

**THE VICTORIA LEAGUE
FOR COMMONWEALTH FRIENDSHIP
SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC**



For Commonwealth Friendship

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**NINETY SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
2007 – 2008**

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Her Majesty The Queen

Patron Throughout Australia

His Excellency Major General Michael Jeffery, AC, CVO, MC (Retd)
Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

Patron In South Australia

His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, AC, CSC, RANR
Governor of South Australia

OFFICE BEARERS and EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2007 / 2008

President

Mrs Nicola Downer, AM

Vice-Presidents:

Mrs Betty Oakeshott, Miss Erica Cox and Mr Dennis Coleman

Treasurer:

Mr D G Bramwell FCA

Executive Committee:

Mrs N Downer, AM (President); Lady Downer; Mesdames G Gardner;
R F Hamilton; D Oakeshott; J Stewart; Miss E Cox; Messrs D Bramwell;
M Bouchier; D Coleman; D Potts and D Sparrow

Secretary

Ms T Schlichting

Sub-Committee Convenor:

Mr D G Bramwell FCA [Finance]

Honorary Auditor:

Mr W E H Phillipson FCA

Ninety Seventh Annual Report

1st July 2007– 30th June 2008

It is with great pleasure that I present the Ninety Seventh Annual Report of The Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship for the year ending 30th June 2008.

There has been much change and excitement during the 2007-08 year. We have sorely missed the leadership, enthusiasm and dedication of our past President, Mrs Gay Gardner, but we are pleased that she has remained a member of the Executive where she continues her enormous contribution to our work. She took the League to an increased level of activity and in a new affirming direction particularly with our involvement with the Uluru Children's Home in Southern India. She masterminded the moving of the office in Hutt Street and employed two new secretaries.

We were pleased to consolidate the position of the Executive but much missed the contribution of Mr John Morphett AM OBE who retired in September at our Annual General Meeting. We welcomed Executive Committee member Mr Dennis Coleman as a Vice President and have been extremely pleased with his contribution, particularly as a photographer at our meetings! I thank our two continuing Vice Presidents Mrs Betty Oakeshott and Miss Erica Cox for their support throughout the year.

We welcomed a new patron for the league in South Australia, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, AC, CSC, RANR, Governor of South Australia and we thank our former patron Her Excellency Marjorie Jackson-Nelson AC, CVO, MBE for her patronage during her time as Governor of South Australia.

It has been a very good experience to have Ms Tamara Schlichting in the office especially as I came in as a brand new President in September 2007. We have learnt a lot together and everyone has been most forgiving. I was pleased to make a visit to the Victoria League Student House in London in April and meet the new Chairman, Mr Lyn Hopkins and the General Secretary Mr John Allan. I would like to congratulate Mrs Sue Wilson on her running of the House. What a happy place!

I thank the Executive Committee for their wonderful support.

Finance & Investment Sub-Committee

It is with great appreciation that I express my thanks to Mr Don Bramwell, Chairman of the Finance & Investment Committee for his work during the year. I also express my thanks to Mrs Betty Oakeshott for her wise counsel and welcome Mr Mark Bouchier and Mr Dennis Coleman to the Committee. This committee continues its valuable work.

Honorary Auditor

Most sincere thanks to the Honorary Auditor Mr W E H Phillipson for carrying out his duties as Auditor for this year ending 30th June 2008.

Uluru Children's Home

This year has seen the continuation of our work with the Uluru Children's Home in Tamil Nadu, Southern India. Basically the project has involved The Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship working with Engineers Without Borders to assist with the establishment of a Computer Centre at the home for use not only by the children in the Orphanage but for those living in the surrounding area. The Centre was opened in January 2008 and provides access to computers for people who would not otherwise have this opportunity. Our work with Engineers Without Borders will continue in 2008.

Glenunga International High School

As part of our commitment to Commonwealth Friendship we established a relationship with Glenunga International High School and in April 2008, fourteen students and two staff travelled to India for a Community Service and Cultural Awareness Tour which involved their visiting the Uluru Children's Home. This visit was led by two teachers Jonathan Turland and Wendy Ladner, whose airfares were paid for by The Victoria League. The success of the visit can be measured by its impact on not only Uluru Children's Home, but the surrounding area. Reports from the students indicated the knowledge they gained and the experiences they shared changed their lives completely. In addition to working and playing with the children at Uluru, they raised enough money to buy a huge amount of material for the home including: clothing, sleeping equipment, furniture, a water heater and filter, computer equipment and sports gear.

Activities 2007-2008

The League's activities, our regular bi-monthly lunches were well supported and gave members the opportunity to hear from speakers on a wide range of topics. Speakers were:

Air Commodore Dr Roger Capps, "My aero medical responsibilities of returning World War One Veterans to the Western Front"

Mr Ian Stevenson, CEO National Trust of South Australia

Dr Natteri V Chandran, Founder & Chair, The East West Overseas Aid Foundation

Guest Speaker: Prof. Chris West, CEO of Adelaide Zoo, Zoo's Conservation in South Australia

Dr Suzanne Miller, Director of the South Australian Museum,

Jonathan Turland & Students, Glenunga International High School
"Our Uluru Experience",

Julie von Doussa, Living in Limbo: The Plight of a Refugee

Christmas Party 2007

Our Christmas Party was held on the 4th December 2007 at Wheaton House, Pulteney Grammar School. Sixty people attended and this was a most happy occasion. Lieutenant Governor Mr Hieu Van Le proposed the Toast to Christmas. Representatives from each of the other Societies attended. Also, students from Glenunga International High School planning to travel to India attended and met League members. Guests at the party were entertained by a young singer Miss Grace Bawden who subsequently became a finalist in the Channel 9 Television Show "Australia's Got Talent". It was a most enjoyable beginning to the Christmas season.

