



**HOPE STREET**

URBAN COMPASSION

**Annual Report 2006-2007**

Practising Justice, Compassion and Hope

## Vision

The peace (Shalom) of God pervading the inner city of Sydney at individual, community and structural levels.

## Mission

HOPESTREET – Urban Compassion seeks to follow the Spirit of God in empowering all people of the inner city of Sydney, especially the most marginalised, toward wholeness in all of life and hope for eternity.

### We do this through:

- Building relationships and communities of wholeness and hope.
- Fostering life-enhancing choices.
- Offering the Good News of Jesus in a holistic way.

## Values

1. Jesus Christ as the centre of all we do. Christ charts our direction, motivates and sustains us to be truly ourselves and is the one to whom we seek to draw others.
2. Putting together the Gospel imperatives of Luke 4:16-18 ("...bring good news to the poor) and Matthew 28:19 ("Go therefore and make disciples of all ...") by responding to physical, social and spiritual needs in an integrated way.
3. The incarnational presence of workers journeying with others.
4. Building the church as the community of disciples, in contextually relevant ways and fostering local leadership.
5. Facilitating the empowerment of people to take control of their own lives.
6. Seeking justice and reconciliation for the marginalised and oppressed.
7. Welcoming all people and appreciating the diversity of each person's contribution.
8. Working together in the development, practice and evaluation of our ministry.
9. Relevancy and connectedness with the inner city context in all that we do.
10. Recognising God's presence and activity before and beyond us. Through prayer and practice we join in this activity.

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## From the Board

Down sizing our home has been a stressful time for Elizabeth and myself. After 28 years in the one place, we found, to our amazement, just how many things we had accumulated. At the time, they seemed so terribly important. Many of them had an emotional connection to our parents or other members of the family and many we had stored 'just in case' we needed them in the future. Some had been forgotten for over twenty years and for some we could find no real reason to have kept them! A smaller home has meant that we have had to focus on what really is important in our family.

Last week, I saw an advertisement on a plane for a 'just in time' delivery service. The company aimed to deliver items manufactured just in time for their customers (It did remind me of times when that didn't quite work with delays of weeks, and sometimes months, before the just in time product arrived!).

Throughout the last twelve months, at HopeStreet we have ensured that our priorities are right. We have made sure that there are relevant services available to the local populations of Woolloomooloo, Glebe and Darlinghurst at the critical times in their lives - just in time.

The dedication of our staff, the strategic planning of Colin Scott and the immense contribution of a wide range of people, both paid and unpaid, are given testimony in this Annual Report. One thing is apparent. There has been little, if any, wastage in HopeStreet. The need is so great and the compassion of our staff so practical, that the budget has been well and truly balanced and the priority needs met. No one is forgotten; no one is discarded.

It seems to me that this is a very practical demonstration of God's love for us which is always there, never late. God does not hoard treasures but makes them freely available to all! God's provision for each of us is timely, compassionate and complete.

Would you please pray with me as we support our staff in the work that they will do in the coming year to ensure that care is always available where it is needed most!

Clifford F. Hughes AO Chair HopeStreet Board



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# Director's Report

"This is the only place where I am treated like a human ...", "This place is really Christian – in a way that others I have been to aren't ...", "In my short time I could tell that everyone who comes across HopeStreet feels safe and wanted ..." These words, from a variety of people who met us this year, encourage us that people are indeed finding welcome at HopeStreet. That welcome is at the core of HopeStreet. As well as having things to say about God, and empowering actions, we must "be" a place where people find a home – where they find positive, affirming, ongoing and redemptive relationships.

"Water of Life" (John 4:14) was the theme for our annual Celebration and Art Exhibition this year. This has been both a picture of life and of the turbulence that real life brings!

Our 2010 (Darlinghurst and Surry Hills) ministry has begun to have a life of its own. The church took its first collective initiative in outreach by hosting a designer market (HopeStreet Markets) at the Campbell St building.

Our church in Glebe public housing estate experienced some turbulence when Ross Coleman moved on from the pastoral role, but they bounced back with an even stronger sense of independence since as Julie Brackenreg, a long-time volunteer and member of the congregation took on the pastoral role and moved into Glebe.

*"In my short time I could tell that everyone who comes across HopeStreet feels safe and wanted."*



Colin Scott



Laurie Brackenreg



Liz Wimple



Si Horsley

In Woolloomooloo we saw local people take on leadership roles at WBF and at the Women's Space we opened the door to around 45% more street-based sex workers than last year.

The administration team has changed significantly with Laurie Brackenreg taking over from Ron Jansons as Administrator, and Brendan Wood following on from Annie-Lewis Bramall as Fundraising and Publicity Manager. We are thankful to Ron and Annie for the defining contributions they made to their roles, and we continue to build on the legacy that they established.



*“Join us in bringing welcome to those people who are most left out.”*

We made a broad range of connections again this year; with a Baptist ministry candidate from the UK doing her placement project with us, the FORGE network hosting a number of their conferences with us, and through my involvement in the Sydney Leadership Course. The most recent FORGE course included a workshop which we hosted. The Leadership Course has put me in touch with leaders across Sydney from the not for profit, government and business sectors, who are motivated to see positive social change.

We continue to have lots of requests for visits and tours and have done some seminars in schools, all of which we hope to grow even more by introducing a new position focusing on this area. Jarrod Myers and Si Horsley were our interns this year. Jarrod completed halfway through the year and Si continues to contribute significantly to the team and to find the placements stretching his understanding of ministry.

Thank you to the Board for its ongoing support of HopeStreet. Gary Lear joined the Board this year, bringing his business skills and a special interest in Cleaners with a Mission. The Board has explored the possibility of incorporating and received lots of positive support from the various stakeholders in this process. Many thanks also to the ongoing members of the Board, particularly Clifford Hughes and Paul Holding, who have continued in their roles since I began as Director. Thanks also to Jim Becker and Paul Holding who make up the Finance and Fundraising Committee, providing valuable financial advice to the Board.



The commitment and approach of the staff and volunteers continue to be what makes HopeStreet work. Creating that space where people can be themselves, find trust, see something of God's image in themselves and build on that, is what they do so naturally. My sincere thanks to them all. Particularly this year we honoured Sondra Kalnins, for ten years of outstanding service with HopeStreet (eleven and a half in fact!). Sondra began at the Women's Space and then was instrumental in setting up the gambling counseling service, which she has co-ordinated since it began.

Whatever your ability and opportunity to engage with HopeStreet is, we welcome you. The needs of people on the street for very practical help like food and clothes, and very personal help like a place of welcome and a chance to explore faith, are very real and urgent. Join us in bringing welcome to those people who are most often left out.

Rev. Colin Scott

**Thanks to Charity First for their financial support. Thank you to Mary Bladen Christian Fellowship, Gordon Baptist Church and Noel and Ivy Wales Evangelistic Trust for their support of the internship program.**

# Fundraising and Publicity

The continued growth of HopeStreet over the past 12 months is a real testament to the belief both our supporters and the wider community have in this vital work. HopeStreet is truly thankful for the individuals, churches, businesses, corporations, and other partners that make HOPESTREET - Urban Compassion possible!

In 2006 HopeStreet farewelled Annie Lewis-Bramall after four years of fantastic work, gathering support for HopeStreet and its many projects. Annie left an excellent legacy for me to build on, and succeeded in attracting a broad and devoted bunch of supporters that have adopted HopeStreet as their community organisation of choice. In particular, Annie finished her work with the production of two DVD features which profile the projects of HopeStreet. Alongside this, Annie also produced a corporate and a church brochure, which give visitors an engaging snapshot of the various programs. Annie really set the scene for a new phase in the profile of HopeStreet.

