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GIVERS

South Sydney Community Aid wishes to thank the following persons, organisations or Government departments who have given money:-

B. Oliver, Sydney City Council, Department of Youth & Community Services, Ethnic Affairs Commission of NSW, Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Department of Employment & Industrial Relations, Department of Immigration & Ethnic Affairs, Office of Special Employment, Arts Council, Aboriginal Arts Board, Department of Housing, Department of Transport.

We acknowledge in particular the assistance given by the grant of \$16,000 in the current year from the Council of the City of Sydney.

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OBJECTIVES

1. Primarily provides social welfare by assisting in the relief of poverty, distress, sickness, suffering, destitution or helplessness;
2. Provide an enquiry, answering and advisory service to assist with the above project;
3. Co-operate with and assist in the co-ordination of groups and agencies working in the area;
4. Sponsor and encourage continued research into the needs of the community and apply those findings for the development of the programme;
5. Focus attention on any social needs in the area and enable local residents to meet these needs;
6. Stimulate and provide channels for individual and group participation in the development of services in the area;
7. Any other object consistent with Community Aid, the Board and/or members may adopt from time-to-time at meetings called pursuant to these rules.

QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Every member shall hold at least one share;
2. Membership may be corporate or individual;
3. Agencies actively engaged in social services in the area may apply, or be invited to apply, for membership and shall be designated as "Agency Members";
4. Groups and organisations interested in social services in the area, but not actively engaged, may apply or be invited to apply for membership and be designated "Society members";
5. Corporate, agency, society or organisational members shall be represented by individuals nominated in writing by their organisation as their representative or alternate representative.
6. Each member, whether individual, corporate, agency, society or organisational, in attendance at meetings, shall have one vote only as per Rule 55, regardless of the number of shares held and there shall be no proxy votes as per Section 86(9) of the Act;
7. There shall be no joint shareholding;
8. A member who has had no contact with the Society for a period of two years may have their share or shares forfeited as provided in Rule 22.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 1986-1987

Margaret Barry,
Ronald Beazley
Helen Bonanno
Beverley Briggs
Sandra Castleman
Lou Davis
Harry Field
Terry Folan
Colin James
Ken Klippel
Miles Lalor
David Lloyd
Kim Pavlovich
Cleonie Quayle
Harold Smart
Fred Turvey
Harvey Volke

(Appointed 17/3/87)

(resigned 18/11/86)

(appointed 21/7/87)

(appointed 21/4/87)

(resigned 19/5/87)

(resigned 17/9/86)

COMMITTEES

Management Committee: Harold Smart, Ken Klippel, Ron Beazley,
Neil Stuart, Helen Bonanno, Terry Folan.

Migrant Committee: Helen Bonanno (Convener), David Lloyd,
Kim Pavlovich, Evelyn Webb, Mijung Park,
Neil Stuart, Cyrus Kazaghipour, Harry
Field

Aboriginal Committee: Terry Folan (Convener), Colin James,
Brenda Maling, Neropy Bernhard, Neil
Stuart, Sonya Maloney, Cleonie Quayle,
Linda Bell, Mac Silva, Miles Lalor,
Beverley Briggs, Lou Davis.

Festival Committee: Brenda Maling

Environment Committee: Fred Turvey (Convener), Colin James,
Ken Klippel.

WE ARE MEMBERS OF:

- Australian Council of Social Services
- Community Child Care Co-op Ltd.
- Community Information Development Association
- Co-operation Federation of N.S.W.
- Ethnic Communities Council of N.S.W.
- Inner Sydney Migrant Interagency
- Inner Sydney Neighbourhood Centre Forum
- Inner Sydney Regional Council for Social Development

Interagency Migration Group
Local Community Services Association
NSW Council of Social Services
NSW Grant-in-Aid Migrant Workers' & Agencies Co-op. Ltd
NSW Shelter Co-op. Ltd
People for Nuclear Disarmament
Radio Eastern Sydney
Redfern Aboriginal community Youth Support Scheme
School-Community Liaison Committee of Cleveland St. High School
South Sydney Committee of the Australian Assistance Plan
South Sydney Community Transport Committee
South Sydney Youth Services Committee
South West Inner Sydney Housing Co-op. Ltd
Sydney University Settlement
Tenants' Union of NSW Co-op. Ltd
Workers' Health Centre

