

**EARLY CHILDHOOD AUSTRALIA  
QUEENSLAND BRANCH INC**

**ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR 2010**

Presented to the Annual General Meeting, 2011

**Early Childhood Australia, Queensland Branch Inc**

**Annual General Meeting**

**30<sup>th</sup> March, 2011**

Bremer TAFE Ipswich

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome to Country
2. Welcome & Opening remarks
3. Attendance
4. Apologies
5. Credentials Report
6. Adoption of 2010 AGM Minutes
7. Presentation of reports
8. Adoption of Auditor
9. Adoption of the Honorary Solicitor
10. Life Memberships – Jennette Lavis; Alan Fazledeen; Marion Clegg.
11. Election of Office Bearers
  - a. President
  - b. Vice president
  - c. Secretary
  - d. Treasurer
  - e. Executive members
  - f. Associate members
12. Vale: Helane Fittell
13. Guest Speakers:- Resilience in times of trauma
  - Dr Ron Frey: Resilient Communities
  - Marie Stuart: Working with the children
14. Vote of Thanks
15. Closing remarks

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**18<sup>th</sup> March, 2010**

Officially opened at 6.30pm

**Welcome** to Country and general welcome by President, Jo Darbyshire.

**Attendance**

**Members:** Lyn Bower, Margaret Brannock, Jenny Cartmel, Professor Sue Grieshaber., Marilyn Casley, Jo Darbyshire, Helen Hodgson, Juliette Job, Jennette Lavis, Noelene McBride, Jan McGiffin, Gwen Rayner, Louise Thomas, Sue Irvine (Gowrie 2 votes), Geraldine Harris, Debbie Gahan, Danielle Twigg, Anthony Shearer, Mary Mahoney, Bev Fluckiger, Margaret Young, Karen Dungey, Christine Maher.

**Apologies:**

Linda Apelt (Director General Dept of Communities), Ms Penny Wensley (Her Excellency the Governor of Qld.), Prof Anne Farrell (Head of School Early Childhood QUT), Elizabeth Fraser (Commissioner for Children and Young People), Barry Salmon (Assistant Commissioner for Children and Young People), Rachel Hunter (Director General Dept of Ed and Training), Hon Lindel Nelson-Carr MP (Minister for Communities, Disability Services), Kevin Schwede (Executive Officer), Jann Stuckey, MP (Shadow Minister for Child Safety and Disability), Sue McKinnon, Terry Creach, Marie Lewis, Mary Allen, Amber Jackson, Kelly Michels, Heather Foley, Barbara Pickert, Lynne Grevell, Tom Kettleton (C&K Board)

**Credentials Report**

A Quorum (25 voting members) was achieved from attendances and proxy votes.

**Adoption of AGM minutes 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009** (as tabled)

Moved: Juliette Job

Seconded: Helen Hodgson

**Presentation of Reports**

**President's Report** (as tabled) Executive members for 2009 were thanked for support and contribution to the work of the Branch

**Under Eights' Week Report** (as tabled)

**Child Watch Report** (as tabled)

**Queensland Early Childhood Education Environmental Network (QECEEN)** (as tabled)

**Little Voices, Big Noises: Communities for Children** (as tabled)

**Treasurer's Report together with Auditors report** (as tabled)

**The Adoption of all reports**

Moved by Jo Darbyshire

Seconded by Marg Brannock

**Adoption of Auditor**

The treasurer recommended that Hackett's Chartered Accountants, 549 Queen Street, Brisbane, be retained.

Moved by Juliette Job  
Seconded by Jennette Lavis

**Adoption of Honorary Solicitor**

The President recommended that Bruce Doyle of Family Law Doyle Keyworth & Harris, Level 13  
239 George Street, Brisbane be nominated as Honorary Solicitor.

