

ST JOHN OF GOD SERVICES VICTORIA

ABN NO. 36 064 831 965

(a Company limited by guarantee not having a share capital)

FINANCIAL REPORT - 30 JUNE 2001

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DIRECTORS REPORT

In accordance with a resolution of the Directors, the Directors of St John of God Services Victoria present their Report on the Company for the financial year ended 30th June 2001.

Directors

The names of the Directors in office any time during or since the end of the year and the number of Directors' Meetings attended are as follows:-

	<u>Meetings held</u> <u>While in Office</u>	<u>Meetings</u> <u>Attended</u>	<u>Board Member</u> <u>From</u>	<u>Board Member</u> <u>Resignation</u>
Mr.D.Beatty, Chartered Accountant, Chairman	11	11	24.05.1994	
Sr. C. Brabener, Religious Sister	11	9	01.03.1996	
Sr.M. Fox, Religious Sister	11	8	24.05.1994	
Br. T. Graham, Religious Brother	10	8	24.05.1994	30.05.2001
Mr. T. Healy, Business Executive	11	10	16.06.1997	
Br.R.Moloney, Religious Brother	11	9	29.04.1999	
Mr. M. Sneddon, Solicitor	11	9	15.08.1997	
Mr. D. Templeton, Chartered Accountant	2	0	25.06.1998	30.08.2000
Mr. K. Winterburn, Business Executive	11	6	29.04.1999	
Mr. J. MacLeod, Funeral Director	11	8	01.08.1999	
Br. J. Clegg, Religious Brother	2	2	30.05.2001	

Directors do not receive any salary or other benefits.

Principal Activity

The principal activities of the Company in the course of the year were the provision of accommodation, training, employment and employment assistance for people with intellectual disabilities.

Operating Results

The Company derived an operating profit of \$246,644.

Dividends

No dividends have been paid or declared as the Company's Constitution prohibits the payment of dividends to Members.

Review of Operations

With the exception of the Nursery operation, the Company's results for the period have been close to expectations, The Nursery operation was sold during the course of the financial year.

There was no other significant change in the financial state of affairs of the Company during the financial year.

Future Developments

The Directors believe that the Company will continue to provide accommodation, training, employment and employment assistance for people with intellectual disabilities and that the Company will operate with a small surplus in 2001/2002.

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DIRECTORS REPORT

Indemnification and Insurance of Officers or Auditor

Indemnification:- Each person who is or has been a Director or Officer of the Company is indemnified against all liabilities to another person (other than the Company or a related body corporate) that may arise out of their position as Directors or Officers of the Company, except where liability arises out of conduct involving a lack of good faith.

Insurance:- Since the end of the previous financial year the Company has paid insurance premiums of \$Nil in respect of Directors and Officers' Liability and Legal Expenses Insurance Contracts, for current and former Officers including directors and executive Officers. This premium is paid by the Government of Victoria and not recharged to the non - Government agencies subsidised by the Department of Human Services.

After Balance Date Events

No matter or circumstances has arisen since the end of the financial year which has significantly affected or may significantly affect:-

- the financial operations of the Company,
- the financial results of those operations, or
- the financial state of affairs of the Company in subsequent financial years

Environmental Activity

The Company's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.

Proceedings on Behalf of Company

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company or intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or any part of those proceedings.

The Company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD



DAVID J BEATTY
Director

26/9/01
DATE

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

SCOPE

We have audited the Financial Report for St John of God Services Victoria for the year ended 30th June 2001 as set out on pages 4 to 15. The Company's Directors are responsible for the Financial Report. We have conducted an independent audit of this Financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the Members of the Company.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the Financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures include examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the Financial Report, 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 Report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Company's financial position, and the performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows.

