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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

After sounding a rather cautious note last year around the economic climate, it is interesting to see how Australia has weathered the uncertainty in a much stronger way than New Zealand. It also points to the important role that evaluation can play at such times when we are trying to make decisions based on evidence rather than uninformed reaction. Again the annual report gives a good indication of what has been achieved over the past 12 months. The actions resulting from the review of the Board and governance of the society reached the final approval stage at the 2009 AGM with the new structure in place from February 2010.

Around 450 people attended the very successful 2009 annual international conference in Canberra, our largest conference to date. The topic of the conference, "Evidence and Evaluation" was timely and generated lively debate. Over 50% of those attending were AES members and nearly a third of the participants saw it as any opportunity to gain information from their position as beginner evaluators. This points out the continuous change in the evaluation community and the way in which people move in and out depending on the evaluation climate and the way jobs and priorities change. My thanks go to the hard working members of the 2009 conference committee, under the convenorship of Susan Garner for the time and energy they put in to make this such a success. Thank you to all of those who attended for the helpful comments made in evaluating the conference. These ensure that subsequent conferences build on what went before modelling best evaluation practice. Being A Wellingtonian I am looking forward to this 2010 conference and then going to Sydney next year for another opportunity to hear about the developments in evaluation.

The main activity for the new Board has been working through the process of developing a strategic policy document for AES in our new environment. Having the opportunity to specifically concentrate on what we see for the future of AES and how we might reach our goals has been an interesting, exciting and sometimes challenging process. There has been consultation with the regions and selected key stakeholders and we now look forward to further engagement with the membership. This will be a 'living' document to guide some of those difficult decisions around priorities and where we put our energies, in the short, medium and long term, as well as where we see AES playing a role in the advancement of an evaluation culture.

I would like to thank the Regional Committees for all the work they put in during the year to ensure that there is AES activity in their area. You will see from the reports by the regional representatives in this annual report the scope of what has been covered in the past 12 months. The new committee of regional representatives is finding that the opportunity to share ideas with each other is a real benefit in terms of what they are doing for members.

The AES also benefits from the work of all those who commit time and energy to ensure that the various committees of the association work well and successfully carry out their respective tasks. Thank you to the chairs and members of these committees. There is often an expectation that things will just 'happen' and they certainly wouldn't if it wasn't for the time and effort put in by these members.

Finally, I would like to thank the members of the Board and the former executive for their commitment and hard work over the past 12 months. Thank you to Judy Pearce and the staff at Expert Conferences whose work in supporting AES and its activities keeps us going. My expectation last year that AES would move forward to a productive 2010, meeting the challenges posed by a new structure and ensuring that it continued to be an advocate for excellent evaluation through theory, practice and use has been realised. My office bearing involvement with AES has been a very interesting experience and I have enjoyed the working with such a committed group of people.



Jenny Neale, President

THE AUSTRALASIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY

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 more than 1000 members involved in all aspects of evaluation and performance measurement. Members meet regularly through Regional Groups centred in major cities in Australia and New Zealand. Professional development workshops are conducted throughout Australasia on a regular basis.

A board of management provides overall governance, elected annually. The AES is an Incorporated Association, supported by a Secretariat based in Canberra.

OBJECTS

The Society aims to improve the theory, practice and 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 – belong to the premier professional evaluation organisation in Australia and New Zealand, with a network of 1000 practitioners involved in all aspects of evaluative enquiry and performance measurement
- Professional development – keep up-to-date through our publications, workshops 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 only web-page – electronic access to information for members only, including the latest issue of the Evaluation Journal of Australasia, E-News and the Directory of AES Members
- International journal – electronic access to the international journal Evaluation Program and Planning
- Awards – submit nominations for the prestigious AES annual Awards for Excellence in Evaluation
- Promotion and marketing – promote members' consultancies through the web-based Consultants Directory and receive tender information sent to the AES office
- International evaluation conferences – stay in touch with the latest trends and issues in evaluation through the annual AES International Conference, for which members receive advance notice and discounted registration fees

- Learn from the experts – leading local and international evaluators are involved in our conferences and in regional professional learning and development activities
- International links – be part of an international network of evaluation societies.

Further details about AES membership can be found on our website at <http://www.aes.asn.au>.

A membership application form is available at <http://www.aes.asn.au/membership>.

PRIORITY AREAS FOR 2009-10

Strategic Priorities	Objectives
Further develop a body of knowledge in evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish and promote ideas, experiences, information and developments in evaluation theory and practice • Exchange and develop ideas, information and experiences through gatherings (that are widely accepted as keynote events on the professional calendar) • Strengthen the role of the AES Special Interest Groups in knowledge development and management
Increase and further enhance Membership Services and Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen and support AES Regional Committees to: encourage and enable member participation in AES decision-making; grow the membership; enable professional networking; promote high quality evaluation practice; and provide professional learning • Enhance participation in the AGM and reporting in general around AES decision-making
Further develop and consolidate Professional Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidate the program and enhance the standard of Professional Learning activity to support the membership and strengthen evaluation practice in Australia
Strategies for Quality Assurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Australasian-specific Professional Practice Standards to encourage consistent, high quality evaluation practice in 1 – 3 years • Initiate a process of exploring the merits and consequences of developing and implementing an Evaluator Accreditation Scheme
Strategies for advocacy and Influence with governments in Australia and NZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position the AES as a key source of expertise and advice for governments in Australia and NZ on evaluation • Establish initiatives and arrangements for partnership and collaboration between the AES and national and state/territory governments • Actively encourage and support governments to consider resourcing evaluation during the developmental phase of programs • Place more emphasis on advocating for evaluation.
Strategies to advance Indigenous evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Maori and Pacific peoples to: promote sound, respectful and the appropriate practice of evaluation; engage Indigenous peoples in evaluation practice; enhance ethical evaluation processes; strengthen evaluation capacity
Strategies to advance the relationship with ANZEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop strong working relationship with the Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Association, for shared learning
Strategies to advance evaluation capacity development in the Asia/Pacific Region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position the AES as a resource for both individual practitioners and emerging national evaluation associations, following principles of partnership; self-help, demand-led and country-owned interventions and systemic capacity building with enduring impact
Strategies to engage the non-government sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop evaluation capacity in the non-government sector, recognising great diversity in the size and resources of organisations
Strategies to engage with academic institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve flow of information from academic institutions to the AES membership; contribute to academic research in evaluation; promote discipline of evaluation in higher education; strengthen AES's credentials as an expert organisation in the field.

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN EVALUATION

AWARDS COMMITTEE

David Roberts	Chair, Canberra
April Bennett	Committee member, Wellington
Ellen Vasiliauskas	Committee member, Queensland
Yoland Wadsworth	Committee member, Queensland
Professor Brian English	Leave of Absence

Professor Peter Bycroft and Pru Oxley stood down from the Awards Committee at the end of 2009. Their knowledge, expertise and hard work was very much appreciated and will be sorely missed.

The aim of the AES Awards for Excellence in Evaluation is to encourage the development of evaluation and high quality evaluation practice in Australasia.

In 2009, seven awards were offered by the Society. Two of the awards recognise individual evaluators nominated by their peers: the Outstanding Contribution to Evaluation (ET&S) Award and the Emerging New Talent Award. The remaining five awards recognise organisations, project teams, specific evaluation projects, programs or systems nominated by the evaluators and/or the organisations involved in the evaluation: the Best Evaluation Publication Award (the Caulley Tulloch Award), the Best Evaluation Study Award, the Best Evaluation Policy and Systems Award, the Community Development Evaluation Award, and the Indigenous Evaluation Award.

2009 AWARD WINNERS

The following awards were presented at the 2009 AES International Conference dinner in Canberra in September.

The Outstanding Contribution to Evaluation (ET&S) Award 2009

This award recognises an individual evaluator for their contribution across evaluation, training and service. The award went to Professor Richard Cummings.

Rick has a commendable history across all three components of this Award. He is probably most well known to AES members as a former President of the Association. However, behind the scenes he has had a notable career in evaluation and as an advocate for evaluation – through research, consulting and in teaching. He has been a multiple award winner for his evaluation projects and for excellence in teaching and has undertaken significant work in the development of evaluation protocols that inform policy-making in complex multi-site and multi-level programs.

The Emerging New Talent Award 2009



Jessica Kenway with AES President Dr Jenny Neale

This award recognises emerging new evaluators who demonstrate the potential to contribute significantly to the field of evaluation, or who have made a significant contribution to the field of evaluation in a short period of time of working in the evaluation area. The award went to Jessica Kenway.

In a short space of time Jessica has established a sound foundation for her practice as a professional evaluator both in Australia and in specific overseas locations. Her work has been acknowledged as making a valued contribution to her clients, as evidenced by ongoing client and sectoral interest in her work. Jessica's sound attention to good evaluative practice is enhanced by the application of innovative solutions to the evaluation challenges faced by evaluators engaged in complex projects.

Testimonials on her behalf make it clear that her work is of a high quality, innovative, and focuses on building the knowledge base of evaluation practice. A consistent feature of her work is the importance attached to information use, in particular the lessons to be learned over time from self-reflection and the use of meta-evaluation.

The Best Evaluation Publication (Caulley Tulloch) Award 2009



L to R, Neville Saunderson, Dr Darrel Caulley and Jennifer Rush

This award recognises the best journal article, conference paper, research paper, undergraduate or postgraduate thesis or other peer reviewed publication in evaluation.

This was awarded to Coffey International Development (Jennifer Rush: Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor 2006-2009) and their publication *Changing Lives: Stories from the Australia Papua New Guinea Incentive Fund. An AusAID Program 2000-2009*

This high quality evaluation clearly demonstrates that evaluation reporting can be sensitive to the information needs of a wide range of intended audiences. The hallmark of this publication was the delivery of essential information in easily understood form. The information addresses the evaluation questions in a simple and direct format. The pride felt by key stakeholders involved in the various development projects was unmistakable. Significant new knowledge about the impact of these projects was generated.

