack' units in Moe. We have also been successful in gaining 2 retrofit projects in both Doveton/ Eumemmerring and Latrobe Valley, with Sustainability Victoria.

OUR FUTURE OUR PLACE

We have just successfully completed the construction of the 3rd house in this multi-faceted project, award winning project.

Many at-risk youth who have, or about to drop out of secondary education, cannot find work in the building and construction industry as they neither have the work experience, nor the 'standard' of education required to gain an apprenticeship. OFOP provides 'real' worksite experience whilst the RTO provides onsite accredited training in construction, OH&S and First Aid.

But the Our Future, Our Place also addresses other challenges in our community: affordable housing, eco-friendly construction and low energy use (House 3 has 6 star rating) and skills in demand.

The project has been a heralded success. To date 101 people, from backgrounds ranging from Sudanese migrants, indigenous, retrenched mature aged workers, sole parents, females and long term unemployed youth have participated. We have had over a 72% positive outcome, with newly 'energised' participants gaining employment or proceeding onto further education.

REGISTERED TRAINING ORGANISATION

The past year has seen the Registered Training Organisation grow in both terms of its courses and business purchased by the State Government. The concerted effort to bring Children's Services onto the Scope of Registration will allow TRY to up-skill our Children's Services staff internally.

Recent major changes in OH&S training in the construction industry have seen the RTO gain approval to offer the WorkSafe recognised Construction Induction Course. TRY has also been accepted as a provider of training services of the Federal Government's Productivity Places Program.

THE COMING 12 MONTHS

Training & Employment have been strategically working on gaining a number of long term projects, some of these include partnership opportunities with VicUrban, Fletcher Insulations and Bunnings. Furthermore, discussions continue regarding the purchase of land in Moe in order to offer construction training whilst building and affordable homes and generating profit from their sale.

Michele Fielding





GENERAL MANAGER, FUNDRAISING AND SUPPORT SERVICES DAVID McDONALD

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising for 2008 has certainly been made easier with the acquisition of the Gladstone Park Community Bingo Centre at Gladstone Park Shopping Centre and the continued growth of the Street Collections.

The Community Bingo centre and its dedicated staff under the management of Esme Chadwick made a net surplus that exceeded \$350,000 for the year. The benefits of the bingo centre are not only financial but also has a social impact, as it provides the local elderly community with a comfortable place to meet and socialise with new and old friends. This year over 120,000 people visited the venue. The funds raised by the Bingo Centre assists Try deliver programs that have been outlined in other parts of the Annual report.

STREET COLLECTIONS

Wayne Bunte and his hard working collectors have once again exceeded the previous year's collections by \$188,000 up from \$309,000 to \$497,000. This job at times seems a thankless task as they have to put up with cold wet winter days and the heat of our dry summers and the odd jeer from passing motorists. Great work guys, your loyal support provides wonderful financial assistance to Try and it programs.

MAJOR FUNDRAISERS

The Try Calcutta this year moved to join with Echo Foundation's Calcutta at the Crown Entertainment Complex, helping make the event the largest Calcutta in Australia. Once again may thanks to Keith Gillett who without his support and AMP sponsorship this event would not happen every year as it has done so for the last 10 to 12 years.

This year Try recognised that with its ever increasing services and activities that the areas of IT and OHS needed far greater attention. During 2008 we have seen a major revamp of the web site and additional links being put in place to assist financial processing. Many thanks go to Hannan IT and Friday Media in guiding us through this process and to Jeff Stewart for the coordination. The final results are amazing; why not visit the site www.tryyouth.org.au

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

A new Occupational health & Safety committee has been formed with representation from all parts of Try and BBBS. OH & S courses are now under way, with all senior managers having completed their two day course and further training for the OH & S committee is to take place in late 2008.

What a year!

In closing, thanks must go to the board of Try Youth and its assistance in providing strong and certainly clear direction. To our CEO Damien Mowlam, thank you for your positive encouragement and continued support.

David McDonald



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Try Youth and Community Services website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, about us, our services, news and events, support us, employment, our gallery, our supporters, contact us, and site map. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The main content area features a large image of a group of people jumping joyfully. Below this image, there are sections for 'The Try Story' (celebrating 125 years of services), 'Latest Event' (125th Birthday Celebrations - Oct 18, 2008), and 'Latest News' (Try Youth and Community Services website).

MAJOR SUPPORTERS, TRUSTS AND FOUNDATIONS

Our many and varied programs and activities which benefit children and young people and their families are only made possible through the generosity of many others.

Through your support and generosity you have assisted us in making a positive contribution and a constructive impact on many thousands in our community.