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

AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, the Financial report of St John of God Services Victoria is in accordance with:

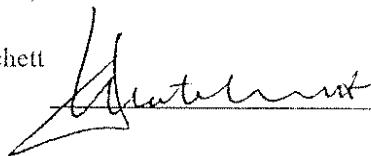
- a) the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2001 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - complying with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001 :
- b) other mandatory professional reporting requirements

DATE

28/9/01

BYRONS (Chartered Accountants)
62 Burwood Road, Burwood. NSW

Jeffrey. P. Matchett
PARTNER



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DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The Directors of the Company declare that:

- 1) the Financial Statements and Notes, as set out on pages 5 to 15:
 - comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001; and
 - give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2001 and performance for the year ended on that date

- 2) in the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



DAVID J BEATTY
Director

26/9/01
DATE

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

Handwritten signature and date: 30/6/01

	Note	2001 \$	2000 \$
Revenues from ordinary activities	2	15,866,281	12,812,968
Employee benefits expense		(10,951,920)	(8,946,008)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(384,133)	(321,642)
Other expenses from ordinary activities		(4,283,584)	(3,677,309)
Net Profit from ordinary activities	3	<u>246,644</u>	<u>(131,991)</u>

Revenue ↑ 3,053,313 = + 23.8%

Net Profit ↑ 378,635 = + 286.86%

The accompanying Notes form part of these Financial Statements

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2001

	Note	2001 \$	2000 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets			
Receivables	4	1,581,699	594,875
Inventories	5	61,150	194,604
Other	6	0	623,510
	7	143,532	148,759
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,786,381	1,561,748
NON - CURRENT ASSETS			
Other financial assets		0	0
Property, Plant and equipment	8	1,621,915	1,816,065
TOTAL NON - CURRENT ASSETS		1,621,915	1,816,065
TOTAL ASSETS		3,408,296	3,377,813
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	9	1,572,355	1,438,605
Provisions	10	808,841	755,281
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,381,196	2,193,886
NON - CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	9	200,000	663,169
Provisions	10	180,866	121,168
TOTAL NON - CURRENT LIABILITIES		380,866	784,337
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,762,062	2,978,223
NET ASSETS		646,234	399,590
EQUITY			
Reserves - Hospitaller Order Special Equity Reserve	11	200,000	0
Retained profits	12	446,234	399,590
TOTAL EQUITY		646,234	399,590

The accompanying Notes form part of these Financial Statements

Handwritten note: 986 824 = 60% ?

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

	Note	2001 \$	2000 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		17,031,310	12,484,277
Payments to suppliers and employees		(15,379,336)	(12,210,575)
Dividends received		0	0
Interest received		46,074	17,015
Net cash provided (used in) operating activities	20(b)	1,698,048	290,717
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		253,889	183,265
Proceeds from sale of investments		0	0
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(501,945)	(571,684)
Payment for investments		0	0
Loans to related parties - payments made		0	0
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		(248,056)	(388,419)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from borrowings		0	17,370
Repayment of borrowings	*	(463,169)	0
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		(463,169)	17,370
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		986,823	(80,332)
Cash at beginning of year		594,876	675,208
Cash at end of year	20(a)	1,581,699	594,876

Assume this is payment for leases exempt from SA of lease?

The accompanying Notes form part of these Financial Statements

*Revenue
 17,031,310
 15,866,281
 1,165,029*

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2001

NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board. 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 accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial report.

Income Tax

The Company is exempt from Tax.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, Plant and Equipment are measured on the cost basis

The carrying amount of property, plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Depreciation

* The Depreciation Policy was changed on 1 July 2000. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the net cost of each fixed assets during its effective working life.