STAFF (as at September, 1987)

Neighbourhood Centre Project

Co-ordinator	Neil Stuart
Typist	Jeanette Lain (20hrs per week)
Accounts Clerk	Laurel Sommer (14hrs per week)
Cleaner	Lambrini Kakoliris
Cleaner	John Kakoliris

Migrant Community Resource Project

Community Development Officer	Lee Ley-Ping (from 22/6/87) 4 days.
Community Resource Officer	Pesa Aloisio (from 3/7/87) (14hrs per week)

Aboriginal Community Resource Project

Senior Community Resource Project	Brenda Maling
Community Resource Officer/Youth Worker	Mac Silva
Community Resource Officer	Meropy Bernhard (4 days per week)
Typist/Receptionist	Linda Bell (from 13/10/86)

Staff Changes

Van Dang was employed as a clerical assistant for the migrant project on a grant from the Community Employment Programme and left the position on 14/1/87.

Sonia Maloney left the position of Typist/Receptionist on August 20, 1986. Linda Bell took up the position on October 13, 1986.

Evelyn Webb left the position of migrant project worker on May 22, 1987. Two positions have been set-up in the Migrant project; Lee Ley-Ping was appointed to the position of Community Development Officer/Migrant Project on 22/6/87; Pesa Aloisio was appointed to the position of Community Caseworker/Migrant Project on 3/7/87.

Also within the Migrant Project, Mijung Paik left on September 24, 1986, while still recovering from a serious car accident which took place while she was on annual leave. Mijung is now fully recovered.

Pesa Aloisio was employed from August 13, 1986, to 25/11/86 on a short-term task, on behalf of the Migrant Committee, into the needs of minority Pacific Islanders in the inner Sydney area.

From June 4, 1987, Maria Valentic and Racquel Tapia have been employed, on a grant from the Community Employment Programme, to complete the Community Service Directory.

Staffing of Related Projects

South Sydney Community Aid sponsors a number of projects. Some are short-term, others ongoing. Some operate as part of Community Aid, others are virtually autonomous.

Under a grant received from the Department of Youth & Community Services and administered by South Sydney Community Aid, the South Sydney Youth Services Committee operates a Detached Youth Worker project. Shane Brown is the Detached Youth Worker..

Under an arrangement between South Sydney Community Aid and the South Sydney Community Transport Committee, the funds of the Transport Committee are administered by Community Aid who supplies office space, some office equipment, telephone, typing and copying services. The Transport Committee employed John Rule as Co-ordinator until 12/6/87, when John left. Helen Aston took up the position on June 16, 1987.

The Transport Committee sponsors a H.A.C.C. project which employs a Co-ordinator and a bus driver. Bob Reeves was appointed Co-ordinator on 17/11/86 and left on 15/7/87. Max Golding was appointed on 13/7/87. Mira Secorov was appointed as Driver on 24/3/87.

The Sydney Tenants Advice and Referral Service and South Sydney Community Aid had entered into an agreement whereby Community Aid administered grant monies received from the Department of Housing.

Two staff, Margo Moore and Graeme Falconer, were employed on 19th June, 1986. Graeme left on 1/5/87 and Beth Newell was appointed to the position on 14/5/87. The Tenants Advice & Referral Service has sponsored a housing research project for which Karen Cummings was employed on 6/3/87.

The Redfern Tenants Association entered into an agreement whereby Community Aid administered a grant from the Community Arts Board to enable the Association to start up CTV-1. Royce Sutcliffe was employed from 1/1/87 to 30/6/87.

South Sydney Community Aid is administering a PEP grant received by the South Sydney Youth Services Committee. Bruce Grant was employed to staff the project on June 29, 1987.

