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About Us

Our Vision

To be the pre-eminent voice and leader of evaluation in Australasia.

Our Mission

To see rigorous evaluation as central to policy development, program design and service delivery.

Our Values

In December 2000 the AES adopted a Code of Ethics to guide its activities and the behaviour of members. In essence the guiding principle is that when commissioning, conducting or reporting an evaluation, members should strive to uphold the ethical principles and associated procedures endorsed by the AES in the Guidelines for the Ethical Conduct of Evaluations.

Our Work

The Australasian Evaluation Society (AES) is the primary Australasian professional organisation for people involved in evaluation including evaluation practitioners, managers, teachers and students of evaluation, and other interested individuals.

It has over 1000 members involved in all aspects of evaluation and performance measurement. The AES is governed by a Board of members and managed by an Executive Officer and staff.

Members represent diverse areas of evaluation practice and sectors and meet regularly through regional networks, committees, and Special Interest Groups. The AES offers professional development through an annual international conference and regular workshops and seminars.

Aims of the AES

The aims of the AES are to improve the theory, practice and the use of evaluation through:

- establishing and promoting ethics and standards in evaluation practice as a service to the community of evaluators and users of evaluations
- encouraging advances in the theory and practice of evaluation by publishing such advances and by recognising outstanding contributions
- providing education and training in matters related to evaluation
- providing forums for networking and the discussion of ideas including society publications, seminars, workshops and conferences
- acting as an advocate for evaluation and encouraging understanding about the use and application of evaluation
- linking members who have similar evaluation interests, and
- other activities consistent with this aim.

Members' Benefits

Recognition and Support

Belonging to the premier professional evaluation organisation in Australia and New Zealand, with a network of more than 1000 practitioners involved in all aspects of evaluative enquiry and performance measurement.

Professional learning opportunities

Opportunities to learn from the leading expert local and international evaluators through the annual conferences, professional learning activities available across Australia and New Zealand. Keep up-to-date through our publications, workshops, seminars, discussion groups and conferences.

Networking

Make contacts with colleagues in evaluation by joining in regional group meetings and other activities for training, networking and discussion of current evaluation topics.

Publications

Receive AES publications, including the Evaluation Journal of Australasia and the Guidelines for the Ethical Conduct of Evaluations.

Members' centre

Have electronic access to information and resources for members only, including the latest issue of the Evaluation Journal of Australasia, issues of e-news, and access to the Directory of AES members.

AES Awards for Excellence in Evaluation

Submit nominations for the prestigious AES Awards for Excellence in Evaluation.

Consultants' directory

You can profile your evaluation services and consultancy through our online Consultants' directory and receive tender information made available to the AES.

Annual International Evaluation Conference

Stay in touch with the latest trends and issues in evaluation through the annual AES International Conference, for which members receive advance notice and discount registration fees.

International links

Be part of an international network of evaluation societies.

Discounts on professional services

Leading insurance broker, Aon, provides AES members a 15% discount off the standard consultants' insurance rate for Professional Indemnity and Public Liability Insurance.

Our Priorities

- Further develop a body of knowledge in evaluation
- Increase and further enhance membership services and governance
- Further develop and consolidate professional learning
- Strategies for quality assurance
- Strategies for advocacy and influence with governments in Australia and NZ
- Strategies to advance indigenous evaluation
- Strategies to advance the evaluation capacity development in the Asia/Pacific Region
- Strategies to engage the non-government sector
- Strategies to engage with academic institutions

President's Report

Dear Colleagues

It is my pleasure to commend to you the Annual Report for the Australasian Evaluation Society for 2011/2012. This has been a momentous year for the AES!

The AES at this time is a strong, member association, with an active presence in New Zealand and Australia to promote evaluation practice, theory and impact. Across our membership is a diversity of program managers, in government and non-government organisations, policy makers, academics and private practitioners. The common thread is our commitment to evaluation making a positive contribution in the various fields in which we operate.

Through several Special Interest Groups, Conference Committees, Regional Groups and various Member Committees the expertise and enthusiasm of the AES members can be clearly seen. During this year, a fundamental review of the committee and groups structures has been completed, to provide optimum ways for member participation in the life of the Society. I would like to acknowledge the contributions made from the many volunteers in the AES who have offered their time and expertise towards the achievements outline in this Annual Report.

Strategically, the AES is keen to forge greater awareness of evaluation in the wider industry, policy and government spheres in which our members operate. Our Conferences have been premier events to showcase the scope of evaluation expertise and to explore the importance of sound, ethical and informed evaluation practice. We held a remarkable conference in Sydney in 2011, and will shortly meet in Adelaide for what promises to be an outstanding 2012 conference: both events have raised the AES profile and engaged with governments and stakeholders in their respective areas. The AES Journal continues as a well-respected repository of emerging innovation in practice and examples of quality in evaluation practice.

Knowledge and skill transfer is one of the key benefits the AES offers to members. This year, a deliberate effort to strategically plan and coordinate a series of workshops throughout New Zealand and Australia has been established, in consultation with Regional Groups and the Professional Learning Committee. We have been fortunate to secure the services of many notable presenters, drawing often from within the talent of the AES membership. It is pleasing to see so many attendees at these workshops and the AES will continue to build and develop this program of professional learning.

Major achievements for the AES this year have also been in the relocation of our office to Melbourne, being co-located with the Centre for Program Evaluation at University of Melbourne, and the refinement of our internal systems and, in particular, the overhaul of the AES website. The diligence and talent of our Executive Officer, and the staff team is a vital support for the AES.

As my Presidency comes to a conclusion, I look back on the maturing of the AES as an organisation and as a stronger member association, with many and varied opportunities for evaluators to become involved. I see the profile of the AES in the wider stakeholder environment becoming stronger and the ability of the AES to conduct activities in collaboration with others has been enhanced. While I sense an awareness across AES at all levels of the importance of appropriately engaging with indigenous evaluators, I am conscious that we have much more work to do in this regard.

Finally, I have had the pleasure of being reminded constantly during my time as President of the strengths within the AES that lie in its people: in many fields of work, in many places and many ways, there are evaluators doing wonderful things, and I am proud to be associated with all of you.

Best wishes

Alan Woodward
AES President

Executive Officer's Report

2011 – 12 has been a challenging but rewarding year. The establishment of the AES office and staff, the re-development of the website, the launch of the revised committees and working groups, the development of the core workshops pilot program and a database of AES endorsed trainers have set a bedrock upon which 2012-13 can continue to build service, programs and financial sustainability.