Moved by Jo Darbyshire  
Seconded by Jennifer Cartmel

**Life Members:** as at 2009 Jennette Lavis, Alan Fazeldean, Pat Roberts and Marion Clegg

**Election of Office Bearers**

Jo Darbyshire vacated the chair as the outgoing President and Margaret Young took the chair and welcomed Jo back as incoming President.

**Nominations as per table below:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
President	Jo Darbyshire	Jennifer Cartmel	Karen Dungey
Vice President	Karen Dungey	Jennifer Cartmel	Louise Thomas
Secretary	Anthony Shearer	Sue Grieshaber I	Louise Thomas
Treasurer	Danielle Twigg	Bev Flückiger	Jo Darbyshire
Nat Director	Jennifer Cartmel	Jo Darbyshire	Anthony Shearer
Member			
	Bev Flückiger	Jennifer Cartmel	Karen Dungey
	Lyn Bower	Jennifer Cartmel	Karen Dungey
	Geraldine Harris	Jennifer Cartmel	Karen Dungey
	Susan Grieshaber	Marilyn Casley	Anthony Shearer
	Christine Maher	Suallyn Mitchelmore	Jan McGiffen
	Louise Thomas	Anthony Shearer	Jennifer Cartmel
Associate member			
	Marilyn Casley	Jennifer Cartmel	Louise Thomas
	Noelene McBride	Jennifer Cartmel	Louise Thomas
	Helene Hodgson	Jennifer Cartmel	Louise Thomas
	Margaret Brannock	Jennifer Cartmel	Karen Dungey
	Juliette Job	Jennifer Cartmel	Karen Dungey
	Jennette Lavis	Jennifer Cartmel	Karen Dungey
	Susan McKinnon	Jennifer Cartmel	Karen Dungey

**Vale Helane Fittell :** Helene Hodgson acknowledged Helane Fittell's contribution to the ECEC field and to ECA and the sadness in her passing.

The Meeting closed at 7.30 pm

**Guest Speaker:** Margaret Young, National President, ECA, led a forum about national early childhood issues.

## Early Childhood Australia Queensland Branch President's Report 2010

It is with pleasure that I present this report for the ECA Qld Branch for 2010.

The Queensland Branch Executive and Associate Committee members of ECA have continued to have a strong focus on advocating for children and families throughout the year. As our State Government and our EC services continue to work towards the COAG National Quality Agenda for Early Childhood the need for discussion, debate, consultation, review, communication and reflection has been ongoing. There have been tight timelines for responses, meetings, many emails, hours of reading and checking and information to share with members. In all these processes we continue to represent what would be in the 'best interests' for children and families as we advocate for high quality Early Childhood services and best practice in the way we work with young children. There has been an increasing community awareness of the importance of the early years and we will continue to build on the opportunities this presents to achieve better outcomes for children and families.

The committee have maintained an active role in consultations with Government and have been represented on the following:

- o Kindergarten Implementation Reference Group (KIRG)
- o Legislative & National Implementation Reform Committee (LNIRC)
- o Queensland Children Services Alliance
- o Early Childhood Development Forum
- o Queensland Workforce Development Working Group
- o Education Ministers Roundtable
- o Queensland Studies Authority Reference Group
- o Health & Community Services Workforce Council Reference Group
- o Logan Early Years Network

A Federal election was held during the year and ECA ran a very effective campaign raising awareness of the importance of continuing the COAG National Quality Framework. The Qld Branch was happy to support the *Hands up for Quality* campaign and thank all our members that joined us in this.

The Logan Communities for Children Family Support Initiative has allowed ECA to have a very practical and 'hands on' role in the Logan/Waterlea communities and we have been delighted to have continued involvement in this during 2010. One of the many positive outcomes of this program has been the production of a resource called 'Talking Circles' that developed from a project with Outside School Hours staff and children in this community. 'Talking Circles' and the community diary produced by our LVBN project have received high acclaim and recognition from many colleagues and we are very proud of these publications. Our project manager Marilyn Casley is also an Associate member of the Queensland Branch and we thank her for the time she gives to the LVBN project and the Branch.