The Local Community Services Association operates a CEP project which provides re-training experience for women. On-the-job experience is provided at various community organisations. Sonia Bustillo worked at South Sydney Community Aid from May 6, 1986 to December, 1986.

Volunteers

Ernie Ridding has continued to do handyman and repair jobs for the agency and clients.

The Coffee Shop/English Conversation Group has been maintained on Thursday mornings by Kim Pavlovich.

Volunteers have helped with the South Sydney Festival.

Directors and members contribute their work voluntarily to the Board and Committees.

Student Placements

Lisa Osborn worked two 2-week placements in July and August, 1986.

Susan Singh has worked a placement of 2 days per week from June to September, 1987.



**SOUTH SYDNEY COMMUNITY AID - A COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE
FOR SOUTH SYDNEY**

* Working With Groups

The resources of South Sydney Community Aid are available to work with any group in the South Sydney area who is a member, whose aims are consistent with ours, or who represents tasks and people we are working with.

Staff are available to work with these groups. Our skills are in helping people with the process in making decisions, in finding out where to get information, and in making available information.

We may be able to help with typing, copying, work space, distributing information, letters, etc., meeting space.

* Social Welfare Service

Office Hours: Monday to Friday
 9.30am to 12.30pm
 1.30pm to 4.30pm

Telephone Nos: 699-4073, 699-2260 and 699-9391.

Our staff are available to anyone to discuss in a friendly and informal atmosphere any matters which are of concern. If we cannot directly assist the person, then we will refer the person to someone who can assist. If we cannot provide the information which is sought, then we will get the information for the person.

Some of the matters we help people with are:-

Welfare rights
financial problems
accommodation problems
consumer rights
family problems
tenants advice.

* Tenants' Advice Service

As well as being available during the above office hours to provide advice to tenants, we attend to the Tenants' Union Hotline on one morning a week, when we provide immediate phone advice to tenants ringing in.

* Coffee Shop/English Conversation

On Thursdays, between 10.00am and 2.00pm, a group of mainly women come together for a social talk over coffee. In this informal and casual setting there is an opportunity to practise conversational, every day English.

* Printing/Typing

At a very reasonable charge, we will do typing and photocopying jobs for individuals or groups.

* Repairs to Household Appliances

Ernie Ridding is the fellow who repairs household appliances and other small jobs. Apply through our offices.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

It hardly seems possible that another year has passed since our last Annual General Meeting, does it? Another year of noting and deploring the slow erosion of services made available for the people of the South Sydney area; and of abuse of their environment by proposals from outside authorities to make life more constricted for them!

Increased traffic flow, leading to restricted access to existing facilities such as shops, schools, our local Rachel Forster Hospital, parks and so on has received attention for the community, and our organisation has been a spearhead in the campaign to Save our Suburbs. I highlight this as one of the most recent effort in which we have participated.

However, we have taken up the cause of Hostels for the Aged on the Pricepoint site by Rachel Forster Hospital, the loss of a democratically elected City Council, the needs of youth, and have submitted proposals on the many issues affecting us.

As in past years, we suffer from the decreasing grant monies being made to our organisation, despite the continual increase in demand for the services which we provide to the community-at-large.

This is the TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY YEAR of S.S.C.A. Co-op., so we can rejoice that all is not gloom and doom, despite economic predictions for another severe depression. We have been here for twenty years and this says a lot about us. We have had and indeed still have an excellent Co-ordinator in Neil Stuart, and a loyal and devoted staff, all of whom give generously in time and effort. We applaud their work.

We are grateful for the support which we receive from Government bodies for our activities, but would remind them of the need for greater support in the future in one of the most stable and successful agencies in N.S.W. Next year there will be a plethora of celebrations looking at European Settlement in Australia. As an agency concerned with people from every background, from the most ancient settlers in this land to the most recent, it is our aim to seek different ways of celebrating the Dreamtime culture as well as recognising what the loss of land has meant to the Aborigines and to draw people together in a common unity and solidarity in the hard times ahead. To do this, we need your constant involvement and interest, and your input and skills! This is your organisation, it stands or falls on your efforts!