The publication met its challenges very successfully, reporting the intermediate outcomes of many large scale infrastructure projects across Papua New Guinea. It succeeded in making the results of the evaluation and therefore the value of evaluation very accessible to funding organisations, local delivering organisations and communities. And secondly, it extended the analysis beyond the readily available output information to account for the impact on the communities.

The clarity and ease of access to the results belie the evident care taken in triangulating sources of evidence; both at the project/community level and at the strategic level of the goals of the Incentive Fund.

The Best Evaluation Study Award 2009

This is awarded to an individual or team which has conducted an evaluation study that has made or has the potential to make, a significant contribution to the practice or use of evaluation in either the public or private sector in Australasia.

The award went to Rosemarie Tweedie, Mary Carey, Kim Stewart from the Baptist Community Services (NSW & ACT) for their study, *Client Perception of Value Project-Residential Aged Care Services Project*.

This study is an exemplar of how to provide a well-conceptualised report-card on client satisfaction with service attributes, in this case, in the aged-care sector. The study demonstrated how to conduct an evaluation from start-to-finish, where the finish line is regarded as the use of evaluation information to improve services. Like all high-standard evaluations, the evaluation started with a considered decision to proceed with the evaluation, the search for an appropriate conceptual framework to enlighten and guide stakeholders in how to measure client satisfaction (viz. value chain mapping), the use of information sources and measures that justify the conclusions drawn, and finally, the genuine involvement of key stakeholders in information use taking into account their particular service context.

It is a very thorough and complete evaluation that provided the findings and facilitated the formulation and acceptability of action plans, and then completed the cycle with an assessment from stakeholders on the usefulness of the evaluation process. A most inclusive process, in that the evaluation processes and action plans involved residents as well as their relatives.

It is a good example of delivering to the client's (Baptist Community Services) needs, and to the needs of their clients (the aged people in care). The evaluation was well endorsed by the client who supports its

repetition and there is interest from other organisations to use the same processes. The project is an exemplar for the usefulness of evaluation and the building of evaluation capability.

The Best Evaluation Policy and Systems Award 2009

This award recognises the work of an individual or team in developing the best evaluation policy, integrated evaluation system, evaluation program, framework and/or implementation of evaluation policies, systems, programs or frameworks.

It is expected that the award will recognise work undertaken in partnership with clients or users who have championed the evaluation and can attest to increased value for their business or endeavour arising from the evaluation process or specific evaluation findings.

The award went to Jane Pirkis, Fay Kohn, Bridget Bassilios, Justine Fletcher, Kylie King, Grant Blashki and Philip Burgess from the Centre for Health Policy, School of Population Health, University of Melbourne for their longitudinal evaluation of the Allied Health Services Component of the federal government's *Better Outcomes in Mental Health Care Initiative*.

This nomination covers the longitudinal evaluation of a major national primary health care initiative. The project exemplifies the use of evaluation to improve a pilot program over time and how to use evidence from the findings to shape both the program, the evaluation itself and the attitudes of the key participants (general practitioners). It is an excellent example of a longitudinal and comprehensive evaluation of an important government initiative. It involves the evaluators in assisting local regionally distributed evaluations as well as conducting the national evaluation. It demonstrated discipline and has generated a range of reports and important scientific publications published through several different professional/academic journals. It honestly evaluated the effectiveness of its own progress reports on the target audience and was thorough in the progressive reporting of results. The evaluation displays a range of evaluation techniques appropriate to the nature of the enquiry - built around clear and concise evaluation questions.

This is a very professional piece of work that successfully blends the use of lay language with rigorous data analysis and scientific discussion of the relevance and importance of the progressive findings. It sets a standard for the use of evaluation as an essential tool for improving both policy and practice. It is well targeted to the expectations and objectives of the client who should be commended for their commitment to accountability and for the funding this important evaluation project.

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L to R, Rosemary McKenzie (accepting the Best Evaluation Policy and Systems Award on behalf of the team from the Centre for Health Policy, School of Population Health, University of Melbourne), Professor Richard Cummings, Jessica Kenway, AES President Dr Jenny Neale, Penny Hawkins, Neville Sanderson and Jennifer Rush

The Community Development Evaluation Award 2009

No award was presented in this category in 2009.

The Indigenous Evaluation Award 2009

No award was presented in this category in 2009.

For more information on these Awards visit <http://www.aes.asn.au/awards/>

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES 2009-10

2009-10 saw the retirement of Professor Peter Bycroft (as Chair) and of Ms Prue Oxley (Awards Judge). Their hard work over the last few years, with of the members of the committee, has resulted in a greater profile for the Awards and increased prestige for the Award winners. The Committee would like to express their appreciation of the wonderful job done by Peter and Prue. They were replaced on the committee by April Bennett as a member and David Roberts as the new Chair.

2009-10 was also the first year of the new suite of awards and the new policy and process for managing the awards process. Further clarity and supporting FAQs were developed to support applicants in the preparation of their nomination. The changes to the awards appeared to work well and the policy and procedures were a great help to the incoming committee members.

The Board approved the Terms of Reference for the Awards Committee.

PLANNING FOR 2010-11

A key focus for the Awards Committee over 2010-11 is how to further increase the impact of the awards on evaluation practice; to promote innovation and high standards in evaluation. Any changes in the awards should contribute to the proposed Government Engagement Strategy and contribute to that strategy. As a first step, the Committee proposes to engage with winners of current and past awards to seek their thoughts on how best we might leverage the awards, the award winners and the projects to promote good practice in evaluation and to contribute to outcomes for the Government Engagement Strategy.

LIFE MEMBER

Anona Armstrong

FELLOWS

INTRODUCTION

In 2002-03 the Society developed a special membership category, the AES Fellows, for its most experienced and esteemed members. The policies and associated information regarding the Fellows are available at <http://www.aes.asn.au/fellows/>.

AES FELLOWS

The Fellows of the Society in 2010 are:

Anona Armstrong, Victoria	Darrel Caulley, Victoria
Sue Funnell, New South Wales	Penny Hawkins, Wellington
Chris Milne, New South Wales	John Owen, Victoria
Colin Sharp, South Australia	Ralph Straton, Western Australia
Ian Trotman, Wellington	Jerome Winston, Victoria
Yoland Wadsworth, Victoria	

NEW FELLOW INDUCTED IN 2009



Penny Hawkins, FAES

Penny Hawkins was inducted as a Fellow of the AES at the conference dinner in Canberra in September 2009. Penny has made a significant contribution to the field of evaluation in many contexts: within the New Zealand public sector, firstly as Manager of the Evaluation Unit within the NZ Ministry of Social Development and Department of Child, Youth and Family and later as Head of Evaluation, for the New Zealand international aid and development programme (NZAID).

She has been active in evaluation training; building capability; mentoring; writing and Australasia and internationally. Over the last decade she has made a major contribution to the development and operation of the International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation (IOCE), and served as its inaugural secretary of IOCE until 2008. Since 2003, Penny has been a faculty member of the International Program for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET) at Carleton University, Ottawa and is also a member of the International Evaluation Research Group (INTEVAL). She was recently appointed Vice Chair of the OECD Development Assistance Committee (DAC) Network on Development Evaluation.

Penny has been a member of the AES and WEG (Wellington Evaluation Group) since the mid 1990s. She was AES Vice President (1999-2001); President (2001-2004); and AES Representative on the (1999-2008). Penny was recognised in 2007 with the AES Outstanding Contribution to Evaluation (ET&S) Award.

NOMINATIONS IN 2010

New Fellows are selected through a process conducted by the Fellows Committee, which comprises three Fellows along with a Board Representative and the Chair of the Awards Committee. The Committee makes recommendations to the AES Board.

The call for nominations (April 2010) resulted in no submissions.

FELLOWS COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN 2010

Chris Milne	Chair, Fellow, NSW
Ralph Straton	Fellow, Western Australia
Yoland Wadsworth	Fellow, Victoria
Jenny Neale	Board (ex officio member), Wellington
David Roberts	Chair, Awards Committee (ex officio member), Canberra

OVERVIEW OF FELLOW ACTIVITIES IN 2009-10

Fellows met as a group at the Canberra 2009 Conference, and conducted a well-attended *Round Table with the Fellows* on the final day. A number of Fellows presented workshops or papers at the conference.

Over the year some individual Fellows have responded to Board and Committee requests for responses to policy papers such as the AES Strategic Directions Paper 2010, and the Conference Support Grants Proposal. The approach has been for Fellows to respond individually, and Fellows have not aimed to offer any collective or representative responses.

Individual Fellows have contributed editorial and review work for the EJA, and in particular Darrel Caulley has been Book Review Editor for the EJA. Fellows have also contributed to Board and Regional Committees, including Yoland Wadsworth as a member of the Awards Committee.

Planning for 2010-2011

The AES Fellows policy is due for review in 2010-2011.

COMMITTEES

CONFERENCE SUPPORT GRANTS

The Conference Support Grants scheme was established in 2007 as part of the AES's Indigenous evaluation strategy. The grants provide financial assistance to eligible people to attend the AES conference. They are open to emerging Indigenous evaluators from Australia and New Zealand and emerging evaluators from the Pacific and South East Asia. Nan Wehipeihana was Convenor of the scheme from 2007 – 2009.

COMMITTEE FOR 2009 GRANTS

Nan Wehipeihana	Convenor, Wellington
June Lennie	Panel member, Queensland
John Scougall	Panel member, Western Australia
Diane Walker	Panel member, Northern Territory

The 2009 panel assessed nine applications and four people were successful: Ausaga Faasalele Tanuvasa and Mili Burnette from the Health Services and Research Centre, School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington; Sophea Sing from Pact Cambodia and Hakaua Susan Harry from PNG who was undertaking a full time Masters at the University of Melbourne.