Old Depreciation rates, on a diminishing value basis, used for each class of assets were:-

Plant & Equipment	15.00 %
Motor Vehicles	22.50 %
Office Equipment	15.00 %
Furniture & Fittings	11.25 %
Chapel Furniture	11.25 %

New Depreciation rates used for each class of assets commencing 1 July 2000 were:-

Plant & Equipment	11.25 %	Diminishing value
Motor Vehicles	22.50 %	Diminishing value
Office Equipment	20.00 %	Straightline
Furniture & Fittings	10.00 %	Straightline
Computer Equipment	25.00 %	Straightline

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NOTE 1 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for the Company's liability for Employee Entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements expected to be settled within one year together with entitlements arising from salaries and wages, annual and sick leave which will be settled after one year, have been measured at their nominal amount. Other Employee entitlements payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows for those entitlements. Contributions are made by the Company to employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred.

Revenue

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers. Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers. Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the Interest rate applicable to any financial assets. All revenue is stated net of the amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Members' Guarantee

The Company is limited by Guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the Constitution states that each Member is required to contribute a maximum of \$100 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the Company. At the current balance date the number of members was five.

Trust Liabilities and Right of Indemnity

The Company accepted appointment as Trustee of the St John of God Charitable Trust on 19/4/95. The Company acts as Trustee of this Trust and liabilities have been incurred on behalf of it in the capacity of Corporate Trustee.

Liabilities incurred on behalf of the Trust are not recognised in the Financial Statements when it is not probable that the Company will have to meet any of those Trust liabilities from its own resources. When it is probable that the Company will have to meet some of these Trust liabilities, a liability for the Deficiency in Trust Right of Indemnity is brought to account. Details of Trust liabilities, the offsetting right of Indemnity and any deficiency in the right indemnity are disclosed in Note 19 to these Financial Statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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	2001	2000
	\$	\$
<u>NOTE 2 - REVENUE</u>		
Operating activities		
Government Grants	* 12,700,787	10,569,879
Grant - Hospitaller Order of St John of God	788,700	314,825
Miscellaneous Revenue	257,539	150,652
Services Revenue	* 846,199	823,412
Sale of Goods	938,409	750,230
Interest	46,074	17,507
Donations and bequests	34,684	3,198
	15,612,392	12,629,703
Non Operating activities		
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	253,889	183,265
Revenue from ordinary activities	15,866,281	12,812,968

2,307,000, 2
473,875

NOTE 3 - NET PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN DETERMINED AFTER

a) Revenue and Net Gains

Net loss / (gain) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	67,747	(49,570)
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b) Expenses

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	384,133	321,642
Bad and Doubtful Debts	65,890	11,448
Remuneration of Auditor - Audit	14,000	16,200
Remuneration of Auditor - Other services	915	6,000
* Rental expenses on Operating Leases	163,398	63,800

c) Significant Revenues and Expenses

Total Loss on Nursery prior to / part of Sale	* 620,296	0
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12,133 162,000 ↓ 12.5% 22,000
915 6,000 ↓ 82.75% 50,850

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NOTE 4 - CASH ASSETS

	2001	2000
	\$	\$
Cash at Bank and on hand	573,399	594,876
Deposits at call with Oropesa P/L	1,008,300	0
	1,581,699	594,876

*Previously
PAPELA Pt. 7.11.86
BULLOCK NSW*

*NEW
003 191 526*

ABN 90 008 191 526

NOTE 5 - RECEIVABLES

Trade debtors	133,846	105,155
Provision for doubtful debts	(78,575)	(14,224)
	55,271	90,931
Other debtors	2,740	41,873
Debts owed by related party	739	31,920
Income Accrued	2,400	29,880
	61,150	194,604

NOTE 6 - INVENTORIES

Stock on hand at lower of cost and realisable value	0	623,510
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NOTE 7 - OTHER ASSETS

Prepayments	139,993	142,793
Rental bonds	3,539	5,966
	143,532	148,759

NOTE 8 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property		
* Freehold	0	0
Plant and Equipment		
Plant and equipment at cost	2,795,646	2,961,554
Less accumulated depreciation	1,173,731	1,145,489
	1,621,915	1,816,065
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	1,621,915	1,816,065