AES Office and Staff

A major development this year has been the employment of staff and the establishment of the AES office in Melbourne. The Executive Officer position commenced in July 2011 and was joined by an Administration and Membership Manager in September 2011. In May 2012 the latter position was replaced with a Membership and Communications Manager and joined by a Workshops Coordinator.

The AES moved into office space at the Centre for Program Evaluation (CPE) at the Melbourne Graduate School of Education at the University of Melbourne. This arrangement places the AES team in an environment whose main focus is evaluation, a location many members know and visit and with great office facilities. Transferring the AES infrastructure necessitated comprehensive reviews and upgrades to internal processes and operational systems especially the finance, communication and events registration systems. Although an ongoing priority much of this has been addressed through the re-development of the website.

New AES Website

When members log-on to the new AES website they now have access to their own Members centre with improved functionality and increased interactivity, while non-members can more easily navigate the site and access information about the AES and our services.

As well as the regular features of the AES website such as the online renewals, the AES members listing, the Evaluation Consultants Directory, access to EJA and past conference papers, advertising of positions vacant and evaluation tenders, new features include; a comprehensive events calendar with online registration and payment processing; online forums/blogs for regions and SIG's; a 'contact us' facility, and the ability of members to easily manage their membership and contact information and track their events attendance and much more.

For the AES office the new website represents an upgrade of many of the operational systems and processes and opportunities for more improvements in 2012-13.

Committees and Working Groups

The inaugural AES Leaders Forum in September 2011 undertook a review of the Board committees and general governance advisory structures. This review resulted in the launch of seven committees and three working groups. Board endorsed fifty-three nominations from members from across all regions of the AES including ten from New Zealand.

AES Trainers Database and Core Skills Workshop Program

Establishing a core, recurrent series of workshops was a key objective for the AES in 2011-12. Five core workshop topics have been approved and ten trainers have been selected for delivery of the pilot program.

Maria Eliadis
July 2012

AES Life Members and Fellows

The Fellows undertake two key functions for the AES; the formal Fellows Selection Committee manages the nominations of Fellows and makes recommendations to the Board, while the AES Fellows Group plans Fellow activities. 2011-2012 has been a year of review and transition for the AES Fellows Committee and Group similar to that of all the AES committees.

In late 2011 the Fellows Committee recommended to the Board a review of the Fellows Policy which is pending; a re-structure of the Fellows Selection Committee that would result in the Selection Committee coming under the Awards and Recognition Working Group, while the Fellows Group would function as a special interest group of active Fellows.

Fellows Selection Committee

No new nominations for Fellows were received and in light of the review of the AES governance structures the Fellows committee did not formally meet in 2012.

AES Fellows Group and the AES International Conferences

Four Fellows (out of eleven) attended the 2011 Sydney Conference and met to nominate Fellows for the Committee for 2012, discuss changes to the policy, plan the Fellows Forum and present the Fellows Forum in what was a typically eclectic style but one that was well received and invoked lively discussion.

Appreciation is extended to the Fellows who helped in the review of abstracts for the 2011 conference. Colin Sharp began work early on the participation of Fellows in the 2012 Adelaide Conference.

Life Members

Professor Anona Armstrong
Ian Trotman

AES Fellows

Anona Armstrong, Victoria
Darrel Caulley, Victoria
Sue Funnell, New South Wales
Penny Hawkins, Wellington
John Owen, Victoria
Ralph Stratton, Western Australia

Chris Milne, New South Wales
Colin Sharp, South Australia
Ian Trotman, Wellington
Jerome Winston, Victoria
Yoland Wadsworth, Victoria

AES Awards for Excellence

One of the highlights of the AES calendar has traditionally been the announcement of the Evaluation Awards for Excellence at the Conference Dinner. This year was no exception.

Community Development Award

The Awards Committee recommend that the Community Development Award be awarded



Pictured: John Donnelly (l) receiving the Community Development award for 2011 from Alan Woodward (r) AES President

for *The End of Project Evaluation: Bobonaro Early Childhood Care and Development Project*, sponsored by World Vision and conducted by Dr. John Donnelly.

The nomination was for a first class, cooperative evaluation of a community development project in the Pacific. The evaluator worked closely with the local communities using methods that were respectful, collaborative and inclusive. The sponsor reported that the tools were both “culturally appropriate ... user friendly and encourage participation.” The methods were derived from leading edge Appreciative Inquiry approaches and Participatory Rural Appraisal techniques. Multiple data sources were used and brought together in an excellent example of triangulation.

The report was clear and concise. The limitations of the evaluation were clearly articulated as caveats early in the report. The evaluation

demonstrated a transparent process, with all of the conclusions drawn firmly from the available evidence.

It was clear that the evaluation made a strong contribution to capacity building in Timor Leste. The project is an exemplar of a community development evaluation that other evaluators could use to inform and improve their own practice.

Best Evaluation Study Award

The Awards Committee recommend that the Best Evaluation Study Award for 2011 be awarded for *The Evaluation of the Victorian Bushfire Case Management Service* Sponsored by Department of Human Services, Victoria and conducted by Urbis: Claire Grealy, Duncan Rintoul, Jessie Connell, Ginette Anile, Christine Healy, Dr Gail Winkworth & Dr Kristen Murray.

The nomination was for an evaluation of a service provided in an emergency. The evaluation was conducted while the service was in operation, requiring high sensitivity, confidentiality and speed. The evaluators dealt with the challenges in an exemplary fashion, keeping their heads and looking to the bigger picture in an urgent and highly sensitive crisis. The evaluation design was innovative, and well-crafted using rapid response principles well adapted to the needs of the program.

The methods and instruments were carefully designed to be sensitive to the needs and vulnerabilities of the program participants, many of whom were disempowered and suffering significant stress. Multiple methods and data sources were used to provide triangulation and to test the data. The quality assurance mechanisms were carefully considered and developed to support the evaluation's objectives. The evaluation reports and literature review have made a significant contribution to the evaluation of crisis case management.



Pictured: Claire Grealy (r) receiving the award for Best Evaluation Study award for 2011 from Alan Woodward (l) AES President

The evaluation developed models to improve evaluation practice and scholarship and added to the evidence base of what works in emergency case management. The recommendations in the three reports were immediately applicable and operationalised with minimal burden to the large workforce. The evaluation was an example of the highest quality of evaluation practice in its use of, and application of, evaluation theory, principles, methods and practice.

Awards Committee

David Roberts (chair)
April Bennett

Jerome Winston
Yoland Wadsworth Ellen Vasilauskas

Conference Support Grants



Pictured: 2011 Conference Support Grant recipients at the Sydney conference dinner

As part of the AES' Indigenous evaluation strategy, each year we award Conference Support Grants to emerging evaluators from the Australasian region. These grants provide financial assistance to enable them to attend the annual AES International conference.