Our calendar of fundraising events continued strong this year with the Annual Fun Run and Walk, the Ride To The Top cycling marathon, and the ever popular Network Business Luncheons. Guest speakers at the luncheons included our very own Professor Clifford Hughes AO, as well as Mike Bailey the weather man, and Rob Caskie, national champion of the "Head to Head" sports trivia show on the ABC. For the very first time we hosted a luncheon in the central business district, with a record number of guests coming to hear Ross Gittins from the Sydney Morning Herald.



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Corporate partnerships continue to develop and provide one of the primary sources of funding for HOPESTREET - Urban Compassion. Involving people from the wider community, who might normally never see the "other side" of the city is an important part of our mandate. Along with being so close to the city, this generates lots of opportunities for city businesses to volunteer with us, sharing some of their skills and resources, and learning from and being enriched by the people they meet. Bain and AMEX were two of the larger groups that assisted in cleaning, painting, and gardening tasks over this past year.



*“The year ahead is full of opportunities to make a real difference in the lives of those people most often left out in the cold.”*



Christmas is always a tough time for those who are homeless and poor families living in the housing estates. The church, business, and wider public responded to this need generously again this year, enabling HopeStreet to provide around 450 hampers to families stretched beyond their means. This was followed up in winter with generous donations that well and truly stocked our benevolence cupboard, giving us the resources to respond to destitute families and individuals.

The year finished with our third Annual Celebration and Art Exhibition. This was a real highlight with a record number of paintings and exhibits submitted around our theme 'Water of Life'. The year ahead is full of opportunities to make a real difference in the lives of those people most often left out in the cold (in every sense of the word!). Please join us in this exciting journey as together we seek to see more people and communities discover wholeness and hope.

Brendan Wood

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# Rawson House and The Towers

In the bustle of Darlinghurst there exists Rawson House and The Towers: the two terrace houses that make up HopeStreet's intentional residential community. The aim of the houses is to enable residents to be actively involved in mission in the local community as well as HopeStreet projects and churches in the area, and to provide a time of training and growth for residents.

Late one afternoon, a friend from the community who lives in public housing dropped by Rawson House. She was on the way home from the city and was nervous about walking the last part of the journey alone because of a particular character in the neighbourhood. "Do you mind walking me home?" she asked. I helped her get home safely. As we had a cuppa she relaxed and shared some of the painful things she was facing in her life. The listening ear that I could offer made all the difference because it was right at the time that it was needed. This is what the residential community is about – living in gives us opportunities to be available and responsive to our neighbours which we would never have otherwise.



Thanks to Noreen Towers and John & Dianna Rawson for generously making their houses available for HopeStreet's use.



Si Horsley



Cassie Uphill

This year has certainly seen a lot of changes within the residential community. Duncan Sinclair, Richard de Belin and Annabel Jones all moved out to get married. More recently Carlyn Chen moved out. Carlyn and Duncan were the first Rawson residents to move in at the beginning of 2004, and we thank them for their leadership in establishing the ethos of the households. Christine Yinger, Emily Yinger, Sue Barlow and Pippa Cave were also with us this year but have moved out. Our current residents are: Si Horsley who is doing the internship program moving around urban ministries across Sydney, and Cassie Uphill who is working with the 2010 Ministry.

Despite the instability that has resulted from these frequent new circumstances within the residential community, we have tried to foster connection both within the houses and in the local area. "I remember being overwhelmed by my first taste of life in the big city. However, I found that there was a community and in some cases, communities existing within the larger framework. And I was also reminded of the challenge of trying to make Jesus the still-point of my turning world, amongst all the chaos and difficulties." (A resident of Rawson House).

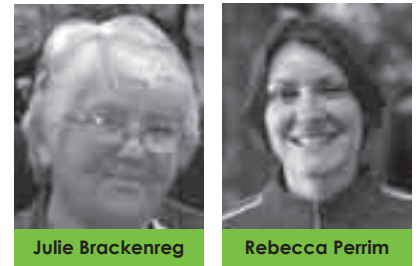
There has been many times when we've had friends over to the houses from within the community and further afield. Whether it has been breakfast in the backyard or dinner around the dining table, these times have provided an opportunity to share a meal and a yarn as well as a chance to talk about the joys and struggles of life.

"Thou shalt be good to one and all – even unto thyself." These are the words of author and activist Dave Andrews that are on the back of the toilet door of Rawson House. Such wise words, amongst others, provide useful instruction to us as we attempt to live honestly and holistically in community with each other.

Si Horsley, Cassie Uphill

# Glebe Ministry

Glebe Community Church is located in the middle of the Glebe Housing Estate. The Estate is home to a variety of tenants – from varied nationalities, Indigenous People, young people and elderly people. Many suffer from multiple disabilities – physical, emotional, financial, addictions; some live alone, whilst others live in extended families. Through the church community and our community programs, which are focussed around HaveAChat Café and our Op Shop, we aim to present God in a real and living way – by walking alongside our neighbours each day, responding to needs and building community strength.



Some people are confused by our church – as a physical entity it doesn't exist! It is very much the people of Glebe, popping up wherever we are needed or gathering for events and occasions – this enables our work to be free and responsive. We make time just to be with the people around us - to be neighbours to all.

It has been a year of change. Ross Coleman took up a similar ministry with Baptist Community Services after five years of ministry with us. After an interim period Julie Brackenreg was appointed by the church and HopeStreet as Minister. Julie had previously been involved with the church in Glebe as Girls' Brigade Captain for 11 years and then as voluntary Pastoral Care worker, since January 2005. Julie and husband Laurie [newly appointed as HopeStreet Administrator] moved into Glebe in December. Bec Perrim has continued as Community Development Worker.

It has also been a year of sadness, with the death of some of the key people leaving significant "holes" in our community. It has forced people to look at difficult issues in their own lives which in turn has caused some hurt but much growth in many members of the community and church.

We have begun to reach quite deeply into the community with local agencies recognising HopeStreet's work as an integral and grassroots part of the fabric of this area. Many local people are enabled in very basic ways to see themselves as valued members of the community – whether as Op Shop or Café volunteers; providers of free bread or other necessities; or as good and trusted neighbours – listening, running messages, or encouraging those struggling to overcome various addictions.

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Our Café on Thursdays and Fridays is often chaotic with a wide variety of activities. Over the past few months we have become the Glebe base for food hamper distribution by the Wednesday Wheelie Warriors. This, plus the free bread, means that many local folk pop into the café on a regular basis, and over time many come to stay for a cappuccino and a chat. Some may later join the art group – resourced by Pine St Studios; or attend Friday Seminars – monthly talk-fests from outside experts; or join up with COWS [Concerned Older Women]; or come to a Sunday Seminar. The café is vital as our meeting place and is often the centre of celebrations. We are still collecting for overseas aid through TEAR Fund and now also have set up a Trust Fund for a young woman with Down's Syndrome who was orphaned earlier this year. As a community we are proud and pleased to be able to give to others in need.

