

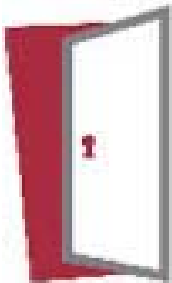
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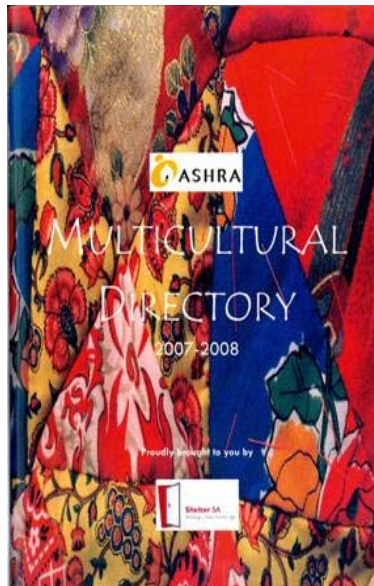
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July 2006– June 2007

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SHELTER SA

2006 Annual General Meeting

22nd September 2006
Balcony Room, Parliament House
North Terrace, Adelaide

Sharyn Goudie, Chairperson, welcomed members and guests to the Shelter SA AGM, and acknowledged the Kaurna as traditional custodians of the land in Adelaide.

Sharyn introduced the Guest Speaker: Mark O'Brien, CEO, Tenants' Union of Victoria. Mark spoke on the Victorian experience of the Tenants' Union and the need for renters to have an independent information and advocacy service.

Sharyn Goudie thanked Mark and presented him with a small gift.

Minutes of Shelter SA's 2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 22nd September 2006

The meeting was opened at 11:05 am by Sharyn Goudie, Chairperson.

1. Present

Organisational Members

Lynn Bell	Housing Spectrum
Glenice Bennett	Adelaide Regional Advisory Board
David Brown	Office for Community Housing
Daniel Clements	Mission SA
Jane Fletcher	Office for Community Housing
Sharyn Goudie	SYC
Kerry Gray	Red Shield Housing
John Haren	St Vincent de Paul
Sally Langton	Housing Spectrum
Sean Millar	NEAMI
Alison Murchie	Adelaide Regional Advisory Board
Candice Peterson	Salvation Army
Kara Piltz	Centacare
Alan Steven	Salvation Army
Philip Studt	CHCSA
Jacinta Warnest	OARS
David Waterford	Social Inclusion Unit
Nick Watts	CHCSA



Mary Westwood SYC
Leanne Young Aboriginal Family Support Services

Individual Members

Hugh Stretton Life Member
Kathy Arthurson
Peter Chigwidden Regional Advisory Board
Robert Harding HIA
Phil Harrison
Marlene Littlewood Regional Advisory Board
Scott McFarlane
Alan Moore
Mark Parnell Australian Greens
Bill Peterson
Jane Reed
Jayne Wrigley Helping Hand

Guests

Michelle Archer Catherine House
Andris Banders SACOSS
Norm Barber
Michael Barnett OFMUD
David Burnett Office for Community Housing
Anne Marie Chamings Anglicare-Accommodation Support Services
Pat Coidon DFC
Rochelle Craig Youth Work Students Noarlunga TAFE
Simone Deller Youth Work Students Noarlunga TAFE
Jacqui Garcia DFC- Housing Policy & Planning
Beppy Gollan Anglicare-Accommodation Support Services
Gaby Hummel Minister Weatherill's Office
Jim Jacobsen
Rebecca Jenkinson Adelaide City Council
Julia Keane DFC- Housing Policy & Planning
Glorija Kuzman Housing SA
Kaye Mahomet Volunteering SA
Lindsay Manual DFC- Housing Policy & Planning
Mary McInnes Whalers Housing Association
Katrina Melnychyn
Mark O'Brien Tenants' Union of Victoria
Merylyn O'Neill Southern DV Service
Helen Ottaway DFC - Special Needs Housing
Tony Rantell Adelaide Regional Advisory Board
Marcia Richards Volunteering SA
Sue Rothall Whalers Housing Association
Maria Sbizzirri DFC - High Needs Housing
Kim Tenzin DV Crisis Service
Tarni Van Gastron Youth Work Students Noarlunga TAFE
Theresa Walker Public & Community Housing Appeal Unit
Antonia Zotti Landlords Association