The Qld Branch Newsletter *Turn it Up* and the insert *Talking Point* have helped us inform members of current early childhood matters; raise topics for debate and discussion and we have used it to notify members of Professional Development and networking opportunities throughout the state. We thank all those that have contributed to this newsletter in particular our new Editor Susie Garvis.

Opportunities to be in contact with our members were also offered through Professional Development days and the Branch 'Get together' that we held in Adelaide at the ECA National Conference. A Professional Development day held at ACU attracted more than 100 participants. The focus was on the Early Years Learning Framework and the new Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines. We hope to continue to offer similar PD opportunities to other areas of Qld

in 2011. We also made the most of working in conjunction with the Centre for Continuing Professional Learning when Rita Bettencourt Leal from Portugal offered a workshop on *"Connecting and Contributing to their World; the development of citizenship competencies in young children"* and Associate Professor Geoffrey Woolcock offered a workshop on *"Building and Sustaining Child-Friendly Communities"*. The ECA conference *Garla Bauondi: Fuelling the fire* had a large number of participants from Queensland and we invited all Queensland delegates to a get together during the conference. This offered a great networking opportunity and a wonderful social occasion.

During the year we have made the most of opportunities to promote ECA and encourage membership at the 'Stepping out Expo' at QUT; the Aboriginal Children's Day Celebrations and the Mums and Bubs Expo in Logan; and at the Early Childhood Teachers Association (ECTA) conference in Brisbane. We have also been involved with Early Childhood students at Griffith, QUT, USQ and ACU tertiary institutes. This year we were pleased to be able to contribute an Annual ECA Student Membership to the award recipient of the inaugural QUT Lil Gwyther memorial Award. Not only does this offer an opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of Lil Gwyther to the early childhood sector in Queensland but it also allows us to encourage and support a new graduate as they transition from student to Early Childhood Teacher.

During the year the State Government announced the five Central Governing Bodies that were selected to support the growth of Kindergartens in Queensland. These are C&K, Lady Gowrie, Independent Schools Association, Lutheran Education and Catholic Education. In November we gathered representatives for each of the CGBs to a function to celebrate the role they will play in Queensland and to discuss common issues and concerns. The Queensland Branch of ECA will be working closely with each of these Governing Bodies and invited each to inform us of any way we might be able to assist them in supporting Kindergartens and teachers in the future.

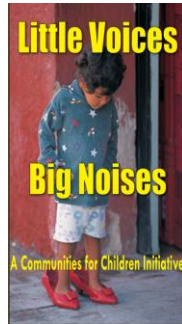
Our Sub groups have had a busy year and I encourage you to read their reports. Each offers members opportunities to follow particular interests, to network locally and each raises the profile of ECA. We thank the Presidents and Executive members of the following sub committees for their time and dedication: Peninsular Group, Child Watch, Under 8's week and QECSN.

Once again C&K have been generous in their donation of office space and meeting areas for the Queensland ECA committee. We thank them for this kind donation and for their ongoing support.

In conclusion I would like to recognise and thank the Executive and Associate members of the Queensland Branch of Early Childhood Australia for their generous contributions of time, energy, ideas, discussion, reading and reflection, meeting attendance, support and expertise to the Branch.

Jo Darbyshire

## LITTLE VOICES BIG NOISES AGM REPORT 2010



**The vision for Little Voices Big Noises is to raise awareness and understanding of the importance of the early childhood phase of life and creating inclusive environments where diversity of culture, family and experiences are seen as fundamental to supporting a child's development.**

The 2010 LVBN projects included:

### **Talking Circles**

**Marilyn Casley and Jennifer Cartmel**

This action research project aimed to investigate the development of resilience and leadership skills of school children through the use of "Talking Circles." The Talking Circles are designed using conversational processes and a methodology for addressing complex problems and co-creating new possibilities. Children come together to build emotional growth, develop healthier relationships, and make connections enabling them to transform their relationship to people and address their challenges. The process encourages children to ask questions of their social purpose and how they can make a difference for themselves and their community. These particular children are living in communities where there is greater complexity and uncertainty and they need to be able to grapple with these challenges in a leaderly manner to bring about change.