Our Op Shop provides us with the ability to offer day-to-day financial aid to local people – everything from emergency food and bus tickets, to offering small loans for unexpected bills. Op Shop volunteers take great pride in their role in helping provide for their own community's needs and are eager to extend this help to strangers and newcomers. Monthly meetings, chaired by Bec, can be boisterous affairs with ideas eagerly debated and new schemes continually being suggested. One of our regular volunteers is part of the "work for the dole" scheme and Bec is exploring ways of offering our service as an agency supervising this scheme to other young people.



As a community and a gathering of God's people within that community we seek to minister amongst people who are often broken, distressed, sick, or angry but who are learning that together under God we can share our burdens and celebrate our successes and our growth.

Julie Brackenreg

**Thank you to the Department of Housing, Glebe Uniting Church and St John's Anglican Church for generous use of their spaces for various projects. To the wider church family who have supported us with time, prayer, financial gifts and goods. To Vittoria Coffee and Oz Harvest for free products for the café. To Mary Bladon Christian Fellowship, Central, Glenbrook and Petersham Baptist Churches, Glebe Café Church. A big thank you also to the Baptist Union of NSW for their support and affirmation.**

## 2010 Ministry

2010 Ministry is developing a transforming Christian presence in the Darlinghurst – Surry Hills area. It centres around the growing church plant and includes: our partnership with restaurateur Michael Fantuz, The Terrace and Inner City Gambling Counselling. We are also developing new community initiatives arising from the needs of the area, the first of which has been ESL classes.

A second son, Jude, born to our family this week topped off a big year for 2010! The practical support of our neighbours and friends reminded us of the importance of community - a great gift to Jo, Sam and myself. Our weekly neighbourhood dinners with two other couples have been a highlight this year, sharing the joys and challenges of raising young children. Great for the families, it has also sent a warm, welcoming vibe to others who live in our small street.

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The 2010 Church is now made up of two home groups and a monthly gathering. The home groups have been a source of strength for many who have been reconnecting their faith after being away from Church for a variety of reasons. Finding an authentic place to explore Jesus without fear or prejudice for those who are same sex attracted, divorced, or simply dealing with the complexity of life, is a treasure.

Our monthly church gatherings have continued to gather momentum and an identity of their own. One Anglican Minister blogged after visiting:

*"The 2010 project was made up of people who were all at various stages of brokenness (including me) and we all knew it. The strength was not in the professionalism of the service but in the real people and organic nature of the time together. We looked different from each other and everyone was free to participate."*

## Ride to the top of Mt Kosciusko

Every year an energetic team of cyclists head off on their bicycles to ride from Sydney to the top of Mt Kosciusko. They participate in a remarkable journey to raise significant funds for HopeStreet.

Contact Brendan 8353 9904 to ride to the top!





Thank you to Ben Kerr, Jen Stumbles, Michael Fantuz, Sarah Thornton, Eli Murray, and Richard De Belin. To the staff teams of the Terrace and Gambling Counselling Service and to Carlyn Chen. I also want to thank the Baptist Union of NSW for their ongoing support.

Community development has been wild at 182 Campbell Street. Whether it be English as a second language classes, support groups for woman in crisis, gambling support groups, or homeless art exhibitions, there is something exciting happening and I am privileged to be involved.

Carlyn Chen shares the journey of the ESL classes:

*"In conjunction with the Surry Hills Neighbourhood Centre, ESL classes commenced in January this year at Campbell St, run by a handful of volunteers, including one who made contact through a Table for 20 meal. Not wanting to limit learning to the four walls of a classroom, the class often roams out on "excursions" like the Bus-Bronte-Beach-BBQ episode and a scavenger hunt around the city. One student began volunteering at HopeStreet's Op Shop, Back Shed Cafe and in the HopeStreet office on his own initiative, reflecting on how his attitudes towards homeless people have been challenged and changed. He now encourages other students to get involved in similar ways!"*

Another exciting adventure has been HopeStreet Designer Markets. A young designer, Sarah, from the Tuesday night Home Group started the market with a friend Brooke. They write:

*"The unique environment we created, unlike any other market event in Sydney, helped to start a design community to gather and connect. People of all types and ages came along to the markets with a lot of them staying for a coffee and a chat."*

The Table for 20 restaurant has been in operation since May 2006 and is now open Wednesday to Friday. Though it has taken some time to build momentum, the reactions of restaurant diners and the local community is evidence that the community concept behind 'Table for 20' resonates strongly with people.

2010 is about helping others explore spirituality in a space where they feel safe and familiar. It is about meeting people where they're at, acknowledging that we all have different life stories, experiences and backgrounds, but that we all yearn for a deeper connection with ourselves, each other, with the world in which we live and with God. Pioneering a new kind of mission work is exciting because it is about journeying into the unknown - not always easy or simple. But neither is being a Dad and I love both!

Mike Hercock



Legs under the table by 8pm

\$40 Wed & Thurs

\$50 Fri

Bookings available for Sat

4C Set menu

BYO or drink mine

## Table for 20

Michael Fantuz 0416 096 916

182 Campbell St, Surry Hills

[www.tablefor20.blogspot.com](http://www.tablefor20.blogspot.com)

# The Terrace

People suffering homelessness face a multitude of issues. Many move from crisis to crisis, and crisis accommodation to crisis accommodation. The Terrace seeks to provide a safe and affordable residential life skills program for homeless men seeking to overcome the barriers to healthy and independent living. Through a holistic program the men receive support as they seek to empower themselves and break the cycle of long-term homelessness.

"The Terrace is the first home I've had in a long, long time".

Housemates and staff work together to revive motivation, good health, good times, and inspiring momentum in each other's lives.

"Before moving to the Terrace I was a heroin addict living on the street. The Terrace has provided a safe home style environment where I've been able to deal with issues that arise with the help of staff and also maintain sobriety."

"I think The Terrace is great, it's a great opportunity for a new start."

Sean Haughian joined The Terrace team as Co-ordinator in March. He brings with him years of experience, a heart for the homeless and a great sense of humour! In their roles of residential care, Joe Denine and Lauren Davies continue to support the residents. Speaking at a recent dinner, Joe said of working there, "I love my job...it's such a privilege to be involved in the lives of these men and to see them discover their strengths...they teach me so much about resilience."



Lauren Davies



Sean Haughian



Joe Denine

Currently at The Terrace there are four residents who are addressing the most destructive issues in their lives. One resident is currently engaged with generalist and gambling counselling through HopeStreet. In the four months he has been living at The Terrace he has relapsed only once and he felt safe enough to admit it the next day and address it with his caseworker and counsellor. Since then a new care plan has been negotiated with him and put in place to support him with his urges. He has reconnected with his father and has written to his mother for the first time since he left the family home on Boxing Day 2006. He has been around the homeless circuit a few times. He has also developed a passion for art which was ignited by the HopeStreet Water of Life art exhibition in June.

One housemate is on a methadone reduction program and has been free from all street drugs for the past 9 months. He is involved in a daily fitness program at Juanita Neilson gym.

Another resident is addressing his last active addiction through HopeStreet's gambling counselling service. He is attending his second semester at TAFE and was the only student in his class to attend every class in his first semester. The most recent arrival is working part-time and is doing a correspondence Health and Safety course, has recently done his senior First Aid Course, and is actively dealing with a long-term alcohol issue.



## Celebrate with us!

Our annual celebration on the second last Friday in June brings together supporters, locals, volunteers and staff. It is a fabulous night of celebrating the achievements of the year and looking forward to the year ahead.

