

Management Committee 2005/2006

Office Bearers, as at 30th June 06

Chairperson – Lynda Hassall

Vice-Chairperson – Anne Elliott

Treasurer – Eileen Allison

Secretary – Kathleen Collard

Ordinary Members, as at 30th June 06

Tracey Hawker

Lyn Marks

Kelly Harman

Vicki Foster

Membership Total – 835

Staff - 2005/2006 - as at 30th June 06

National Women's Health Project

Director – Dr Judith Davis

Manager Counselling Services – Kylie Small

General Practitioner – Dr Jenny Hart

Coordinator / Counsellor – Sheree Argus

Health Promotion Officer – Sue Wadsworth

FPWA – Sandie Hindmarsh

Finance Officer – Charmaine Schneider

Bookkeeper – Novela Aleksic

Accounts Officer – Nina Areke

Administrative Officer - Veronique Ayres

Senior Receptionist - Penny Baker

Assistant Receptionist - Julie Cugley

Assistant Receptionist – Michelle McKenzie

Family Abuse Advocacy Support Team (FAAST)

Helena Kristel and Stephanie Elvin - Counsellors
Glynes Rynn – Solicitor

Childbirth Stress and Depression Project

Dr Pradip (Susan) Griffiths - Coordinator
Christine Massey – Nurse / Counsellor
Karen Ingram – Clinical Psychologist
Masters in Psychology students – Marie Lim and Shirley Griffiths-Smith
Leonie Clements – Crèche Coordinator
Sue Hewson – Child Care Worker
Frances - Volunteer

Regional Domestic Violence Committee Coordinator

Lisa Del Fante

St John of God (Murdoch) project

Veronica Coombs – Child / Family Therapist

Access to Primary Health Care for ATSI people

Michele McNamara – Coordinator
Jane Walker – Co- coordinator
Charmaine Walley – Aboriginal Health Worker
Cyril Yarran – Aboriginal Health Worker
Michelle McKenzie – Administrative Officer
Carline Smith - Health Promotion Officer
Kathleen Collard – Community Liaison Officer

Chairperson's Report

My predecessor, Mrs. Anne Elliot's report for the year of 2004/2005 began with "Wow! – Look at us now!" I can only reiterate that sentiment!

Our first year in LifeLinks building has been quite momentous for the organization, not only bringing all our programmes together under the one roof, but also has enabled the expansion of the services offered.

The year has brought with it challenge also, the quantum leap from being a tenant to the running of a building such as 'LifeLinks' cannot be underestimated, the administration and management of the venue has been considerable and it is only due to professionalism of the administration staff that the task has been handled so well.

Our profile as a community health provider has seen SCWHS showcased as a model of excellence by the Department of Health and Lotterywest. We have been visited on a number of occasions this year with interested onlookers, amongst them, representatives from the Queensland Government to Health delegates from Thailand! The response is unanimous that there is nothing like the services on offer in their locations. We can be justly proud of the achievements made by our Director, Dr. Judith Davis and the outstanding team of professionals under her direction that make the centre the success that it is.

Our venue has also been a springboard for a number of functions that focus on women's needs during the year, not only in the health arena but broader issues such as government policy on the needs of childcare and related matters. These initiatives once again reiterate the role that SCHWC has in our community.

It has been a great pleasure to have chaired the Management Committee this past year, my thanks to all the committee members who have made this time so rewarding, and a special mention to Eileen Allison who is standing down after giving so many years of dedication to South Coastal Women's Health Services in her capacity of Chairperson and Treasurer during her time on the board. Eileen has been a wonderful mentor and friend to all and we wish her well for the future.