The prototype for the 'talking circles were conducted at Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) services in the Logan region by Marilyn Casley and students enrolled in the Bachelor of Child and Family studies at Griffith University (Logan campus).

### **What happened for the children?**

- ✳ It's calm and peaceful
- ✳ I feel less stressed
- ✳ I have made more friends
- ✳ I don't get into trouble anymore at school
- ✳ It's ok to cry here
- ✳ We get to see people from a different perspective
- ✳ People like me here
- ✳ I can trust people here
- ✳ It's a place to get away from noise and others

- ✳ We can talk about our problems
- ✳ We can share our feelings
- ✳ Share about our families
- ✳ We can get tips when we are having hard times

### What happened for the students?

- ✳ “I was surprised about the way children process information and respond.”
- ✳ “They blew me away with the depth and reason that they could put into a particular discussion.”
- ✳ “The Talking Circles is one tool that can be used to give children a voice that usually does not get heard.”
- ✳ “It is important to make time to develop relationships and rapport with children in care, as it is important for the emotional wellbeing of the children and the educators.”



A training manual was developed and training was delivered to for the Salvation Army Communities for Children Family Team and other practitioners in the region. A poster presentation of the 'Talking Circles' will be presented the International Play Association Conference in Cardiff Wales, England by Jennifer Cartmel.

### Parental Perceptions of Play

## **Marilyn Casley and Sue Grieshaber**

*Parental Perceptions of Play* is a series of focused conversations inviting open and collaborative discussion (Stanfield, 2000) about play for parents and guardians of children aged 0-12 years. It is similar to *Dialogues of Discovery* (Casley & Cartmel, 2009) in that it uses a series of conversation starters to learn about parental insights into and perceptions of play.

The objectives of *Parental Perceptions of Play* are to:

- Build relationships with parents by seeking their views about play and what it means to them and their children;
- Gather parental perceptions about play that can be used with professionals working with young children and their families to facilitate social inclusion and build stronger communities;
- Improve parenting competence through building relationships and drawing on parental knowledge and skills which is in turn used with early childhood professionals to facilitate social inclusion;
- Prepare a resource for professionals working with young children that encapsulates parental insights into and ideas about children's play, and which is aimed at improving the capacity of professionals to facilitate social inclusion;
- Focus on Indigenous families with children 0-12; families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds with children 0-12, especially migrant and refugee families; families with children 0-12 with a disability and/or developmental delay; families with children 0-12 experiencing social and economic barriers to participation; 'at risk' children 0-12 and their families; socially isolated families with children 0-12; young mothers and fathers.