Staff

Margo Johnson	Shelter SA
Cheryl Shepley	Shelter SA
Gary Wilson	Shelter SA

2. Apologies

Heather Southcott	Individual member
Warren Smith	Housing SA
Cecile Dutreix	OARS
Helen Fulcher	Housing SA
Lea Stevens	MP
Michele Slatter	Individual member
Gay Thompson	MP
Brendan Moran	Housing SA
Judith Brine	Adelaide City Council
Sandra Kanck	MLC
Jan Horsnell	Anglicare
Mark Groote	DFC
Ciaran Synott	CHCSA
Sue Marks	ROOFS Housing
Kym Whittington	UnitingCare Adelaide East
Tony Zappia	Mayor City of Salisbury
Tony Roach	St Vincent de Paul
Betty Jean Alberton	Public Housing Tenants' Forum
Sarah Curtis-Fawley	Central Northern Adelaide Health Service
Tony Myers	Real Estate Institute SA
Liz Syngajewski	Catherine House
Dieter Sczesny	
Minister Jay Weatherill	Minister for Housing
Michael White	City of Salisbury
Michelle de Cean	YACSA
Carolyn Wood	

3. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 2005 AGM were printed in the Annual Report.

Motion: That the minutes of the Shelter SA 2005 AGM held Oct. 18th 2005 be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Kathy Arthurson **Seconded** Bill Peterson **Carried**

4. Chairperson's Report

The full report was printed in the Annual Report. Sharyn Goudie outlined the highlights of the report.

Motion: That the Chairperson's Report for 2005-2006 be accepted.

Moved: Bill Peterson **Seconded** Scott McFarlane **Carried**



5. Treasurer's Report

The full report was printed in the Annual Report. Bill Peterson spoke of the highlights of the report.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report for 2005-2006 be accepted.

Moved: Bill Peterson **Seconded** Alan Moore **Carried**

6. Audited Statement

The full Audited Statement was a separate insert in the Annual Report. Bill Peterson asked if there were any questions, but none were raised.

Motion: That the Auditor's Statement for 2005-2006 be accepted.

Moved: Bill Peterson **Seconded** Jane Reed **Carried**

7. Appointment of Auditors

Motion: That the Peter Hall and Associates be appointed as auditor for the financial year 2006-2007.

Moved: Bill Peterson **Seconded** Jane Reed **Carried**

8. Election of Board Members

Sharyn introduced those Board Members who have another year to go in their terms:

Daniel Clements	representing Mission Australia
Scott McFarlane	individual member

The Homelessness SA Representative is automatically one of the Board Members, so Leanne Young was not elected in this process.

Those Board Members whose terms finish today were introduced:

Bill Peterson	individual member
Jane Reed	individual member
Sharyn Goudie	representing SYC
Alan Moore	individual member

Because of other commitments, there were resignations during the year from:

Matt Fisher	representing CHCSA
Dieter Sczesney	individual member
Kathy Arthurson	individual member
Kara Piltz	representing Centacare

On behalf of the Board, staff and membership, Sharyn Goudie thanked all of them for their contributions over the past years.

In particular, Alan Steven and Dieter Sczesny contributed much to Shelter SA over very long periods of time. Dieter was unable to be at the AGM today. Alan finished his term of office last year and he was thanked and received a small token of the Board's appreciation. It was arranged for Dieter to receive his gift at another time.

The Constitution states that members elect the Board, but the Board elects the Officers at its first meeting after the AGM.