L to R, Sophea Sing, Ausaga Faasalele Tanuvasa, Jenny Neale, Mili Burnette and Hakaua Susan Harry

PANEL FOR 2010 GRANTS

June Lennie	Convenor, Queensland
John Scougall	Panel member, Western Australia
Mathea Roorda	Panel member, Wellington
Diane Walker	Panel member, Northern Territory

The 2010 panel assessed 23 applications and six people were successful: Nuno Rodrigues from the Petroleum Fund Consultative Council in Timor-Leste, Le Lan Le from UNDP in Viet Nam, Amohia Boulton from Whakauae Research for Māori Health and Development, Whanganui, New Zealand, Salend Kumar from Fiji who is undertaking a PhD at the University of Queensland, Carol Thomas, an independent evaluator from Nowra, Australia, Timoci O'Connor from the School of Population Health, University of Auckland. The AES Board also awarded a grant to Sarah Lahari from the National Department of Education PNG.

Planning for 2010-2011

The 2010 Conference Support Grants panel completed a review of the scheme in July 2010. This was based in part on consultations about the scheme that June Lennie conducted in 2009 and 2010. The review report made a number of recommendations to the AES Board related to the prioritisation of Indigenous Australian applicants, the assessment process, and promotion of the grants to Indigenous Australians in particular. The outcomes of this review, the Board's response to this review, and further consultations with AES members, will be drawn on to develop a plan for the promotion and assessment of the 2011 grants.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

COMMITTEE

Scott Bayley	Convenor, Philippines
Penny Hawkins	Committee member, Wellington
John Owen	Committee member, Victoria

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES 2009-10

- Terms of Reference for the International Relations committee were formalized in February 2010.
- The AES is linked through the IOCE to the Network of Networks on Impact Evaluation (NONIE). In April 2009 NONIE issued its draft guidelines for conducting impact evaluations and the IOCE provided going feedback to NONIE during 2009-2010 on how the guidelines could be improved.
- The EvalLeaders discussion forum is an ongoing project of the IOCE for leaders from member evaluation associations. The AES President, the International Relations Committee Convenor, and an AES committee member are the Society's representatives on the forum. AES representatives participated in the IOCE's strategic planning processes for 2010.
- Scott Bayley participated on the International Development Evaluation Association's working group that is addressing competency standards for development evaluators.
- Copies of the AES *Guidelines for the ethical conduct of evaluations* were provided at cost to Carlton University in Canada for use in the *International Program for Development Evaluation Training*. Copies were also provided to the *Shanghai International Program of Development Evaluation Training* held in China.
- The AES hosted a reception for international visitors to the 2009 Conference.
- The Committee has responded to a number of enquiries about the AES from different countries during the year.

PLANNING FOR 2010-11

- Consistent with the AES's new strategic direction, the committee and AES's Board will examine opportunities to support evaluation capacity development in the Asia-Pacific region.
- Examine the needs of AES's international members and how services to this group could be further enhanced.
- Provide assistance with identifying and engaging international keynote speakers for the 2011 Conference.
- The IOCE's next general meeting will be held in October 2010 in conjunction with the European Evaluation Society's conference in Prague. All current members of the International Relations Committee are planning to attend.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

COMMITTEE

Paul Chesterton	Convenor, New South Wales
Rick Cummings	Committee member, Western Australia
David Earle	Committee member, Wellington
Margaret MacDonald	Committee member, Canberra Region
Rita Perkons	Committee member, New South Wales

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES 2009-2010

The role of the Professional Learning Committee is to guide and advise the AES Board in order to promote the Society's leadership in professional learning in evaluation.

During the past year, the Committee has developed a *Professional Learning Policy* for the AES, drawing on the views of AES members, Conference participants and regional groups regarding professional learning needs and approaches. A review of AES workshop procedures resulted in a revised *AES Procedures for Regional Evaluation Workshops* document, along with amended *workshop evaluation forms*.

The Committee has provided recommendations to the AES Board on the 2010 workshop program. It has also provided input and advice to the 2010 Wellington Conference Planning Committee on this year's pre-conference workshop program.

A Professional Learning webpage is now in the final stages of development. This will provide information and links on the AES website to the Society's professional learning policy and procedures, together with details of activities and resources available nationally and in each of the regions.

PLANNING FOR 2010-11

The Committee will be involved in strategic planning, in conjunction with the Board, to improve and extend member access to a range of professional learning activities. In so doing, it will explore the use of a variety of delivery mechanisms, including information and communication technology options. Further development of the AES website for professional learning purposes is anticipated.

WORKSHOPS HELD 2009-2010

(Not including those held at the 2009 conference.)

Topic and Presenter	Location	Dates
<i>Introduction to evaluation and program logic</i> Dr Delwyn Goodrick	Brisbane	3 & 4 August 2009
<i>Evaluation and policy making – How to bridge the two cultures</i> Dr Philip Davies	Sydney Melbourne Wellington	7 Sept 2009 8 Sept 2009 10 Sept 2009
<i>Developing monitoring and evaluation frameworks</i> Anne Markiewicz	Canberra Sydney Melbourne Adelaide Darwin Brisbane Canberra	30 Nov 2009 26 March 2010 13 & 14 May 2010 20 & 21 May 2010 24 & 25 May 2010 27 May 2010 21 & 22 June 2010
<i>Reframing/re-evaluating case study evaluation</i> Professor Helen Simons	Melbourne	14 April 2010
<i>Using purposeful program theory and logic models for evidence-based policy and practice</i> Professor Patricia Rogers	Wellington Melbourne Adelaide	16 June 2010 28 June 2010 30 June 2010

PUBLICATIONS

COMMITTEE

Dr Darren Harris	Chair, Victoria
Dr Delwyn Goodrick	Co-Editor EJA Victoria
Associate Professor Rosalind Hurworth	Co-Editor EJA, Victoria
Professor Rick Cummings	Committee Member, Western Australia
Mr Bradley Shrimpton	Editor E-News (<i>until March 2010</i>), Victoria

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES 2009-10

Members of the Committee have been busy working to maintain the momentum of AES publications commitments throughout 2009-10. A number of changes have occurred within the publications portfolio over the past year.

E-News has continued throughout the year. Ongoing responsibility for collation and distribution of information for E-News has been transferred to the National Office. We are grateful to Judy and Neil for their work in this area. We continue to welcome any expressions of interest from members of the Society who might like to be involved in the ongoing preparation of E-News. There have been difficulties reported by some members in the format of the electronic copy of E-News distributed over recent months. We have been actively investigating a number of software options to resolve these difficulties and are confident that we will have them addressed in future editions. *E-News* is also available on the website for anyone experiencing difficulties with e-mail document translations.

After multiple requests for feedback from members about their current access to *Evaluation and Program Planning (EPP)* on the website, and a review of the cost of providing this publication on an ongoing basis, the Society has decided not to renew our contract beyond January 2011. Access will be available up until this period. We will provide a list of alternative sources of this publication on the website for members to identify and access articles of interest in their local area. We have also been investigating alternative methods of searching and/or accessing a broader range of journal articles that may be of interest to members. We will provide future updates when/if we can discover a cost-effective option for members of the Society.

A great deal of effort has been placed into publication of three editions of the *EJA* this year (2010), bringing us into alignment with the production of four journal editions over the past two years. The next edition of *EJA* will be a special issue on Transformative Evaluation, with Professor Donna Mertens as a guest editor. A third edition will be published in December. In accordance with customary practice, there will be a call for papers at the conference. Members are encouraged to submit articles of relevance for the next or any subsequent editions of the journal to the editors for consideration. Guidelines for contributors to the journal are available on the website. The committee recognises and appreciates the ongoing work of Associate Professor Ros Hurworth and Dr Delwyn Goodrick as editors and the support of Helen Anderson in managing production of this publication.

The website continues to be a valuable source of information to members. We are regularly reviewing options to streamline the provision of information to members. Recent changes to the website include the listing of evaluation consultants by 'Regional Listing' to assist members of the public to identify evaluation specialists in their local area. We would like to expand the number of evaluation reports and evaluation stories that are currently available on the website. The purpose of 'Evaluation Reports' is to provide more systematic access to working evaluation studies that might be of benefit to members undertaking evaluations in particular areas, and to students designing research projects. The purpose of 'Evaluation Stories' is to share informal accounts of recent experiences, perspectives or methodological innovations amongst members of the society. Whilst we appreciate that members are extremely busy with their day-to-day work, we would like you to consider aspects of your current work that may be of benefit to other members of the society. The work of Neil Porter in managing the website and dealing with the Publications Committee is acknowledged.

PLANNING FOR 2010-11

Key activities to be undertaken by the Committee over the coming year will focus upon:

- Maintaining the momentum of current publication commitments to the Society, through regular production of *EJA* and *E-News*;
- Reviewing website access and methods to streamline the provision of electronic information to members;
- Strengthening membership contributions to *Evaluation Stories* and *Evaluation Reports*; and
- Continuing to receive and act upon the feedback of members in relation to key publications roles and responsibilities of the Society.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: CANBERRA 2009

AES 2009 CANBERRA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Susan Garner	Chair
Julie Elliott	Committee member
Rosemary James	Committee member
David McDonald	Committee member

David Roberts	Committee member
Laurent de Schoutheete	Committee member
Shan Short	Committee member
Graham Smith	Committee member
Gamini Wijsekere	Committee member

The 27th International Conference was held at the National Convention Centre, Canberra from Wednesday 2 September to Friday 4 September. The conference theme was 'Evidence and Evaluation'. There were three sub-themes: Gathering evidence; Using evidence and Evidence and stakeholders. Papers were presented within seven streams: health, corporate and performance management, international development, social and community programs, education, environment and general.