The 2012 winners are:

Seini Jensen (New Zealand)	Peter Djigurr (Australia – unable to attend)
James Heimuli (New Zealand)	Simone Baker (Australia) Otto Campion (Australia)
Christina Newport (Cook Islands)	Katrina Douglas (Australia – unable to attend)

Sponsors

Sponsors this year were: the Office of Indigenous Policy Coordinator, Performance Evaluation Branch, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs; ARTD Consultants; Colmar Brunton; the Northern Institute, Charles Darwin University; Maburra Consulting; and Roberts Evaluation Pty Ltd.

Assessment criteria

In response to issues arising from last year's assessment process the Conference Support Grants Committee revised the application form and reviewed the assessment criteria. As a result, the guidelines for the 2012 grants had a clearer definition of 'emerging evaluator' and a tighter focus on developing evaluation skills for practice in Indigenous-specific contexts.

Looking ahead

Options for broadening the range of strategies for building Indigenous evaluation capacity will be explored in collaboration with members of the new Indigenous Strategy committee.

Support Grants Committee 2012:

Silvia Cosier (chair)	Amohia Boulton	June Lennie	Eliza Pross
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Committees and Working Groups

Activities of the AES Board are undertaken by committees and working groups (as stated in the AES Constitution item 19).

In March 2012 the AES Board moved forward with the process of renewing the AES structures by inviting members to nominate for the re-constituted committees and working groups. A review of the AES governance structures in September 2011 resulted in a revision of existing committees and development of some new committees and working groups. The review resulted in the confirmation of seven committees and three working groups.

In March 2012 members were invited to nominate for participation in a committee or working group. 58 members nominated, with some nominating for more than one committee. This resulted in a total of 65 committee and/or working group memberships. For nearly half of those participating, it is their first time on an AES committee or working group.

Committees and working groups are defined as follows:

- Committee – has a policy input role and therefore is principally concerned with providing member and expert advice to the Board on policy questions
- Working Group – has delegated authority to oversee the implementation of a specified AES activity, within a policy framework and accountabilities that the Board determines.

The committees and working groups have embarked on a process of reviewing the terms of reference and developing work plans. The work plans will contribute to setting organisational priorities at the 2012 Leaders Forum in Adelaide.

Conference Organising Committee

The role of the Conference Organising Committee is to plan, organise and run the annual International AES conference, with the support and subsequent approval of the AES Board.

Finance & Audit Committee

The Finance and Audit Committee will assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with regard to financial management of the AES, the management of risk, and the conduct of audit requirements.

Membership Committee

The role of the Membership Committee is to advise the Board on: an appropriate membership strategy to maximise AES member satisfaction and member participation in the activities of the organisation, to report on trends relating to member numbers, categories (government, consultant etc), areas of interest, to advice on policy relating to regional groups, SIGs, and the resources and support required for these groups to effectively meet member interests.

Ethics & Professional Practice Committee

To enable the AES to define and promote ethical evaluation practice in Australasia, and to advise the Board on the professional standards and ethical guidelines that should apply to AES members.

Indigenous Strategy Committee

The role of the Indigenous Strategy Committee is to work closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, Maori and Pacific peoples to: promote sound, respectful and appropriate practice of evaluation; engage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Maori and Pacific peoples in evaluation practice; enhance ethical evaluation processes; and strengthen the evaluation capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Maori and Pacific peoples. (DRAFT)

Professional Learning Committee

The role of the Professional Learning Committee is to guide and advise the Executive Officer and the AES Board in order to promote the Society's leadership in professional learning in evaluation and to guide the development, promotion and implementation of an annual program of professional learning activities in evaluation.

Strategic Engagement Committee

The purpose of Strategic Engagement Committee is to support the AES by focusing on the Strategic priorities of: advocacy and influencing; relationship with ANZEA; evaluation capacity development in the Asia/Pacific region; engaging with the government and non-government sectors; and engaging academic institutions.

Marketing Working Group

Develop strategies and campaigns for the effective profiling and promotion of the AES, its services and benefits to a variety of audiences, which aim to most effectively contribute to achievement of the objectives of the AES Strategic Plan. (Working Group not yet convened.)

Evaluation Journal & Publications Working Group

The role of this group is to lead and coordinate high quality content development for the Journal, including oversight of the editorial processes and academic rigour for the selection of journal papers, and to lead and support the management, editorial guidance, revenue and stakeholder engagement of the AES Journal and other publications.

Awards & Recognition Working Group

The role of the group is to coordinate the annual AES Awards for Excellence in Evaluation and the nominations process for elevation to Fellow of the AES ensuring integrity in the selection criteria and rigor in the selection processes and make recommendations to the Board for recipients of an Award as well as members for elevation to the status of Fellow of the AES. (DRAFT)

2011 Sydney Conference

The Sydney Conference was held from 29th August to 2nd September 2011. With over 530 delegates registered, it was the largest ever AES conference.

Through the theme of ***Evaluation and Influence***, we were able to attract the following keynote speakers: Penny Hawkins Professor, Markin Chair in Health and Society AHFMR Health Scientist, University of Calgary, Canada; Sandra Nutley, Professor of Public Management, University of Edinburgh, Scotland; Stewart Donaldson, Professor and Chair of Psychology, Director of the Institute of Organizational and Program Evaluation Research, USA. From Australia we featured Patricia Rogers, Professor of Public Sector Evaluation, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Ian Anderson, Director, Onemda VicHealth Koori Health Unit, University of Melbourne, and, Peter Shergold Macquarie Group Foundation Professor the Centre for Social Impact, UNSW.



Pictured: L-R Maria Eliadis (EO), Annette Michaux (2011 Conference Convenor), Alan Woodward (President)

The conference mixed short presentations, mini workshops and symposia, with networking opportunities. One of the emerging trends of AES conferences is the growth in people from overseas attending, the diverse mix of scholars, policy makers, practitioners and advocates drawn together to discuss evaluation, as well as the growth of attendees from the non-profit sector.

The conference evaluation showed that it was a very successful event, mostly meeting the learning needs and expectations of new evaluators and experts alike. Areas for improvement were to allow more time for interactions between the audience and presenters and ensure good opportunities for networking.

The conference was possible because of a number of AES members who volunteered their precious time to make it happen and the dedication, expertise and support of the Conference Organising Committee, the AES Board, Judy Pearce at the AES office and Arinex, the Conference Managers.