### **DVD of *Parental Perceptions of Play***

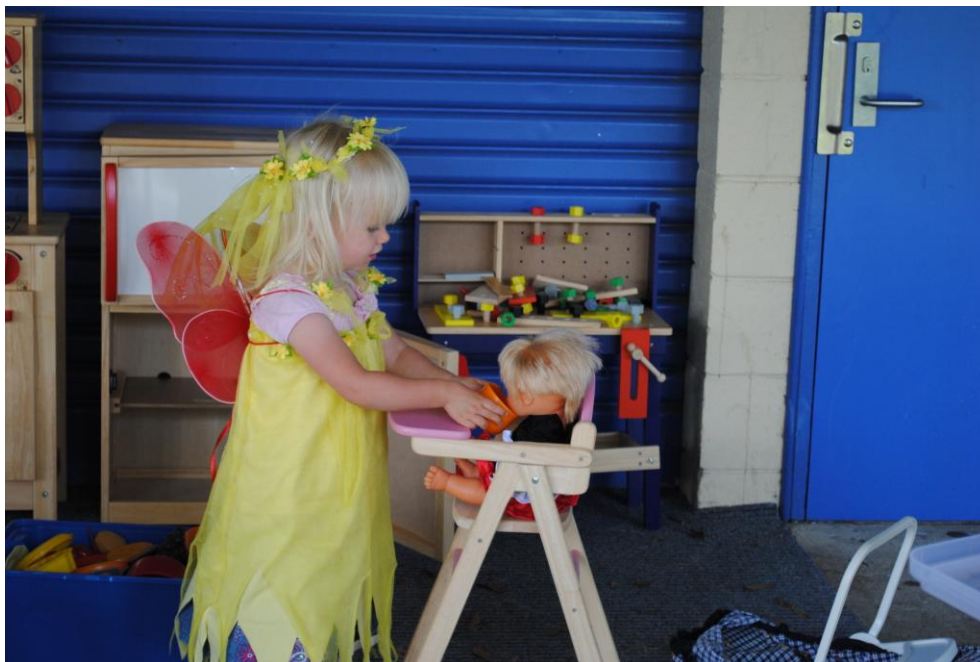
The series of focused conversations inviting open and collaborative discussion with the target families lend themselves to the production and development of a DVD. There are few resources for early childhood practitioners that tap into parental perceptions of play, especially those that offer opportunities to bring perspectives from a diverse range of families to the attention of early childhood practitioners. Production and development of a high quality DVD, with appropriate ethical and consent procedures will provide an excellent resource for early childhood practitioners. It would provide insight into different parental perspectives and the reasons for those views. A resource such as this provides rich opportunities for professional learning for early childhood practitioners using the unique but tried-and-tested approach of multi-vocal ethnography (Tobin et al., 1989; Tobin et al., 2009). Multi-vocal ethnography is a multi-voiced conversation that enables differences of opinion to surface as the basis for building common understandings. A DVD of this nature is an appropriate stimulus for working with early childhood practitioners because it generates opinions from stakeholders such as practitioners. The overall aim is to provide opportunities for participants to explore their own views and as part of this; to recognise and negotiate the social, cultural, economic and religious

differences of the families with whom they work. Extension of participants own understandings of such differences is undertaken on the basis of building common understandings and therefore improving the capacity of professionals to facilitate social inclusion, which in turn can lead to improved learning outcomes for young children.

The DVD production will use Tjala Multimedia; a small Queensland based multimedia company that specialises in the production of educational media.

Filming of the conversations took place at 4 Playgroups and 1 Kindergarten including: Multilink Rainbow Multicultural Playgroup, Kingston East Neighbourhood Group Cheeky Monkeys, Youth and Family Services Young Parents Playgroup, Save the Children Mobile Playgroup and C&K Gundoo Mirra Kindergarten.

The production of the DVD and development of the training manual will be finalised by June 2011 to be used in professional development sessions for practitioners working with children and families and distribution to relevant organisations and tertiary institutions.



## Community Diary

The theme for the 2011 diary is '*listening to and talking with children as citizens in our community.*' The content focus is on giving parents and carers tips and information on; building and maintaining relationships with children, supporting children's social and emotional development, teaching children to be respectful, making our community a good place to live, ideas for play, opportunities for learning and development, valuing diversity, including children with disabilities, caring for and protecting children and

building resilience and citizenship skills in young children. The diary also lists relevant community organisations that support children and families and daily activities for children and families in the Logan region. The diary was distributed to 2600 families in the Logan region.

The Benevolent Society (Browns Plains Early Years Centre) made a contribution of \$5000 to the project which included: a full page advertisement, a list of daily activities scheduled for children and families at the Browns Plains Early Years Centre and 800 copies of the diary was distributed to the families in their catchment area.

Thank-you to the John Garnsworthy and Association for the design and printing of the diaries and the 'Talking Circles' training manual and to the ECA Executive for supporting the LVBN project.

Marilyn Casley  
Project Coordinator  
Little Voices Big Noises  
ECA Qld Branch Inc.

