

# AGM Report

## 2005 - 2006



**open Doors**  
YOUTH SERVICE INC.

# Philosophy Statement

Open Doors value and celebrate the legitimacy of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender identities and the diversity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender culture and communities. We believe that all young people have the right to explore their gender and sexuality in safe and supportive environments. All aspects of Open Doors are underpinned by a genuine commitment to the principles of participation, access, equity and collaborative action.

Open Doors believe that the exploration and experience of sexuality and gender is diverse and life-long. Open Doors recognises that young people exploring lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues do so in a cultural environment that can disadvantage, discriminate against and marginalise them both directly and indirectly. Open Doors actively works toward creating environments and opportunities that empower young people to live with pride in their lives as valued and equal members of their communities.

Open Doors is based on an innovative and dynamic service delivery model. This service works with young people in accessible and culturally appropriate ways to reduce isolation, share information, develop support networks and enhance young peoples participation and connection to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender cultures and other communities. Open Doors works to enhance the capacity of communities to understand and support young peoples expressions of their gender and sexuality.

Open Doors advocates for the right of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender young people to access a variety of services and support appropriate to their needs. We work collaboratively with others to:

- a) meet the needs of young people, either directly or indirectly;
- b) identify gaps and enhance capacity to meet the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender young people.

Through participation in relevant networks and undertaking community education and training, we challenge negative stereotypes and misconceptions which hinder the access of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender young people to a full range of services and supports. Open Doors is committed to the development of sustainable networks across sectors.

Open Doors value the contribution opinion and experiences of each member and the practice of open and honest communication. We aim to achieve a shared understanding and direction through equal access to information and an active commitment to consensus where possible. We employ supportive processes that encourage learning and development for all members of the organisation. We are committed to the positive resolution of conflict to enable effective organisational growth and change.

In these ways, Open Doors aims to make a significant difference to the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender young people and their communities. We will operate ethically, transparently and accountably in all facets of our service. We acknowledge the challenge and responsibility of this opportunity and welcome the participation of all communities who share this commitment.

## Agenda, 2006

### Welcome and Introductions

### Annual General Meeting

Welcome and Apologies  
Minutes of the last Annual Report  
Business Arising from the minutes  
Presidents Report  
Coordinator's Report  
Treasurers Report  
Auditor's Report  
Appointment of Auditor  
Election of the positions on the Management Committee:

Chairperson  
Vice Chairperson  
Treasure  
Secretary  
Ordinary Members

Close of Meeting

Special guest following the AGM Ms **SUSAN BOOTH** Anti-Discrimination Commissioner – Queensland will be launching 'Coming out about coming in', *an exploratory research into Open Doors Youth Service practice strategies, same sex attracted young people's access to services and general well being.*

**OPEN DOORS Youth Service Inc.  
Annual General Meeting  
27<sup>th</sup> September, 2005**

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**MINUTES**

**Meeting Commenced:** 6.10pm

**Chair:** Maree Foelz

**Attendance:** Linda Petrie, Kathy Noble, Maree Foelz, Kim Moody, Lisa Thorpy, Jules McAlpine, Karen Gallagher, Janet Fitzgerald, Jayne Keefe, Peter Greasley, Leanne Francis, Karen McCosker, Michelle Ackerman, Kym Daly, Daniel Marklew, Pauline Coffey, Dom Easton, Ben Schirmer, Candice Green, Jerry Coleby-Williams, Jacqui Pearce, Kerry Shuttlewood, Nerida Ackerman, Chris Macintyre, Karen Leatherbarrow, Meagan Probert

**Apologies:** Pauline Rushton, Russell Flynn, Children by Choice, Simon De Voil, Jeff Cheverton, Clare Proberts, Ryan Foster

**Previous Minutes:** Proposed - Kym Daly  
Seconded - Kathy Noble  
Accepted

**Chairperson's Report:** Janet Fitzgerald  
**Treasurer's Report:** Jayne Keefe  
**Co-ordinator's Report:** Meagan Probert

**Acceptance of Reports:** Proposed - Linda Petrie  
Seconded - Kathy Noble  
Accepted

**Ratification of Membership Applications:** Jerry Coleby-Williams, Janet Fitzgerald, Russell Flynn, Maree Foelz, Karen Gallagher, Jules McAlpine, Karen McCosker, Kim Moody, Kathy Noble, Redback Housing, Lisa Thorpy