Special Interest Groups

Realist Evaluation and Realist Synthesis

Gill Westhorp stepped down as SIG convenor at the end of August to have more time for Adelaide AES conference preparation; Margaret McDonald and Emma Williams became co-convenors for 2011/12, but Gill continued to make substantial contributions. Due to changes in AES trainer registration, it was not possible to provide a Realist Evaluation AES training workshop this year (in spite of spirited efforts). However, a newsletter was prepared and sent out to members, to keep them updated on publications and international developments in Realist Evaluation and Realist Synthesis. A number of new members joined the SIG at the Sydney conference, and four other members have since joined, demonstrating continuing interest in the area. Margaret McDonald stepped down as co-convenor at the end of the financial year.

Looking Ahead

A two day Realist Evaluation workshop is scheduled for Canberra on 11 and 12 October, and another newsletter will go out to members before then. It is anticipated that a master class and potentially other training will be held in 2013. A new co-convenor will be sought at a meeting of RERS SIG members at the Adelaide conference, where a number of realist papers are being presented.

Performance Management

Since its formation in September 2011, the Performance Measurement SIG has shown modest growth and activity. During the year we have:

- Grown from an initial membership of 19 to 26 as at June 30 2012
- Developed an initial wiki (designed to be overtaken by the official AES web page)
- Distributed information about performance measurement literature, events and jobs
- Facilitated the presentation of a symposium to be held at the Adelaide conference.

Looking Ahead

In the next 12 months, it is hoped that the SIG can be put on a firmer footing with more participation from members. There is also interest in holding webinars, and this will be further investigated. The development of the AES web site will assist in these developments

Eval-Tech

The objectives of the SIG are to develop capacity among evaluators to evaluate programs and program elements that use information technology-based platforms (eg web-based self-help or counselling tools, mobile applications, SMS-based reminder systems, viral videos, conversations on social media) and to effectively use contemporary information technologies in evaluation methodologies.

This year the SIG has grown from 15 to over 50 members. There is a consistent and meaningful flow of e-mail on the SIG email list. Members use the forum to share information, resources and to seek peer input. A web based repository of relevant published evaluations, resources and links has been established and is updated regularly. In June, Andrew Hawkins (ARTD) presented on how to evaluate websites for the NSW AES gathering. The

slides have been uploaded to our webpage and a video of the presentation uploaded to YouTube.

Looking Ahead

Looking ahead the SIG aims to meet face to face at the AES meeting to review the first year and assess willingness and interest in a range of possibilities for further developing the SIG to meet the needs of AES members and achieve its objectives. Likely avenues include engaging Google in discussion of Web Analytics tools for behaviour change programs, and seeking opportunities for cross-pollination with other disciplines.

AES Regions

Canberra

Susan Garner, Canberra Convenor from late 2009, stepped down at the end of 2011, and Emma Williams took on the position in January, with two deputies, John Stoney focusing on events and Julie Elliott focusing on strategic direction – although in practice many committee members contribute to both. A number of committee members stepped down in 2011-12, including Graham Smith who had served on the committee for a decade; more new members have come on, all committed to building a strong community of evaluation practice in Canberra. In early 2012, the Canberra AES branch committed to a two year program of trialling new professional development formats to better address the diverse needs of local members. A member survey sent out by Mira Lose in June 2012 confirmed the diversity of members' interests. Inspired at times by other regional convenors willing to share their experience of 'what works' regionally and building on the continuing Canberra tradition of 'Hot Issue Breakfasts' and the innovative Christmas event, new formats in 2012 have included lunch-time 'brown bag' skill-building seminars, an after-work 'hot issue' discussion, a local newsletter, a special event built around a visiting expert, and new alliances.

Activities

5 Hot Issues, 55 participants
4 Seminars & Events, 46 participants
3 Workshops, 60 participants

Looking Ahead

All 2011/12 activities are planned to continue in 2012-2013, and an 'Evaluation Book Club' is being launched in July. A July strategic planning session facilitated by Carolyn Page and attended by Maria Eliadis as well as Canberra committee members is likely to result in working groups to achieve strategic directions. Joint presentations with the Canberra Evaluation Forum are planned, as well as regularly scheduled joint events with the Statistical Society of Australia (SSAI). A roundtable facilitated by Canberra committee members at the AES conference in Adelaide on 'what works regionally' may reveal yet more ideas that can be put into practice in 2012-2013.

Committee Members 11/12

Emma Williams (Convenor)	Kim Grey
John Stoney (Co-deputy)	Greg Bowen
Julie Elliott (Co-deputy)	Mira Lose
Graham Smith (resigned in early 2012)	Stephen Horn
Nicki Mazur	Susan Garner

New South Wales

The NSW committee did not formally meet through 2011/12. The NSW representative, Ben Barnes, has been liaising with local members and working with the AES office on local events.

Activities

During 2011/12 NSW held three seminars, with attendances between 10 and 30 per meeting and hosted one successful workshop.

Looking Ahead

In 2013, NSW will engage with other regions and explore how best to approach addressing professional issues and how to advance the strategic objectives of the AES at the regional level.

Queensland

The Queensland Committee has used the early preparation of the 2013 Conference in Brisbane as a vehicle for engaging members and supporters by involving them in discussions about the conference theme and expanding opportunities to contribute to conference planning. An Indigenous Reference Group and a Regional Reference Group for the conference have been established.

In August 2011 the Queensland committee developed the Queensland Action Plan to implement the AES National Strategy, which has provided clear direction for local activities. This plan has been regularly reviewed and updated. We have maintained a strong regular professional development program with high numbers of participants at most of our lunchtime seminars.

We have worked on developing partnerships with the Queensland branch of the Institute of Public Administration Australia and the Queensland Community Foundation, running a workshop jointly with the former and a breakfast for grant recipients with the latter. The committee held a social function for supporters in December at Australian Red Cross headquarters and established a relationship with the Centre for Philanthropic and Non-profit Studies at Queensland University of Technology.

Activities

10 Lunchtime seminars, 380 participants
1 Workshop, 17 participants
1 Networking breakfast, 20 participants

Looking Ahead

Our aim for 2012/13 is to establish networks of members and supporters in order to develop the capacity of evaluation and engage with the not-for-profit sector, academia and Indigenous evaluators, while developing interest and enthusiasm to attend the 2013 AES Conference. We will continue to implement strategies from our Action Plan and encourage new people to join the committee.