Tickets available from May 2008 on 9358 2388



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Thursday Nights at The Terrace is when residents and staff get together for a communal meal. The meal is planned and prepared by a different resident each week. This can be very challenging for some of the residents. Recently J was rostered to cook. As Terrace staff began to assist, one by one every resident of the house came to the kitchen offering to help. In a world where it's been said that 90% of people think of themselves all of the time, it's in moments like these we see and celebrate the growth in The Terrace community.

**Over the past year we have had 14 residents**

- 4 are current residents
- 3 residents completed the 18 month term, 2 of which still have stable affordable housing and a supportive community, the other is currently doing a residential life skills program and still awaiting permanent housing
- 4 ex residents did not complete the program
- 2 ex residents returned to their families including one to his own country
- 1 was housed with Department of Housing



We have had an additional 17 referrals. Issues that residents faced this year were: Drug & Alcohol (6), Gambling (3), Mental Health (9).

The Terrace seeks to work with residents to provide a safe place of rest where energy can be renewed and dreams realized.

Sean Haughian

Thank you to Baptist Community Services, Eventide Homes, Trust Australia, Charity First, The Danks Trust, City Tattersalls Club, The Aussie Rules Club, City of Sydney RSL Club, The Grosvenor Club, Bowler's Club of NSW, Roth Trust, Trust Company, Eventide Homes, people attending HopeStreet Business Networking Luncheons, Oz Harvest, Juanita Neilson Gym, Table for 20, Imax Cinema, St Mary's Cathedral, Matraville Baptist Church, ReLink, Carl Lupino, and Rev. Tony Gibson.

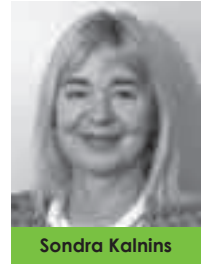


## Have lunch with us! Annual Celebration & Art Exhibition

Each quarter HopeStreet hosts a fabulous lunch for business people to connect with one another and hear a little about HopeStreet. You will enjoy fantastic food, great wines and an engaging speaker.

Contact Brendan 8353 9904

# Inner City Gambling Counselling



Most people who gamble occasionally enjoy the fun it provides and experience no harm. However for some people gambling becomes excessive and leads to serious negative consequences in all areas of their lives. Financial, health and emotional problems progress with 60% of people seeking treatment having seriously contemplated suicide. We are there for those people. Inner City Gambling Counselling provides treatment and support for problem gamblers and for their family and friends.

This year Inner City Gambling Counselling has provided individual and group counselling to over 140 people. Counsellors Ross Coleman and Rachel Terry have moved on to working with Baptist Community Services and with prisoners in Canada respectively. We thank them both for their excellent work. We welcome Tony Gibson who is making a great contribution in many areas. We are in the process of compulsory organisational accreditation and Tony has begun working on updating our OH&S policies to meet the necessary standards.

## Outreach to homeless gamblers

Currently Tony is running weekly groups at Matthew Talbot Hostel and Edward Egar Lodge. Tony referred Tim from one of the groups to the Terrace and now Tim has individual gambling counselling, daily case management at the Terrace and accommodation for the next 18 months. One of the gamblers we referred to the Terrace two years ago now has moved to more independent accommodation and still receives occasional supportive counselling with us.

## Soong Hi's story

When Soong Hi was referred to us by his lawyer he knew that he would go to prison. He had developed a severe gambling problem after an initial lucky win. He mistakenly believed that gambling was a way of making money. His family needed money back home and he was finding it hard to find permanent employment with few skills and poor English. Soong Hi gambled and lost more money. His wife had a baby and Soong Hi was tempted to commit a crime to recoup losses and gamble more. He saw gambling as his only solution. Through counselling he became aware of his irrational beliefs about gambling.

Although prison was a certainty, Soong Hi was committed to overcoming his gambling problem. He said he would never gamble again and sincerely wanted to become the honest person he once was. I went to court with Soong Hi and his family and provided a court report about his gambling problem. Soong Hi did go to prison but since his release he has returned for follow-up counselling. He continues to make changes to ensure he stays free from problem gambling.



### Groups

We run a fortnightly day group and held one evening group for people who have completed the cognitive behavioural counselling treatment program. By trusting themselves and others again they share in strategies and new life choices, and assist each other to maintain their goals. For family and friends, we conducted three family workshops, which gave people an opportunity to share their experiences and to acquire skills and strategies to best protect and support themselves and the problem gambler they care for.



### Professional development, contribution & research

Tony and I have completed several helpful training courses provided by the Responsible Gambling Fund at the Centre for Community Welfare. I have enjoyed working with Gaming and Racing staff in the Industry Reference Group as we develop training resources for the Problem Gambling Qualification Project. The training will be ready for new gambling counsellors to be fully accredited at the beginning of 2008. This year we have been involved in two research projects conducted by Sydney University. One is about the follow-up of clients after treatment, the other about the effects of problem gambling on family members. It is important to be involved in research that can lead to prevention of and better outcomes for people with gambling problems.

We are very grateful for the opportunity and responsibility we have to help people recover from problem gambling and find a steady, fulfilling life where they feel in control.

Sondra Kalnins

### Raising community awareness

We have presented information sessions that include treatment strategies at the Probation and Parole City office, Albion St Centre and the Learning and Development Unit at the Office of the Protective Commissioner. These presentations have been very well received with about 25 staff attending at each place. With the help of our Aboriginal worker and Aboriginal community members we produced a brochure about problem gambling, which we hope will encourage Aboriginal people with gambling problems to seek help.

Thank you to the Responsible Gambling Fund for their ongoing funding.



# Woolloomooloo Ministry



Heather McClelland



Bryan McClelland

Woolloomooloo ministry is a whole of life affair. Sunday morning street worship gathers the faith community and the whole week into focus. Street Breakfast, the Women's Space, Employment Training and Community Development programs, and Urban Care and Counselling and all the community connections in between, create a network which embraces people in the life of the church and engages the church in the life of the local community.

## Growth and Pain

This year Woolloomooloo Baptist Fellowship (WBF) has been enjoying discovering more about the Holy Spirit and that each of us have gifts that complement each other. Four more baptisms have taken place. The review, which resulted in a mutual church/pastor decision for Heather and Bryan to continue in ministry here for another five years, was a celebration of doing life together positively! A leadership group of nine meets to make plans. The calendar includes Christmas pageant (for the whole Woolloomooloo community), Christmas and Easter celebrations, retreat, turning points, healing and film services, picnics and social occasions.

The relational nature of our church means that joys and sorrows are shared deeply. Sometimes there is deep pain, especially when someone struggles with illness or addiction or pain from the past. Then there is prayer and patience, acceptance and forgiveness, and a recognition for all of us of our helplessness and dependence on God.

## Community Hub

Our worship service has moved location through the years: From inside the Op Shop it has moved to inside the Backshed Café and at times just outside both of them. Now, in response to one neighbour's objection to the noise, we meet in the middle of the square, not far from the door of the supermarket - it is like being the community hub! Both homeless people and local residents stop and watch, or join us without feeling they are the centre of attention. When it is raining or too cold these days we go into the Creative Art Space where the singing sounds really great!

*"Bit by bit memories and meanings came together and healing occurred."*





### From Anxious Control to Open Ministry

At our WBF retreat 12 months ago Heather had to intervene when a couple of guys kept rebuking the children extremely harshly. On return she sat down with the guy we'll call Andy to explain her intervention, which truly puzzled him. During the conversation she asked what life had been like for him when he was the age of these children. At the time, Andy was living at HopeStreet's Terrace, a residential program for homeless men and he was working hard to overcome his heroin addiction and criminal past. God's Spirit had been at work in Andrew's life for a long time and his response to her questions was a weekend of tears and then, a request for pastoral counselling.