The conference was attended by 458 delegates, of whom 52% were AES members. A greater proportion (30%) of conference attendees described themselves as novice or having no background in evaluation, compared to 17% the previous year. Half of all respondents (50%) were from the government sector and just over one-fifth (22%) from the private sector. Non-Government or not-for-profit organisations made up 17% of conference participants and 13% were from the academic sector.

The keynote speakers were seen by many delegates as a highlight of the conference. They were:

- Professor William Trochim, Professor of Policy Analysis and Management at Cornell University; Director of Evaluation for the Weill Cornell Clinical and Translational Science Center; Director of Evaluation for Extension and Outreach; Director of the Cornell Office for Research on Evaluation; Past-President (2008) of the American Evaluation Association
- Dr Philip Davies, Executive Director, Oxford Evidentia (formerly AIR UK - the UK subsidiary of the American Institutes for Research (AIR) in Washington DC)
- Cheryl Gray, Director, Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank
- Terry O'Brien, First Assistant Commissioner, Productivity Commission, Canberra

Of the 15 workshops offered, 14 proceeded. One was withdrawn by the presenter (due to personal reasons). There were 224 registered workshop attendees, approximately the same as in 2008 when 220 delegates participated in the conference workshops

AES 2009 CANBERRA CONFERENCE SPONSORS

AusAID, Office of Development Effectiveness	Gold Sponsor
Grosvenor Management Consulting	Gold Sponsor
Effective Development Group	Silver Sponsor
ARTD Consultants	Bronze Sponsor
Shelby Consulting	Pads & Pens

Support was also provided by the Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services & Indigenous Affairs

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

INDIGENOUS EVALUATION SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

In 2009-10 Indigenous evaluation remained a priority for the AES. A number of activities were held throughout the year to strengthen evaluation in Indigenous contexts and to increase AES members ability to work with Indigenous people and groups to improve evaluation practice.

A meeting was held at the 2009 AES Conference in Canberra during which it was agreed that the AES Indigenous Strategy aim to:

- Increase the numbers of Indigenous people in evaluation
- Increase the capacity of evaluators to produce high quality, ethical work in Indigenous contexts
- Increase knowledge, skills and competence of Indigenous and non Indigenous evaluators

In March 2010 an online survey was posted for all members of the Indigenous Strategy Interest Group to review the value and use of the SIG website and canvas strategies for future development of the SIG. The SIG 'Google Group' has 30 members but the website is not regularly used by many people. The survey sought input to how we can best support the SIG and how we can work together to make it an active useful group. It was decided to keep the Google Group site active for a further year.

Priorities for the coming three years identified during activities undertaken in 2009-10 include:

- Increase the quality of evaluation undertaken in and with Aboriginal peoples
- Increase capacity development activity by:
 - Building capacity of Indigenous evaluators
 - Supporting non Indigenous evaluators to learn more about good strategies and practices for working with Indigenous people
 - Learning from the experience and expertise of Maori and other Indigenous evaluators
- Provide advice to government about good practice
- Encourage commissioners to use evaluators who are members of AES when tendering contracts for evaluation in Indigenous contexts
- Encourage use of Ethics processes by all evaluators and government
- Collect and disseminate examples of good practice
- Encourage Indigenous co-presenters at the AES conference
- Review how non Indigenous people work with Indigenous peoples and contexts (evaluators review their own practice)

An Indigenous SIG working group was established and monthly meetings were held between July and December 2009 to progress the identified strategies. In March 2010, the working group was reconvened to plan a seminar for the Wellington conference.

Nea Harrison, Convenor	Valerie Alberts
Silvia Cosier	Kim Grey
Sue Leahy	June Lennie
Wendy Mathews	Julie Nagel
Kataraina Pipi	Stuart Raetz
Carol Thomas	Diane Walker
Cara Waller	Nan Weihepeihana

REALIST EVALUATION AND REALIST SYNTHESIS SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

CONVENOR: Gill Westthorp

A Special Interest Group in Realist Evaluation and Realist Synthesis was established at the 2009 AES conference. A sub-group of members organised a brief questionnaire which was distributed to those who had expressed interest, and more broadly to the AES membership. Thirty-three responses to that questionnaire were received.

The two most common reasons for registering with the SIG were general interest in the methodology and secondly, using realist approaches and wanting a network of people with whom to share experiences and questions. Most respondents were interested in both realist evaluation and realist synthesis.

Members wanted access to examples, articles and reports; opportunities for professional development (more commonly at intermediate or advanced level than at introductory level) and opportunities to exchange information and ideas. Over the course of the year, information about some training opportunities has been provided. Three events were promoted: a two day workshop in realist synthesis by Dr Geoff Wong, from England; a two day workshop in an emerging approach to realist synthesis by Prof Louise Potvin from Canada, and a four day workshop in evaluation and realist evaluation methods by Dr Gil Westthorp in Adelaide.

PLANNING FOR 2010-11

A meeting of the SIG will be organised at the 2010 AES conference to organise what it might do over the coming year.

FROM THE REGIONS

AUCKLAND

The Wellington Region is currently providing support for all New Zealand members

CANBERRA REGION

COMMITTEE & 2009 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Susan Garner	Committee member to 26 November and Regional Representative from 26 November 2009
Julie Elliott	Committee member
Rosemary James	Committee member
David McDonald	Committee member
David Roberts	Committee member
Laurent de Schoutheete	Committee member
Shan Short	Committee member
Graham Smith	Regional Representative to 26 November and Committee member from 26 November
Gamini Wijesekere	Committee member

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES 2009-10

The Canberra Regional Group was primarily focused on the AES 2009 International Conference for the first half of 2009 (see the conference report on page 13). Apart from hosting the conference, we organised and held a number of different events to engage current members, as well as to attract new members to the AES, including:

- 30 November 2009, Workshop: *Developing monitoring and evaluation frameworks*, Anne Markiewicz
- 4 March 2010, Hot Issue Breakfast: *Evaluation standards and certification*
- 1 April 2010, Hot Issue Breakfast: *Utilisation*
- 6 May 2010, Hot Issue Breakfast: *Australian government reforms: Implications for evaluation*
- 21 & 22 June 2010, Workshop: *Developing monitoring and evaluation frameworks*, Anne Markiewicz
- 24 June 2010, Lunchtime Seminar: *Reality and the CPI*, Rob Bray

PLANNING FOR 2010-11

During 2009-2010, we endeavoured to build upon the energy and momentum of the Canberra International Conference to develop a wider range of opportunities for engaging local members in discussion and seminars about the theory and practice of evaluation. A reformed committee commenced planning in February for events in the first half of 2010.

In 2010-2011 we plan to hold further events on a range of themes relevant to evaluation. The committee is also establishing links to federal central agencies in relation to reform of the Australian Public Service (APS) and to stimulate interest in evaluation across the APS.

NEW SOUTH WALES

COMMITTEE

Annette Michaux	AES Regional Representative and convenor
Maggie Pressnell	Committee member
Karen Fisher	Committee member

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES 2009-10

As our NSW membership grows we continue to hold well attended bi-monthly professional development sessions with a range of AES members contributing to the workshops. Attendance is a good cross section of the evaluation community including government, NGOs, consultants and corporates.

In September we held the first meeting of the 2011 Sydney Conference Committee. Gearing up for the Conference will dominate our work plan in the region.

The 2009-10 meeting and workshop program

This program emphasises professional development and provides the opportunity for networking and discussion of practice issues from previous meetings. Each session has an AES meeting, short afternoon tea and a 1.5 hour professional development workshop. The workshop explores issues of interest to evaluation practitioners and to those commissioning or managing evaluations. The workshops focus on connecting theory and practice in an interactive way, and are designed to leave participants with new ideas and approaches to evaluation. These sessions have all been well attended.

- 1 July 2009, AES meeting and workshop. Workshop: *Evaluation & organisational change - Capacity building - Evaluator of the catalyst*, Philip Booth, Judith Teicke and Diana McConachy
- 21 October 2009, AES meeting and workshop. Workshop: *Indigenous evaluation*, Sue Leahy and Hyllus Munro
- 24 February 2010, AES meeting and workshop. Workshop: *Hot topics in evaluation*, Chris Milne
- 21 April 2010, AES meeting and workshop. Workshop: *Using appreciative inquiry in evaluation*, Margaret Scott
- 30 June 2010, AES meeting and workshop. Workshop: *Implementation science: messages for evaluators*, Annette Michaux

Other activities

- 7 September 2009, Workshop: *Evaluation and policy making - How to bridge the two cultures*, Dr Philip Davies
- 21 November 2009, Meeting and planning workshop for 2010 program, followed by end of year drinks
- 26 March 2010, Workshop: *Developing monitoring and evaluation frameworks*, Anne Markiewicz

PLANNING FOR 2010-11

AES conference

NSW will host the AES Conference *Evaluation and Influence* at the Sydney Hilton 29 August - 2 September 2011 and planning is now in full swing. The conference will cover the areas of methodology and influence, communication for influence and influencing policy and practice.

Keynotes include:

- Professor Sandra Nutley, Professor of Public Management, University of Edinburgh
- Professor Penny Hawe, Markin Chair in Health and Society, University of Calgary
- Professor Ian Anderson, Foundation Chair Indigenous Health, University of Melbourne
- Professor Patricia Rogers, Professor in Public Sector Evaluation, RMIT
- Professor Peter Shergold, Director, Centre for Social Impact, UNSW

The Conference Organising Committee has been meeting every two months since September 2009 and comprises:

Annette Michaux	The Benevolent Society
Andrew Anderson	The Benevolent Society
Kerrie Ikin	Department of Education and Training
Chris Milne	ARTD Consultants
Sue Leahy	ARTD Consultants

Eliza Pross	Community Care (Northern Beaches) Inc
Keryn Hassall	GHD Accomplish More Together
Rita Perkons	Systems IQ
Peter Ryan	Aboriginal Affairs, Department of Human Services
Carol Thomas	ARTD Consultants
Yona Cass	South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Health
Margaret Thomas	ARTD Consultants
Ralph Hall	School of Social Sciences and International Studies, UNSW
Jeff Bost	Consultant
Ann Chamberlain	Catholic Community Services
Karen Fisher	Social Policy Research Centre, UNSW

Regional workshops are planned through to the end of the year, and at the December meeting planning for professional development priorities for 2010 will take place.