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD AUSTRALIA, QUEENSLAND BRANCH INC.**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**March 2011**

#### **QUEENSLAND CHILD WATCH COMMITTEE REPORT**

At the first Child Watch meeting of the year, Jennette Lavis informed those present that Pat Roberts MBE had died. She had been a member of the Child Watch Committee for five years and as Director of Lady Gowrie Child Centre, had provided an excellent meeting place for the committee since its commencement in 1981. Monthly meetings are still held at the Gowrie, Warry Street Child Care Centre.

A Child Watch table of ten was organised by the committee at the UNIFEM Breakfast held at the Convention Centre on 4<sup>th</sup> March. Over 1,000 women attended and the function was a great success.

Juliette Job was farewelled by the committee and was thanked for her excellent contribution as treasurer over some years.

Jenny Land and Jennette Lavis attended the AGM of ECA Qld Branch for 2009 and Jennette spoke to the Child Watch Report, which was tabled. Tickets for the Easter raffle were sold at the meeting.

It was decided to support a proposal for an Under Eights Week Project brought to the committee by Dr. Louise Thomas. \$1,000 was donated by Child Watch to fund "a package of books related to Diversity to be presented to centres/services that provide a suitable story for the 2010 Story Board." Jennette Lavis and Marjorie Voss attended the launch of Under Eights Week where the books for the project were displayed. They were most suitable for the project.

The committee agreed to sponsor the ninth annual Jean Ferguson OAM Memorial Lecture with the Gowrie (Qld) Inc., and BKTC Graduates and friends. It was held at QUT Gardens Point Campus on 7<sup>th</sup> September. Primary Principal Josephine Bottrell, Prep Teacher Fran Hind and Anna Brazier were members of the panel, which was ably chaired by Dr. Susan Irvine.

The discussion was on "Competing Challenges! The Australian Curriculum and Creative Play." There was a capacity audience of over 100 and a larger venue at QUT Gardens Point Campus will be booked for the lecture during the Brisbane Kindergarten Teachers College Centenary year in 2011.

The committee decided to give a donation of \$1,500 to AEIOU, a support group for the education and well being of young autistic children.

A cheque of \$100 was presented to the Acting Director of Warry Street Child Care Centre, as thanks for the provision of their parent room as an excellent monthly meeting place.

The Child Watch Christmas raffle was won by an early childhood teacher from Longreach who had purchased her ticket at C&K, Newmarket.

Committee members Jocelyn Wilson, Dawn Ulrich, Jenny Land, Marjorie Voss, Isobel Brown and Ann Hancock were thanked for their interest and commitment in working to support young Queensland children.

Jennette Lavis OAM  
Chair, Child Watch.

# Under Eight's Week

To present this year's AGM report I would like to use the Under Eights Week Story Board. This is a publication that tells the story of the many and varied events that occurred across our state during Under Eights Week 2010. This publication will be sent to schools, kindergartens and centres as part of our 2011 Under Eights Week mail out.

Financial sponsorship for Under Eights Week was provided by Queensland Government (Department of Education and Training) and Child Watch Australia. 'In Kind' sponsorship was also received from My Fun (Warner Village) who supported the mail out of Under Eights Week posters and donated prizes to support our fund raising efforts. Under Eights Week, 2010 was also supported by the Book Garden who hosted the launch of our events. I would like to thank all of our sponsors.

My thanks also go to the wonderful 2010 committee members, Gwen Rayner, Katie O'Brien and Anthony Shearer. In particular thank you to all those who work to ensure that under Eights Week events happen in all corners of the state.

The theme for 2011 Under Eights Week (May 21-28) is *Bush to Beach: Let Them Grow*. This theme is in response to the 2011 International Year of Forests.

Louise Thomas

(on behalf of the Under Eights Week State Planning Committee)

## Gold Coast Regional Group

There was no activity in this group during 2010.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD AUSTRALIA, QLD BRANCH INC.**  
**TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

For the year 2010

In summary, the organisation generated an overall surplus of \$18,903 for the year - (2009 – a deficit of \$7,210).