Committee Members 2011/12

Silvia Cosier (2013 Conference Program Coordinator)
Jo Durham (Professional Development Convenor)
Mark Griffin Taryn Mungur
June Lennie Linda Newman
Jill White Catherine Ryan
Marion Norton (Regional Convenor and Chair, 2013 Conference Committee)

South Australia

The South Australian Branch of the AES has, this year, focussed on preparations for the 2012 Conference, to be hosted in Adelaide in August 2012. At the time of writing this report, the program is looking strong and registrations are on target. Plans for some innovations in the conference, including overseas presentations by video conference, introduction of social media and an Indigenous World Café session are proceeding apace.

Given the small size of the Branch and the focus on the conference, the committee decided to reduce seminars to bi-monthly for the year, and to adopt a focus on capacity building and on evaluation in Government. The main innovation in the seminar program was a joint seminar with the Australian Association for Quality – SA Branch. The topic “Which matters more: the evaluation of quality or the quality of the evaluation?” provided scope for introduction of concepts from each organisation along with humour and some provocative thoughts. The seminar was well received and plans for future collaborative efforts are underway. Other seminar topics over the year included ‘The Role of Evaluation in Government’; ‘Evaluating the Victorian Child and Family Service System Reforms – what can we learn?’, and ‘A Skilled Labour Force for South Australia –how will we know if we have met the challenge?’.

Activities

The monthly seminars attracted between around 15 and 45 participants, but accurate numbers were not collected.

Looking Ahead

Looking ahead, the SA Branch plans to host the conference, take a deep breath, and then reconvene to plan the way forward at local level.

Committee Members 2011/12

Gill Westhorp (Regional Representative and Co-convenor, 2012 AES conference)
Bronte Koop (Co-Convenor, State Branch and Co-convenor, 2012 AES conference)
John Pilla (Seminar Program Convenor)
Don Allan Evan Hill
Gail Kinnane Bronny Walsh
Anne Bosio John Collins
Jo Baulderstone

Tasmania

The AES Tasmanian Branch continues to operate as the Tasmanian Evaluation Interest Group (TEIG) a loosely-formed network of people who are interested to receive notices on evaluation seminars. The primary goal of the group has been to generate interest in evaluation practice through providing regular, free, lunch-time seminar for AES and non-AES members alike.

Activities

In the last 12 months, the TEIG has provided seven free, lunch-time seminars in Hobart. Many of the topics were on evaluation methods, data analysis methods, including a workshop by Jerome Winston in May 2012.

Looking Ahead

The TEIG is keen to continue to provide free lunch time seminars and have two seminars planned for 2012. However, the future of the group is unclear due to limited resources.

Victoria

Victoria continued to conduct its monthly seminar series exploring a diverse range of topics relevant to evaluation combined with opportunities for networking with other members.

The Victorian Committee also developed the proposal, and played a major role in planning of the visit of Terry Smutylo to undertake three very successful workshops on Outcome Mapping, 2 in Melbourne, and one in Canberra a public seminar organised with Oxfam, a seminar with AusAID.

The committee also organised two sub-committees to support the AES strategic plan one looking at advocacy and influencing, to focus on the public sector, and the second looking at NGO engagement, working with the NGO community in Victoria to explore areas of mutual interest in relation to evaluation.

Activities

10 seminars with approximately 400 to 500 participants in total.
3 workshops with 75 participants.

Looking Ahead

In 2012-13, the Victorian Committee intends to continue with the seminar program and advance activities conducted by its two sub-committees. The committee is exploring social media options to publicise seminars and other activities, in addition to the possibility of a broader range of presentation/engagement formats.

Committee Members 2012/12

Joint Regional Representatives – Farida Fleming and Ian Patrick

Tracey Delaney	Stefan Kaufman
Euan Lockie	Lee-Anne Molony
Jo Norman	Emma Pritchard
Anthea Rutter	Jia Zhen

Wellington

This year has been very much business as usual for the Wellington regional committee. We have continued with our lunchtime seminars and hosted international presenters. These presenters included Jan Noga from Pathfinder Evaluation and Consulting in Cincinnati, Ohio who delivered a well-received one day workshop on Systems thinking for evaluation practice in August 2011. Prof Bob Picciotto ran a lunchtime discussion seminar on Evaluation in a networked society.

The Wellington regional committee of AES and Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Association (anzea) also supported Lynette O'Donoghue to attend the 2012 anzea conference. Lynette is a quality improvement facilitator and Aboriginal evaluator, based at the Menzies School of Health Research in the Northern Territory.

Activities

Over the year we have run seven lunchtime seminars and two workshops. We have averaged between 20-30 people at each event.



Nea Harrison, Thereza Penna Firme, Lynette O'Donoghue at the anzea conference

Looking Ahead

In the next year we are looking to develop a stronger relationship with anzea, and to engage and serve Wellington members better. We are also looking to engage and serve Wellington members better: through the proposed member survey and conference?

Committee Members 2011/12

Anne Alkema	Sally Faisandier	
Brett Lineham	Jenny Neale	
Mathea Roorda	Liz Smith	David Turner

Western Australia

The WA committee met in February 2012 and developed plans for series of seminars that due to overwhelming work commitments did not eventuate. WA continues to enjoy a solid partnership with IPPA-WA which whom they offered two workshops in 2011-12.

Activities

WA delivered two joint workshops in partnership with IPAA-WA which attracted 23 registrations.

Looking Ahead

The WA committee are keen to continue to the partnership with IPAA-WA and offer more workshops and seminars.

Committees Members 2011/12

Zarin Salter	Cate Brooks	Nolan Stephenson
Rick Cummings	Desiree Nangle	Lesley Millar
Gaye Mackenzie	Carina Calzoni	

Northern Territory

The NT Regional Group was active in 2011/12 and attracted a large number of new members and supporters. The 2012 theme was 'Participatory and cross-cultural evaluation: tools and techniques'. A skills development session was held bi-monthly in a venue with teleconferencing and video conferencing facilities so that regional members could link in. Remote members were sent electronic copies of the PowerPoint presentations and any supporting documents. Venues were provided free of charge by NT members' Organisations. An evaluators network meeting, to share information and ideas and working group meetings was held on the alternate months.

Activities

6 Monthly skills development sessions with 96 participants
5 Networking meetings with 25 participants
3 Evaluation masterclasses, training sessions offered to AES Regional Group by members' organisations with 12 participants.

Looking ahead

The NT Regional Group will continue to provide practical skills based evaluation activities and will continue to develop its focus on including and supporting Regional members in AES Regional activities.

Committee members 2011/12

Alison Rogers and Nea Harrison (co-convenors)	
Elizabeth McDonald	Anja Tait
Pascal Tremblay	Johanna Bell
Jo McGill	

Corporate Governance

How we are governed

A board of management provides overall governance and has ultimate responsibility for the Society's affairs. The Society's strategic and business objectives are achieved through the activities of members participating on various committees and working together with the Board. All committees are committees of the Board and report to the Board.