In the Constitution, there is no provision for nominations from the floor, as they all had to be in writing to the Office a week before the AGM. Any unfilled vacancies would be filled by appointment by the Board, at a later date.

The Shelter Office received 4 nominations for what had grown to 8 vacancies. Those attending had a handout with some information about the nominees.

The following were eligible for renomination, and had sent in the appropriate forms:

Bill Peterson	individual member
Jane Reed	individual member
Sharyn Goudie	representing SYC
Alan Moore	individual member

Ballots were not necessary, as there were fewer nominations than vacancies.

Sharyn declared that Bill, Jane, Alan and Sharyn were re-elected.

As there were unfilled vacancies, the Board would make appointments to fill those. The new Board would meet within a month and the results of the election of officers would be published in *Sheltashortz*.

9. Any other business

Sharyn Goudie asked if there was any other business. There was no other business.

That concluded the business of the AGM. Sharyn thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed, at 11:30 am.



Chair's Report

One of the reasons I am so passionate about Housing is that it is an issue that affects all people. Over the past year this has become more evident as private rental vacancies have reduced, the weekly rent has increased, and purchasing a home has become a distant dream for those on low to middle incomes. Shelter SA is a vital organisation that ensures housing remains on the agenda at both a political and community level.

Throughout the 2006 – 2007 financial year, Shelter SA showed a continuing commitment to educate and raise awareness about the issues of housing affordability in South Australia. Shelter SA aimed to highlight the gaps that currently exist and offer practical advice as to what could be done to improve accessibility to affordable housing. This was achieved through a variety of formats, including:

- *Meeting with Ministers, Councillors, Consumers, Service Providers, Policy Groups and Private Industry.* The consultations that were run across South Australia on Housing SA's Disruptive Tenancy and Service Concepts discussion papers were a great opportunity to engage the community sector on potential policies that would affect them.
- *Presentations on the importance of affordable and equitable housing for all South Australians.* In particular, Margo presented at the National Youth Conference in Melbourne regarding the findings of the Southern Fleurieu Youth Housing Project.
- *Support for different activities and events that linked to housing and homelessness.* This included work with the Mental Health Coalition of South Australia, development of the ASHRA network to raise issues surrounding refugees and housing, and the facilitation of the Homelessness, Health and Housing Expo.
- *Media releases that raise awareness and draw people's attention to housing as a pertinent issue.* It has been positive to see housing issues being picked up at both a political and media level across the Nation.

South Australia has also seen the establishment of a Tenant Information and Advocacy Service (TIAS) that is accessible to all tenants, the development of a Housing Legal Clinic, and the continued development of the Common Ground model. Shelter SA welcomed these new initiatives, particularly TIAS, as we had long advocated for the provision of an advocacy service for all tenants in South Australia.

Shelter SA welcomes the ongoing commitment demonstrated by Minister Weatherill and the current government to address housing affordability. This can be seen particularly in the areas of the SA Affordable Housing Trust, the Common Ground development and perhaps most importantly the tireless voice of Minister Weatherill as an advocate of housing to the Federal government.



However, even with these new initiatives, there remains much to be done to address housing inequity in SA. Shelter SA's vision for the year ahead includes the continued advocacy for safe sustainable tenancy for those most at risk, the provision of qualitative accounts of people's experiences in the housing market, a timely response to government policy, and an emphasis on the link between health and housing.

I would like to thank Gary, Margo, Cheryl and Janet for their tireless commitment to advocating for affordable and accessible housing in South Australia. I would also like to thank the Board for the voluntary work and time they put in, and their dedication to see Shelter SA raise the standard and accessibility of housing.

It is also important to note that Shelter SA would not be where it is without the contribution of our members, and I thank you for your ongoing support of Shelter SA as the peak body in housing.