- 27 July 2010, Workshop: *Using purposeful program theory and logic models for evidence-based policy and practice*, Professor Patricia Rogers
- 22 September 2010, Participatory clinic, *Evaluation dilemmas*, Professor Elliot Stern
- 20 October 2010, AES meeting & workshop. Workshop: *Evaluability assessment - bringing stakeholders together to reach consensus on target outcomes, key evaluation questions and performance indicators*, Jeff Bost

NORTHERN TERRITORY

COMMITTEE

Nea Harrison	AES Regional Representative
Dagmar Schmitt	Committee member
Elizabeth McDonald	Committee member
Diane Walker	Committee member

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES 2009-10

NT held several Regional activities during the year. Bi Monthly lunchtime seminars were held between July and December in the Board room of the Menzies School of Health Research Winnellie campus. The Lunchtime seminars included:

- 29 July 2009, *Planning an evaluation*, Nea Harrison
- 30 September 2009, *Ethics and evaluation*, Maria Scarlett and Diane Walker
- 25 November, *Ethics in action*, Facilitated discussion
- 25 May 2010, Planning session for new members

One evaluation workshop was held in Darwin during the year were well received:

- 24 & 25 May 2010, *Developing monitoring and evaluation frameworks*, Anne Markiewicz

PLANNING FOR 2010-2011

The Region will re establish lunchtime seminars in a new venue in 2011-12. The new venue will need to be located in a central location to enable larger numbers of people to attend.

QUEENSLAND

COMMITTEE

Lilian Oh	Regional Representative and Committee member until 22 September 2009
Silvia Cosier	Committee Member from 1 July 2009 Regional Representative from 7 October 2009
Diana Beere	PD Sub-Committee member
Jo Durham	PD Sub-Committee member
Susan Rudland	PD Sub-Committee member
Jill White	Membership Officer
Yvonne Darlington	Committee member
June Lennie	Committee member
Marion Norton	Committee member
Clint Arizmendi	Committee Member until February 2010
Lori Rubenstein	Committee Member until March 2010

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES 2009-10

The main professional development activities continue to be the lunchtime seminars on evaluation topics and workshops.

Lunchtime Seminars

These seminars are held monthly over February to November and are key evaluation events in Brisbane with many participants attending on a regular basis.

Due to budget constraints, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet withdrew its sponsorship of the seminars in August 2009, so the provision of a free light lunch has been discontinued. However, tea and coffee are provided and with the continued support of Queensland Treasury, which provides the venue at no cost, attendance remains free of charge. The seminars continue to consistently attract an attendance of at least 30 people, with the average being a little more than 40. However, since the cessation of the free lunch, very few participants are lingering after the seminar for networking and further discussion.

PowerPoint slides from most seminar presentations are made available via the AES website. In addition, to help address the professional development needs of members outside Brisbane, most seminars since May 2009 have been digitally recorded, with audio files also available on the website.

Non-members of the AES are welcome at the seminars and this continues to contribute to a steady increase in the size of the non-members mailing list. Several new names are added after each seminar, which means that both the seminars and other AES professional development opportunities can be marketed to an ever-widening audience.

The seminars are used to promote the AES and encourage membership, and resources such as the *Guidelines for the ethical conduct of evaluations* are made available, along with conference, awards and workshop promotional materials. The Guidelines in particular are very popular, and they are evidently being utilised – several Queensland Government departments refer to them in their own evaluation guidelines and framework documents.

The 2009-10 lunchtime seminar program was as follows:

- 22 July 2009, – seminar cancelled due to presenter's illness
- 25 August 2009, *Participatory action research for improving evidence-based service delivery and policy*, Dr Phil Crane
- 16 September 2009, *Evaluating the benefits of community engagement*, Professor Paul Burton
- 22 October 2009, *Modelling – the hidden tool in the evaluator's kit*, Ellen Vasiliauskas
- 19 November 2009, *Program logic: the good, the bad and the totally illogical!*, Dr Samantha Abbato

- 17 February 2010, *Robust, rigorous, reliable: making best use of qualitative data*, Dr Linda Kurti
- 16 March 2010, *How do we get it used? Supporting the use and influence of program evaluation*, Dr Delwyn Goodrick
- 25 May 2010, *Life Drama: Assessing the impacts of a participatory action research project in Papua New Guinea*, Dr Andrea Baldwin
- 29 June 2010, *Current trends in program logic: Paradigm wars and black swans?* Dr Robert Lake

Workshops organised during 2009-10 were:

- 3 & 4 August 2009, *Introduction to evaluation and program logic*, Dr Delwyn Goodrick
- 27 May 2010, *Developing monitoring and evaluation frameworks*, Anne Markiewicz

Administrative Support

Following a successful trial aimed at reducing its workload, the regional committee is continuing to employ an Administrative Officer for assistance with a range of administrative and secretarial tasks. The Administrative Officer position is funded until the end of June 2011.

PLANNING FOR 2010-11

The monthly lunchtime seminar series will continue in 2010-11, with the following speakers and topics identified to date:

- 27 July 2010, *Independence and objectivity in evaluation*, Anne Markiewicz
- 19 August 2010, *Wearing the ruby slippers! Embedding a culture of evaluation in the Queensland Department of Education and Training. The story so far...*, Linda Newman
- 29 September 2010, *Implementing a 'continuous improvement evaluation' approach*, Eric Dommers
- 20 October 2010, *The fear of fear: Overcoming resistance to evaluation*, Peter Bycroft and Victoria Visser
- 24 November 2010, *Lessons learned from a theory-based, mixed method evaluation in a cross cultural context*, Jo Durham

Workshops planned for 2010-11 so far include:

- 19 July 2010, Brisbane, *Using purposeful program theory and logic models for evidence-based policy and practice*, Professor Patricia Rogers
- 5 – 6 August 2010, Cairns: *Developing monitoring and evaluation frameworks*, Anne Markiewicz
- 5 October 2010, *Linking evaluation and social justice*, Dr Donna Mertens, (keynote speaker at the 2010 AES International Conference)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

COMMITTEE

Gill Westhorp	Regional Representative and Co-Convenor
Don Allan	Committee member
Martin Andrew	Committee member and Co-Convenor
Anne Bosio	Committee member
John Collins	Committee member
Peter Drake	Committee member
John Goslino	Committee member
Emily Moskwa	Committee member
John Pilla	Committee member
Colin Sharp	Committee member

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES 2009-10

South Australia maintained its program of monthly seminars for most of the year, and most seminars have continued to attract 25 to 30 participants. One seminar, however, targeting the education sector, was broadcast over Centra (the Department of Education's videoconferencing facility) and was therefore available to a much wider audience. KPMG and URS have continued to support the seminar program.

The following events were held during the year.

- 7 July 2009, Seminar: *Large scale monitoring & evaluation – the case of the Vietnam-Australia monitoring & evaluation support program*, John Farger
- 4 August 2009, Seminar: *Evaluating to bridge the political divide*, Professor Rick Sarre
- 13 & 14 August 2009, Workshop: *Getting real(ist) about evaluating community services*, Dr Gill Westthorp
- 8 September 2009, Seminar: *Evaluation in a data and outcomes vacuum*, John Pilla, Jess Winch & Peter Drake (plus feedback from the 2009 AES Conference)
- 10 November 2009, Seminar: *What gets measured gets done. Does measurement really improve public sector performance?* Jeff Tryens
- 2 March 2010, Seminar: *So what is 'Realist Synthesis', anyway?* Dr Geoff Wong
- 13 April 2010, Seminar: *Qualitative approaches to evaluation of communications for development projects: A case study from Nepal*, Dr Michael Wilmore
- 4 May 2010, Seminar: *Creating Capacity: New approaches to evaluation in education*, Professor Martin Westwell
- 20 & 21 May 2010, Workshop: *Developing monitoring and evaluation frameworks*, Anne Markiewicz
- 30 June 2010, Workshop: *Using purposeful program theory and logic models for evidence-based policy and practice*, Professor Patricia Rogers

PLANNING FOR 2010-11

The committee will shortly be gathering to plan an ongoing monthly program for 2010. Some very initial discussions about hosting the 2012 AES conference have also commenced.

TASMANIA

COMMITTEE (FROM 11 JUNE 2010)

Helena Mitev	Regional Representative
Jenny Kerrison	Committee member
Carla Mooney	Committee member
David Treanor	Committee member

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES 2008-09

On 11 June 2010 a group of people interested in evaluation met with the view of forming a AES Regional Committee, and develop a plan for the next 12 months. During this meeting Jenny Kerrison gave a presentation on *The role of Program Theory in Program Logic Development*. A committee was appointed and they planned to meet to develop professional development calendar for 2010-2011

PLANNING FOR 2010-11

- 16 July 2010, Presentation: *Measuring the unmeasurable: Dealing with complex and complicated evaluations*, Dr John Guenther
- 20 August 2010, Seminar: *The use of program clarification in program development*, Dr Jenny Kerrison
- 17 September 2010, Seminar: *Using case-based research methods: Why evaluation is not a choice between qualitative or quantitative methods*, Dr Erica Bell, UTAS
- October 2010 (tbc), Panel presentation: *case studies from the field*, Helena Mitev and David Treanor
- November 2010, Seminar: *Action research as an evaluation approach*, Dr Bob Dick (tbc)

- 18 February 2011, Seminar: *Ethics in evaluation practice*, Professor Jeff Malpas, UTAS
- March 2011, Seminar to be advised. Dr Christine Stirling, UTAS.
- 22 April 2011, Seminar: *Participatory mapping: an approach to data collection*, Dr Carla Mooney

VICTORIA

COMMITTEE

Pam St Leger	Regional Representative and Coordinator from 1 January 2010
Anne Markiewicz	Regional Representative and Coordinator until 31 December 2009
Anthea Rutter	Chair
Corrina Bertram	Committee member
Jann Milic	Committee member
Ian Patrick	Committee member
Emma Prichard	Committee member
Yoland Wadsworth	Ex officio member

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES 2009-10

The Victorian Committee has continued to organise and provide a monthly seminar series. These seminars have provided the opportunity for professional development and networking for members and non-members, and have been well attended throughout the year. Presentations and notes from seminars held have been loaded onto the AES website for access by attendees and those who could not attend.