The Chairman and Committee also wish to thank Try's Honorary Officers, Life Governors, Life Members, Volunteers and all of the nameless members of the general public who have generously provided their time and/or financial support to our programs.

Try's Chairman and Management Committee extend their sincere appreciation to all the representatives of Private Foundations and Trusts, Public and Private Companies as well as representatives of Local, State and Federal Government.

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Try Youth And Community Services
 William Mark Forster – Founder 1883-1921

Date	Secretary
1887-1897	Mr John Darroh
1908-1921	Mr F E Pausacker
1921-1922	Mr J C Butler
1922-1939	Mr W T Hughes-Jones
1940-1941	Mr Hugh Philp FVSA
1941-1948	Mr N Burns-Priddle
1948-1956	Mr H S Thorogood

Date	Treasurer
1887-1890	Hon James Munro MLC
1891-1897	Mr Albert Wiseman
1898-1906	Mr Albert Wiseman & Mr J R Rippin
1907-1923	Mr J R Rippin
1924-1936	Mr E H M Ratcliff
1937-1941	Mr J C Pickford
1942-1960	Mr L W Forster
1961-1962	Mr M S Peden
1963-1964	Mr G M Lloyds
1965-1969	Mr W C Faulkner
1970-1971	Mr R C Barrett
1971-1976	Mr Peter Dredge
1976-1977	Mr J B Hayton
1977-2000	Mr Peter Dredge
2000-2007	Mr Ken Scott FCA
2007-Present	Mr Ian Brown

Date	President
1908-1912	Sir M H Davies – Knighted 1890
1913-1920	Mrs S T Staughton
1921-1925	The Countess of Stradbroke
1926-1932	Lady Somers

Date	Vice President
1933-1936	Lady Rutlidge & Mr W C D Forster
1937-1957	Sir George Wales

Date	President
1957-1959	Mr L W Forster
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1960-1969	Mr N Peter Andrews
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1998-1999	Mr Peter Gilchrist CPA
1999-2003	Mr Stuart Southwick OAM JP
2003-2007	Mr Kevin J McNeill JP
2007-Present	Ms Helen Robinett

Date	Chief Executive Officer
1956-1981	Mr Ken N Baldwin BEM
1981-2003	Mr Kevin J McNeill JP
2003-2007	Mr John Lanza
2007-Present	Mr Damien Mowlam

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 Carers Victoria
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 Department of Family & Community Services
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 Department of Transport and Regional Services
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TRY EXCELSIOR AWARD (Anaugural award 1999)

Recipient	Awarded
Mr. Hank Young AM	1999
Mrs. Betty Bruce OAM	2003
Mr. Kevin McNeill JP	2007

TRY YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES

(INCORPORATING WILLIAM FORSTER TRY BOYS' SOCIETY) INC.

ABN 17 157 351 722

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

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	NOTE	2008 \$	2007 \$
Operating Revenue:		9,320,511	6,173,891
Operating Surplus/(Loss)	2	300,494	204,088
Retained Surplus at the beginning of the financial year		2,959,890	2,755,802
Total Retained Surplus Available for appropriation		4,343,781	2,959,890

The Statement of Financial Performance is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

	2008 \$	2007 \$
INCOME		
Grants – Federal, State and Local Govts.	3,082,052	1,630,825
Funding – Federal and State Govts.	1,225,180	1,553,116
Donations, Appeals, Bequests	643,216	95,284
Members Fees	1,773	1,600
Trusts	134,378	89,755
Investments	129,569	326,449
Funds Raising	2,392,416	1,346,082
Promotions	112,002	96,305
Programme Income	1,367,811	651,248
Rental Income	127,955	124,400
Administration/management fees	371,981	256,653
Other	31,725	2,174
Unrealised Profit on Investments	(299,547)	0
TOTAL INCOME	<u>9,320,511</u>	<u>6,173,891</u>
EXPENSES		
Equipment Expenses	283,596	216,432
Finance Expenses	13,945	12,703
Funds Raising Expenses	750,715	322,365
Office Expenses	329,599	161,450
Programme Expenses	819,156	724,341
Property Expenses	637,440	285,710
Depreciation	167,181	168,382
Staff Expenses	5,493,183	3,751,831
Administration/management fees	525,202	326,589
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>9,020,017</u>	<u>5,969,803</u>
SURPLUS/(LOSS) FOR THE PERIOD	<u>300,494</u>	<u>204,088</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	NOTE	2008 \$	2007 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash		1,454,336	622,400
Prepayments		52,470	-
Receivables		167,615	257,291
Investments at Market		744,436	1,252,180
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,418,857</u>	<u>2,131,871</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Fixed Assets	3	3,120,033	2,116,589
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		<u>3,120,033</u>	<u>2,116,589</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>5,538,890</u>	<u>4,248,460</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	4	915,227	1,068,143
Provisions	5	262,494	196,266
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,177,721</u>	<u>1,264,409</u>
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank Loan		17,388	24,161
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>17,388</u>	<u>24,161</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>1,195,109</u>	<u>1,288,570</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>4,343,781</u>	<u>2,959,890</u>
MEMBERS FUNDS	6	<u>4,343,781</u>	<u>2,959,890</u>