Sharyn Goudie

Chairperson



Executive Director's Report

The 2006-07 financial year saw some interesting developments in housing in South Australia:

- Rosanne Haggerty's model for Common Ground made real progress towards becoming a reality
- A Housing Legal Service was started for homeless people
- Housing for citizens with disabilities received a number of funding boosts
- Private renters benefited from a Private Rental Liaison Officer scheme in Housing SA
- HomeStart has now helped 50,000 South Australians into home ownership, and brought out a new product, the Breakthrough loan
- A Tenants' Information and Advocacy Service began operations (*Shelter had advocated for such a service for years*)
- The Statutes Amendment (Affordable Housing) Bill was passed
- The Lakeview Transition Centre in Port Augusta was opened
- Port Lincoln domestic violence facilities received more funding
- Some community grants were targeted at meeting the needs of the homeless
- Community housing in Mallala and affordable housing in Salisbury were announced
- Minister Weatherill provided a 2-year report card on the State Housing Plan
- The Minister also announced a plan to make Housing SA financially viable, but at a cost of 8,000 homes being sold over 10 years.

Shelter SA continued to research, publish and disseminate knowledge on matters relating to housing, with the reprinting and distribution of the Boarding House Kits, Sexcluded Report, issues of *ShelterShortz*, and the ASHRA and Women's Housing Caucus newsletters. The results of the development of a Youth Housing Strategy were presented at the National Youth Conference in



Melbourne in May, and elements of the report were published in *Parity* magazine.

Shelter initiated and lead the housing debate in S.A, with a public forum prior to the State election, a forum on International Women's Day, and the Health, Housing and Homelessness Expo.

In initiating and participating in meetings that promote housing as a key social issue, Shelter SA organised:

- The forum with the UN Special Rapporteur on Housing
- Women's Housing Caucus seminars
- Homelessness, Health and Housing Expo
- A stall at Womad
- Shelter's 30th Birthday Celebration.

In 2007, Shelter SA was contracted by Housing SA to conduct two series of state-wide consultations on the Disruptive Behaviour Strategy, and the Service Concepts model. In all, 18 consultations were held, attended by over 200 people. Two major reports were prepared and submitted to Housing SA in June and July 2007.

Shelter SA made submissions to:

- Department for Families and Communities (DFC) about the Tenants' Information and Advocacy Service
- In collaboration with Youth Affairs Council of SA and SACOSS, contributed to a submission to, and testified independently at, the NYC Homeless Inquiry
- And contributed the Mental Health Coalition submission on housing needs.

Active contributions were made by Shelter to:

- SACOSS Policy Council
- Homelessness SA and its forums



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- Minister's Housing Council
 - Housing SA Operational Policy Advisory Committee
 - DFC/Dept. of Health Peaks meetings
 - Disability Focus group of Community Housing Council of SA
 - Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute workshops
 - National Shelter National Council meetings
 - National Shelter Policy Platform
 - Housing SA Customer Representation working group
 - Memorial Service for those who have died while homeless
 - Australasian Housing Institute state branch executive
 - State Strategic Plan Community Congress
 - National Affordable Housing Framework forum in Canberra
 - DFC consultation on Accommodation Act
 - Planning for National Women's Housing Conference
 - Social Work students
 - Anti-Poverty Week planning
 - Kadina Youth Homelessness Forum.

Presentations were made during the year to:

- Southern Fleurieu Youth Housing Strategy Steering Committee
- Fleurieu Community Services Advisory Committee, and others
- A branch of The Greens political party
- The National Youth Conference in Melbourne
- National Youth Homelessness Inquiry
- Electoral office staffers.