Proposed - Jayne Keefe  
Seconded - Pauline Coffey  
Accepted

**Election of Committee Members:**

Pauline Rushton  
Jacqui Pearce  
Peter Greasley  
Janet Fitzgerald  
Russell Flynn  
Leanne Francis  
Lisa Thorpy

Proposed - Kym Daly  
Seconded - Kim Moody  
Elected

**Adopted of an Auditor:** Proposed that Haywards Chartered Accountants be appointed for the next Year  
Proposed - Jayne Keefe  
Seconded - Kim Moody  
Accepted

# Chairpersons Report

The resources of an organization are critical in helping it achieve its goals. Open Doors Youth Service has been fortunate, since its beginning, to be possessor of the invaluable assets of the commitment of members of the lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual communities, the talents of our professionally skilled staff and of our allies in providing support for young people who are in need.

Now 6 years into our existence and our 3<sup>rd</sup> as an incorporated association, Open Doors continues to build on its foundations of clarity of purpose, a well conceived and planned professional approach to meeting the identified issues of the young people we seek to support, of good will and relationships with others - community and sector support for our work and approach, a well regarded reputation and a developed intellectual property gained through our cooperative work with young people, our ongoing research and enquiry into the issues impacting on their lives. Our most recent work "Coming Out About Coming In" was the first exploratory research into service practice with LGBT young people in Queensland and is another milestone for our service which also illustrates the synergy of the contributions of the many involved with us.

In 2006, it is from this well that Open Doors has continued to draw strength, direction and clarity. The two other enablers of our organization are of course the funding we receive through the Reconnect Programme (DFaCSIA) (and other sources we successfully access from time to time), but most importantly that of the young people who access Open Doors. It is through the openness and willingness of the young people who come through our doors and the trust they place in the service that Open Doors continues to learn, how we can better respond to their needs and the issues they face, as well as to be able to share our knowledge and expertise with allied services and organizations that seek to provide services to young lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender people.

Our individual support services and family support services continue to be in high demand and we are well placed of course to provide these. We possess the expertise and skilled staff to provide this invaluable support at the critical times in the life of a young person and / or their family.

This year we have continued to develop our relationships and deliver training and professional development for others in the sector. The demand for the sector development work of Open Doors is very high and identified as a significant need, which made the committee's decision in 2006 to not fill the part time vacancy of Sector Development Worker, all the more difficult. Unfortunately, with increases in costs and little expansion of our funding base, the decision (which is reviewed quarterly) was based on financial rather than any other grounds. We hope in the future to be able to re-invest in this role and recruit the position.

This work, progressed by that role, is one of the great achievements over the last six years which has contributed to our highly regarded reputation for good practice in our field, from which many have benefited by incorporating it into their own services. Currently, our

Coordinator and Youth and Family Support Worker are managing this area of our work, concurrent with the individual support we provide young people.

Our staffing assets have undergone a significant change this year with our Service Coordinator, Meagan Probert taking parental leave for a large part of the year and after a recruitment process, Nerida Ackerman being offered the locum position until February 2007. This then created a locum vacancy for a Youth and Family Support Worker. We recruited Leisa Brandon who will be with us, similarly, until February 2007. We value our role in developing new professionals and again in 2005 / 2006 there have been a number of students whom have spent time with us and taken much away, whilst making their own contribution to our service.

Our Committee has met regularly and continued to monitor the operations of the service, our finances, as well as to explore some important areas of activity (like fundraising) and continue to review, consider and develop our policies. Following hot on the heels of our AGM, one of the first items of business for the incoming committee is a review and development of our strategic plan.

On membership, we continue to remain fairly static in numbers and continue to benefit from those with a long-term connection as well as welcoming some new blood. In 2005 / 2006 we have extended networks and support through the Brisbane Pride Festival, fundraising and other activities as well as through the connections of individuals who have joined us. We always invite and welcome members of our communities to participate and contribute to our organization and the Committee again extends this invitation broadly.

Financially, Open Doors has needed to make some very hard decisions this year to remain within budget (which is tight). Each year this will be a challenge for the committee. Without increases to our funding base yet with growing costs of operation, we need to be efficient with our modest annual budget. Open Doors has continued to seek funding for other areas of activity that serve our mission and the needs of young people and will continue to do so.

I would like to take the opportunity finally, to thank our outgoing committee, including those whom are stepping down this year, the staff, our allies and supporters, as well as the young people and other service providers who have continued to show trust and faith in us through their ongoing access to our services.