Accountability of the Board

The Board is accountable to the Society's membership. All members of the Board must adhere to the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act 1991 (Australian Capital Territory) and the provisions set out in the Society's Constitution and Policies.

Appointment of the Board

Following adoption of the new constitution at the Annual General Meeting on 3 September 2009 the Board consists of four named office bearers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) and 2 ordinary board members all elected by the membership. The Board has the discretion to appoint up to 3 ordinary board members, taking into account the overall mix of knowledge, skill and attributes of board members.

This new Board structure came into effect at the 2010 AGM.

Role of the Board

While the Board has overall management and control of the Society, it is subject to the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 and the AES Constitution, and may delegate certain operational powers to committees and regions. All Board positions are unpaid. However, Board members' direct costs of involvement with the Society in pursuing its aims and objectives are reimbursed.

Indemnity of the Board

In accordance with the Association Incorporations Act 1991 and the Society's own policies, the AES has directors' and officers' insurance and professional indemnity for all Board members.

AES Board

President, Alan Woodward

Alan has been a member of the Board on several occasions in the past 10 years – initially as Convenor of the Wollongong International Conference, and then as Chair of the Ethics Committee. Alan acted as Secretary of the AES Board from September 2008 to September 2010.

Alan was elected President in September 2010. Alan is the General Manager, National Services, for Lifeline, a role which involves overseeing the organisation's performance monitoring, national research and evaluation for crisis support, suicide prevention and mental health services. He has previously worked as a private consultant in evaluation, specialising in human services, social policy and community engagement.

Vice President, Anne Markiewicz

Anne Markiewicz is the Director of Anne Markiewicz and Associates, an evaluation consultancy undertaking monitoring and evaluation framework development and designing and implementing evaluations for a range of government and non government clients. Anne has occupied a number of positions within the AES governance structure since 2006, including as Board Secretary and Convenor of the Victorian region. She was elected Vice President in September 2010. During 2010, Anne delivered a national program of training on behalf of the AES in the area of Developing monitoring and evaluation frameworks.

Treasurer, Cheryl Reed

Cheryl joined the Executive Committee in 2008. She is a Director at Ipsos Social Research Institute. Cheryl's professional areas of interest include program evaluations within health, workforce and education programs. Cheryl also specialises in large scale quantitative research and advanced statistical analysis.

Secretary, Mathea Roorda

Mathea is a Director of Evalue Research, an independent evaluation company based in Wellington. Mathea started on the AES Board as a regional representative and has acted as Secretary since 2010. She has 13 years experience in program and policy evaluation. Her first introduction to the AES was the 1999 conference in Perth. Since then she has been active at a regional level, published in the EJA and soaked up opportunities for learning, sharing and networking through AES conferences and workshops. In 2010, Mathea's company was a recipient of the AES Best Evaluation Study award.

Board Meeting Attendance

Alan Woodward	7/7
Anne Markiewicz	6/7
Cheryl Reed	5/7
Mathea Roodra	7/7
Scott Bayley	4/7
April Bennett	6/7
Gill Westthorp	4/5
June Lennie	5/5

AES Finances

The following should be read in conjunction with the Statutory Statements. Statutory Statements are prepared on a full accrual accounting basis and in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT).

Treasurer's Report

Features of the 2011-12 Results

The Society's overall operating result for the year 2011-12 was a deficit of \$49,569 (against a planned deficit of \$55,045) following a surplus of \$22,205 in 2010-11.

The Society has three main sources of income - memberships, workshops and the annual conference. Income from memberships and workshops both increased in 2011-12 against the previous result with membership income up 2.16% (to \$111,777) and surplus from workshops up 49.91% (to \$64,507). The surplus from the annual conference was down 85.88% (to \$11,027). This result was due to a combination of the high surplus from the Wellington Conference and the low surplus from the Sydney Conference.

The 2011-12 financial year saw the culmination of several years planning come to fruition. A stronger focus on the achievement of the Strategic Plan was supported by a new committee structure and greater engagement with the leaders of the Society. The Society has moved from outsourcing its administration on a set fee basis, to the establishment of a new office in Melbourne and the creation of two new employment positions. The Society has launched its new, state-of-the-art website and is currently reviewing its branding. We also have a new approach to resourcing and planning for workshops that is already starting to show dividends. All of these very necessary activities contributed to a planned deficit in 2011-12. The 2012-13 year sees the Society start to consolidate these achievements and brings the budget into surplus.

Overall Result

The net assets of the Society decreased as a consequence of the operating deficit during the year, and now stand at \$182,529 compared with \$232,098 twelve months ago.

Outlook 2012-13

The Society is budgeting for a surplus of \$4,700 in 2012-13. As the Society starts consolidating the changes made in the last 18 months, there will be opportunities to also strengthen income streams through increased efficiencies operations and services. The Society is placing increased scrutiny on how we manage and protect our income streams so that we can continue to implement the vision in the Strategic Plan. The recent establishment of the Finance and Audit Committee gives the Society another level of oversight on financial management and an additional mechanism to ensure the continued financial success of the Society.

The Association's financial statements, including the 2012-23 Budget, and audit report for 2011-12 follow.

Cheryl Reed
August 2012

Budget 2012 – 2013

Income		2012-2013 Budget
Membership		
Renewals Australia	\$	63,000
Renewals New Zealand	\$	12,000
Renewals Other	\$	2,000
New Members Australia	\$	34,000
New Members New Zealand	\$	3,000
New Members Other	\$	1,000
Total Membership	\$	115,000
 Total Bank Interest	 \$	 5,000
Total Interest	\$	5,000
Publications		
EJA Library Subscriptions	\$	2,500
CALS	\$	500
On-Line Consultants Database	\$	10,000
Advertising	\$	2,500
Total Publications	\$	15,500
Workshops		
Workshop Surplus	\$	80,000
Total Workshops	\$	80,000
Conference Income		
Conference Income	\$	30,000
Conference Workshop Income	\$	10,000
Conference Support Grants	\$	5,000
Total Conference Income	\$	45,000
 Total Income	 \$	 260,500
Expenses		
Publications		
EJA Costs	\$	26,000
Total Publications	\$	26,000
Special Projects		
Website Redevelopment	\$	15,000
Rebranding	\$	5,000
Total Special Projects	\$	20,000
Conference Expenses		
Conference Expenses General		
Support Grants	\$	16,000
Total Conference Expenses	\$	16,000
Membership Services		
Awards	\$	800
Website Maintenance	\$	5,000
Total Membership Services	\$	5,800
Regional Activities		
Regional Activities	\$	5,000
Total Regional Activities	\$	5,000
Governance		
Finance & Legal	\$	8,000
Board & Executive	\$	15,000
Conference Evaluation	\$	5,000
Board Committees and Working Groups	\$	500