To keep abreast of housing issues, Shelter staff attended:

- Governments and Communities in Partnership Conference in Melbourne
- Homelessness SA Conference
- A tour of Christie Walk
- DFC Home Ownership workshop
- Rosanne Haggerty's public address



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- Common Ground dinner with Rosanne Haggerty
 - Flinders University Law students presentations
 - Homelessness SA/SAAP Conference
 - Government committee on drought responses
 - Opening of new community housing properties
 - Launch of the Common Ground building
 - Minister's briefing on State Housing Plan: 2 Years On
 - Planning Institute of Australia seminar on affordable housing
 - Launch of Tenants' Information and Advocacy Service
 - DFC Housing Improvement workshop
 - Port Adelaide/Enfield Social Development workshop
 - Save Our Suburbs meeting with Prof. Patrick Troy
 - Aus. Assoc. of Social Workers breakfast with Monsignor David Cappo
 - HomeStart Breakthrough Loan session
 - State Budget lockup
 - Workchoices forums and seminars
 - DFC seminar on community housing
 - Launch of Housing Legal Service.

Discussions have been held with:

- The Greens party
- Michelle Lensink, Liberal MP
- Vickie Chapman, Shadow Minister for Housing
- Progressive Labor Education Association
- Landlords Association representatives
- Housing SA executives.

Shelter also has had contact with:

- Uniting Care Wesley Port Adelaide
- Roofs Housing Association
- Comhouse Co-op
- Mental health workers



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- *The Big Issue*
 - Seniors Information Service
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - Whalers Housing Association
 - Wyatt Benevolent Institution
 - Youth Affairs Council of SA
 - Housing Industry Association
 - Office for Women
 - DFC Research office
 - Disability Services SA
 - Volunteering SA
 - Welfare Rights Centre
 - Homeless Legal Service
 - Multicultural Youth SA.

Our role is to develop and maintain these networks, find out what is happening in terms of people's needs and programs which meet those, and to then inform members, the public, politicians and students of the trends, facts and issues about housing for people on low incomes. The fact that Shelter SA was incorporated 30 years ago and is still advocating indicates that many of the housing issues have not been solved, and other new issues are coming to the fore.

In addition to presentations and publications, the Shelter SA website is now receiving 10,000 hits per month, with visitors seeking copies of our publications, information and documents.

CONCLUSION to Executive Director's Report

During the past year, Janet Adkins resigned to take up further studies. Janet was instrumental in assisting the Women's Housing Caucus. I sincerely thank the staff and Board of Management for their support and dedication during the year.



Shelter's funding is secure until June 2008, when the CSHA (Commonwealth/State Housing Agreement) runs out. We hope there will be another agreement of some sort that will fund Shelter SA so we can continue to advocate for affordable and secure housing for people on low incomes in South Australia.

Gary Wilson
Executive Director



The Homelessness, Health and Housing Expo 'Let's get together'

The Homelessness, Health and Housing Expo is a multi-agency event, with representation from across the homeless, health and housing sectors, to improve the health and well-being of those experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The Expo is a unique event, at least in this state if not nationally, providing opportunities for the homelessness, health and housing sectors to promote some outstanding projects in a relaxed, friendly and festive environment. And everything on offer on the day is free!

Attracting funding or sponsorship for the event is particularly difficult and we have been fortunate to secure funding from Housing SA's *Community Project Grant Fund*, Housing SA and Helping Hand. Shelter SA also contributes over \$5000 worth of in-kind support. This event would not be possible without these funds and the time and energy, services and staff that volunteer for this event. Our greatest expenditure is the cost of the marquees, tables and chairs, yet they are integral to the success of the event, as many organisations would be unable to participate without them.

Evaluation and performance surveys undertaken at the conclusion of the event are used to guide future planning directions and the recruitment of additional participants. The strongest theme from the 2005 event was to grow the event and encourage more participants and organisations to be involved. 28 organisations were involved in the 2005 event and organisers set about promoting the event through the Shelter SA newsletter *Sheltershortz*, the SACOSS e-bulletin, Community Housing Council of SA e-bulletin and fliers were posted to day centres, Royal Adelaide Hospital Emergency Department, rehabilitation centres and welfare centres, focussing especially on inner-city Adelaide services. It is estimated that around 300 people participated in the 2006 event, with over forty organisations volunteering their time and energy and another 10 organisations offering in-kind support.

