

Allied Health Professions Australia Ltd

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REPORT**

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THE PEAK BODY REPRESENTING ALLIED HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS AUSTRALIA

Allied Health Professions Australia is the national peak body for major health professions other than medical practitioners and nurses. It works to represent the interests of the non-medical health professions sector, particularly to the Commonwealth Government; and to provide a vehicle for liaison and discussion between the professions themselves.

Members of AHPA are national organisations representing specific professions, with membership across Australia in both urban and rural areas. Collectively, they represent about 50,000 allied health professionals. Each has internal systems and networks for liaising with their members, ensuring that AHPA has input from allied health professionals right across Australia who together provide a vast wealth of expertise.

Current membership of AHPA represents the following professions:

- Audiologists
- Dietitians
- Exercise physiologists
- Occupational Therapists
- Orthoptists
- Orthotists and Prosthetists
- Pharmacists
- Physiotherapists
- Podiatrists
- Psychologists
- Radiographers
- Radiation Therapists
- Social Workers
- Sonographers
- Speech Pathologists

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Personnel – 1 January to 31 December 2006

EXECUTIVE

President

Carol Mioduchowski Australasian Podiatry Council

Vice President

Teresa Ong Australian Institute of Radiography

Treasurer

Anthony Schembri Australian Association of Social Workers

DIRECTORS

Leone Carroll	Allied Health Alliance WA <i>Appointed 10 October 2006</i>
Anthony Schembri	Australian Association of Social Workers
Teresa Ong	Australian Institute of Radiography
Gavin Burchall	Australian Orthotic Prosthetic Association
Robert Curry	Australian Physiotherapy Association
Carol Mioduchowski	Australasian Podiatry Council
Amanda Gordon	The Australian Psychological Society Ltd
Andrew Wilmot	Australian Sonographers Association <i>Appointed 10 October 2006</i>
Sharan Westcott	The Audiological Society of Australia Inc.
Julie Ann Hulcombe	Dietitians Association of Australia <i>Retired 23 June 2006</i>
Helen Matters	Dietitians Association of Australia <i>Appointed 23 June 2006</i>
Renata De Lazzari	The Orthoptic Association of Australia Inc. <i>Appointed 26 January 2006</i>
Carol Crocker	OT AUSTRALIA <i>Retired 7 June 2006</i>
Wendy Wolf	OT AUSTRALIA <i>Appointed 7 June 2006 Retired 11 August 2006</i>
Graeme Allan	OT AUSTRALIA <i>Appointed 7 September 2006</i>
Paul Muir	Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia
Karen Malcolm	Speech Pathology Australia

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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Alison Petchell	Australasian Podiatry Council
Anthony Schembri	Australian Association of Social Workers
David Nilsson	
Emile Badawy	Australian Institute of Radiography
Sarah York	Australian Orthotic Prosthetic Association
David Malone	Australian Physiotherapy Association
Kerren Clark	
Lyn Littlefield	The Australian Psychological Society Ltd
David Stokes	
Elaine Trevaskis	Australian Sonographers Association Ltd <i>(from October 2006)</i>
Monica Persson	The Audiological Society of Australia Inc
Claire Hewat	Dietitians Association of Australia
David Duncan	OT AUSTRALIA
Bo Li	
Yvonne Allinson	Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia
Gail Mulcair	Speech Pathology Australia

STAFF

Executive Officer (honorary)

Lyn Littlefield

Executive Assistants

Gina O'Donoghue

Rina Harber

AUDITORS

Moore Stephens HF

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President's Report 2006

2006 has been a year of consolidation following the formation of Allied Health Professions Australia (AHPA) with the adoption of the new Constitution at the AGM at the beginning of March.

The broadening of the membership criteria has resulted in an expansion of our membership, with two new members – the Allied Health Alliance WA and the Australian Sonographers Association – joining during the year and a third – the Australian Association for Exercise and Sports Science – commencing membership on 1 January 2007. I was pleased to welcome the new members and their directors to our Board. This increase in our membership has added to our representation of allied health and our expertise. In addition, some membership applications are under consideration at this time.

During the year the Management Group worked on four priorities areas. These priorities were:

- Promoting AHPA and having a voice in Canberra.
- COAG
- Medicare
- Clinical Education and additional funding for placements.

I am delighted to report that substantial progress was made in most of these areas during 2006. Lyn Littlefield will provide a detailed report on the work undertaken by the Management Group on behalf of the Board, however it is important to recognise that the promotion of AHPA has significantly expanded our contacts with government and the Management Group has held meetings with a considerable number of decision-makers in the past 12 months.

AHPA has worked to build relationships to strengthen the national perspective of Australia's health services and liaison with government and non-government bodies as has occurred in the past twelve months is vital to the continued development of AHPA.

During the year David Milligan stepped down from his role as convenor of the rural and remote group – AHPARR. I would like to acknowledge the leadership he provided for the group and his input into broader government policy representing our professions at various forums.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lyn Littlefield the AHPA's Executive Officer and the Australian Psychological Society who continue providing the secretariat services for AHPA.

The fact that the outstanding voluntary input of Board members and senior representatives of members on the Management Group accomplishes most of the work of the AHPA needs to be once again acknowledged and highlighted as significant submissions and reports have been prepared by many of you, which has contributed to the benefits of all the member groups.

Once again we have had a busy and successful year. I would like to thank all Board members, individual members of the AHPA member organisations who have represented AHPA on external committees and members of the Management Group for their commitment and contribution to the work of Allied Health Professions Australia.

Carol Mioduchowski

PRESIDENT

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Treasurer's Report 2006

The Allied Health Professions Australia Ltd. Financial Statements for the year ending December 31st 2006 have been compiled and audited, and are presented to the Annual General Meeting.

The Financial Report, as required under Australian Accounting Standards, includes a notation of the principal activities of the company, and notes that there were no significant changes in the financial status of the AHPA during 2006.

As detailed in the Profit and Loss Account, the net result for the year ended 31st December 2006 was:

- an operating loss of \$11,255 (last year- loss \$9,204)
- income \$45,939, was slightly below the budgeted income of \$54,500 due mainly to the expected new membership not joining our organisation
- expenditure during 2006 was mostly in line with the budgeted amounts . The budgeted loss was contained by the management of expenses in the areas of Consulting, infrastructure and travel and accommodation expenses.
- When we approved the original budget we were expecting a much higher operating loss which was contained to the level shown by curtailing expenses and controlling those outgoings during the year under review.

Again this year, the role of the Treasurer has largely been a statutory one, overseeing the financial affairs of the association, with the financial operations being managed by the AHPA Management Group under the guidance and input from Lyn Littlefield (APS) and Emile Badawy (AIR).

Anthony Schembri

TREASURER