This result was achieved despite lower grant income from the Salvation Army of \$62,000 – (2009 \$74,500). Overall, income was higher and expenses lower, compared to the previous year.

The audit report gives a consolidated statement of Income and Expenditures and a consolidated Balance Sheet as well as giving the break down for all the sub-entities.

The following is a quick overview of the accounts for all the groups with notes relating to those accounts where necessary.

<b>1. Main Account #1</b>		
As @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2010	\$30,709.72	
As @ 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2010		\$36,374.51
<b>2. Account #2 (Little Voices Big Noises project)</b>		
As @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2010	\$ 4,274.57	
As @ 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2010		\$ 8,427.27
<b>3. Child Watch Committee</b>		
As @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2010	\$ 532.08	
As @ 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2010		\$ 2,607.74
<b>4. Under Eights' Week State Planning Committee</b>		
As @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2010	\$ 1,386.08	
As @ 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2010		\$ 676.40
<b>5. Queensland Early Childhood Sustainability Network (QECSN)</b>		
As @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2010	\$ 2,214.39	
As @ 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2010		\$ 5,002.87
<b>6. Peninsular Regional Group</b>		
As @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2010	\$ 503.18	
As @ 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2010		\$ 539.22
<b>7. Gold Coast Regional Group</b>		
As @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2010	\$ 250.00	
As @ 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2010		\$ 250.00
<b>8. Fixed Term Deposits</b>		
<u>Qld Branch</u>		
(1) As @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2010	\$43,413.73	
As @ 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2010		\$45,568.90
(2) As @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2010	\$44,787.88	
As @ 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2010		\$47,011.26
<u>Child Watch</u>		
As @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2010	\$12,998.95	
As @ 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2010		\$10,994.70

Notes:

- Income** is derived primarily from membership - \$39,242.41 – [2009 - \$31,842.34].  
\$9,300 was paid to Qld Branch during the year from the external funding contract with the Communities for Children initiative to coordinate the Little Voices Big Noises project.

**Regular Expenses:**  
Telstra – \$312.00 - [2009 - \$292.09]  
Printing & photocopying - \$2,530.40 [2009 - \$1941.10 – three newsletter editions] for three newsletter editions.  
Postage - \$1,205.09 [2009 - \$1,233.15 – three newsletter editions] – only three newsletter editions posted.

Affiliation fees to National Office - \$14,755.60 [2009 - \$14,331.08]  
Insurances - \$2,570.91 [2009 - \$2,858.39]  
Audit Fees - \$2,000 [2009 - \$2,900 - included acquittal report for LVBN 06-09].  
Memberships/subscriptions - \$1,045.41 [2009 - \$1,063.63]. This includes Life Memberships to ECA, Qld Branch.

- Administrative Services - \$8,631.10 [2009 - \$7,691.25 - admin assistant included basic preparation of treasurer's reports]. Anselm Accounting and Bookkeeping Services was engaged to perform a financial function to manage expense payments, banking and invoicing.
2. The **income** is the contract with the Communities for Children and is paid quarterly. **Expenses** relate to carrying out the terms of the contract.
  3. **Income** is mainly from donations from the fund raising committee and major **expenditure** is in the form of donations to causes relating to the well being of children.
  4. **Income** is from Qld Dept of Education, Training and the Arts.  
**Expenditure** is associated with the production of the Week's programme and poster and the provision of the storyteller to a country region.
  5. **Income** is raised by having a separate membership base. Income also included registration fees for a Sustainability Day event. **Expenditure** was for the Sustainability Day event.
  6. Little activity for 2010.
  7. Still to become financially active.
  8. The 'blackboard specials' are sought to gain the best interest rates possible.

Dr Danielle Twigg, Treasurer,  
ECA Qld Branch, Inc.