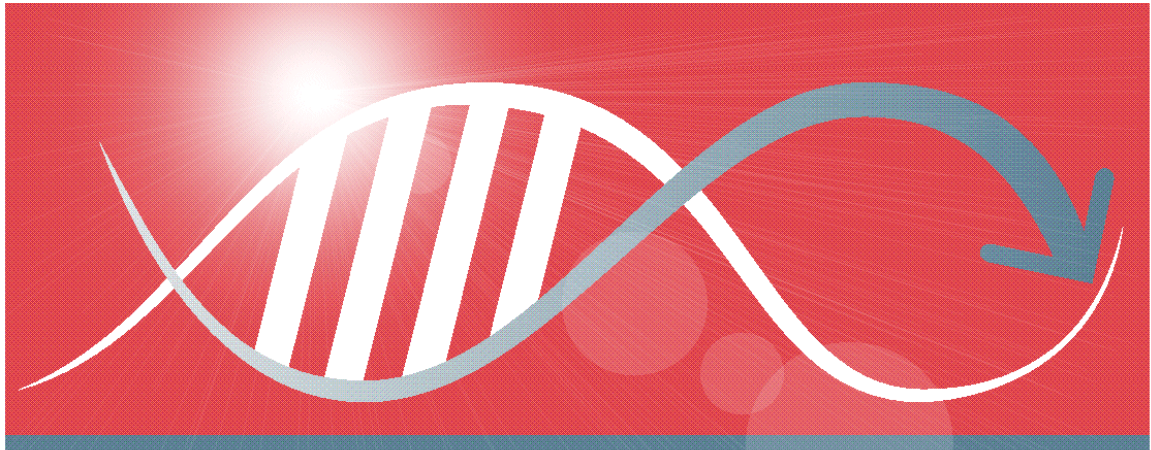


GENETIC SUPPORT COUNCIL WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC.



GENETIC SUPPORT COUNCIL WA

Annual Report 2003 - 2004

We are more than just the sum of our Genes ! We are more than just the sum of our Genes !

GENETIC SUPPORT COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INC.)

Our Vision

Seeking solutions to the challenges of genetic conditions

Our Mission

To promote and develop awareness of genetic conditions within the community, provide information and advocacy to individuals and families, foster research, encourage and support service delivery by Genetic Support Groups

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INTRODUCTION

THE ROLE AND HISTORY OF THE GENETIC SUPPORT COUNCIL WA INC.

The Genetic Support Council WA (Inc) is a not for profit organisation that acts as a peak body for Genetic Support Groups in Western Australia. The need for this peak body to coordinate and enhance the effectiveness of community Genetic Support Groups was identified in the *Review of Statewide Delivery of Genetic Services in Western Australia*, conducted in April/May 2000.

Following that review, a number of Genetic Support Groups established a working committee to bring this to fruition. The Committee proposed that the Genetic Support Council WA (Inc) fulfil the following roles:

- Promote awareness of genetic diseases in the community
- Encourage and support effective and efficient management and service delivery practices within Genetic Support Groups
- Assist in the greater participation of consumers in policy, planning, research and service delivery across the genetic services field
- Develop and contribute to policies of common concern to Genetic Support Groups
- Provide genetic support information, resources and referral services to individuals and Genetic Support Groups
- Promote leadership and cooperation between non government and community organisations within the genetic services field
- Act as a mentor for the Genetic Support Groups

The first Annual General Meeting of the GSCWA was held on the 20 May 2002 and a Board of Management appointed. The Council commenced operations in July 2002.

The Genomics Directorate of the Western Australian Department of Health has been responsible for allocating resources for the development of this initiative.

OUR SERVICES

Providing support to Genetic Support Groups through:

- ➡ information
- ➡ advocacy
- ➡ education
- ➡ referral

Services to Genetic Support Groups include:

Increasing awareness of genetic conditions in the community by:

- ➡ Participating in forums and member Genetic Support Group awareness events
- ➡ Providing an up-to-date website
- ➡ Widely circulating a monthly newsletter
- ➡ Seeking opportunities to engage the media, including community and regional newspapers and access radio
- ➡ Establishing and maintaining an annual "Genetic Support Group Awareness Day"
- ➡ Publishing a Directory of Genetic Support Groups in WA

Providing administrative support and facilities by:

- ➡ Assisting member Genetic Support Groups in the establishment and maintenance of sound administrative processes
- ➡ Making available the GSCWA office and staff to assist in these processes
- ➡ Assisting with the development and maintenance of budgets
- ➡ Assisting with the development of strategic and business plans

Providing forums for policy development and matters of common interest by:

- Conducting forums for members on issues of interest or concern
- Providing a forum to enable members' views to be represented to Government and others in the field of genetics
- Written and verbal submissions to Government and others in the field of genetics
- Actively pursuing opportunities to ensure that the views of the Genetic Support Council WA and its members are considered
- Providing a vehicle for recommending Consumer Representatives to committees and the like, considering matters concerning the field of genetics and genetic support
- Participating with like bodies nationally to further represent the Genetic Support Groups and their members

Specialised support to smaller member Genetic Support Groups by:

- Providing an office base for smaller member Genetic Support Groups
- Making available seminar facilities
- Assisting with the development of information packages relating to their specific genetic conditions or predispositions
- Printing of material and pamphlets
- Providing opportunity to these groups to publish articles, advertise and promote awareness of their Support Group in the GSCWA newsletter "*Gene Advocate*"
- Facilitating the provision of industrial relations advice
- Assisting in researching information regarding particular genetic conditions or predispositions
- Keeping members aware of matters of interest, changes of legislation that may impact on the area or opportunities for them to participate in making comment on matters of concern

Maintaining a Resource Centre that:

- Includes information on the services provided by member Genetic Support Groups
- Provides information on a range of associated topics such as online resources, families living with a family member with a genetic condition, parenting and education in association with a genetic condition
- Maintains a wide range of website links on genetic conditions and organisations and groups that may provide support
- Maintains a database of Genetic Support Groups throughout Australia and with some international links
- Provides ongoing research for developments and up to date information on genetic conditions

Assisting in sourcing funding by:

- Providing information on possible funding/grant sources
- Giving assistance when applying for grants
- Assisting and facilitating opportunities for member Genetic Support Groups to engage in fundraising

Providing a direct support service to individuals for whom there is no Genetic Support Group available and a referral service to individuals requiring assistance by:

- Providing information on specific genetic conditions
- Referral to appropriate expert organisations such as Genetic Services WA
- Assisting in linking individuals and their families with others with the same condition in either Western Australia, Australia, New Zealand or internationally
- Advocate where appropriate on behalf of individuals with other organisations and service providers

GSCWA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT



The Board of Management has met nine times during the Financial Year 2003/2004. During the past year, the Board of Management has overviewed the operation of the GSCWA as it continued to expand its services to Genetic Support Groups. The Board of Management has paid particular attention to maintaining effective administrative policies, practices and procedures that have ensured the GSCWA carries out its business in an accountable, transparent and ethical manner. The Council maintains an ongoing strategic and business plan which has provided sound planning in the operations of the GSCWA.

CHAIR

Professor Charles Watson
Executive Dean, Health Sciences Curtin University

DEPUTY CHAIR

Mitch Messer
Executive Director, Cystic Fibrosis WA Inc.

TREASURER

Vicki Mort
Financial Manager, Holyoake Institute

BOARD MEMBERS

Kerry Duff
Client Service Coordinator, Spina Bifida Association of WA

Sue Fraser
President, Periodic Paralysis Society of Australia

Kerry Gavey
Convenor, Klinefelter's Support Group

Susan Herrmann
Representative, Health Consumers' Council WA Inc.

Julie Ireland
Family Support Worker, Down Syndrome Society of WA

Dianne Lunt
Committee Member, Heart Kids WA Inc

Dr Peter O'Leary
Director, Genomics Directorate, Department of Health

Del Weston
Executive Officer, Australian Huntington's Disease Association WA Inc.

OUR STAFF MEMBERS

Terry Keating	Executive Director
Anja Hermann	Administrative Officer
Kristina Johns	Resource Officer
Paul Buttsworth	Social Work Student
Matthew Law	Work Experience Volunteer
Alia Mesiti	Work Experience Volunteer