Russell Flynn

# Coordinator's Report

This year Open Doors has experienced a lot of changes!. To begin with Meagan Probert is currently on 12 months maternity leave, and is due to return in early March, 2007. Meagan gave birth to their new son on the 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2006. Meagan and Jules named their son Xander. Xander's birth was a fantastic arrival for both Meagan and Jules, although it was a little early.



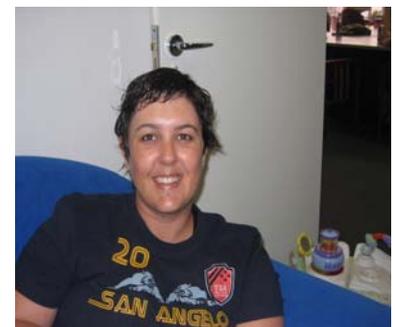
Meagan and Xander



A 12 month locum Coordinators position was advertised well in advance and Nerida Ackerman, Open Doors Youth and Family Support worker was the successful applicant. Nerida and Michelle had bought their new daughter 'Charlie' born 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2006 home from Hospital 4 weeks earlier. Charlie makes number three for us!

Nerida, Michelle and Charlie

Leisa Brandon, was successful in filling the 12 month locum Youth and Family Support worker position. Leisa came to us from Youth and Family Services in Logan where Leisa had previously been the Youth worker for the Youth At Risk Outreach Service. Leisa has settled in nicely at Open Doors, her first performance appraisal was reflective of all the qualities which won her the position.



Leisa Brandon  
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Chris McIntyre, Sector Development worker left us in May, 2006. Due to increases in insurance, rent, CPI etc Open Doors decided not to employ a Sector Development worker at this stage, however this decision will be reviewed 6 monthly. Due to training commitments and work loads we employed Michelle Ackerman for a 3 month locum, to fulfil prior commitments.

Currently Open Doors is staffed by a; coordinator, youth and family worker and our magnificent part time Finance and administration worker (Kerry Shuttlewood).



Kerry Shuttlewood

Currently Open Doors is providing Queensland State Wide Training in collaboration with Queensland Association of Healthy Communities, covering towns such as; Carins, Townsville, Mackay, Ipswich, Roma, Toowoomba, Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Redlands and the Sunshine Coast with Young people specific training. This training is a direct result of the pilot training delivered to Logan and the Gold Coast earlier this year.

In direct line with the recommendations from "Coming out about coming in' we have developed the LGB, 20 years and under state wide questionnaire. This questionnaire is extensive and asks young people questions around; health, school, sex and sexuality, housing, emotional health, drugs and mental health. It has been developed to investigate young peoples experiences of homophobia, internal homophobia, self harm and suicide. We also included a section to investigate young peoples experience of school, for example we have asked young people to identify specific experiences of homophobia and how the school dealt with it, how often they have not attended school because of homophobia, and who are safe adults at their school/when they attended. This questionnaire will run for 6 months to ensure an adequate response. To address issues as access the questionnaire is available on-line & in hard copy.

Our other great plans for the rest of this year are to be successful in the funding submission we provided to the Department of Health and Aging - National Suicide and Self Harm prevention. We will also be running a 5 week parent therapeutic workshop for the families of our young people.

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### Young People and Families:

Between July, 2005 and June, 2006, (with the exclusion of public holiday's and Christmas closures) there have been 1716 visits to Open Doors 'Drop in' on a Wednesday, with an average of 4 new young people at Drop In each week.

Separate to Drop In, Open Doors have provided individual support to over 350 young people and approximately 30 family members, 2005 - 2006. On average we provide one on one support to well over 20 young people each week.

### Snapshot of provided services.

Open Doors remains focused on our core business of provided realistic services to young people who identify as same sex attracted and/or transgender, or who are questioning their sexuality &/or gender identity. Over the last year we have developed, implemented and provided the following services to young people & their families:

- Individual Counselling and Support work with young people - we work with young people around issues related to sexuality, gender identity, mental health, sexual abuse/assault, violence, housing and homelessness, relationships, self harm, suicidal thoughts, family relationships, school issues, employment and training, income support, drug and alcohol misuse, homophobia and heterosexism.
- Provision of food and transport money where identified
- Referral of young people to accommodation and the provision of support to ensure young people maintain their housing
- Support and group work for family members
- Personal Development Support Group with young people
- Christmas Party
- Beach trips
- Wet and Wild
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Horse Riding
- Canoeing
- Safe Sex Workshops for young men and young women
- Activities at The Outlook in Boonah