Rev. Harold Smart

SECRETARY'S REPORT

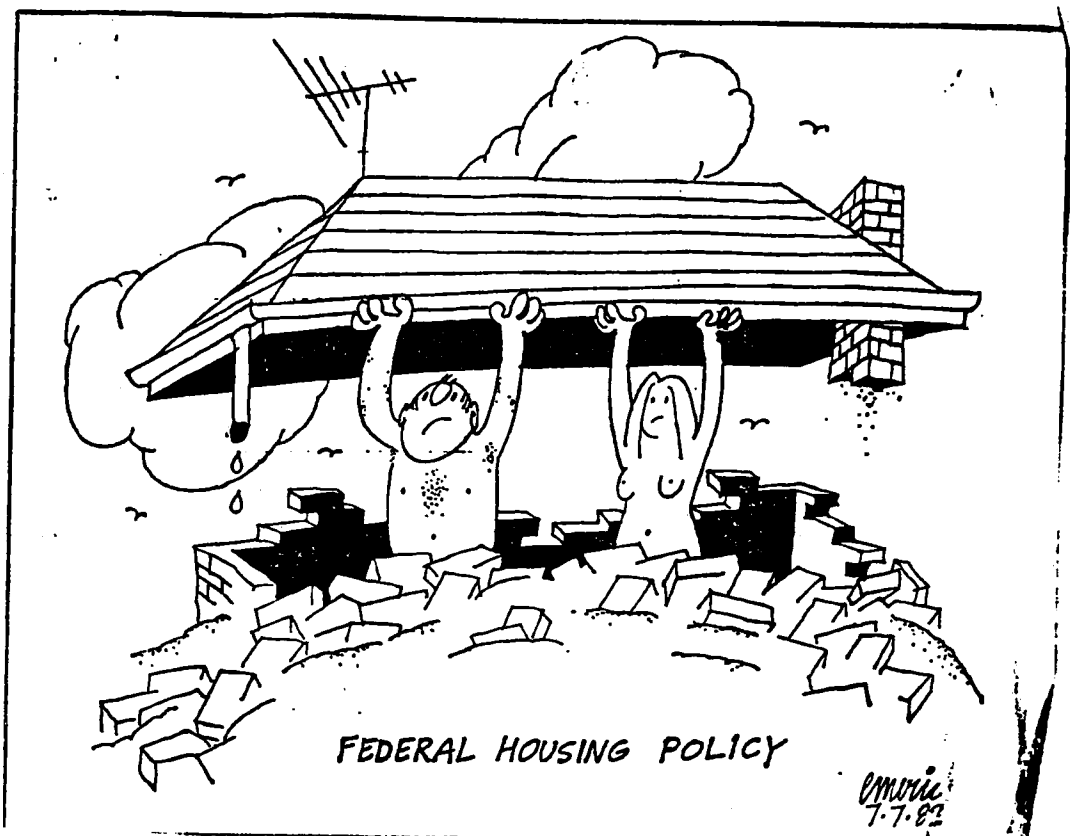
There is no report from the Secretary, as an office-bearer of the Board of Directors. The Co-ordinator has acted as executive secretary to the Board of Directors.

Neil Stuart,
Co-ordinator.

TREASURER'S REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting the financial statements which appear at the end of this Annual Report. Helen McCall, our Accountant, has prepared the statements.

Ron Beazley,
Treasurer.



NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE REPORT

The Neighbourhood Centre project is one of several core projects which makes up South Sydney Community Aid, yet it also acts to enable the projects together to operate as one. The other core projects are reported elsewhere.

The core projects are part of the structure and resource of Community Aid. Beyond the core projects the work of Community Aid is in the shape of other projects. Each core project is involved in some other work projects, either alone or together with other community groups - for example, the Migrant Project's sponsorship of the Inner Sydney Migrant Interagency. Some of the work projects are undertaken by Community Aid as a whole, again either alone or together with other community groups - for example, the SOS Campaign.