The following seminars have been delivered:

- 16 July 2009, *Evaluation Manager – Evaluator relationships: The good, the bad and the ugly*, Anne Markiewicz
- 12 August 2009, *Real time evaluation*, Dr Jess Dart
- 16 September 2009, Panel session: *Strategic issues for evaluation – Reflections on the AES 2009 Conference*, Ian Patrick, Pam St Leger, Jessica Kenway and Farida Fleming
- 21 October 2009, *Practice and principles: Lessons from contemporary public sector audit in Victoria*, Des Pearson
- 25 November 2009, *The army lessons process*, Major Simon Harvey and Nigel Divito (followed by pre-Christmas drinks)
- 3 February 2010, *Using theory in evaluation research*, Brad Astbury
- 24 March 2010, *Balancing client and public accountability requirements in program evaluation*, Corrina Bertram
- 15 April 2010, *Understanding evaluation in the context of culture*, David Week
- 20 May 2010, *Evaluating interventions directed at young people – What constitutes evidence?* Professor Lawry St Leger

Four workshops were held during the year:

- 8 September 2009, *Evaluation and policy making - How to bridge the two cultures*, Dr Philip Davies
- 14 April 2010, *Reframing/Re-evaluating case study evaluation*, Professor Helen Simmons
- 13 & 14 May 2010, *Developing monitoring and evaluation frameworks*, Anne Markiewicz
- 28 June 2010, *Using purposeful program theory and logic models for evidence-based policy and practice*, Professor Patricia Rogers

PLANNING FOR 2010-2011

The Victorian Committee seminar training program for the remainder of 2010 is as follows:

- 15 July 2010, *Participatory approaches to evaluation*, Dr. Ian Patrick
- 18 August 2010, *Lessons learned*, Dr Bruce Kefford
- 22 September 2010, *The empirical measurement of the impact of worldview on development. Daring, dumb or downright dangerous?* Rob Kilpatrick
- 20 October 2010, *Performance stories*, Jess Dart
- 17 November 2010, *World Food Café*

A workshop is also planned for 30 September 2010 on *Linking Evaluation and Social Justice*, with Dr Donna M Mertens, keynote speaker at the 2010 AES International Conference.

The Committee plans to meet in October to nominate presenters for the 2011 seminar program.

WELLINGTON

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

David Turner	Convenor
Jenny Neale	
David Earle	
Mathea Roorda	
Robyn Bailey	
Anne Alkema	
Mili Burnette	
Nan Wehipeihana	
Ausaga Faasalele Tanuvasa	
Penny Hawkins	

WELLINGTON COMMITTEE

Penny Hawkins	Convenor
Nan Wehipeihana	Treasurer
Liz Smith	Events coordinator
Mathea Roorda	AES Regional Representative
Jenny Neale	Committee member
David Turner	Committee member & Convenor 2010 AES Conference

The Wellington Committee has been engaged with preliminary planning of the 2010 conference.

ACTIVITIES DURING 2009-2010

- 23 July 2009, WEG Breakfast
- 10 September 2009, Workshop: *Evaluation and policy making - How to bridge the two cultures*, Dr Philip Davies, Keynote speaker at the 2009 AES International Conference
- 12 November 2009, Seminar: *Lifting the lens: Using systems concepts to make sense of a complicated policy*, Mathea Roorda and Heather Nunns
- 10 March 2010, Seminar: *Simulation modelling as a tool for evaluation*, David Turner
- 15 April 2010, Seminar: *Using a logic model as the framework for an evaluation in Papua New Guinea*, Kate Averill
- 3 May 2010, Seminar: *Evaluation from afar: monitoring, evaluation and performance reporting for New Zealand's overseas aid*, Peter Ellis and Mehaka Rountree

- 16 June 2010, Workshop: *Using purposeful program theory and logic models for evidence-based policy and practice*, Professor Patricia Rogers

PLANNING FOR 2010-2011

Events already planned:

- 21 July 2010, Seminar: *Real world examples of how to use seriously large outcomes models (logic models) in evaluation, public sector strategic planning and shared outcomes work*, Paul Duignan
- 18 August 2010, WEG café breakfast
- 14 October 2010, Seminar: *Mapping outcomes with NZ Police*, Alison Chetwin
- 11 November 2010, Seminar: *Good value: taking an evaluative approach in a field dominated by statistics and economics*, Kathleen Palmer
- 9 December 2010, WEG Christmas Breakfast

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

COMMITTEE

Carina Calzoni	AES Regional Representative
Rosemary Cant	Committee member
Alan Charlton	Committee member
Rick Cummings	Committee member
Gaye Mackenzie	Committee member
Lesley Miller	Committee member
Theo Nabben	Committee member
Vicki Williams	Committee member

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES 2009-10

Events held during the year were:

- 27 October 2009, Seminar: *Evaluation in an aboriginal context*, Associate Professor Dawn Bessarab & Dr Pat Dudgeon
- 5 March 2010, Discussion: *The use of theories of change models*
- 25 May 2010, Discussion: *Evaluation and international development: Tales from the front*, Scott Bayley

PLANNING FOR 2010-11

Two workshops, to be held in conjunction with IPPA WA, have been planned:

- 21 July, *Introduction to monitoring and evaluation*, Dr Jessica Dart
- 15 October 2010, *Linking evaluation and social justice*, with Dr Donna M Mertens

The WA Branch will focus the 2010-2011 Seminar Series on the development and implementation of Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, Indigenous evaluation and evaluations in overseas development contexts.

THE SOCIETY'S CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

HOW THE SOCIETY IS GOVERNED

A board of management provides overall governance and has ultimate responsibility for the Society's affairs. Members of regional and other committees work with and report to the Board to achieve the Society's strategic and business objectives.

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 will come into effect at the 2010 AGM. Details of the transitional arrangements from 3 September 2009 - 2 September 2010 can be found in the AES' Constitution at <http://www.aes.asn.au/about/>

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.

WHO WE ARE GOVERNED BY: THE AES BOARD

NAMED OFFICE BEARERS

Jenny Neale, President

Jenny is an Associate Professor and former Head of the School of Social and Cultural Studies at Victoria University of Wellington. She has over 25 years experience in research and evaluation practice. As well she has over 15 years of teaching in the area to postgraduate students from the public, private and community sectors. Jenny joined the Executive Committee, initially as Vice President, in 2004-05.

Graeme Harvey, Vice President until 3 September 2009

Graeme is Manager of the Improvement Frameworks Unit, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in Victoria. He comes from an education background and has a wide range of experience in public sector management, evaluation and performance review. Graeme had been a member of the Board since 2002-2003.

Alan Woodward, Secretary until 30 September, Vice-President from 1 October 2009

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. He commenced as Secretary of the AES in September 2008. 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.

Cheryl Reed, Treasurer

Cheryl joined the Executive Committee in 2008. She is a Director of TNS Social Research. 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.

Anne Markiewicz, Secretary from 1 October 2009

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 been a member of the Board on several occasions taking leave at one point to work in the UK (2007-2008). Anne Markiewicz has been operating as an evaluation consultant for over 15 years, and in that time has completed a wide range of evaluation projects for a range of human service sectors. During 2010 she has been delivering a national program of training on behalf of the AES in *Developing monitoring and evaluation frameworks*.

BOARD MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Name	Possible	Attended	Name	Possible	Attended
Jenny Neale	7	7	Susan Garner	4	2
Graeme Harvey	2	2	Darren Harris	4	3
Alan Woodward	7	6	Nea Harrison	7	5
Cheryl Reed	7	6	Annette Michaux	7	6
Anne Markiewicz	7	7	Lilian Oh	3	1
Scott Bayley	4	1	David Roberts	1	1
Peter Bycroft	3	3	Mathea Roorda	7	6
Carina Calzoni	4	0	Graham Smith	3	3
Paul Chesterton	7	7	David Turner	2	2
Silvia Cosier	4	4	Gill Westhorp	4	4

AES ADMINISTRATION

Judy Pearce, **Administrator**

AES FINANCES

The following should be read in conjunction with the Statutory Statements (pages 31 to 39). 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

INTRODUCTION

The key part of this report is the financial statements, which follows.

FEATURES OF THE 2009-10 RESULTS

This part of the report presents a number of aspects of the 2009-10 results.

The Society's overall operating result for the year 2009-10 was a surplus of \$2,244 against a budgeted deficit of \$83,910. This follows a deficit of \$16,901 in 2009-10.

The reason for the improved financial result over the previous year is largely attributable increased income through ordinary activities such as memberships, workshops and the annual conference and below forecast expenditure.

The Society's main sources of income continued to be memberships (\$113,201), workshops (138,697) and the annual conference (\$40,760).

OVERALL RESULT

The net assets of the Society increased as a consequence of the surplus during the year, and now stand at \$209,894 compared with \$207,650 twelve months ago.