It has been a rare privilege to travel alongside him over weeks and months and to see deep healing and God's work of transformation taking place. Andrew was subjected to a childhood of abuse and violence and to survive, he formed himself defensively around that. As happens in such situations his nervous system and his body held the trauma. In counselling the body signals were noticed as emotions were triggered within his everyday life situations from week to week. Bit by bit memories and meanings came together and healing occurred. Now Andy is gentle and thoughtful, deeply depending on God and reflecting on life.

His resources and strengths are coming into their own. In April Andy organised all the volunteers for the Woolloomooloo festival. He knows and loves the street people and stops everywhere for a chat.

When the department of housing recently supplied him with a house in the centre of Woolloomooloo it was wonderful to see the local people welcoming him. As a leader in WBF he is helping others get their money together so they can attend our next retreat in September. He feels he is no longer transient. He has truly found his home.

Rev. Bryan McClelland, Rev. Heather McClelland

**Thank you to: Street Church anchor teams: Thornleigh Baptist, Epping Baptist, Castle Hill Baptist, Wentworthville Baptist, Chester Hill Baptist. Street Church support teams: Glenbrook Baptist, Dural Baptist, Mortdale-Oatley Baptist, West Ryde Baptist, Church Under the Bridge. Youth Café leaders: Stu Watts, Michelle Smith, Jemima Callaghan (Thornleigh Baptist). Homework Huddle: Jan Watts, Erin. Community Barbeque support: United Way, Gadens Solicitors, Freehills, Fuji Xerox. Special thanks to Kristan Morris for Black Stump Village co-ordination.**

## Cleaners with a Mission

Having the right “Tools of the Trade” is essential for getting a job done. ‘Cleaners With a Mission’ Employment Training Program exists to create opportunities for people to build their personal ‘tool box’, both to access long-term employment and to achieve their broader personal goals. This starts with practical skills and experience in the cleaning industry but includes a host of other personal tools including resilience, initiative, communication, and problem solving.

After being out of work for many years due to mental illness, Peter began working with Cleaners With a Mission in 2005. Starting slow and steady with two hours per week he began to re-organise and refresh his personal ‘tool box’ by developing skills in cleaning, but also adding the crucial tools of confidence, responsibility and independence as he increased his hours. It wasn’t smooth sailing. He experienced relapses in his mental health but with understanding and support he hung in there. It was valuable for him to maintain some work because he knew he had something to aim for in recovery.

*“... developing skills in cleaning, but also adding the crucial tools of confidence, responsibility and independence..”*



Sage Saegenschnitter



Jo Holland



As he recognised his own resilience and met with ETP staff to dream about the future, Peter began to pursue the accumulation of more tools. Over two years he attended in-house training in Senior First-Aid, externally completed Certificate II in Asset Maintenance, RSA and RCG, and also gained his security license. Now in the process of looking for further employment, his employment options are widening with a range of tools to access in both practical skills and internal strengths to continue building hope for the future.

The major focus over the past year has been to explore ways to equip our cleaners to take the next step. For each participant the next step is unique to their individual walk. This process began with the Job Preparation and Placement Project (JPP) which included the development of Individual Employment Plans for each person, providing an intentional structure for participants to dream as well as plan concrete steps to achieve their goals.

Equipping participants through providing access to training opportunities was a crucial part of this. Eight participants completed their Senior First Aid Certificate, six completed two modules of the Certificate II in Asset Maintenance, five completed training in Infection Control, four complete TAFE courses and five other training courses were completed in various fields.

For Greg the experience of attending a training course was a daunting one to begin with because of his previous negative experiences of education and feelings of anxiety and fear of failure. Having positive learning experiences with support of staff and teammates, realising that he could pass assessments, and gaining the certification went a long way in changing his own perception of his abilities, consequently increasing his access to further training and employment options in the future.

Combined with training, a Business Link Network was launched in November. The aim of the network is to partner with businesses and other job agencies to increase the work opportunities for participants as they prepare to move into the open workforce. This has been complimented with individual job search support. Consequently four of our cleaners have moved into other employment - one is in full time work, two have taken casual positions while maintaining some work with us as they test the waters, and another tried it and returned to us after experiencing the stress of trying to negotiate the difficult terrain of individual workplace agreements.



Fortnightly Cleaners' Lunches continue to be a space to build community, share ideas and affirm strengths amongst the cleaners as well as staff over a casual lunch or game of carpet bowls. This has been a space to farewell Duncan as the Co-ordinator in November and welcome Allister Norvall in his place. We also said farewell to Joanne in April after her work in establishing the JPP project.

We wish to thank all those who have prayed for and supported us. Particularly we honour the dedication and hard work of our current cleaners Bernard, Chris, David H, David M, Glen, John, Jared, Kimmo, Paul Ma, Paul Mo, Paul Mc, Telea, Rosemary, Fiona, Chad, Terry, Steven, Kevin, Geoff, and Mark.

Sage Saegenschnitter

Thanks to City of Sydney RSL and City Tattersalls Clubs for their financial support. Thank you to the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Employment Innovations Fund for support of the Job Preparation

# Women's Space

Since 1995, the Women's Space has been a safe place for women who work in the sex industry. Through connections made during 'Open House,' day and night outreach and support and referrals, women are offered friendship, rest, peace, practical assistance, encouragement and the opportunity to pursue positive life options, including support to exit the sex industry. The Women's Space provides an environment where working women are respected and honoured in a safe, alternative community.



Lauren McGrow



Emma Schubert



## Taking stock

This past year has been a time of growth and evaluation for The Women's Space. With an increase in the number of women attending, we have also noticed an increase in violence at the house. In this intimate space, with women under great stress, things can quickly progress to aggressive behaviour and violent outbursts. In response, we have taken the time to look closely at our operating procedures and make some positive changes. Firstly, we updated The Women's Space policy and procedures manual to include stricter guidelines on handling violence. We have also established a closer relationship with Kings Cross Police and contact them directly now if anything happens - this is much quicker than calling 000! We have had a crime prevention assessment and good recommendations were made to improve safety measures. As well, house rules have been placed at the front door and each woman is asked to agree to behaviour that fits within the guidelines while at The Women's Space. We are also in the process of establishing a protocol of reporting with other women's services in the local area, so that we can better inform each other about those who are violent within this close-knit community.

In the midst of this upheaval, there have also been staff changes. Lauren Davies left in October and a new Support and Outreach Worker began in early November. Emma Schubert has settled in very well and is enjoying daily life with the women. In March this year, Gabi Lytras also spread her wings and we are currently in the process of rehiring. Thanks to both Loz and Gabi for their contribution over the last few years. Jo Holland, Jen Stumbles and Janelle Isaacs have casually assisted at this time and we really appreciate their hard work.