GSCWA MEMBERS

FULL MEMBERS

Acoustic Neuroma Association of Australia
Alzheimer's Association of WA
Angelman Syndrome Association
Arthrogryposis Support Group
Australian Huntington Disease Association
Australian Pituitary Foundation WA Branch
Australian Tuberous Sclerosis Society Inc.
Coeliac Society of WA
Cornelia De Lange Syndrome Support Group
Cushings Disease Support Group
Cystic Fibrosis WA
Diabetes Australia -Western Australia
Down Syndrome Association of WA
Dyslexia SPELD Foundation WA Inc
Epilepsy Association of WA
Even-Keel Bi-Polar Support Association (Inc)
Fragile X Support Group WA Inc.
Haemophilia Foundation WA Inc.
Heart Kids WA
Klinefelters Support Group
Learning and Attention Disorders Society of WA (LADS)
LQTS Support Group WA
Lupus Group of WA
Mental Illness Fellowship of WA (Inc)
Motor Neurone Disease Association of WA Inc.
Mucopolysaccharide & Related Diseases Society (MPS)
Muscular Dystrophy Association of WA
Neurofibromatosis Association of WA.
Parents of Children with Disabilities
Periodic Paralysis Society of Australia
Raynaud's Syndrome Support Group
Rett Syndrome Association of WA
Senses Foundation Inc.
Short Statured People's Association WA Branch
SIDS and Kids Western Australia
Sjögren's Syndrome Support Group
SOFTWA (Trisomy and Related Disorders)
Spina Bifida Association of WA
Thalassaemia Association of WA
Turner Syndrome Association of Australia (WA Branch)
Western Australian Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation
WA Tourette Syndrome Organisation (WATSO)

CORPORATE ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

ARAFMI Western Australia
Association of Genetic Support of Australasia
Australian Kidney Foundation
Carers Association of WA Inc
Genomics Directorate, Dept. of Health
Health Consumers Council WA
Lone Parent Family Support Service (LPFSS)
The Kalparrin Centre
The Neurological Council of WA Inc
Western Australian Deaf Society Inc.

INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Professor Charles Watson, Curtin University
Terry Keating, GSCWA
Linda Bovill
Mark Bovill
Bonita Anne Eaton, LPFSS
Anja Hermann, GSCWA
Kristina Johns
Darren L. Webb



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



I am able to report that the Council has continued to consolidate its role as a peak body for Genetic Support Groups in Western Australia. Having completed its second year of operations, it has become firmly established as a professional and well managed organisation providing services and support to Genetic Support Groups and individuals with genetic conditions and their families.

The gains that were made in our first year of operation in 2002/2003, have been consolidated and built upon. The Council has 42 Full Member Genetic Support Groups, which represents all but a very few of the groups currently functioning in Western Australia. Links have been established with a wide range of health professionals, the genetic scientific community and genetic support group peak bodies across Australia and New Zealand.

With the rapid developments and advancements in the field of genetics, the Council is now well placed to respond to the ongoing challenges that this brings to its members, individuals with genetic conditions and their families. The Council continues to manage its affairs in an efficient and effective manner and administratively, maintains best practice standards in relation to the management of its finances, resources and its assets. It continues to provide the high level of accountability that is necessary when making use of funds that are provided by government to assist those individuals suffering with genetic conditions and predispositions and those groups and organisations that provide such valuable and essential support.

Over the past 12 months, the Council has taken the opportunity to participate in a range of activities that has enabled it to contribute to such discussions relating to genetic patenting, ethics and other issues that impact on individuals, their families and Genetic Support Groups.

The Board of Management of the GSCWA would like to express its appreciation to its member Genetic Support Groups, the GSCWA staff and the Genomics Directorate of the Western Australian Department of Health for their contribution and support of the Council during this time.

I would like to also personally thank the GSCWA Board of Management for their work during the past year. The role of the Board is to set strategic direction of the Council and to overview its operations to ensure that it carries out its business in an ethical, accountable and transparent manner. I am able to report that I believe this to have been the case.

Finally, I wish to express my thanks to the retiring Board members Kerry Gavey, Klinefelter's Support Group, Julie Ireland, Down Syndrome Society of WA, Dianne Lunt, Heart Kids, Vicki Mort, Treasurer Holyoake Australian Institute for Alcohol and Drug Resolutions and Dr. Peter O'Leary, Genomics Directorate Department of Health for their contribution and support of the Council during their term as Board members. Their efforts are acknowledged and appreciated. I would like to further thank those Board members who are continuing, Kerrie Duff, Spina Bifida Association of WA, Sue Fraser, Periodic Paralysis Society of Australia, Susan Herrmann, Health Consumers Council, Mitch Messer, Deputy Chair Cystic Fibrosis WA and Del Weston Australian Huntington Disease Association WA for their continued involvement.