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### Projects:

Through our work with young people, their families and key services providers within the community Open Doors has identified the need for short term projects to address emerging issues and link young people with the community to reduce isolation and respond to the issues presented. Throughout the year Open Doors has worked collaboratively with all key stakeholders to provide the following projects, some examples of these are:

- Out Loud and Proud - National Youth Week Festival for LGBT young people 2006
- 1 x Night Vision Dance Parties
- Brisbane Pride Festival
- Banner making and t-shirt making workshops for Pride
- Gender and Sexuality in Schools Project - partnership with Education Queensland, Family Planning Queensland and the University of Queensland Queer Collective to explore the issues faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender young people in schools and develop programs to take into schools to increase safety and access for lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender young people.
- Cross Agency Project: collaboration with a number of services in the Fortitude Valley area exploring affordability in rent and capacity of services to co-locate and share resources to maintain service viability in the inner city area.
- International Lesbian Day, Inaugural Luscious Lesbian Luncheon
- Developed an 18 month Calendar, as a fund raising project for Open Doors

### Action Research

As part of our funding agreement Open Doors undertakes an Action research process every year. This year Open Doors will focus on the families of young people who identify as same sex attracted and/or transgender. The following Action Research question has been commenced and will continue until mid next year.

- What would it take to further increase family access to Open Doors in addition to a family resource via a group focusing on families experiences of having LGBT children or children exploring their sexuality and / or gender?

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### Training and Community Development Provided

Open Doors provides training and community development initiatives within south east Qld. Our commitment to these processes remains a focus point for the organisation, to directly address sustainable work processes/ practices with young people throughout South East QLD. For example, over the last year Open Doors has provide the following initiatives :

- Supported Lyn Hillier, La Trobe University to give a presentation of "Writing themselves in again, 6 years on held at New Farm
- Presentations to a range of School Based Youth Health Nurses and Guidance Officers
- Partnership with Queensland Association for Healthy Communities, Family Planning and QLD Health to provide training for government, non government, and community workers who support to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender young people, in the Logan and Gold Coats regions.
- Open Doors Education Network.
- Anti Discrimination Commission LGBT Community Network
- Presentation to Yeronga TAFE Youth Work, Community Work and Justice students
- Presentation at the state Qld Government Suicide and Self Harm Conference
- Presentation at a number of Youth at Risk Training Programs with Queensland Police Service.
- State training with workers from CYMHS, held at Spring Hill Q
- Presentation of 4 workshops to year 12 students at Tullawonga State High School.
- Presented training with teachers at Wellington Point High School
- Presentation at the Primary School Guidance Officers cluster meeting
- Presentation at the Youth Support Coordinators State Conference
- Training for staff at Springboard Youth Services
- Presentation at the GLWA volunteer's in service.
- Facilitated police training on adolescent sexuality, same sex attraction, and creating LGBT friendly environments.
- Facilitated workshop at UQ Alli Network on adolescent sexuality, same sex attraction, and creating LGBT friendly environments.
- International Community's Conference - provided information at the conference to raise awareness of LGBT young peoples' services.
- CRYPAR - provided information on LGBT young people's issues for new police personnel to the CRYPAR project.
- Participant on the Redland Bay SSAY steering committee
- Provided a workshop/ presentation at the Catholic Schools Counsellors Network
- Presentation to 20 young people at Wellington Point High School.

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### Forums, consultations and networks

Open Doors recognises that collaboration and relationships with key stakeholders within the sector are vital to ensure services respond effectively to the issues our young people identify. Open Doors is committed to working proactively within the community and the sector to ensure transparent processes, as well as ensuring young LGBT peoples issues remain a focal point for government and non-government services.