Previous evaluations also suggested a desire for greater opportunities for interaction and for more activities to be made available. This was carried out in four ways in the 2006 event:

Sport – Life Be In it was invited to offer group activities that were team-oriented. Tug-o-war and the three-legged race were a great hit, especially when the clowns recruited players!!

Art – art work was exhibited from the Hepatitis C Council (exploring personal experiences of Hep C diagnosis) and the Salvation Army *Towards Independence Program*.



Entertainment – groups from the Magdalene Centre (the Mag Jam Session) and WestCare (Karpandi Arts Centre Workshop) performed on the day. Karpandi Arts Centre Workshop has produced a CD *My Desert Heart*, from a collection of songs written by participants at workshops held at WestCare.

Competition – to raise the Homelessness, Health and Housing Expo profile among support workers and those experiencing homelessness, a ‘name the expo’ competition was held. Shelter SA organisers visited each of the inner-city day centres to promote the event and encourage people to put in an entry. Maria Barrios was the winner and her ‘Let’s Get Together’ slogan is now used in all promotions of the event.

Information Booklet – due to the high staff turnover in the community services sector, it is often difficult to be aware of the variety of services and activities that are available. We decided to produce an information booklet to encourage networking between participating organisations and to increase awareness.

Speakers were also invited to present on health issues of the homeless and those at risk of homelessness as part of the morning program. The majority of research among the health of homeless and those at risk tends to focus on co-morbidity issues, or chronic mental health and substance abuse concerns. Yet there is little understanding among the general public of the general health concerns among those experiencing homelessness, such as recurrent ear infections, low immunisation rates and simple infections that can have a profound impact on the individual if left untreated. It was decided that future presentations would be better served in a separate event and plans are well underway for a Health and Homeless Forum in October 2007, in addition to the Homelessness, Health and Housing Expo in November.

Margo Johnson
Project Coordinator



Overview of ASHRA 2006-2007



(Agencies Supporting Housing for Refugees and Asylum seekers)

The ASHRA network ended on a high last financial year with the announcement of the winner of 'design our logo' competition. The ASHRA network has been working equally hard this year with the production of our first major resource – *The ASHRA Multicultural Directory*, published by Shelter SA. This *Directory* was a collaborative effort of the ASHRA network, with various services contributing their respective contacts and suggestions.

The ASHRA network chose to take on such a task in response to the lack of awareness the general public had for settlement services in South Australia. We were regularly hearing from people who worked indirectly with refugees and migrants (such as school counsellors, ESL and Home tutors, and local councils) who wanted to know about services that could best support their clients or friends. This could include an informal English language class, learning to drive, help enrolling children in school, understanding your rights and obligations of tenancy, and the list goes on. In addition, the needs of new arrivals are diverse and can change frequently. As you can imagine, getting settled in a new country and all of the information that you need to take in can be overwhelming. Research suggests that new arrivals can move home around five times in the first year. This can mean that finding the relevant support services in one area, may no longer be relevant in their second or subsequent area of settlement.

For those who work with refugees on a daily basis, supports, services and settlement information are second nature. But for those who work indirectly with refugees, it can be daunting. Many are unaware of the existence of some services, and even more problematic, may not know who to ask for help. This can mean that many people who are eligible for support may not be receiving it. So the aim of the *ASHRA Multicultural Directory* is to make much of the specialist knowledge and services that are currently on offer in South Australia available to a wider audience. We recently posted out a copy of the *ASHRA Multicultural Directory* to local councils, community development workers, youth workers, English language centres, and some school counsellors.