I commend this Annual Report to members of the GSCWA.

PROFESSOR CHARLES WATSON
Chairperson

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



The second year of operations of the Genetic Support Council WA has been a period of consolidation and building on the gains that have previously been made. Whilst the past 12 months have not been without its own special challenges, it has been an exciting year that has seen the Council being recognised as a significant organisation representing Genetic Support Groups and individuals with genetic conditions and their families in Western Australia, Australia and New Zealand.

Over this past year the Council has continued to engage member support groups in Western Australia and strengthen its links with other stakeholders in the genetics community. The Council is now in a very strong position to respond to the complex issues that arise due to the rapid changes taking place in this area. Additionally, the Council is now providing a wide range of practical support and services to its members.

The Genomics Directorate of the Western Australian Department of Health continued to provide funding for the Council during 2003/2004. It has been through this funding that the GSCWA has been able to provide its services. Additionally, the support and assistance in a range of other areas by the Genomic Directorate is greatly appreciated.

Membership

The Council has a total of 42 Full Member Genetic Support Groups, 10 Corporate Associated Member organisations and 8 Individual Members. This represents all but a very few of the Genetic Support Groups functioning in Western Australia at this time. Efforts continue to engage the several groups that have yet to join the Council. A significant number of individuals and groups have contributed to the achievements of the Council over the past 12 months.

Administration

Over the past year, the Council has continued to maintain effective and efficient administrative systems and managed its finances, resources and assets appropriately. The Council has operated within budget and expended its funds in a manner that has enabled it to maximise its services to its members. This has resulted in sound financial management, documented procedures and the ability to report on activities in a detailed and meaningful manner. Accountability reports as required under the Council funding contract have been presented to the Western Australian Department of Health. The Council continues to maintain an updated and well developed Strategic and Business Plan which is the subject of annual review and provides measures of performance.

The Council's activities were interrupted in the latter part of 2003 and the beginning of 2004 due to the review of funding for all NGO's in Western Australia by the Department of Health. Concern regarding ongoing funding impacted across the NGO sector and the Board of Management prudently decided to limit new initiatives until the outcome of the review was known. I am able to advise that the Council's continued funding was approved and that activities in the latter part of 2003/2004 were able to continue as normal.

Throughout 2003/2004 the GSCWA data base has been extended by a further 100 genetic conditions which brings it to a total of over 200 genetic conditions. This includes details of any Genetic Support Groups that provide services to individuals with genetic conditions or predispositions, their families and others seeking information. Some of these groups are in other

states and in New Zealand. Links have been established to other data banks that enable information to be obtained with regards to some 1300 genetic conditions.

Brochures, information sheets and promotional flyers on the activities and services of the GSCWA continue to be designed, updated and printed in house and widely distributed.

Links with other related organisations

The complexity of advances in genetic research and technologies will continue to raise issues for individuals with genetic conditions, their families and Genetic Support Groups. There are a wide range of psycho-social issues that will impact on Council members and the Council is well placed to respond on behalf of its members.

Links have been strengthened with a range of health organisations and other groups and organisations and these are shown in the appendices of this annual report.

In 2002/2003 links were being established with genetic support group peak bodies in other parts of Australia and New Zealand. These included *The Association of Genetic Support of Australasia (AGSA) New South Wales, Genetic Support Network Victoria (GSVN), Self Help Organisations United Together (Shout) Australian Capital Territory, Self Help Queensland (SHQ), New Zealand Organisation for Rare Disorders (NZORD)*.



The outcome was the establishment of the Australasian Genetic Alliance (AGA) which was formally launched in Melbourne at the Human Genetics International Congress in early July 2003 (see appendices).

AGA's objectives include: Contributing and commenting on policy relating to human genetics and health services, networking and sharing resources to promote genetic support services and raise community awareness of Genetic Support Groups and the impact of genetic conditions on individuals and families. The Executive Director of the GSCWA was elected as the inaugural Chair of AGA and the GSCWA is the National Secretariat for 2003/2004. This term has been extended for the period 2004/2005.