- Participated in Queensland Association for Healthy Communities, Services Providers and Young People's consultation
- Department of Family and Community Services Action Research Committee
- Department of Family and Community Services Critical Friends Group
- Reconnect Regional Meetings
- Women's Sector Community Engagement Project
- Anti Discrimination Commission LGBT Community Network Meetings
- Anti Discrimination Commission Youth Advisory Meetings
- QuAC Regional Advisory Committee
- Open Day at Open Doors and the launch the Family resource 'Exploring fantasies...in the face of reality'
- WAYWARD
- Inner Urban Youth Interagency
- On the organising committee for the Health In Difference 6 Conference 2007
- Anti Discrimination Commission Workplace Discrimination Forum
- 2010 in NSW
- LGBTIQ Information Sharing Forum with QLD police re violence towards LGBT people in the Valley
- Reconnect Good Practice Forum

### Training Attended

- Reconnect Action Research Forum
- Certificate 4 in Assessment and Workplace Training - Meagan and Nerida
- Strategic Thinking and Planning using the TOP Facilitation method

Cheers,

Nerida Ackerman  
 Tuesday, 10 October 2006

# 'Coming out about coming in'

## snapshot of statistics 2006

### Age and Gender

- 58% are aged between 17 and 18 years of age.
- 49% of young women identify as lesbian
- 45% as bisexual
- 3% as transgender
- 3% as other.
- 84% of young men identify as gay or homosexual
- 13% as bisexual
- 3% as other.

### Home, Work and Study

- 63% of young people are living with either or both of their parents.
- 52% are attending school or higher education
- 23% are working
- 13% are looking for work.
- Of the young people attending school
- 43% are in Year 10
- 35% are in Year 11
- 22% are in Year 12.
- 6% of young people identified their engagement with education or employment as other.

### Access to Drop In and Other Services

- 67% only access during Drop In.
- 16% access other services (eg counselling, family support etc).
- 16% chose not to respond.
- 29% accessed Drop In for 12 months or more
- 20% for the first time
- 18% for 6 months or more
- 16% 3 months or more
- 15 % accessed 2-5 times.

### General Health

- 74% exercise some or most of the time
- 25% hardly ever.



- 80% of young men aged 17 are happy with their bodies some or most of the time
- 40% of young women aged 17 are happy with their bodies some or most of the time.
- 30% of both genders aged 16 are less likely to feel happy with their bodies.

### **Relationships and feelings- Parents**

- 43% feel supported by their parents most of the time
- 24% some of the time
- 33% hardly ever feel supported by their parents.

### **How young people feel about themselves and their peer relationships.**

- Young women across most age groups are reporting that they hardly ever feel good about themselves.
- 100% of young men aged 15 reported hardly ever feeling good about themselves.
- 73% of young people who are reporting hardly ever feeling good about themselves are residing at home with their parents.
- 73% felt they had a best friend or a group of friends to hang out with most of the time 22% some of the time.
- 54% feel they have someone to turn to for support most of the time
- 38% identifying some of the time.
- 25% of 14 year olds hardly ever have someone to turn to.
- Just over 20% of 16 year olds feel they hardly ever have someone to turn to when things go wrong.

### **Drugs and alcohol**

- 42% of young people indicated they smoked cigarettes daily
- 5% weekly
- 9% hardly ever
- 44% never
- 89% of the young people indicated they had drunk alcohol.
- Of these 7% drank daily
- 44% drank weekly
- 38% drank hardly ever.
- 78% of young people drink to get drunk
- 4% drinking to get drunk daily
- 29% weekly
- 44% hardly ever.
- 45% of young people have smoked marijuana
- 13% identifying they smoke either daily or weekly.
- 71% of young people report never using non prescription drugs.
- Of those that have used non prescription drugs,
- 5% report using them daily
- 4% weekly
- 20% hardly ever.

- 43% report after using alcohol or drugs, they lost control,
- 35% saying they hadn't
- 20% saying they were unsure.
- When asked if after using alcohol or drugs had they experienced a time when they couldn't remember what happened afterwards,
- 51% said yes
- 29% said no
- 18% were unsure.

### **Mental health**

- 42% of young people have been diagnosed with a mental health issue
- 55% being young women
- 25% being young men
- 22% of young people are currently taking medication for their mental health issue.
- 58% of young people identify as recently wanting to hurt themselves.
- Young men and women aged 14 and 15 years indicated that 100% have recently wanted to self harm.
- 67% of 19 year old women accessing have recently wanted to self harm.

### **Sex and sexuality**

- 84% of young people report that they have had sex.
- 53% always have safe sex
- 9% indicated the question was inapplicable.
- 69% indicated they had a lot of knowledge about safe sex
- 25% indicated they had little
- 31% of young people indicated that they had concerns about being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

### **Experiences of violence and abuse**

- 71% have experienced physical abuse/assault
- 93% have experienced verbal abuse
- 80% have experienced emotional abuse/assault
- 47% have experienced sexual abuse/assault.