OUTLOOK 2010-11

The Society is budgeting for a deficit of \$23,345 in 2010-11. This figure has been calculated differently than in previous years to provide a more realistic forecast of expenditure. Growth is anticipated to continue in income streams. Since setting the budget it has also become apparent that the Wellington Conference is set to exceed revenue projections.

On expenses, the Publications Committee terminated the contract for on-line *Journal of Evaluation and Program Planning* (effective December 2010) which was offered free to members. This accounted for over \$25,000 expenditure per annum. The implementation of the Strategic Plan and the impact of this on the Society's administrative structure and activities have also been considered in setting the budget for 2010-11.

CONCLUSION

The financial result for 2009-10 was considerably better than expected and saw the Society make a surplus for the year. The Society has strong cash reserves to meet the projected deficit for 2010-11. During the year, the Society undertook a review of membership fees. As a result of this review, it has been agreed that there will be no increase in membership fees in the 2010-11 financial year. Fees, along with income streams and expenses, will be reviewed against services to members at this time as part of the implementation of the Strategic Plan.

The detailed financial statements follow. They include:

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Cheryl Reed
Treasurer
23 August 2010

BUDGET FOR 2010–11

	Actual 2010	Budgeted 2010	Difference	Proposed2 011
Income				
Membership				
Renewals Australia	\$60,315	\$52,000	\$8,315	\$60,000
Renewals New Zealand	\$12,145	\$13,000	(\$855)	\$15,000
Renewals Other	\$925	\$1,000	(\$75)	\$1,000
New Members Australia	\$33,832	\$24,000	\$9,831	\$35,000
New Members New Zealand	\$5,160	\$4,000	\$1,160	\$6,000
New Members Other	\$825	\$1,000	(\$175)	\$1,000
Total Membership	\$113,201	\$95,000	\$18,201	\$118,000
Interest				
Total Bank Interest	\$8,259	\$8,500	(\$241)	\$8,500
Total Interest	\$8,259	\$8,500	(\$241)	\$8,500
Publications				
EJA Library Subscriptions	\$3,020	\$3,000	\$20	\$3,000.00
CALS	\$0	\$1,000	(\$1,000)	\$1,000.00
Consultants Directory	\$6,354	\$5,500	\$854	\$6,500.00
Other	\$171	\$0	\$171	\$0.00
Total Publications	\$9,545	\$9,500	\$45	\$10,500
Workshops				
Total Workshops	\$138,697	\$70,000	\$68,697	\$140,000
Conference Income				
Net Conference Income	\$40,760	\$20,000	\$20,760	\$20,000
Total Income	\$310,463	\$203,000	\$107,462	\$297,000
Expenses				
Publications				
EJA costs	\$23,376	\$23,000	\$376	\$25,000
Editorial expenses	-	-	-	\$10,000
On-Line journal	\$24,766	\$23,000	\$1,766	\$13,000
Total Publications	\$48,142	\$46,000	\$2,142	\$48,000
Special Projects				
Conference Support Grants	\$11,631	\$15,750	(\$4,119)	\$15,000
Total Special Projects	\$11,631	\$15,750	(\$4,119)	\$15,000
Workshops				
Total Workshops	\$90,121	\$55,000	\$35,121	\$90,000
Membership Services				
Annual Report & AGM	\$409	\$2,000	(\$1,591)	\$1,500
Committees Discretionary Fund	\$0	\$3,500	(\$3,500)	\$3,500
Awards	\$2,612	\$2,000	\$612	\$3,000
Fellows	\$23	\$1,000	(\$977)	\$200
Regional Representatives	\$486	\$500	(\$14)	\$500
Professional Learning	\$276	\$2,000	(\$1,724)	\$1,000
Marketing	\$3,757	\$2,500	\$1,257	\$1,000
Overseas Initiatives	\$2,598	\$5,000	(\$2,402)	\$2,500
International reception	\$1,223	\$1,000	\$223	\$1,200
Website	\$8,220	\$12,500	(\$4,280)	\$10,000
Total Membership Services	\$19,604	\$32,000	(\$12,396)	\$24,400
Regional Activities				
Regional Activities	\$2,757	\$10,000	(\$7,243)	\$2,500
Qld Admin	\$3,015	\$4,320	(\$1,305)	\$3,000
Total Regional Activities	\$5,772	\$14,320	(\$8,548)	\$5,500

Governance				
Finance & Legal	\$4,124	\$3,000	\$1,124	\$5,000
Governance Review	\$3,266	\$2,500	\$766	
Strategic Planning	\$2,480	\$0	\$2,480	\$10,000
Board & Executive	\$20,482	\$20,000	\$482	\$15,000
Conference Evaluation	\$4,210	\$5,000	(\$790)	\$5,000
Total Governance	\$34,561	\$30,500	\$4,061	\$35,000
Admin Services				
Admin Services	\$75,947	\$72,000	\$3,947	\$80,145
Systems upgrade	\$273		\$273	
Bank fees	\$526	\$500	\$26	\$500
Merchant Fees & web tran charg	\$6,924	\$5,500	\$1,424	\$7,000
Stationery & Printing	\$3,924	\$3,500	\$424	\$3,500
Postages & Couriers	\$2,177	\$2,000	\$177	\$2,000
Phone, Fax, Data	\$3,134	\$3,000	\$134	\$3,000
Archive/Storage	\$766	\$840	(\$74)	\$800
Insurance	\$4,157	\$5,000	(\$843)	\$5,000
General/Other Expenses	\$561	\$1,000	(\$439)	\$500
Total Admin Services	\$98,388	\$93,340	\$5,048	\$102,445
Total Expenses	\$308,219	\$286,910	\$21,309	\$320,345
Operating Profit	\$2,244	(\$83,910)	\$86,153	(\$23,345)

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL RESULTS BY AES ACTIVITY – 8 YEAR COMPARISON

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-8	2008-9	2009-10
Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Membership	64583	66683	82910	79795	84981	101355	107578	113202
Interest	3475	3571	7450	7259	8892	10229	12078	8259
Publications	6986	9311	9155	10356	13567	12063	9525	9545
Special Projects		6745			217834			
Workshops	21457	42005	49301	53122	59724	74625	135063	138697
Net Conference Income	27654	56295	59259	29716	51194	26740	25143	40760
Miscellaneous	1			-11	3			
Total Income	124156	184610	208075	180237	436195	225013	289387	310463
Expenses	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Publications	21858	13623	20410	23682	19103	31783	47381	48142
Special Projects		6517			189083	11898	14036	11631
Workshops	11368	28659	21923	36280	51863	54284	108293	90121
Membership services	10499	7073	9305	21524	14995	22271	18253	19604
Regional Activities	2300	1318	1838	2645	1897	2790	4650	5772
Governance	21246	24519	25301	39112	41713	37171	26522	34561
Administration	48319	60872	65859	69430	64842	80439	87153	98388
Depreciation adjustment					270	175		
Total Expenses	115590	142581	144636	192673	383766	240810	306288	308219
Profit (Loss)	8566	42029	63439	(12436)	52429	(15797)	(16901)	2244

BOARD REPORT

AUSTRALASIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY INCORPORATED

ABN 13 886 280 969

STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE

Board Report

Your Board members submit the financial report of the Australasian Evaluation Society Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2010.

Board Members

The names of people who were members of the Board during the year ended 30 June 2010 or at the date of this statement are:

Dr Jenny Neale	<i>President</i>
Dr Graeme Harvey	<i>Vice -President (Until 3 September 2009)</i>
Mr Alan Woodward	<i>Secretary (Until 30 September) & Vice -President (from 1 October 2009)</i>
Ms Anne Markiewicz	<i>Secretary (From 1 October 2009) & Board member from 1 July 2009</i>
Ms Cheryl Reed	<i>Treasurer</i>
Ms Mathea Roorda	
Dr Paul Chesterton	
Ms Annette Michaux	
Ms Silvia Cosier	From 26 November 2009
Mr David Roberts	From 26 November 2009 until 31 January 2010
Mr Scott Bayley	Until 31 January 2010
Dr Darren Harris	Until 31 January 2010
Mr David Turner	From 5 September 2009 until 31 January 2010
Ms Susan Garner	Until 31 January 2010
Ms Nea Harrison	
Ms Carina Calzoni	Until 31 January 2010
Dr Gill Westhorp	Until 31 January 2010
Professor Peter Bycroft	Until 26 November 2009
Ms Lilian Oh	From 24 July 2009 until 26 November 2009
Mr Graham Smith	Until 26 November 2009

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Society during the financial year were to:

- Provide education and training in matters related to evaluation;
- Recognise outstanding contributions to the theory and/or practice of evaluation;
- Establish and promote ethics and standards in evaluation practise;
- Provide a forum for the discussion of ideas including society publications, seminars, workshops and
- Link members who have similar evaluation interests;
- act as an advocate for evaluation; and
- Other activities consistent with the above aims .

Significant Changes

There was no significant change in the state of affairs of the society during the year.

Operating Results

The net surplus of the Society for the year ended 30 June 2010 was \$ 2,244
(NOTE 2009: loss was \$16,901)

Financial Position

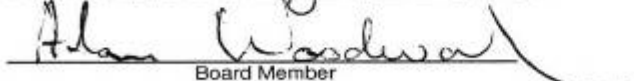
In the opinion of the Board, the accompanying financial report presents fairly the financial position of Australasian Evaluation Society Incorporated as at 30 June 2010 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

In the opinion of the Board, at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Australasian Evaluation Society Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed in accordance with the agreement of the Board members.


Board Member

Dated: 11 August 2010


Board Member

Dated: 11 August 2010

AUDITOR'S REPORT

HOUSTON & HANNA
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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
 AUSTRALASIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY INCORPORATED
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010**

Scope.