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

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	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Receipts			
Grants – Federal, State and Local Govts.		3,006,246	1,842,113
Funding – Federal and State Govts.		1,064,319	1,492,314
Donations, Appeals, Bequests		643,216	95,284
Members Fees		1,772	1,600
Trusts		361,740	149,361
Interest & Dividends Received		123,721	170,542
Funds Raising		2,495,677	1,206,750
Promotions		61,225	96,305
Programme Income		1,364,111	651,248
Rental Income		127,955	124,400
Administration/management Fees		371,981	256,653
Other		1,521	36,086
		<u>9,623,484</u>	<u>6,122,656</u>
Payments			
Equipment Expenses		(218,714)	(254,668)
Finance Expenses		(13,945)	(12,703)
Funds Raising Expenses		(750,715)	(322,365)
Office Expenses		(331,536)	(209,044)
Programme Expenses		(950,188)	(708,473)
Property Expenses		(670,355)	(285,710)
Staff Expenses		(5,426,699)	(3,731,262)
Administration/management Fees		(530,800)	(320,990)
Other Expenses		(5,963)	0
		<u>(8,898,915)</u>	<u>(5,845,215)</u>
Net Cash provided by operating activities	8	<u>724,569</u>	<u>277,441</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Fixed Asset Purchases		(147,758)	(822,791)
Investment Purchases		(351,655)	(375,194)
Proceeds on Sale of Assets		53,700	80,370
Proceeds on Sale of Investments		559,852	271,846
Net Cash provided (used) by investing activities		<u>114,139</u>	<u>(845,769)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Change In Loans		(6,772)	24,161
Net Cash provided (used) by financing activities		<u>(6,772)</u>	<u>24,161</u>
Net decrease in Cash held		831,936	(544,167)
Cash at beginning of the financial year		622,400	1,166,567
Cash at the end of the financial year	7	<u>1,454,336</u>	<u>622,400</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

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NOTE 1 – STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Association is set out in this note.

The policies are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Australia, and unless stated otherwise are consistent with those applied in the previous year.

a) Basis of preparation of the accounts.

These accounts have been prepared under the convention of historical cost accounting (except for certain plant and equipment which are stated at valuation).

b) Fixed Assets.

Assets other than freehold land are depreciated at rates based on their expected useful economic lives, using the straight line method.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Furniture & Fittings	10%
Freehold Land & Buildings	2.5%
Leasehold improvements	20%
Motor vehicles	20%
Office equipment	20%
Program equipment	20%

c) Income Tax.

The Association has been granted status as a public benevolent institution for the purposes of section 50–5 item 1.1 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997; and is therefore exempt from income tax.

d) Investments.

Shares are stated at market value.

	2008 \$	2007 \$
NOTE 2 – OPERATING SURPLUS/(LOSS)		
The operating surplus is arrived at after charging the following items:		
Plant and Equipment		
– Amortisation and Depreciation	167,181	168,382
Other expenditure		
Interest		
– financial institutions	1,882	1,274
– other persons and corporations	-	-

NOTE 3 – FIXED ASSETS

	Cost		Accumulated Depreciation		Writtendown Value	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Furniture & Fittings	106,058	106,058	72,143	48,267	33,915	57,791
Leasehold Improvements	46,448	46,448	39,939	36,963	6,509	9,485
Motor Vehicles	331,642	335,556	104,378	116,647	227,264	218,909
Office & Kitchen Equipment	250,022	237,807	208,969	182,951	41,053	54,856
Programme Equipment	194,161	185,344	166,345	144,796	27,816	40,548
Freehold Land & Buildings	2,250,000	1,250,000	14,024	62,500	2,235,976	1,187,500
Bingo Operations	547,500	547,500	-	-	547,500	547,500
	<u>3,725,830</u>	<u>2,708,713</u>	<u>605,798</u>	<u>592,124</u>	<u>3,120,033</u>	<u>2,116,589</u>