# We'd like to thank..

- ★ All of the young people that access our service - you are the reason we are here and the inspiration in our lives
- ★ The young people who are brave enough to share their stories so other people can learn from them at training, through completing surveys and participating in forums
- ★ All of the members of the Management Committee - Russell, Janet, Leanne, Pauline, Jacki, Peter and Jeremy - for your ongoing support of our work and your dedication to and passion for the organisation
- ★ Natalie and Vicci - the students who have spent their student placement hours with us - your effort and energy have been much appreciated by both workers and young people
- ★ Michelle Ackerman for her voluntary contributions, in assisting in writing funding submission and Coming out about Coming in
- ★ Department of Families and Indigenous Affairs - for our funding
- ★ Abbie Grant-Taylor - for being a supportive FACIA STO
- ★ Office of Youth Affairs - for funding Out Loud and Proud,
- ★ Brisbane City Council - for funding Out Loud and Proud and school holiday recreational activities and for the Active and Healthy Grant that we will enjoy this coming year.
- ★ Roger Sawkins and Gary Yong Gee for their generous donation to our service
- ★ John Frame, Queer Radio - for his ongoing support of our organisation
- ★ All of the service providers that have accessed our training and community education - for trusting us to give you support and information to be better equipped in working with young people
- ★ All of the service providers that have provided us with support in our work
- ★ Brisbane Pride Festival Inc. - for ensuring young people had another visible and included presence in this years Pride Festival and for waiving the admission fee to this years festival
- ★ West Side Pride for their donation of the precedes of the Pride After Party
- ★ Jerry Coleby-Williams for your donation
- ★ Brisbane Queer Film Festival and the Brisbane Powerhouse for allowing us to collect donations
- ★ Link for their donation
- ★ Lesbians Incorporation for funding our International Lesbian day event
- ★ The LGBT community for their kind donations at the Brisbane Queer Film Festival and Pride Fair Day and Girlfest events
- ★ Kathy Noble - for her ongoing support of our organisation
- ★ Linda Petrie - for her support of our organisation
- ★ The family members who have given their time to assist us in creating a resource for other parents of lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender young people
- ★ Scout Archer - for being our hard working cleaner
- ★ Our partners and loved ones for supporting us to do our work
- ★ We would also like to thanks all the services that advertised in our fund raising calendar project

# Treasurer's Report

## **For the year ended 30 June 2006**

The financial year ending 30 June 2006 resulted in a net deficit for the year of \$25,558.17. The financial statements have been audited by Haywards, Chartered Accountants, who have formed the opinion that the financial report presents fairly the financial position of Open Doors Youth Service Inc. and the results of its operations for the year.

### **Income**

Total income for the year was \$221,366.63. Reconnect funding for the year was \$190,367.16 which was a decrease of approximately 0.5% from last year. However, Reconnect did provide us with a One-Off Grant of \$4,000 for the purpose of upgrading our computer systems to be compliant with the new Reconnect data collecting system. Additionally, Unexpended Reconnect Grants of \$3,036.40 were carried forward into 2005/2006 from last year.

Other grants received during the year included \$1,500 from the Department of Communities for a National Youth Week 2006 event, \$10,000 Active and Healthy Grant from the Brisbane City Council for various activities and a further \$1,925.02 from Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund for reprinting of resources, computers and minor equipment. This was a continuation of a project from last year. Other income was received from donations, education and training and bank interest. We earned net income of \$1,922.86 from the sale of calendars.

### **Expenditure**

Total expenditure for the year was \$246,924.80. This is comparable to expenses incurred last year with the exception of the \$10,000 Brisbane City Council Grant. The most significant increase in costs in 2005/2006 was in Wages & Salaries which increased approximately \$13,750 or 10%. This was due to the fact that Open Doors had a full complement of workers for the entire financial year which was not the case last year. We were also required to pay Parental Leave which had not been provisioned.

There were also minor increases in some administration costs notably Electricity, Fees, Insurance and Rent however, these increases were offset by savings made in other areas.