GSCWA's input on matters of interest to Genetic Support Groups

The GSCWA provided submissions to the Australian Law and Reform Commission (ALRC) on Issues Paper 27 and Discussion Paper 68, relating to *Genetic Patenting*. The Council also maintained an information booth at the *Neurological Expo* and presented a paper on Genetic Support Groups. The Council worked closely with the convenor of the *International Genetic and Population Health Conference* and state organisers of the *Human Genetic Society of Australasia Annual Scientific Meeting* to be held conjointly in August 2004. This will include maintaining an information booth over the six days of these two events, sponsoring the first *Western Australian Genetic Support Group Awareness Day* on 10 August 2004 and presenting a paper at the Conference. Additionally, the Council has been instrumental in arranging for Professor Jai Rup Singh of the International Genetic Alliance to present several papers at the conference and meeting. The Council will host the AGA Annual General Meeting during these six days.

Services provided by the GSCWA to member Genetic Support Groups

Throughout the past 12 months, the Council has provided a wide range of practical services to member support groups. These include:

- Providing practical administrative support on matters such as budgeting, office administration, development of strategic and business plans, industrial relations and corporate governance
- Acting as a referral point to individuals and their families, Genetic Support Groups and members of the community who are seeking information about genetic conditions, Genetic Support Groups and genetic services. This is an area that has steadily increased as the GSCWA continues to increase its profile in the community and broadens its networks
- Advocating on behalf of individuals and member organisations seeking services and support
- Assistance in identifying funding opportunities and providing expertise in completing grant applications
- The provision of small grants from the GSCWA to members to assist in such matters as publications, seminars and forums, computer software, attendance at conferences. Due to limitations in funding, this service is no longer available.
- Assistance with the graphic design and in house printing of brochures, information material and flyers has been well received by a number of smaller groups. The cost to members varied from providing a free service to a cost only basis when a charge is made.
- Assisting member Genetic Support Groups in fundraising

Increasing community awareness

Community awareness of genetic conditions and the role of Genetic Support Groups is still the most challenging aspect of the Council's role. There is still a very poor understanding of the nature of genetic conditions and the role of Genetic Support Groups in the general community. Most of the information that reaches the general public is by way of the popular press and this tends to focus more on the sensational than providing meaningful understanding of the complexities and issues that surround the day to day dilemmas that confront Genetic Support Groups, individuals with genetic conditions and their families and the limited resources that are available.

The Council continues to address this need for increasing community awareness through information displays in libraries, shopping centres and events such as the *Neurological Expo*. *The Genetic Support Group Awareness Day* in August 2004 is directed at this issue.

Additionally, the Council circulates significant numbers of brochures and information sheets. Some of these are through member Genetic Support Groups, the Genomics Directorate, Department of Health, whilst others result from direct contact with health professionals, tertiary institutions, individuals seeking information and general mail outs.

A monthly newsletter "Gene Advocate" to members, health professionals, social welfare agencies and other organisations with similar interests has been circulated. At present, the GSCWA mailing list is approximately 300 with the view to being increased to approximately 600 in the first quarter of 2004/2005.

Conclusion

The past 12 months has seen the Council further develop and strengthen its links with a wide range of stakeholders. It is currently able to respond to most practical requests from its members and its links across Australia and New Zealand has enabled Genetic Support Groups, individuals and their families significant access to information regarding genetic conditions and Genetic Support Groups throughout Australia and the Region.

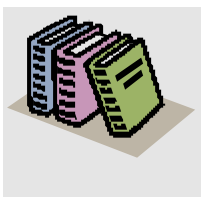
The progress that has been made throughout this year could not have been made without the guidance and support of the GSCWA Board of Management. I would also like to thank the Genomics Directorate of the Western Australian Department of Health for the ongoing assistance and advice that they have provided. The enthusiasm and commitment of the GSCWA staff Anja Hermann Administrative Officer and Kristina Johns Resource Officer has been tireless and their contribution is acknowledged and appreciated. To the Board of Management, the Genomics Directorate and the staff of the GSCWA I wish to express my personal thanks and appreciation.

In conclusion, I would like also to thank the members of the GSCWA for the manner in which they have engaged in the progress of the GSCWA and the support they have provided by their participation.

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

TERRY KEATING
Executive Director

GSCWA RESOURCE CENTRE



The GSCWA Resource Centre's role is to coordinate, develop, research issues and distribute information and resources, as well as seeking opportunities to reach the community.