Mrs Lynda Hassall
Chairperson



Director's report

The format of my part of the annual report is to inform old and new members what our services are and how they may have changed over this past financial year:

Core and recurrently funded projects

- 1. National Women's Health project, which is funded by the Health Department of WA*
- 2. Childbirth Stress and Depression project – or the Peri Natal Depression project funded by the Office for Mental Health Division of the HDWA*
- 3. Regional Domestic Violence Coordinator – funded by the Family and Domestic Violence Prevention Unit – a section of the Department of Community Development – this project transfers to another Service provider at the end of this financial year*
- 4. Family Abuse Advocacy and Support Team – funded by Department of Community Development*
- 5. Access to Primary Health Care (APHC) for our ATSI community – funded by the Federal Department of Health and Ageing and from July 1st 2006 as a recurrently funded project*
- 6. Well Women's Clinic – funded by the Peel Community Health Service*
- 7. GP clinic – funded through funds raised by SCWHS*
- 8. Work for the Dole (WFD) project – funded by Bridging the Gap/Job Futures and in the latter part of this financial year by Mission Australia*
- 9. Transport project – sponsored by the City of Rockingham, for the third year*

Students are placed from the following universities:

-  Curtin University – Masters in Counselling Psychology
-  Notre Dame University – Masters in Counselling

In 2006 – 07 it is anticipated that Social Work students will also use SCWHS as a practice placement. Students add considerable capacity to our ability to respond to client needs. This is particularly important given that core funding levels have not increased over the last 10 years.

Another way the organisation has been able to financially survive is by applying for various non-recurrent grants. Projects that are non-recurrent that we have managed during this financial year from a variety of sources include:

- Carers WA – funded a non-recurrent project working with carers of children with disabilities
- Save the Children – funded a non-recurrent project working with parents of children under 5 years of age which focussed on facilitating educational play
- Perinatal State Strategic Planning Committee – funded a non-recurrent project working with; antenatal women identified as “at risk” of postnatal depression: couple counselling and: a parent – child initiative “HUGS”
- Perinatal State Strategic Planning Committee – also funded a non-recurrent project to undertake training with the Edinburgh Scale which measures levels of depression

Our move into the LifeLinks Community Centre (LLCC) building resulted in development of the building as an Incorporated Association with a management committee totally distinct from our own. This provides the opportunity for community members and representatives from other organisations to have a voice on the committee and at the same time allows the financial dealings of the building to be handled and audited separately.

Considerable energy is taken up with ensuring that the building is used to capacity by organisations / individuals who complement our core activities.

Co – tenants – LLCC

1. FPWA Family Planning WA– clinic room – 1day/week
2. SARC Sexual Assault and Referral Centre – counselling room – 1day/week
3. Care Net (a private organisation that provides in home care for people who are aged, disabled and /or recently discharged from acute care settings) – 3days/week
4. Cancer Council – office space 1day/week, plus access to group room at various times and clinical room 1day/week – for massage and complementary therapies
5. Complementary therapist – uses a room 3days/week and provides a free service on two other days to clients of SCWHS and the Cancer Council

6. Silver Chain – counselling room 1day/week for people with grief and loss issues. As well, the palliative care and oncology team meet weekly to undertake case work
7. Nulsen Haven – a not for profit organisation providing support to people with intellectual and physical disabilities – 1 day / week
8. Smith Family – a not for profit organisation who provide educational support and scholarships to children - 1day/week
9. St John of God (Murdoch) – funded a child counsellor 3 days/week

Again, this year has been one of considerable change as we moved into our new building. We have only been in the building since early August 2005, but the activity, growth and challenges surrounding the move into the building make it seem much longer. We plan to have a staff and management committee weekend retreat in August 2006 which will allow us to plan for the next 5 years. This will allow us to reflect on the changes that we have undergone and look to our future aspirations. As well, we will be asking the consultant who will be facilitating the retreat to undertake a review with our clients about how the move and change in activities has been felt by them.

Finally I would like to express my thanks to staff for their continued input, professionalism and commitment to the women of Rockingham / Kwinana and their families. It is a privilege to work with you all.

Dr Judith Davis
Director