### **2006/2007 Financial Year**

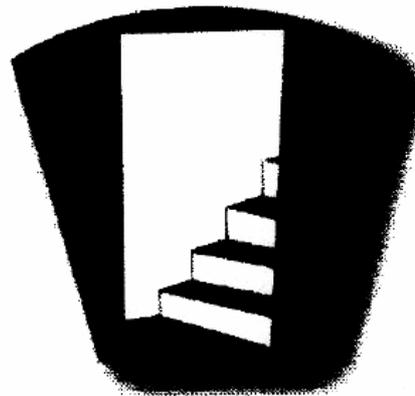
Looking ahead to the next financial year, the projected budget indicates that we will have a small deficit of less than \$20. This outcome can only be achieved by not employing a permanent part time Sector Development Worker for this year and instead employing a contract worker for one-off special projects. It is hoped that in the near future, we will be able to fundraise the \$25,000 needed to reinstate this position.

Pauline Rushton  
Treasurer

**OPEN DOORS YOUTH SERVICE INC.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF**  
**OPEN DOORS YOUTH SERVICE INC.**

**SCOPE**

We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose report of, Open Doors Youth Service Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2006 as set out on pages 3 to 8. The Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) and the needs of the members of Open Doors Youth Service Inc. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld). We disclaim any assumption or 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 other purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented 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 Association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

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

**AUDIT OPINION**

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of Open Doors Youth Service Inc. as at 30 June 2006 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

  
HAYWARDS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

PETER GESCH - PARTNER

5 SEPTEMBER 2006  
BRISBANE

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**OPEN DOORS YOUTH SERVICE INC.**

**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 3 to 8:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Open Doors Youth Service Inc. as at 30 June 2006 and its performance for the year ended of that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Open Doors Youth Service Inc. will be able to pay 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:

*Chair person*

*President*

Treasurer

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2006.

**OPEN DOORS YOUTH SERVICE INC.**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2006**

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<b><u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u></b>		
Balance at 1 July 2005	48587.14	27951.59
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	(25558.17)	20635.55
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<b><u>TOTAL ACCUMULATE FUNDS</u></b>	<b>\$23028.97</b>	<b>\$48587.14</b>
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Represented by:		
<b><u>CURRENT ASSETS</u></b>		
Cash at Bank and On Hand (Note 2)	23244.39	40803.98
Debtors & Prepayments (Note 3)	4238.25	5282.16
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	27482.64	46086.14
<b><u>FIXED ASSETS</u></b>		
Furniture & Equipment (Note 4)	32312.57	38818.66
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	59795.21	84904.80
<b><u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u></b>		
Trade Creditors (Note 5)	13166.44	11044.08
Grants Received & Unexpended (Note 6)	500.00	3036.40
Provisions (Note 7)	23099.80	22237.18
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	36766.24	36317.66
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<b><u>NET ASSETS</u></b>	<b>\$23028.97</b>	<b>\$48587.14</b>
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**OPEN DOORS YOUTH SERVICE INC.**  
**INCOME STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**

	<b><u>2006</u></b>	<b><u>2005</u></b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>		
Department of Family & Community Services		
- Reconnect Program Funding	190367.16	191443.00
Plus Unexpended Grant 30/6/05	-	4145.14
Less Unexpended Grant 30/6/06	-	-
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	190367.16	195588.14
 Reconnect IT One-Off	 4000.00	 -
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	4000.00	-
 - One-Off	 -	 -
Plus Unexpended Grant 30/6/05	124.67	268.80
Less Unexpended Grant 30/6/06	-	(124.67)
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	124.67	144.13
 - AR Funding	 -	 10665.00
Plus Unexpended Grant 30/6/05	-	-
Less Unexpended Grant 30/6/06	-	(2911.73)
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	2911.73	7753.27
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	197403.56	203485.54
 Brisbane City Council	 10000.00	 3702.00
Donations	3536.63	3091.95
Education and Training Income	1181.46	3185.00
Gambling Community Benefit Fund	-	22694.00
Interest Income	3251.97	3923.19
Membership	77.00	117.00
Sundry Income	2490.99	2329.87
Department of Communities	1500.00	1500.00
Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund	1925.02	13458.98
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	221366.63	257487.53
 <b><u>LESS EXPENSES</u></b>		
Total Expenses (Schedule Attached)	246924.80	236851.98
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<b><u>NET SURPLUS FOR YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>\$(25558.17)</u></b>	<b><u>\$20635.55</u></b>