Some key activities of the last 12 months included:

- Maintaining the GSCWA website which now receives an average of 2000 visits per month.
- Preparing the monthly GSCWA newsletter "Gene Advocate" and distributing it to members and key organisations to raise awareness about genetic support issues. At present, there is a circulation list of over 300 which will be increased to approximately 600 in the first quarter of 2004/2005.
- Providing information displays on the GSCWA and its members at libraries and shopping centres throughout the Perth metropolitan area. This has resulted in some 700 pamphlets/information sheets being distributed through this process.
- Ongoing distribution of promotional key events for members and facilitating workshops and information sharing
- Compilation of links to information on genetic conditions and contact data on Genetic Support Groups
- Maintaining a Resource Centre that includes information on Genetic Support Groups such as pamphlets, brochures and leaflets about their services as well as books and videos about genetic conditions
- Advising Genetic Support Groups of possible funding sources.

- Maintaining a range of people resources that individuals may find helpful e.g. genetic counselling, financial assistance, parenting support and carer support services.
- Maintaining a wide range of links to sites that can provide well documented information on genetic conditions. Currently approximately 1300 genetic conditions can be researched through this process.

KRISTINA JOHNS
Resource Officer

WHAT'S IN THE FUTURE FOR THE GSCWA



Continued advances in genetic technology will be accompanied by complex issues for Genetic Support Groups and individuals with genetic conditions and their families. This will no doubt, increase the pressure on Genetic Support Groups and the demands on their services.

It is already apparent, that the Genetic Support Council WA has increasing demands in the following areas:

- With the increased awareness of the role of the GSCWA as a peak body by health professionals, the genetic scientific community, Genetic Support Groups and individuals with genetic conditions and their families, demands on GSCWA services and participation by the Council is increasing. The GSCWA is now well recognised, both in Western Australia and nationally as a credible consumer representative and advocate for Genetic Support Groups.
- Services to member Genetic Support Groups, particularly in practical areas, are increasing. This is generally due to members being more familiar with the services the Council offers and the increased membership.
- Limited resources across the sector continue to impact on individuals with genetic conditions and predispositions and Genetic Support Groups. This has resulted in increased demand on the GSCWA to assist where possible.

In the coming year, in addition to maintaining a responsive service to its members, the GSCWA, will focus on a number of other areas, these include:

- Endeavouring to increase community awareness of genetic conditions and the role of Genetic Support Groups. This will commence with the *Genetic Support Group Awareness Day* in August 2004 and followed by again participating in the *Neurological Expo* in November 2004. Continuing regular information stands at libraries and shopping centres will also be a part of this campaign. Additionally, efforts will be made to seek out opportunities throughout the next 12 months, whereby the Council can present a public face.
- Contributing to and commenting on issues relevant to Genetic Support Groups.
- Further developing the reference group of member Genetic Support Groups to identify options for group discussions and forums and opportunities to inform the general public of important issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT



The Board of Management is pleased to present this year's Financial Report which shows that the GSCWA operated within its approved budget and within the contractual requirements of the Western Australian Department of Health Funding Contract. There is an amount of \$2,818 that has been carried over to the 2004/2005 Financial Year that is deferred expenditure which is already committed. Additionally, a further amount of \$23,000 is held in a special projects account.

The GSCWA has received first quarter funding for the Financial Year 2004/2005 from the Western Australian Department of Health of \$30,745 (incl. GST). Full year funding is still being negotiated.



Dated: **3 August 2004**

VICKI MORT
Treasurer

STATEMENT BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The Board has determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board the financial report as set out on pages 15 to 17 presents fairly the financial position of Genetic Support Council WA (Inc) as at 30 June 2004 and its performance for the period ended on that date, in accordance with the basis of accounting as described in Note 1 of the Financial Statements.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board made at its monthly Board of Management Meeting on the 3 August 2004.



Dated: **3 August 2004**

PROFESSOR CHARLES WATSON
Chairperson



VICKI MORT
Treasurer

AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF GENETIC SUPPORT COUNCIL WA (INC).

Scope

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report, comprising the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance and Notes to the Financial Statements of Genetic Support Council WA (Inc) for the period ended 30 June 2004 as set out pages 4 to 11 of the Auditor's Report.

The Board of Management is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Constitution and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of Genetic Support Council WA (Inc). No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Board's financial reporting requirements under the Constitution. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the Association to maintain an effective system of internal control over donations, subscriptions and other fund raising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to fund raising was limited to amounts recorded.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitation discussed in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2004 and the results of its operations for the year then ended and the manner in which the grant funds have been expended.