In addition to the directory, the ASHRA network has published its 6th edition of its Newsletter, and has welcomed articles from our membership, to promote a range of activities and events relevant to those working with new arrivals. Issues raised in our newsletter continue to focus on the variety of housing needs that each successive wave of new arrivals requires. For example, earlier in the year there were a number of single unaccompanied young people



requiring short term, single bedroom accommodation. Later in the year, the need for larger homes to accommodate larger families was the primary concern.

In tandem with the various tenures and accommodation requirements are other issues of settlement, including obtaining a drivers licence, learning another language, settling children into school and finding a job. Housing and support workers working with new arrivals are extremely adept at fielding a range of concerns (if our membership is anything to go by). Key areas of the ASHRA network are: networking, sharing information, contributing to the collaborative capacity of organisations and individuals who work in this highly competitive field, and identifying, reporting and responding to issues as they are experienced. ASHRA continues to promote the housing needs of refugees and migrants, to ensure these needs have a public voice through the ASHRA and *Sheltershortz* Newsletters, and to provide opportunities for greater networking between services and organisations.

Margo Johnson
Facilitator



South Australian Women's Housing Caucus 2006-7

THE CAUCUS

The Caucus was formally established at a meeting on 17 October 2005 and subsequently took shape as a branch of Shelter SA. We received two seeding grants in December 2005, each of \$3000.00 from Minister Key, then Minister for the Status of Women and Minister Weatherill, Minister for Housing.

The activity year 2005-2006 was devoted to 'public' events, focused around four forums. The Caucus also built a circulation list and established links with a wide range of groups in and beyond South Australia.

CAUCUS ACTIVITY IN 2006-7

Research: At the beginning of this second year, the caucus decided to commit a significant portion of its funds towards commissioning a piece of gendered research on Australian women's housing futures. There is a significant shortage of such work currently available and the Caucus considered this to be a serious problem for the development of future policy. Partners were necessary if sufficient funds were to be available for even an introductory study, so energy was first directed towards locating and securing fellow 'investors'. In early 2007 a partnership of the Caucus, Shelter SA, HomeStart Finance, YWCA Adelaide and the Department for Families and Communities was formed. The Southern Research Centre of the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute was commissioned to produce a Report by September. The aim was to identify central themes and factors influencing women's housing futures and consider their implications over the period 2006-2026. Members of the Caucus Steering Group joined other stakeholders on the project reference group which liaised with the principal researchers Dr Selina Tually and Professor Andrew Beer over the life of the project. The report is being finalised as I write this and is due to be launched on 22 October at an event attended by Minister Weatherill and, we hope, Minister Rankine.

The Caucus expects the Report to constitute a unique resource for policy makers, the housing sector and individuals and agencies working with women. It will also identify issues that require further research. Finally, it will contribute to public debate about housing futures, especially important in a time when 'housing affordability' has entered the policy agenda.

Conference plans: the Caucus also sees the research report as a major contribution towards the planning for an Australian Women's Housing Forum/Workshop/ Conference in 2008. This is currently under discussion with agencies inter-state. Considerable interest has been shown in the concept and many discussions took place right through 2006 and into the early part of 2007. It is over 20 years since the last women's housing conference took place in Sydney.



IWD Forum: while the research exercise has consumed most of the available energy from the Planning Group this year, our traditional Housing Forum to mark International Women's 'Week' took place on Monday 5 March in the State Library. Focussing this year on issues for older women the session was titled 'My Nan's Van and other stories of older women's housing'. The session was opened by Kate Ellis MP and featured excellent presentations from Anne Gale, the Director of Office for the Ageing; Cathy Rosa, Portfolio Manager, Southern Junction Community Services and Sylvia Brideoak from Seniors Information Services. Grace Portolesi, the Member for Hartley and Parliamentary Secretary to the Attorney-General, Minister for Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs also attended.