Overseas Initiatives	\$	1,500
Annual Report & AGM	\$	1,000
Total Governance	\$	31,000
Admin Services		
Workcover	\$	1,000
Super.Non Deductible	\$	800
Wages	\$	100,000
Superannuation	\$	10,000
Staff Amenities	\$	1,300
Staff Travel	\$	11,000
Bank Fees	\$	1,500
Merchant Fees and Transaction charges	\$	1,000
Stationery & Printing	\$	3,000
Postages & Couriers	\$	2,500
Phone, Fax, Data	\$	500
Archive/Storage	\$	1,400
Insurance	\$	4,000
Office Equipment & Software	\$	500
Training	\$	1,500
General/Other Expenses	\$	1,000
Rent	\$	5,000
Utilities (2by 250 pp pm)	\$	6,000
Total Admin Services	\$	152,000
Total Expenses	\$	255,800
Operating Profit	\$	4,700

Audit Report & Financial Statements

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AUSTRALASIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY INC

Scope

The financial report and committee members' responsibility

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, statement of cash flows, accompanying notes to the financial statements, and the committee members' declaration for Australasian Evaluation Society Inc, for the year ended 30 June 2012.

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee members' financial reporting requirements under the Associations Incorporations Act [Victoria]. We disclaim any assumptions 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.

Audit approach

We conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the association. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgment, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the association's financial position, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used and described in Note 1, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts



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- and disclosures in the financial report; and
- assessing reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional accounting bodies.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents a true and fair view in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements the financial position of Australasia Evaluation Society Inc as at 30 June 2012 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

BPR Audit Pty Ltd

BPR Audit Pty Ltd
Authorised Audit Company



Bernard P Rohan
Director

Dated:

Australasian Evaluation Society Inc.
Financial Statements
For the Year ended 30 June 2012

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Australasian Evaluation Society Inc.
Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the Year ended 30 June 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Revenue	2	281,964	464,632
Depreciation and Amortisation		2,127	-
Other Expenses		329,406	442,427
Loss For The Year		<u>(49,569)</u>	<u>22,205</u>
Total Comprehensive Loss		<u>(49,569)</u>	<u>22,205</u>

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conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.*

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Australasian Evaluation Society Inc.
Assets and Liabilities Statement
As at 30 June 2012

	Note	2012 \$	2011 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4	222,692	234,366
Trade and Other Receivables	6	-	15,527
Other Current Assets	7	3,954	33,557
Total Current Assets		<u>226,646</u>	<u>283,450</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	8	1,793	-
Intangible Assets	9	4,545	-
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>6,338</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets		<u>232,984</u>	<u>283,450</u>
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	10	11,033	20,935
Other	11	39,422	30,417
Total Current Liabilities		<u>50,455</u>	<u>51,352</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>50,455</u>	<u>51,352</u>
Net Assets		<u>182,529</u>	<u>232,098</u>
Equity			
Retained Profits		182,529	232,098
Total Equity		<u>182,529</u>	<u>232,098</u>

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Australasian Evaluation Society Inc.
Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Year ended 30 June 2012

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Retained Earnings		
Balance at 1 July 2011	232,098	209,893
(Losses) Attributable to Members	(49,569)	22,205
Balance at 30 June 2012	<u>182,529</u>	<u>232,098</u>

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**Australasian Evaluation Society Inc.
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the Year ended 30 June 2012**

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Publications Sales	8,334	15,506
Workshops Income	143,752	121,242
Conferences Income	13,655	206,059
Rogers / Funnell Book	-	4,230
Membership Fees	111,777	109,413
Interest Received	4,446	8,118
Sundry Income	-	64
	281,964	464,632
Expenditure		
Administration & Governance	185,443	142,718
Conference Costs	2,628	127,947
Cost of Publications	25,289	38,447
Depreciation	2,127	-
Membership services	8,978	26,420
Special Projects (incl. Conferences Support Grants)	22,737	17,966
Workshops	84,331	88,929
	331,533	442,427
(Losses) for the year	(49,569)	22,205

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**Australasian Evaluation Society Inc.
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 30 June 2012**

1. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements cover Australasian Evaluation Society Inc. as an individual entity. Australasian Evaluation Society Inc. is an association incorporated in Australian Capital Territory under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Associations Incorporations Act 1981.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions to which they apply. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

(a) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

(b) Office Equipment

Each class of equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis and is therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying value of plant and equipment is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, the carrying value is written down immediately to its estimated recoverable amount. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to Accounting Policy note - Impairment).

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Australasian Evaluation Society Inc.
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For the Year ended 30 June 2012

Depreciation

The depreciation method and useful life used for items of property, plant and equipment reflects the pattern in which their future economic benefits are expected to be consumed by the association. Depreciation commences from the time the asset is held ready for use. The depreciation method and useful life of assets is reviewed annually to ensure they are still appropriate.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Office Equipment	66.60 %
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The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying value is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying value is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying value. These gains and losses are recognised immediately in profit or loss. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

(c) Revenue and Other Income
Membership Subscriptions

Membership fees are payable annually in advance and are due on the Anniversary of the month of joining. Membership fees are treated as income when the subscription is received except when the membership exceeds one year. Income received in respect of memberships exceeding one year are carried forward as income in advance (current liability) and recognised in the subsequent period. Fees received from new members whose membership has not been approved prior to year end are brought to account as income in advance (current liability) and carried forward to the year in which the membership is approved.

Conference and seminar income expenditure

Events income and expenditure are recognised in the year that the event is held. Events income and expenditure which is received or expended prior to year end, but which relates to an event to be held after year end, is recognised as income in advance (current liability) and conference prepaid (current or non current asset) and is carried forward to the year in which the event is held.

Where conference administration is outsourced, income received and expenditure incurred by the conference organiser prior to year end, but which relates to a conference to be held after year end, have not been recognised.

Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised when it is received.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(d) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables represent the liabilities at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association that remain unpaid.

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Australasian Evaluation Society Inc.
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(e) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from members or payments to suppliers.

(f) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been made in the financial report, as the Society has received advice from the Australian Taxation Office that the Association is considered a tax exempt entity.

(g) Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

Where the association has retrospectively applied an accounting policy, made a retrospective restatement of items in the financial statements or reclassified items in its financial statements, an additional statement of financial position as at the beginning of the earliest comparative period will be disclosed.