DRY KIRKNESS
Chartered Accountants

Dated: 3 August 2004
West Perth


Partner

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

	2004	2003
INCOME		
Operating income		
Funds transferred from Health Consumer Council	-	119,179
Add unspent fund brought forward	59,000	-
Less unspent funds carried forward	23,000	(59,000)
	36,000	60,179
Grant received – DOH 2002/03	112,727	110,800
Forum and Seminar fees		227
Printing	330	329
Other	80	1,000
Interest	2,163	2,088
Donations	1,000	-
	152,300	174,623
Non Recurrent Income		
Capital grant received	-	20,474
Unamortised balance brought forward	14,146	-
Less unamortised	(9,572)	(14,146)
	4,574	6,328
Total Income	\$ 156,874	\$ 180,951
 EXPENDITURE		
Accounting	600	600
Advertising	254	374
Audit	1,000	1,000
Bank charges	1,053	764
Catering	754	1,067
Computer costs	3,011	8,445
Conferences & training	840	1,669
Depreciation	6,551	4,823
Forums & events	175	2,226
Insurance	3,272	2,957
Leave entitlements	170	2,192
Library	273	1,267
Licences & permits	107	-
Loss on disposal of assets	-	510
Member support grants paid	2,367	1,000
Membership Subscriptions	1,133	1,206
Miscellaneous	-	149
Newspapers	364	203
Office supplies	6,283	9,041
Photocopying	500	401
Postage & courier	1,700	930
Printing	-	524
Rent	9,457	9,405
Repairs & maintenance	100	10
Salaries & Wages	101,708	88,710
Sundry equipment	8	1,899
Superannuation	9,154	7,984
Telephone	2,299	3,182
Travel & entertaining	923	6,188
Total Expenses	\$ 154,056	\$ 158,726

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	NOTES	2004 \$	2003 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	3	50,669	80,428
Accounts receivable	4	-	1,100
Prepayments	5	1,209	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>51,878</u>	<u>81,528</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant & Equipment	6	12,756	19,307
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		<u>12,756</u>	<u>19,307</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>64,634</u>	<u>100,835</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	7	3,730	2,345
Provision for employee entitlements	8	3,289	3,119
Deferred income	9	32,572	73,146
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITES		<u>39,591</u>	<u>78,610</u>
NET ASSETS/(DEFICIENCY)		<u>\$ 25,043</u>	<u>\$ 22,225</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	10	<u>\$ 25,043</u>	<u>\$ 22,225</u>

*This statement should be read in conjunction
with the accompanying notes*

ACCOMPANYING NOTES

	2004	2003
NOTE 3: CASH ASSETS		
Cash at bank - Cheque account	10,497	23,307
- Investment account	39,077	57,021
- Donations account	995	-
Petty Cash	100	100
	<u>\$ 50,669</u>	<u>\$ 80,428</u>
NOTE 4: RECEIVABLES		
Debtors	-	1,100
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,100</u>
NOTE 5: PREPAYMENTS		
Prepaid expenses	1,209	-
	<u>\$ 1,209</u>	<u>-</u>
NOTE 6: PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Plant & equipment – cost	24,130	24,130
Accumulated depreciation	(11,374)	(4,823)
	<u>\$ 12,756</u>	<u>\$ 19,307</u>
NOTE 7: PAYABLES		
Creditors & accruals	3,730	2,345
	<u>\$ 3,730</u>	<u>\$ 2,345</u>
NOTE 8: PROVISIONS CURRENT		
Provision for employee entitlements	3,289	3,119
	<u>\$ 3,289</u>	<u>\$ 3,119</u>
NOTE 9: DEFERRED INCOME		
Deferred income	9,572	14,146
Unspent grants	23,000	59,000
	<u>\$ 32,572</u>	<u>\$ 73,146</u>
NOTE 10: ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Accumulated funds/(deficit) at beginning of year	22,225	-
Accumulated funds/(deficit) for the year	2,818	22,225
Accumulated funds/(deficit) at end of year	<u>\$ 25,043</u>	<u>\$ 22,225</u>

NOTE 10: COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Genetic Support Council WA (Inc) was incorporated on 1 December 2001 but did not commence trading in its own right until 1 July 2002. Prior to that date the operations were conducted by the Health Consumers Council. Funding for day to day operations by the Department of Health was paid to the Health Consumers Council and unspent funds at 30 June 2002 were transferred to the Genetic Support Council on 2 July 2002.