It is important to state the ethos or set of policies which guide the operations of South Sydney Community Aid. That has been done and is available. Especially mentioned here is that policy which determines the relationships internally between the projects of South Sydney Community Aid and externally between South Sydney Community Aid and other groups or organisations in the community. Operationally that relationship may be described as a very flat structure. There is no hierarchy of relationships, setting up superior/subordinate relations. It is a relationship as between equals. Thus decisions are a process of shared decision-making as between equals and no action, unless genuine emergency action, is taken unless authorisation by decision has been made. That ethos likewise determines the way in which the Board of South Sydney Community Aid operates and the way in which the Co-ordinator of South Sydney Community Aid operates. The Co-ordinator is the major resource person for the Neighbourhood Centre Project.

South Sydney Community Aid is a multicultural organisation - in its membership, its staff, and in its work with and within the community. We are particularly identified with the Aboriginal community and with non-English-speaking-background persons.

Our chief objective, briefly stated, is to achieve social equity and social justice for and with the people of South Sydney. Our chief strategy in attaining this objective is to function as a community resource, wherein our major resources are our human resources. Our task is to ensure unfettered access to those resources. This we try to do by (a) providing our human resources within our premises, so that persons, groups or organisations may gain access by coming to our premises; and (b) dispersing our human resources within the community so that access by persons, groups or organisations is there where those persons, etc. are.

Our intention, in the last 2 years and through to 1992, is to so distribute our human resources that the weighting in terms of access, is in favour of our resources functioning out in the community.

People Coming To This Resources Centre

One of the goals of the Neighbourhood Centre project is to provide day-to-day co-ordination and administrative support for a multicultural community resource centre, accessible to persons, groups or organisations of any ethnic or racial identity coming here for these resources.

The resources available are primarily our human resources, some being provided by the Neighbourhood Centre project itself, the majority being provided by our Aboriginal and Migrant projects.

The number of individual persons who had access to us has been 103 a month, of which about 45% are persons born outside of Australia and about 33% are Aboriginals. That average is consistent with the decline which showed itself in 1985-86 as a result of a deliberate strategy decision by Community Aid to discontinue emergency relief. Access of these persons to the community resource workers of our Aboriginal and Migrant projects takes mainly the following forms:-

- * obtaining information, either verbal or written or printed, enabling the person to act on their concern;
- * the resource worker acting as a broker or go-between, such that the person is given access to further resources;
- * obtaining the resource worker's help in lobbying/advocating with resource/rights keepers or with deniers of resources or rights;
- * obtaining directly from our resources some cash assistance - limited to necessary assistance with fares and, in the case of Aboriginal persons, assistance with funeral expenses.

Poverty is a reality to many persons in South Sydney. Affordable, reasonable accommodation is a particular aspect of poverty. Health of Aboriginal persons is another particular aspect.

In the case of Aboriginal youth we provide access to our resources by locating our youth worker on the streets and in the places where Aboriginal youth are. There the access so provided takes forms as described above. We keep no records of these contacts.

Other persons, groups or organisations come to the centre to gain access to the few physical resources we provide - such as typing, copier, phone - or to gain one-off access to consult with Neighbourhood Centre staff regarding community concerns.

Resources Out In The Community

The major goal of the Neighbourhood Centre project is to provide the necessary co-ordination and administrative support for the resources of this multicultural community resource centre to be located within the community, accessible by persons, groups or organisations where they are.

The need for access is usually focussed around some objective shared by a group of persons, either as an informal group or as a formal organisation. Much of the access comes about through Community Aid's active involvement in the various linking structures in the community. The resources managed by Community Aid are thus not only accessible to the community but are at the disposal of and in effect managed by the community, within the policy guidelines/constraints negotiated with Community Aid.

Again, the resources we have are primarily our human resources, coming from all our projects, but heavily from the Neighbourhood Centre project. Our community resource workers are accessible mainly in a developmental role, so that together there might be developed appropriate action to achieve social equity and social justice.