I have audited the attached financial statements of the Australasian Evaluation Society Incorporated (The Association) for the year ended 30 June 2010. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements and the information they contain. I have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Association.

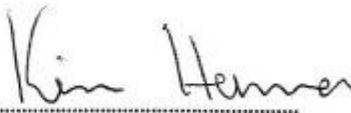
My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's position and the results of its operations.

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

Audit Opinion.

In my opinion,

- (a) the financial statements of the Association are properly drawn up:
- (i) So as to give a true and fair view of matters required by subsection 72(2) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 to be dealt with in the financial statements
 - (ii) in accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991; and
 - (iii) in accordance with proper accounting standards, being Applicable Accounting Standards;
- (b) I have obtained all the information and explanations required;
- (c) Proper accounting records have been kept by the Association as required by the Act; and
- (d) The audit was conducted in accordance with the rules of the Association.



 Kim Hanna FCA
 Registered Company Auditor
 Date: 13/8/10

INCOME STATEMENT**For the Year Ended 30 June 2010**

2009		Note	2010
\$			\$
506,835	REVENUE FROM ORDINARY OPERATIONS	2	654,850
	EXPENSES		
(47,381)	Cost of Sales - Publications		(48,142)
(18,253)	Membership Services		(19,604)
(14,036)	Special Projects (inc' Indigenous Scholarship)		(11,631)
(108,293)	Workshops		(90,121)
(118,325)	Administration and Governance		(138,720)
(217,448)	Conference Costs		(344,388)
(16,901)	NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		2,244

BALANCE SHEET**As at 30 June 2010**

2009		Note	2010
\$			\$
	CURRENT ASSETS		
174,959	Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	222,734
1,059	Receivables	4	3,010
55,813	Other	5	30,107
231,831	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		255,851
	NON CURRENT ASSETS		
-	Computer and Office Equipment	6	-
-	TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS		-
231,831	TOTAL ASSETS		255,851
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
4,000	Payables		19,372
-	Provision for Scholarships		26,586
20,181	Unearned Revenue		45,958
24,181	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		45,958
24,181	TOTAL LIABILITIES		209,894
207,650	NET ASSETS		
	EQUITY		
224,552	Retained Surplus		207,650
(16,901)	Surplus (Loss) for the year		2,244
207,650	TOTAL EQUITY		209,894

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT**For the Year Ended 30 June 2010**

2009		Note	2010
\$			\$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
494,595	Receipts from Activities		646,592
12,078	Interest Received		8,259
(541,364)	Payments to Employees and Suppliers		(607,075)
<u>(34,691)</u>	NET CASH GENERATED (USED)	<u>9(a)</u>	<u>47,775</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>-</u>	Payments for Assets		<u>-</u>
<u>-</u>	NETCASH GENERATED (USED)		<u>-</u>
(34,691)	Net movement in cash and cash equivalents		47,775
209,650	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		174,959
<u>174,959</u>	Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>3</u>	<u>222,734</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**For the Year Ended 30 June 2010**

2009		Note	2010
\$			\$
224,551	Balance at beginning of the year		207,650
(16,901)	Net surplus/(deficit) for the year		2,244
<u>207,650</u>	Balance at the end of the year		<u>209,894</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 of the Australian Capital Territory. The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The financial report covers the Australasian Evaluation Society Incorporated ("the Society") as an individual entity. The Society is an association incorporated in the Australian Capital Territory under The Association Incorporation Act 1991.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the Society in the preparation of this financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

Basis of Preparation

Reporting Basis and Conventions

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs.

a Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and deposits held on call with banks or financial institutions.

b Cash Flows

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand, traveller's cheques, cash at bank, bank overdrafts and bank bills maturing within one year.

c Foreign currency transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions during the year are converted into Australian currency at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Amounts receivable and payable in foreign currencies at balance date are converted at the rates of exchange ruling at that date. All exchange differences are brought to account in the balance sheet of the financial year in which they arise.

d 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.

e Comparative Information

Where appropriate, comparative information has been reclassified to assist in the understanding of the financial report.

f Revenue recognition

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 and expenditure

Events income and expenditure are recognised in the year that the event is held. Event 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 conference 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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

prior to year end, but which relate to a conference to be held after year end, have not been recognised. Gross income and expenditure are recognised regardless of whether the conference administration is outsourced once the conference has been completed.

Interest revenue

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Other revenue

Revenues are recognised when the applicable goods and services have been provided and the income earned.

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

g 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 Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

h Impairment

At each balance date, the Society reviews the carrying values of its intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amounts of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. As a not-for-profit entity, value in use for the Society according to AASB 136 Impairment of Assets, is depreciated replacement cost. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is written off to the income statement.

i Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The board evaluates estimates and judgments incorporated into the financial report 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 Society.

Key Estimates – Impairment

The Society assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the Society that may lead to impairment of assets. Should an impairment indicator exist, the determination of the recoverable amount of the asset may require incorporation of a number of key estimates. No impairment indicators were present at 30 June, 2010.

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Note 2: Revenue from Ordinary Activities		
<i>Operating Activities</i>		
Revenue from sale of goods:		
Publications	9,545	9,525
Total revenue from sale of goods	9,545	9,525
Revenue from Services:		
Membership Fees	113,201	107,578
Regional Activities	138,697	135,063
Conferences	385,149	242,591
Total revenue from services	637,046	485,232
Total revenue from operating activities	646,592	494,757
<i>Non-Operating Activities</i>		
Interest	8,259	12,078
Total revenue from non-operating activities	8,259	12,078
Total revenue from ordinary activities	654,850	506,835
Note 3: Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at Bank	57,588	43,038
Cash on Deposit	164,946	131,721
Cash on hand	200	200
	222,734	174,959
Note 4: Receivables		
Current		
Trade Debtors	2,755	-
Accrued interest	255	1,059
	3,010	1,059
Note 5: Other Assets		
Current		
Prepaid conference expenses	25,700	49,753
Other prepayments	4,407	6,060
	30,107	55,813
Note 6: Computer and Office Equipment		
Computers and Software, at Cost	1,140	1,140
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,140)	(1,140)
	-	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2009

Note 7: Key Management Personnel**(a) Details of Key Management Personnel**

Names and positions held of key management personnel in office at any time during the financial year are:

(i) Board Members of the Australasian Evaluation Society

Dr Jenny Neale	Mr Scott Bayley
Dr Graeme Harvey	Dr Darren Harris
Mr Alan Woodward	Mr David Turner
Ms Anne Markiewicz	Ms Susan Garner
Ms Cheryl Reed	Ms Nea Harrison
Ms Mathea Roorda	Ms Carina Calzoni
Dr Paul Chesterton	Dr Gill Westthorp
Ms Annette Michaux	Professor Peter Bycroft
Ms Silvia Cosier	Ms Lillian Oh
Mr David Roberts	Mr Graham Smith

The Board Members did not receive any 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.

Note 8: Society Details

The Society is an association incorporated under the Associations Incorporation 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. The Society does not maintain an office. The postal Address of the Society is P.O. Box 5223, LYNEHAM, A.C.T. 2602, Australia.

Note 9: Cash Flow Information

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
a Reconciliation of net cash relating to operating activities to net surplus		
Net surplus/(Loss)	2,244	(16,901)
Non-cash flows in operating surplus:		
Depreciation and Amortisation	-	-
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
Receivables	(1,951)	(162)
Other Assets	25,706	(21,162)
Payables	15,372	(1,186)
Unearned Revenue & Provision	6,405	4,720
Net Cash relating to operating activities	<u>47,775</u>	<u>(34,691)</u>

b Non-Cash Transactions

There were no non-cash investing or financing transactions during the current financial year.

c Unused Credit Facilities

The Society does not have any credit facilities.

Note 10: Financial Instruments**(a) Financial Risk Management**

The Society's principal financial instruments comprise cash at bank, receivables and accounts payable. These financial instruments arise from the operations of the Society. The main risks arising from Society's financial instruments are interest rate risk and credit risk. The policies for managing each of these risks are summarised below.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is a risk that the value of a financial asset or liability will change due to interest rate fluctuations. The interest rate applicable to each class of financial asset and liability are set out below.

Financial Assets:

- Variable rate cash deposits totaling \$30,598 at the average rate of 3.1% for the June 2010 quarter.
- Money market call account of \$164,946 at the average rate of 5.9%.

Credit Risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk of the Society at balance date to recognised financial assets is carrying amount as disclosed in the balance sheet of the Society and notes thereon. The Society does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single debtor or group of debtors.

(b) Net Fair Values

The Net fair value of financial assets and liabilities approximates the values shown in the balance sheet and the notes thereon.

AES MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP BY REGION AND YEAR

As at 1 July:

Region	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08*	09*	10*
NZ - Auckland	26	23	24	26	29	33	31	34	28	35	25	27
NZ - Wellington & South Island	77	72	80	84	84	97	108	116	114	145	118	125
NZ - South Island	10	3										
ACT	68	71	64	72	65	50	75	85	121	86	113	145
NSW	105	107	94	100	104	92	103	106	111	132	142	161
NT	36	29	19	16	15	21	13	11	16	19	24	20
QLD	77	70	63	74	83	87	87	94	88	126	133	125
SA	64	63	52	51	55	56	71	82	67	50	82	103
TAS	16	13	7	7	10	14	12	9	7	8	10	12
VIC	132	129	109	125	124	127	138	151	165	202	205	240
WA	67	67	62	66	72	58	71	56	59	64	93	70
International	15	18	18	20	17	17	19	20	18	35	23	25
Reciprocal	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	694	666	592	642	659	652	729	765	795	903*	969*	1054*
New members	74	48	89	134	151	142	209	174	230	300	295	299
Non renewals		76	163	102	134	149	132	138	200	192	229	214

* Includes memberships expired for up to 3 months (previously 6 months.)