Victoria League Day

This significant date in the Victoria League's calendar was celebrated on Monday 26th May at a Late Afternoon Reception held at Kensington Gallery due to the generosity of Executive Member Mrs Barbara Stewart, owner of the Gallery. Group Captain John Teager, AM proposed the Toast to the League. We were delighted to have with us representatives of other Commonwealth Societies.

Other Leagues

We continue to exchange news with other Victoria Leagues throughout Australia and the United Kingdom. Where Leagues have closed we have invited their current members to join The Victoria League in South Australia to maintain our links with them. In 2007 we were pleased to congratulate the Devonport Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship in Tasmania on its Centenary. The League in South Australia was represented at the celebrations by Miss Erica Cox and Mr Douglas Potts to join the celebrations.

Joint Commonwealth Societies Council

Commonwealth Day was celebrated this year in Adelaide on 17th March. Attended by representatives from all the loyal societies, the celebration was held at Wyatt Hall, Pulteney Grammar School. Presided over by the Chairman of the Joint Commonwealth Societies Council, Mr John Bone, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, AC, CSC, RANR, Governor of South Australia and Mrs Scarce were the Guests of Honour. It was a most successful event.

Travellers' Aid Society

We are pleased to maintain our traditional links with the Travellers' Aid Society in South Australia. Miss Erica Cox has represented the League at meetings of the General Committee of this Society, for which we thank her.

Music Scholarship

We continue our support for Mr Michael Ierace, the 2007 Elder Conservatorium Scholar winner, providing funding for his first year of accommodation at Student House. I was pleased to meet him when I visited England in April.

Membership

As at 30th June 2008 our membership figures were:

Honorary Members	3
Honorary Life Members	6
Ordinary Members	97

Life Membership

Our Honorary Life Members are: Lady Wilson CBE, Miss C Magarey, Mrs M Bonnin, Mrs G Gardner, Miss E Cox, and Brigadier D Willett AM

New Members

We have been pleased to welcome new members:

Mrs Eileen Ralston	Ms Caroline Pearce
Mrs Monica Jeffries	Ms Nicola Pearce
Miss Judith Schroder	Ms Susan Pearce
Mrs Cynthia Thornquest	

Obituaries

We express our deepest sympathy to the families of:

Mrs D Simpson - September 2007
Mrs E A Woodward – September 2007
Mrs N Lombard – March 2008

They will be greatly missed by us all.

Mrs Nicola Downer, AM
President

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

30th JUNE 2008

THE VICTORIA LEAGUE FOR COMMONWEALTH FRIENDSHIP SA INC

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TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2008

Surplus for the year was \$8,628 before Income Tax including \$5,657 profit on sale of investments. After Income Tax the profit was \$6,888, of which Profit on Sale of Investments was \$3,960 and profit from ordinary activities was \$2,895

The major expenditure on special projects were \$17,135 on the Commonwealth Awareness Project for Uluru Children's Home in India, \$8,991 supporting Michael Ierace with his accommodation at Victoria League London and \$2,119 assisting with maintenance costs for Victoria League London. Secretarial Costs were \$12,750, a reduction of \$4,200 from 2007, reflecting a full year for our new secretary. We showed a net loss on functions of \$2,621, compared to \$2,281 in 2007, which covers guests and some subsidy for lunches etc.

All Income and Expenditure were in line with budget. Our Investment Portfolio has suffered from the general decline in the Stock Market, falling by 17% for the year, after allowing for profits on sales. Although some minor changes were made to the portfolio during the year, we are conscious of capital gains tax implications which rather limit sale options. We maintain nearly 10% of our investment funds in cash, so have fund available for investment when the market appears more stable. In the meantime we expect the level of investment income to be maintained.

As I am not standing for re-election as Treasurer, this will be my last report. I thank The League for giving me the opportunity to serve it and wish the incoming Committee good luck with their future endeavours.