### What's important

This past year has also been a time to explore the options for Stage 2 of The Women's Space – a residential facility for women leaving the sex industry. The response has been extremely positive, many of the women are keen to utilize the support and other services are encouraging of this innovative idea. The major drawback is funding! We are struggling to get the money together to go ahead with this new project and have been looking at many options for finances including government resources and women's corporate groups. In recent efforts, one of the women wrote a support letter:

*"The Women's Space offers a chance for sex workers to become constructive members of society. I have been using the service for three years and I needed this place to save my life. I have abused myself like I was abused as a child, however the staff here have been gentle, kind and comforting at the right times. ... This is the only place where I am treated like a human and that has kept me sane."*

*The environment here is calm, stable and solid. "When we come here we don't abuse ourselves but get love here. On all levels our needs are met – it is holistic. I have learnt to accept myself as I am at Women's Space. I have also gained direction here – towards rehabilitation and set new goals as well and there has been something to look forward to in my life."*

It has been lovely to receive this genuine feedback on what makes The Women's Space so special, and helps us put some of the more difficult issues (like aggression) into a broader perspective. This space is about changing lives and we are privileged to share the journey with each woman.

Lauren McGrow

*"This is the only place where I am treated like a human and that has kept me sane."*



### Statistics

Open House Visits:	1132 drop-in visits
Day and Night Outreach:	316 connections
Afternoon Support:	41 appointments

**Thank you to all our great volunteers this past year: Jenny, Katherine, Bronwyn, Janelle and Jen. To Women Aglow – Kensington for ongoing prayer and practical assistance, Oz Harvest, Joy Butler and the women's ministry team for a wonderful Christmas. To our caring neighbour - Brendan, Julie Bates - a friend of WS, the charity 'Clothing Can Make A Difference', SCEGGS, BAIN, Jean from Oyster Bay for her wonderful cooking, Baptist Community Services, Ride to the Top, Lakes and Penrith Baptist, St James Anglican and Baptist Investment and Finance for there ongoing support!**



# Community Development - Woolloomooloo



Fiona Simpson

Our Community Development program works alongside public housing tenants and homeless people in Woolloomooloo. Currently we train and support thirty volunteers who run three safe spaces - The Back-Shed Café, Op-Shop and Creative Arts Space. Each space provides a positive encouraging atmosphere, where strengths are encouraged and resources shared, and individuals are enabled to take greater control of their lives. We continue to work with other service providers to provide an integrated approach, particularly through community events such as BBQs, festivals, and educational/social justice days.

He looked like he hadn't showered in days. His question to me was simple, "I hear on the streets that you help people - I need help". I poured him a cup of coffee and gave him a sandwich and asked "Where would you like to begin?" He twitched and wriggled, looking nervous, "Can I trust ya?" I said I could help him more if he was honest and started at the beginning, so that I didn't attempt to go where others had already been.

The story unfolded that his struggle began the day he was born. His mother a drug dealer, addict and prostitute, gave him away when he was four years old - to pay off a drug debt. He started his drug and alcohol use at the age of eight. He lived in squats and ate when food was available. I asked where he was living now and he pointed to the street. He was fifteen years old. I asked if he was using Ice.



He shuffled about "Yeah, but I just wanna give it all up and start my life from scratch, I'm scared I'm gonna end up at the bottom of the ocean under the Harbour Bridge with concrete bricks attached to my feet or worse in jail being used as someone's toy boy." This time all he wanted was a warm blanket and some food. As he left he said, "Thanks for listening, most people just turn away and treat me like a piece of @#!\*, I'll come visit soon." This is just the beginning of our relationship, each time he will tell me a little more and we'll look for ways to restore the life he has been robbed of.

## Event Highlights

- Woolloomooloo Festival: co-ordinated 62 stalls, 3000 people attended
- 4 community BBQs: around 80-150 adults and kids attend each time
- Social Justice Days: Worlds Biggest Morning Tea for cancer awareness (we raised \$85) Seniors week, Youth Day, Domestic Violence Awareness Day and International Woman's Day free lunches and information
- HopeStreet Art Exhibition: we hung 156 paintings
- Framing workshop: we framed 11 paintings for the arts group
- Private dentist visit: first time ever for 6 people!
- Christmas Party and packing 400 Christmas hampers
- Volunteer lunch for Christmas and a holiday for four days to Foster (in partnership with Central Sydney Area Health Service)



*“Each space provides a positive encouraging atmosphere, where strengths are encouraged and individuals are enabled to take greater control of their lives.”*



#### Other significant outcomes

- 6 new volunteers
- 5 new funding proposals all successful
- Trained 4 social work and welfare students
- Housed 4 people into permanent accommodation,
- Filled in 43 applications for legal support, mental health etc
- Provided over a dozen educational talks about community development
- Benevolence cupboard as a resource that enables us to respond to many struggling families, individuals and the homeless community

#### Creative Arts Space Groups

- **Fine Arts group** - A qualified art teacher (volunteer) works alongside artists fostering their skills. 6-8 people attend regularly.
- **Word Association** - Three UTS students give their time to work in underprivileged areas sharing their skills in literacy.
- **Parenting support** - Mums run this group for mums, to share their stories in a positive and supported environment, allowing skills to be shared.
- **Strengths group** - Focusing on each person's competencies rather than their deficits, this group creates positive options and sustainable solutions.
- **Craft group** - Open to all, this group teaches new skills and provides an opportunity to socialise through crafts such as mosaics, printing, and paper-making.



Our **Op-Shop** is open Monday-Friday providing many bargains for the local community and warm blankets, jackets and socks for the people sleeping rough.

Our **Back-Shed Café** is also open Monday-Friday 9.00am - 3.00pm providing an affordable cuppa and cake for \$1.00 and a safe non-judgemental atmosphere.

Fiona Simpson

**Thank you to the volunteers who go from strength to strength, supporting their fellow neighbours with love and compassion. To UBS who have agreed to fund Community Development and a support worker, United Way for assisting us with our community BBQs and a variety of other things, Northside Community Church for our fridge, cooking utensils and freezer plus all of the baking for our café. To Chinese and Australian Baptist Church for ongoing donations to our benevolence cupboard, Toby's Estate and Vittoria coffee for donating to the BackShed café, John from Smith Family for assisting us in the Op Shop with our overflow, and to the Baptist Union of NSW, Minter Ellison Lawyers, St George Foundation, United Way, Zurich Insurance for their financial support.**

# Community Development - Indigenous



Indigenous Community Development is based on relationships that provide the context for change. We work "incarnationally" alongside people (especially youth), sharing many aspects of life with them. In this way we foster community development - 'the process of sitting and dreaming together resulting in doing something about dreams people choose to own, so that community life and relationships are enhanced.'

## Walkabout

... Dharawal Engravings at Jibbon Point ... a Bundeena bush walk - appealing because it passes some fantastic Aboriginal rock platform carvings. Exciting - for most of the people on the trip, this is the first time that they have seen anything like this. The carvings depicted killer whales, stingrays, turtles, kangaroos, and endowed law given long ago, carved by the Dharawal peoples.

We all sat down in a circle and paused as I told them to reflect on a life which was ruled by fishing and catching crustaceans in the shallow rock pools that we had walked past. And to imagine a life of our sisters under these gum trees sitting and talking also enjoying themselves like us today.

On this adventure we walked back to Bundeena along side the beach and had a swim. Being able to pass on some culture and a little bit of spirituality heritage and law to the children by telling them some dreaming story of the area was an honour.

Outings such as this one, combine celebration of aspects of aboriginal heritage with interaction with Australian bush. There are an ideal way of sharing life with people.