(h) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The committee members evaluate estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the association.

Key Estimates - Impairment

The association assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the association that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets may require incorporation of various key assumptions. No impairment indicators were present at 30 June 2012.

(i) New Accounting Standards for Application in Future Periods

The Australian Accounting Standards Board has issued new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods and which the association has decided not to early adopt. The association does not anticipate early adoption of any of the reporting requirements would have any material effect on the association's financial statements.

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Australasian Evaluation Society Inc.
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 30 June 2012

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
2. Revenue		
Revenue		
Membership, workshops etc. Services	277,518	456,450
	<u>277,518</u>	<u>456,450</u>
Other Income		
Interest Received	4,446	8,118
Sundry Income	-	64
	<u>4,446</u>	<u>8,182</u>
	<u><u>281,964</u></u>	<u><u>464,632</u></u>
3. Profit		
Expenses		
Depreciation and Amortisation Expenses	2,127	-
Other Expenses as per statement	329,406	442,427
	<u>331,533</u>	<u>442,427</u>
4. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at Bank	41,158	40,976
Anz V2 Bank Account	181,534	193,390
	<u>222,692</u>	<u>234,366</u>
5. Cash Flow Information		
Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations.		
(Losses) for the year	(49,569)	22,205
Adjustments for Non-Cash Components in Losses:		
Depreciation	2,127	-
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
Receivables	15,527	(12,518)
Other Assets	29,603	(3,450)
Non Current Assets	(8,465)	-
Payables	(9,902)	1,563
Unearned Revenue	9,005	3,832
Net Cash Decrease in Cash Held	<u><u>(11,674)</u></u>	<u><u>11,632</u></u>

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Australasian Evaluation Society Inc.
Subsidiary Report for Notes
For the Year ended 30 June 2012

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
6. Trade and Other Receivables		
Current		
Trade Debtors	-	15,527
	-	15,527
Total Trade and Other Receivables	-	15,527
7. Other Assets		
Current		
Prepayments	3,954	33,557
	3,954	33,557
8. Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant and Equipment		
Office Furniture & Equipment	3,920	-
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Impairment	2,127	-
	1,793	-
Total Plant and Equipment	1,793	-
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	1,793	-
9. Intangible Assets		
Non-Current		
Website Development	4,545	-
Total Intangible Assets	4,545	-
10. Trade and Other Payables		
Current		
Sundry Creditors	2,490	-
Trade Creditors	-	18,308

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Australasian Evaluation Society Inc.
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 30 June 2012

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Anz Visa Card	1,135	-
Payg Tax Withholding accrued	3,810	-
Provision for GST	3,598	2,627
	<u>11,033</u>	<u>20,935</u>
Total Trade and Other Payables	<u><u>11,033</u></u>	<u><u>20,935</u></u>

11. Other

Current

Income in Advance	39,422	30,417
	<u>39,422</u>	<u>30,417</u>

12. Association Details

The registered office of the company is:
Australasian Evaluation Society Inc.
Level 6 100 Leicester Street Carlton Vic. 3053

The principal place of business is:
Australasian Evaluation Society Inc.
Level 6 100 Leicester Street Carlton Vic. 3053

The Society is an association incorporated under the associations incorporations Act 1991 of the Australian Capital Territory. The aim of the Society is to establish and promote ethics and standards in evaluation practice within Australia and New Zealand.

13. Key Management Personnel

Board Members of the Australasian Evaluation Society are:

Mr. Alan Woodward (President)
Ms Anne Markiewicz (Vice- President)
Ms Mathea Roorda (Secretary)
Ms Cheryl Reed (Treasurer)
Mr. Scott Bayley
Ms April Bennett
Ms Gill Westthorp
Ms June Lennie

The Board Members did not receive remuneration directly or indirectly from the Society or any related body corporate for management of the Society, other than reimbursements of expenses incurred on behalf of the Society or workshop fees charged at rates as determined by the AES Board.

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**Australasian Evaluation Society Inc.
Statement by Members of the Committee**

In the opinion of the committee as set out in the accompanying financial statements:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Australasian Evaluation Society Inc. as at 30 June 2012 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including Australian Accounting Interpretations) of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Australasian Evaluation Society Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:



.....
President: Alan Woodward



.....
Treasurer: Cheryl Reed

Dated 22 August 2012

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Australasian Evaluation Society Inc.
Compilation Report To Australasian Evaluation Society Inc.

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements of Australasian Evaluation Society Inc. which comprise the attached income and expenditure statement for the year ended 30 June 2012. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statements have been prepared is to provide financial information to the Committee of Management.

The Responsibility of the Committee of Management

The Committee of Management is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statements and has determined that the basis of accounting adopted is appropriate to meet the needs of the Committee of Management for the purpose of complying with the Association's Constitution.

Our Responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the Committee of Management, we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statements in accordance with the basis of accounting and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

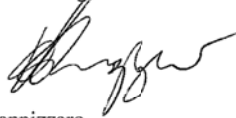
Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the directors provided, in compiling the financial statements. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

The special purpose financial statements were compiled exclusively for the benefit of the Committee of Management. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial statements.

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*The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
These financial statements have not been subject to audit or review and should be read in
conjunction with the attached Compilation Report.*

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AES Membership Statistics, by Region and Year

Region	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08*	09*	10*	11*	12
NZ - Auckland	23	24	26	29	33	31	34	28	35	25	27	20	14
NZ - Wellington & South Island	72	80	84	84	97	108	116	114	145	118	125	125	84
NZ - South Island	3												
ACT	71	64	72	65	50	75	85	121	86	113	145	144	135
NSW	107	94	100	104	92	103	106	111	132	142	161	170	164
NT	29	19	16	15	21	13	11	16	19	24	20	25	25
QLD	70	63	74	83	87	87	94	88	126	133	125	132	97
SA	63	52	51	55	56	71	82	67	50	82	103	75	70
TAS	13	7	7	10	14	12	9	7	8	10	12	13	8
VIC	129	109	125	124	127	138	151	165	202	205	240	247	194
WA	67	62	66	72	58	71	56	59	64	93	70	62	46
International	18	18	20	17	17	19	20	18	35	23	25	27	15
Reciprocal	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	666	592	642	659	652	729	765	795	903*	969*	1054	1041	853
New members	48	89	134	151	142	209	174	230	300	295	299	251	227
Non renewals	76	163	102	134	149	132	138	200	192	229	214	264	415

* From December 2007 figures include members whose membership expired for up to 3 months, previously to this figures included members whose membership had expired up to 6 months prior.

NB: 2010 had no conference specials

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