Mr Don Bramwell
Treasurer

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INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2008

	2008 \$	2007 \$
INCOME		
Dividends Received	53,815	51,889
Donations Received	-	5
Entrance Fees	273	173
Function Income	6,727	5,947
Interest Received	7,022	3,163
Profit on Sale of Investments	5,657	22,675
Subscriptions	2,100	1,926
Trust Distributions	-	1,470
Miscellaneous Income	<u>68</u>	<u>70</u>
TOTAL INCOME	75,662	87,318
EXPENSES		
Accountancy	400	2,230
Bank Charges	108	111
Computing Support	75	1,294
Depreciation	1,500	1,370
Donations	2,000	2,240
General Expenses	72	215
Insurance	1,410	1,347
Function Expenses	9,348	8,228
Postage	686	921
Printing & Stationary	542	1,183
Commonwealth Awareness Project	17,135	14,523
Rent	7,800	8,125
Subscriptions	55	260
Telephone	903	1,093
Travel	1,320	-
Victoria League – London	2,119	512
Victoria League – Elder Scholarship	8,991	-
Wages & Other Employment Expenses	12,570	16,770
Workcover	<u>-</u>	<u>157</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>67,034</u>	<u>60,579</u>
NET INCOME (DEFICIT) BEFORE INCOME TAX	<u>8,628</u>	<u>26,739</u>

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INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2008

		2008	2007
	NOTE	\$	\$
Net Income Before Income Tax		8,628	26,739
Income Tax Expense	1	<u>1,773</u>	<u>6,804</u>
NET INCOME AFTER INCOME TAX		6,855	19,935
Retained Income at July 1		<u>634,547</u>	<u>614,612</u>
RETAINED INCOME 30th June 2008		<u>641,402</u>	<u>634,547</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 2008

		2008	2007
	NOTE	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	2	115,535	116,972
Receivables	3	<u>2,523</u>	<u>2,574</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>118,058</u>	<u>119,546</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments	4	1,128,723	1,366,550
Plant and Equipment	5	<u>2,750</u>	<u>4,250</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,131,473</u>	<u>1,370,800</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,249,531</u>	<u>1,490,346</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors & Borrowings	6	2,370	4,997
Provision for Income Tax	1	<u>1,873</u>	<u>7,116</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>4,243</u>	<u>12,113</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provision for Deferred Income Tax	1	<u>181,174</u>	<u>253,106</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>185,417</u>	<u>265,219</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,064,114</u>	<u>1,225,127</u>
MEMBERS' EQUITY			
Accumulated Income		641,402	634,547
Investment Revaluation Reserve	1	<u>422,712</u>	<u>590,580</u>
		<u>1,064,114</u>	<u>1,225,127</u>

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use by members of the League. The Executive has determined that the League is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared with the requirements of the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AAS 5: Materiality

AAS 8: Events Occurring After Reporting Date

No other Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretation or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

Income Tax

Income tax is calculated as follows:-

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Investment Income	\$ 60,837	\$ 56,052
Profit on Sale of Investments	\$ 5,657	\$ 22,675
Franking Credits	<u>\$ 22,882</u>	<u>\$ 21,770</u>
	\$ 89,376	\$100,497
Less Donations etc	<u>\$ 6,858</u>	<u>\$ 4,210</u>
Taxable Income	<u>\$ 82,518</u>	<u>\$ 96,287</u>
Tax at 30%	\$24,755	\$28,886
Less Franking Credits	<u>\$22,882</u>	<u>\$21,770</u>
Tax Provision	\$1,873	\$7,116
Over Provision 2007	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$312</u>
Tax Expense	<u>\$1,773</u>	<u>\$6,804</u>

Investments

Shares and units in Public Companies and Trusts are valued at market value at Balance Date with the difference between cost and selling price being accounted for in Investment Revaluation Reserve.

Provision for Deferred Income Tax

This represents capital gains tax payable on unrealised gains on investments and is accounted for through the Investment Revaluation Reserve.

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NOTES TO AND FROMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
	\$	\$
NOTE 2 – CASH		
Cash at Bank – Bank SA Cheque Account	-4,274	4,926
Cash at Bank – Bank SA Cash Management Account	36,893	111,539
Cash at Bank – Billflex Account	82,308	-
Cash at Bank – Bank SA Investment Account	608	507
	<u>115,535</u>	<u>116,972</u>
NOTE 3 – RECEIVABLES		
Sundry Debtors	1,243	50
PAYG Refund	495	-
GST Receivable	785	2,524
	<u>2,523</u>	<u>2,574</u>
NOTE 4 – INVESTMENTS		
Shares in Public Companies at Market Value	<u>1,128,723</u>	<u>1,366,550</u>
NOTE 5 – PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Furniture & Computer Equipment	6,269	6,269
Less Prov'n for Depreciation	<u>3,519</u>	<u>2,019</u>
	<u>2,750</u>	<u>4,250</u>
NOTE 6 – CREDITORS		
Subscriptions in Advance	1,820	1,332
Payroll Liabilities	-	495
Commonwealth Awareness Project	-	3,170
Other Creditors	550	-
	<u>2,370</u>	<u>4,997</u>

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OFFICER'S DECLARATION

The Executive Committee has determined that the league 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.

We declare that:

1. the financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 2 to 6 present fairly the league's financial position as at 30 June 2008 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.
2. In our opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the league will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is signed by:

President_____

Treasurer_____

Dated this day of

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have audited the accompanying Special Purpose Financial Statements of The Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship SA Inc, as set out on pages 2 to 7, in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

In my opinion the accompanying Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements and Officer's Declaration present fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the Financial Statements, the financial position of The Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship SA Inc as at 30 June 2008 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

WEH Phillipson
Chartered Accountant

Adelaide

August 2008