**Thanks to WallaMulla for their support. To Baptist World Aid Australia for financial support of the project, and the Coca Cola Foundation for financial support of the "Dream for the Future" program. To Maroubra Surf Club for hosting the surfing program and Community Transport for help with buses.**

## Dreaming with...

Our dream is to enable indigenous people to find ways of helping themselves. This has become more concrete this year. Kids helping Kids is a collaborative project of parents and kids living in the Woolloomooloo area. The project goal is to build the capacity of the Woolloomooloo community to help each other achieve a better future through their own visions. This will enable participants to identify community needs in relation to youth issues such as drugs and alcohol, and to develop projects that respond to these needs. There is energy and excitement coming from this Monday afternoon 'dreaming with' time together. They have come up with a program called "Dream for the Future". This is a 12 week program, which began in July, emphasising issues such as drug awareness and personal development.

One Dad with his two teenage children enthusiastically involves himself with the program, and other aspects of our program. A 16 year old 'Joe', is increasingly taking leadership responsibilities, when three years ago he was already wandering the streets during the day, and in trouble with the police.

I facilitated the summer surfing program again this year, and encouraged football amongst young people in Woolloomooloo, as well as involvement in NAIDOC week.

I received this letter about the surfing program:

*"Currently my 6 year old daughter participates, myself as a mother and volunteer enjoy contributing to this program, seeing the children get out there and have a go! And see them interact with each other, which I think is good for the kids to mingle and talk with each children because then it gives them that self-esteem about there self's. I have had a lot of fun meeting different kids and also watching my daughter meet new friends and also learn the about the safety."*

Ian Nicholas





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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT**

To: The Members of HopeStreet – Urban Compassion

**Scope**

**The special purpose financial report and committee's responsibility**

The special purpose financial report comprises the balance sheet, income statement, accompanying notes to the financial statements, and the statement by members of the committee for HopeStreet – Urban Compassion for the year ended 30 June 2007.

The committee of the organisation is responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances. 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 have 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 as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgment, 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 accounting policies described in Note 1, so as to present 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. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used and described in Note 1, are appropriate for the needs of the members.

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 significant accounting estimates made by the committee.

While we considered the effectiveness of 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 HopeStreet – Urban Compassion presents a true and fair view in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1, of the financial position of HopeStreet – Urban Compassion as at 30 June 2007 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

Shedden & Green Partners  
 Lawrence R Green FCA – Partner

Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2007  
 Miranda NSW

**HOPESTREET - Urban Compassion**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 30 June 2007**

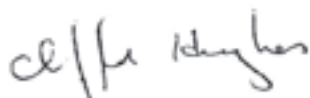
	2007	2006
	\$	\$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank	67,866	28,586
Cash on Hand	418	200
Cash on Deposit - Baptist Investments & Finance Limited	209,567	209,585
Receivables	43,589	44,054
Other Receivables	6,680	-
Prepayments	171	-
Bonds	160	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>328,451</u>	<u>282,425</u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Motor Vehicles - at Cost	76,784	76,784
Less Provision for Depreciation	(47,611)	(36,093)
	<u>29,173</u>	<u>40,692</u>
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<u>29,173</u>	<u>40,692</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>357,625</u>	<u>323,117</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Grants in Advance	21,412	24,870
GST Payable/(Recoverable)	1,688	5,005
Payables	49,523	42,541
Provisions for Employee Entitlements	43,507	29,956
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>116,130</u>	<u>102,371</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ 241,495</u>	<u>\$ 220,745</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Accumulated Funds and Reserves</b>		
Accumulated Funds	165,200	177,450
Asset Replacement Reserve	76,295	43,295
	<u>\$ 241,495</u>	<u>\$ 220,745</u>

**Statement by Committee**

In the opinion of the Committee members:

- 1 (a) The Income Statement gives a true and fair view of the result of the entity for the financial year ended 30 June 2007
  - (b) The Statement of Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the entity as at the end of the financial year 30 June 2007; and
  - (c) The Statement of Cash Flows gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity for the financial year.
- 2 At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the organisation can meet its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:



Mr. Clifford Hughes  
 Chair, Management Committee



Mr. Paul Holding  
 Vice Chair, Management Committee

**HOPESTREET - Urban Compassion**  
**Income Statement**  
**For the Year Ended 30 June 2007**

	Community Development	Employment Training	Women's Space	Homeless Accommodation & Outreach	Gambling Counselling	General	2007 Total	2006 Total
<b>Income</b>								
Donations and Sponsorships								
Church	3,810	-	645	-	-	7,577	12,032	8,163
Individuals and Mission Partners	9,547	-	13,991	-	-	49,151	72,689	86,776
BUNSW Relief Fund	17,000	-	-	-	-	-	17,000	23,000
BWAA	44,061	-	-	-	-	-	44,061	28,500
Communicare Sydney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,000
Baptist Community Services	-	-	35,290	62,650	-	-	97,940	100,845
Baptist Investments & Finance	-	-	30,000	-	-	-	30,000	25,000
Eventide Homes	-	-	-	15,000	-	-	15,000	15,000
Mary Bladen Christian Fellowship	-	-	-	-	-	7,000	7,000	10,500
United Way	27,000	-	-	-	-	-	27,000	23,000
The Printing Department	-	-	-	-	-	31,892	31,892	25,000
Business Lunches	-	-	5,229	5,229	-	-	10,458	5,068
Ride to the Top	-	-	11,958	-	-	-	11,958	13,977
Other Trusts and Organisations	10,160	14,500	-	35,000	-	10,258	69,918	113,091
Government	21,264	74,386	-	-	121,458	-	217,109	182,223
Program Income	49,080	206,109	-	25,578	-	243,535	524,302	445,334
Interest and Sundry Income	-	-	273	-	-	8,869	9,142	10,580
	<b>181,923</b>	<b>294,995</b>	<b>97,385</b>	<b>143,457</b>	<b>121,458</b>	<b>358,281</b>	<b>1,197,500</b>	<b>1,128,056</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>								
Salaries and Oncosts	89,582	240,168	84,317	94,119	76,505	189,499	774,189	708,821
Provisions for Employee Entitlements	1,153	922	371	596	2,003	3,336	8,381	4,183
Travel and Vehicle Costs	4,945	6,629	750	1,232	14	4,319	17,890	18,555
Utilities Occupancy and Maintenance	23,394	5,496	5,151	4,706	24,311	50,308	113,366	107,460
Program Expenses	24,430	6,206	5,223	10,056	1,253	31,958	79,128	68,883
Depreciation	5,202	2,959	745	855	-	1,304	11,065	11,063
Other Costs	37,877	24,983	21,128	22,113	17,930	47,836	171,866	148,977
	<b>186,583</b>	<b>287,362</b>	<b>117,685</b>	<b>133,677</b>	<b>122,016</b>	<b>328,561</b>	<b>1,175,885</b>	<b>1,067,942</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>(4,660)</b>	<b>7,633</b>	<b>(20,300)</b>	<b>9,780</b>	<b>(558)</b>	<b>29,720</b>	<b>21,615</b>	<b>60,115</b>
Balance at the Beginning of the Year								
Transfers of Funds *	10,616	(0)	(0)	(0)	3,308	163,526	177,450	133,336
Prior Year Adjustments	(865)	(2,633)	20,300	(5,780)	-	(11,887)	-	-
Transfer (to)/from Asset Replacement Reserve		(5,000)	-	(4,000)	-	(24,000)	(865)	(16,000)
<b>Balance at the End of the Year</b>	<b>5,091</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(0.00)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,749</b>	<b>157,360</b>	<b>165,200</b>	<b>177,450</b>

\* Transfer to recover prior year's shortfalls in projects or make up this year's shortfall