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**OPEN DOORS YOUTH SERVICE INC.**  
**SCHEDULE TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>		
Advertising & Promotion	685.77	1331.42
AR Funding Expenses	2911.73	7753.27
Audit Fees	1400.00	1260.00
Bank Charges	276.17	53.71
Brisbane City Council Grants	10000.00	3702.00
Cleaning	529.45	470.73
Computer Supplies & Support	1184.08	1228.99
Conferences	-	457.82
Consultants	50.00	410.00
Depreciation	9397.00	6125.00
Electricity	2172.76	1909.17
Fees	475.15	48.30
Insurance	12834.50	12185.70
Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund	1925.02	9452.62
Legal Fees	912.00	741.27
Meeting Expenses	109.71	76.62
Memberships	340.00	420.90
Motor Vehicle	699.33	3219.23
National Youth Week Grant	1500.00	1500.00
One-off Expenses	1233.76	144.13
Postage, Printing, Stationery & Office Supplies	1182.22	2192.42
Rent	22475.00	20368.40
Repairs & Maintenance	415.89	254.51
Resources	848.64	832.68
Security	512.36	437.28
Sundry Expenses	711.07	1390.47
Superannuation	12573.95	12138.02
Supervision	1410.00	1625.00
Support Activities	882.80	1524.49
Telephone	4407.21	4383.94
Training	1000.00	1095.45
Wages & Salaries	151869.23	138118.44
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>\$246924.80</u></b>	<b><u>\$236851.98</u></b>

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**OPEN DOORS YOUTH SERVICE INC.**  
**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**

**1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirement of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld). The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act (Qld) and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AAS 5      Materiality  
AAS 8      Event Occurring After Reporting Date

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

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

**(a) Fixed Assets - Depreciation**

Depreciation is charged on all Fixed Assets on the prime cost method and is brought to account over the estimated economic lives of all Assets.

**(b) Employee Entitlements**

Provision is made for the organisation's liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements expected to be settled within in year together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave which will be settled after one year, have been measured at their nominal amount. Other employee entitlements payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those entitlements.

Contributions are made by the association to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

**(c) Income Tax**

The Association is exempted from tax under section 50-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

**(d) Comparative Figures**

Comparative figures, where necessary, have been reclassified in order to comply with the presentation adopted in the figures reported for the 2006 financial year.

**OPEN DOORS YOUTH SERVICE INC.**  
**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**

	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>2. CASH AT BANK AND ON HAND</b>		
Cash on Hand	100.00	100.00
Cheque Account	1460.72	1328.57
Cash Management Account	7329.98	21266.45
Cash Management Account	8161.43	18108.96
Term Investment	6192.26	-
	<u>\$23244.39</u>	<u>\$40803.98</u>
<b>3. DEBTORS &amp; PREPAYMENTS</b>		
Australian Taxation Office – GST	1084.00	2696.00
Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund	-	180.40
Motor Vehicle Expenses	609.95	-
Rent	1885.00	1812.50
Security	117.12	-
Telephone	542.18	593.26
	<u>\$4238.25</u>	<u>\$5282.16</u>
<b>4. FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Furniture & Equipment - at Cost	42296.48	39405.57
Less Accumulated Depreciation	28179.00	23423.00
	<u>14117.48</u>	<u>15982.57</u>
Motor Vehicle – at Cost	23205.09	23205.09
Less Accumulated Depreciation	5010.00	369.00
	<u>18195.09</u>	<u>22836.09</u>
	<u>\$32312.57</u>	<u>\$38818.66</u>
<b>5. TRADE CREDITORS</b>		
Audit	1400.00	1360.00
Australian Taxation Office – PAYG	10630.00	9149.00
BCC – Active & Healthy Grant	61.07	-
Computer Expenses	317.27	-
Consultant	200.00	200.00
Electricity	99.59	135.56
Insurance	-	29.52
Motor Vehicle	-	59.64
Reconnect AR Expenses	410.07	-
Stationery	17.08	-
Sundry Expenses	31.36	-
Telephone	-	110.36
	<u>\$13166.44</u>	<u>\$11044.08</u>

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**OPEN DOORS YOUTH SERVICE INC.**  
**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2006**

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<b>6. GRANT INCOME RECEIVED &amp; UNEXPENDED</b>		
Department of Families & Community Services		
- AR Funding	-	2911.73
- One-Off	-	124.67
Lesbians Incorporated	500.00	-
	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$3036.40</u>
<b>7. PROVISIONS</b>		
Provision for Annual Leave	8700.60	14697.28
Provision for Long Service Leave	13732.77	6414.15
Provision for Superannuation	666.43	1125.75
	<u>\$23099.80</u>	<u>\$22237.18</u>

**8. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION**

Apart from the remuneration disclosed the auditors received no other benefits.