NOTE 4 – CURRENT PAYABLES

Creditors	184,493	256,595
Grants Received in Advance	730,734	811,548
	<u>915,227</u>	<u>1,068,143</u>

NOTE 5 – PROVISIONS

Provision for long service leave	137,774	105,576
Provision for annual leave	124,720	90,690
Provision for legal fees	-	-
	<u>262,494</u>	<u>196,266</u>

NOTE 6 – MEMBERS FUNDS

Retained Surplus available for appropriation	2,640,071	2,339,577
Asset Revaluation Reserve	1,703,710	620,313
	<u>4,343,781</u>	<u>2,959,890</u>

NOTE 7 – RECONCILIATION OF CASH

Cash at Bank	786,686	234,461
Petty Cash	7,800	4,900
Deposits at Call	659,850	383,039
	<u>1,454,336</u>	<u>622,400</u>

NOTE 8 – RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO OPERATING RESULT

Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	300,494	204,088
Add/(Less) non-cash items:		
Depreciation & Amortisation	167,181	168,382
(Gain)/Loss on Disposal/Purchase of Assets	6,830	(60,926)
(Gain)/Loss on Sale of Investments	(36,988)	(36,627)
Unrealised (Gain)/Loss on Investments	336,536	(148,893)
Net Cash used in Operating Activities before changes in assets and liabilities	<u>774,052</u>	<u>126,024</u>
Change in assets and liabilities during the year:		
(Increase)/Decrease in Debtors	89,675	(25,848)
(Increase)/Decrease in Prepaid Expenses	(31,015)	0
Increase/(Decrease) in Creditors	(93,558)	10,833
Increase/(Decrease) in Income in Advance	(80,814)	213,783
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	66,228	(47,351)
Net Cash used in Operating Activities	<u>724,568</u>	<u>277,441</u>

COMMITTEE MEMBERS STATEMENT

In accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Management of Try Youth and Community Services Inc. We state that:

1. In the opinion of the Committee of Management:

- a) The Statement of Financial Performance is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the surplus of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June, 2008.

Operating Result:

The net amount of surplus for the year ended 30 June 2008 was \$300,494.

- b) The Statement of Financial Position is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2008.

2. In the opinion of the Committee of Management the Accounts:

- a) Give a true and fair view of:
i) The surplus of the Association as at 30 June 2008.
ii) The state of affairs of the Association as at 30 June 2008.
- b) Have been made out in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

3. In the opinion of the Committee of Management at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to meet any obligations or liabilities to which it is, or may become, liable.

On behalf of the Committee of Management.



Helen Robinett
COMMITTEE MEMBER



Ian Brown
COMMITTEE MEMBER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT

The Committee presents its report on the results of Try Youth and Community Services Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June, 2008 and the state of affairs of the association at that date.

The Committee

The members of the Committee of Management for the year 30 June 2008:

Mr. Kevin J. McNeill JP	Mr. W. Brind Zichy-Woinarski QC
Mr. Keith Gillett	Mr. Carson White
Mr. David Southwick	Ms. Helen Robinett
Mr. Bernard Morris	Mr. Ian Brown
Mr. Stuart Southwick OAM JP	Mr. Louis Salamon
Ms. Vicki Key	Ms. Susan Tonks
Mrs. Juliet Robinson	

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the association during the year was that of conducting and/or sponsoring youth and community service programs and there was no significant change in the nature of that activity during the period.

Operating Results

The net amount of surplus for the year ended 30 June 2008 was \$300,494.

Committee Members' Benefits

Since the end of the previous financial year, no Committee Member has received or become entitled to receive any benefit by reason of a contract made by the association with the Member, or a firm of which he/she is a member, or with a firm in which he/she has a substantial financial interest, save for Mr. Keith Gillett who is a Consulting Representative for AMP who has received or become entitled to receive fees for professional services rendered.

Signed in accordance with a resolution the Committee of Management.

Date:- 19 August 2008



Helen Robinett
COMMITTEE MEMBER



Ian Brown
COMMITTEE MEMBER

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

To the members of Try Youth and Community Services Inc.

Scope

I have audited the financial report of Try Youth and Community Services Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2008. The financial report consists of a Statements of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cashflows, accompanying notes and Committee Members Declaration.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are prepared and presented in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards for the preparation of financial statements by Prescribed Associations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report of Try Youth and Community Services Inc. is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 and gives a true and fair view of the organisation's financial position as at 30th of June 2008 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date.



P C Gilchrist CPA

MELBOURNE

13TH OF OCTOBER 2008



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