**HOPESTREET - Urban Compassion**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Year Ended 30 June 2007**

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
<b>Cash Flows (used in)/from Operating Activities</b>		
Receipts from Grants and Donations	699,410	728,653
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,238,191)	(1,165,666)
Interest Received	9,142	10,580
Program Income	581,557	477,364
	<u>581,557</u>	<u>477,364</u>
Net Cash Flow (Used In)/from Operating Activities	\$ 51,918	\$ 50,932
<b>Net Cash Flow used in Investing activities -</b>		
(Increase)/Decrease in Bonds	(160)	-
Purchase of Plant & Equipment, Furniture & Vehicles	-	-
Proceeds from sale of Assets	-	455
Prior period adjustment	(865)	-
(Increase)/Decrease in GST Recoverable/Payable	(3,317)	4,552
	<u>(4,342)</u>	<u>5,007</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash held	47,576	55,939
Cash at the beginning of the year	282,336	226,397
Cash at the end of the financial year	<u>\$ 329,912</u>	<u>\$ 282,336</u>

**Note to the Statement of Cash Flows**

**Reconciliation of Net Cash (Used in)/From Operating Activities to Operating Surplus**

Combined Operating Surplus after abnormal items	29,372	24,741
Depreciation	11,518	11,063
(Surplus)/Deficit on sale of assets	-	-
Changes in Assets & Liabilities -		
Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments	(171)	-
Decrease/(Increase) in Receivables	(6,215)	(17,023)
Increase/(Decrease) in Payables	6,983	15,352
Increase/(Decrease) in Provisions	13,889	(2,070)
Increase/(Decrease) in Grants in Advance	(3,458)	18,870
	<u>(3,458)</u>	<u>18,870</u>
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	\$ 51,918	\$ 50,932

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2007**

**NOTE 1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with requirements of the Baptist Union of NSW, and with Accounting Standards and as set out below. The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

**Structure**

HopeStreet is a part of the Baptist Union of New South Wales operating under its own Constitution but subject to the Baptist Union Incorporation Act 1919.

**Depreciation**

Minor items of furniture and equipment are written off as an expense in the year of acquisition. The carrying amount is reviewed annually to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. Residual and useful lives are reassessed at each balance date and if necessary the carrying amount of assets are written down. Additions are depreciated from the date of acquisition. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the carrying value of each item during its effective working life.

**Employee Entitlements**

Provision is made for the Company's liabilities for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements which are expected to be settled within one year, together with entitlements arising from wages, salaries and annual leave which will be settled after one year, have been measured at their nominal amount.

**Taxation**

As a part of the Baptist Union of NSW Hopestreet is exempt from income tax. The Youth Community Crisis Centre is approved as a Deductible Gift Recipient by the Taxation Office and gifts made to that Centre are accordingly eligible for tax deductibility.

**NOTE 2 MOVEMENT IN ASSET REPLACEMENT & MAINTENANCE RESERVE**

	2007	2006
Balance at beginning of the year	43295	27295
Transfer (to)/from income account	33000	16000
Balance at the end of the year	76295	43295

**HOPESTREET - Urban Compassion  
Church Planting Account**

**Income Statement  
For the Year ended 30 June 2007**

	Glebe	Woolloomooloo	Darlinghurst	TOTAL 2007	Glebe	Woolloomooloo	Darlinghurst	TOTAL 2006
<b>Income</b>								
Mission Partners	\$ 14,170	-	-	14,170	\$ 20,281	-	2,550	22,831
Baptist Union of NSW	-	-	15,000	15,000	-	-	-	-
Mary Bladen Christian Fellowship	9,000	-	-	9,000	9,000	-	-	9,000
Other donations	-	-	361	361	100	-	18,638	18,738
Offerings	5,896	-	600	6,496	3,555	-	540	4,095
Program Income	1,063	8,281	47,912	57,256	2,656	7,125	22,250	32,031
	30,129	8,281	63,872	102,282	35,592	7,125	43,978	86,695
<b>Expenditure</b>								
Salaries and oncosts	28,103	3,300	23,226	54,628	62,369	6,125	22,829	91,323
Travel & Motor Vehicle Expenses	-	316	224	540	107	308	221	636
Program Expenses	-	1,491	1,928	3,419	-	100	2,356	2,456
Other Costs	4,497	642	4,891	10,029	3,300	706	6,934	10,940
Utilities Occupancy & Maintenance	6,988	2,040	16,880	25,908	-	1,720	14,994	16,714
	39,588	7,788	47,149	94,525	65,776	8,959	47,334	122,069
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (9,459)</b>	<b>\$ 493</b>	<b>\$ 16,724</b>	<b>\$ 7,758</b>	<b>\$ (30,184)</b>	<b>\$ (1,834)</b>	<b>\$ (3,356)</b>	<b>\$ (35,374)</b>

**Church Planting Account  
Statement of Financial Position  
As at 30 June 2007**

	2007	2006
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank	\$ 10,926	\$ 3,169
Cash on Deposit - Baptist Investments & Finance Limited	41,134	40,796
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>52,061</b>	<b>43,965</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Provisions for Employee Entitlements	2,408	2,070
	2,408	2,070
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 49,653</b>	<b>\$ 41,895</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		
Balance at the beginning of the year	41,895	77,269
Surplus/(Deficit): Church Planting Account 1	7,758	(35,374)
Balance at the end of the year	\$ 49,653	\$ 41,895

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## Join us in Practising Justice, Compassion and Hope

**By giving** - The faithful donations of many people sustain the work of HopeStreet. Gifts over \$2 are tax deductible. Credit card donations can be made over the phone – 9358 2388 or at [www.hopestreet.org.au](http://www.hopestreet.org.au).

**Through prayer** - Mission partners commit themselves to praying and giving on a regular basis. A special newsletter keeps them in touch with the life of HopeStreet so that they can pray specifically.

**By Volunteering** - Many of our ministries are only possible through the support of volunteers. Volunteers are well supported and consistently report how much they enjoy themselves – and we know how much they expand our ability to help people. Book in for an Urban Orientation to get started.

**By increasing your business** - Businesses can give through extra sales gained via HopeStreet. Contact Jim Becker on 9439 5000.

**Come for a look** - Our Urban Orientations are an overview of the vision and ministry of HopeStreet and a walking tour of the places where we work. Urban Orientations are held every month on the third Sunday at 2pm. Contact Colin at [director@hopestreet.org.au](mailto:director@hopestreet.org.au).

**Bring a whole group** - An Urban Walk is a 2 hour walk observing the inner city and finding out what HopeStreet is doing in a context where rich and poor, housed and homeless, residents and tourists share the same streets. An Xpose Tour is an overnight stay that includes the walk, some biblical reflection and first-hand experiences of life on the margins. Contact Colin at [director@hopestreet.org.au](mailto:director@hopestreet.org.au).

**Take a close look** - Ngage is a one-week intensive course which examines the city - contextually, theologically and missiologically. With the rapid growth of cities worldwide, the course raises issues vital to effective ministry in our time. Run in co-operation with Morling College, this course can be taken for credit. Contact Colin at [director@hopestreet.org.au](mailto:director@hopestreet.org.au).

**Stay for a while** - Explore ministry in the city by volunteering with us, receiving some theological input and reflecting with a mentor in an Urban Internship, or by joining our Missional Community at Rawson House and The Towers. Contact Colin at [director@hopestreet.org.au](mailto:director@hopestreet.org.au).

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