CAUCUS PEOPLE IN 2006-7

Three new members joined the Planning Group at the 2006 Annual General Meeting. During the last few months the Group has seen several other changes of membership as people have moved inter-state or have changed roles in the sector and as a consequence have been unable to attend. In addition, our capable and committed Secretary, Janet Adkins, moved from Shelter SA in mid-year to resume an academic career. The Planning Group continues to work innovatively through the implications of these changes, looking always for new members and developing a new relationship with Shelter SA, which auspices the Caucus. The energy and commitment of Planning Group members are invaluable, the absolute essentials of Caucus activity, and all provided by women whose diaries were full even without this!

CAUCUS INTO 2008

The principal challenge for 2008 will undoubtedly be sustainability. The principal excitement will be the expected women's housing forum/workshop/ conference. Watch this space!

**Michele Slatter
Convenor**



TREASURERS REPORT

SHELTER SA

September 2007

I am pleased to report that Shelter SA operated within the agreed budgets through-out the past year, with only a small surplus that we will be utilising on specific projects in the near future.

The auditor's report reflects that as an organisation we have been completely compliant in our financial responsibilities and further that Shelter SA has used appropriate measures and practices to satisfy the funding bodies. Please refer to the auditor's report as attached for further clarification and break-down on how we have acquitted our funds.

Again it is pleasing to report that over the past year we have seen few changes in both Board Members, and Staff, which secures the foundation for a stable organisation has a positive impact on the Financial and Corporate Governance of Shelter SA.

The financial systems and structures that we use support us well and I must thank and acknowledge the professional services of the bookkeeper Jan Moffat. She has kept the organisation on track and continually produced the statements in a user friendly manner. I thank her for the support and information she has supplied to and for the Board. I again acknowledge Cheryl Shepley for her assistance and support to both Jan and myself throughout the year.

The budget has been adhered to as most of the changes that we encountered were predicted. Most of this forecasting was due to the effort that Gary Wilson has contributed. I thank Gary for sharing his skills and knowledge to achieve this.

We are continuing to maintain National Shelter's finances; they have requested that we keep the finances operational from South Australia.

The auditor has approved the books and the financial statements as highly acceptable. Once again thanks to Jan. There have not been any discrepancies with the books and we will continue to maintain them using the same systems.

Bill Peterson
Treasurer



BOARD ATTENDANCE 2006-07

The Board of Shelter SA met 10 times for regular business during the financial year. Individual Board Members' attendances are listed:

	Attended / Possible
Sharyn Goudie, Chair SYC	9/10
Daniel Clements, Vice Chair Mission SA	7/10
Jane Reed, Secretary Individual	10/10
Bill Peterson, Treasurer Individual	10/10
Alan Moore Individual	8/10
Scott McFarlane Individual (resigned in May 2007)	3/8
Jayne Wrigley Individual, filling a vacancy from Oct 06	6/7
Robert Harding Individual, filling a vacancy from Oct 06	4/7
Peter Chigwidden Individual, filling a vacancy from Dec 06	6/6
Yvonne Bentham Individual, filling a vacancy from Dec 06	4/6
Representatives of Homelessness SA	
John Kelly	2/3
Gillian Anderson	0/1
Resigned at the 2006 AGM	
Dieter Sczesny	0/3
Kathy Arthurson	1/3
Kara Piltz	0/3



STAFF

Executive Director (1.0 FTE)

Gary Wilson

Sector Development Officer (1.0 FTE)

Margo Johnson

Research and Policy Officer (0.8 FTE)

Janet Adkins (resigned 8th March 2007)

Clerical Officer (1.0 FTE)

Cheryl Shepley

Bookkeeper (Casual)

Jan Moffat



Shelter SA Members 2006-2007

Organisation Members

Aboriginal Family Support Services
Adelaide Regional Advisory Board
Centacare
CHCSA
City of Salisbury
ComHouse Co-op Ltd
Dept. of Premier and Cabinet
Habitat for Humanity
Housing SA
Housing Spectrum
Hutt Street Centre
Inter-Church Housing Unit
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