OREPESA P/L DEPOSIT 1,008,300

*Freehold - never
owned freehold
- paper rent
it was app
Sale of prop
+ Plant + Equip
went to Co
+ freehold to app*

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 8 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (cont'd)

(a) Movements in Carrying Amounts

	Plant & Equip \$	Total \$
Balance at the beginning of the year	1,816,065	1,816,065
Additions	* 501,945	501,945
Disposals	(321,637)	(321,637)
Adj to depn Provision 99/00	9,675	9,675
Depreciation Expense	(384,133)	(384,133)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>1,621,915</u>	<u>1,621,915</u>

NOTE 9 - PAYABLES

CURRENT

	2001 \$	2000 \$
Trade Creditors	97,272	147,701
Other Creditors	410,737	0
Debts owed to related party - Hospitaller Order	8,477	6,500
Accrued Expenses	225,662	394,611
Income Prepaid	830,207	889,795
	<u>1,572,355</u>	<u>1,438,607</u>

NON - CURRENT

Unsecured Loan - Hospitaller Order of St John of God	<u>200,000</u>	<u>663,169</u>
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NOTE 10 - PROVISIONS

CURRENT

Employee Entitlements	<u>808,841</u>	<u>755,281</u>
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NON - CURRENT

Employee Entitlements	<u>180,866</u>	<u>121,168</u>
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Number of employees at year end (FTE)

	No.	No.
	<u>196</u>	<u>211</u>

*unsecured loan
663,169
200,000
463,169*

Plant 321,637

** 501,945 additions. What is this?*

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	2001	2000
<u>NOTE 11 - HOSPITALLER ORDER SPECIAL EQUITY RESERVE</u>	\$	\$
Retained Profits at the beginning of the financial year	0	0
Transfer from retained profits	* 200,000	0
Retained Profits at the end of the financial year	<u>200,000</u>	<u>0</u>

The special equity reserve records a special grant from the Hospitaller Order of St John of God

NOTE 12 - RETAINED PROFITS

Retained Profits at the beginning of the financial year	399,590	232,340
Adjustment re AASB 1037 Stock	0	299,241
Net Profit	246,644	(131,991)
Transfer to Reserve	(200,000)	0
Retained Profits at the end of the financial year	<u>446,234</u>	<u>399,590</u>

NOTE 13 - CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS

(a) Finance Lease commitments
- Nil

(b) Operating lease Commitments

Non cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements

Payable

- not later than 1 year	*	145,588
- later than 1 year but not late than 5 years		44,455
- later than 5 years		<u>0</u>
		<u>190,043</u>

The Leases comprise Property and motor vehicle leases, ~~*~~ with rent payable monthly in arrears.

(c) Capital expenditure commitments
- Nil

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NOTE 14 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Some assets have been purchased with the assistance of Government funds. Should such assets be sold or cease to be used for the purpose for which they were purchased, it may be necessary to repay part or all of the Government funds which are applicable to transfer the assets back to government. The written down value of assets affected in this matter is estimated not to exceed \$500,000.

NOTE 15 - EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

No event or incident requiring disclosure has taken place since the end of the financial year ended 30 June 2001.

NOTE 16 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company receives Grants from and pays Rent to the Hospitaller Order of St John of God. During the normal course of business, transactions between entities controlled by the Order are on normal commercial terms, with the exception of Grants and the Unsecured Funding Loan. The Loan has no repayment date and is currently Interest - free.

A director of the Company was a partner in a firm which provides legal advice to the Company on normal commercial terms.

NOTE 17 - SEGMENT REPORTING

✓ All income is derived within Victoria, within one business stream.

NOTE 18 - COMPANY DETAILS

The Company is incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The Registered Office of the Company is:

Suite 12, 96 Manchester Road
Mooroolbark. VIC 3138

The principal place of business is:

Suite 12, 96 Manchester Road
Mooroolbark. VIC 3138

NOTE 19 - TRUST LIABILITIES AND RIGHT OF INDEMNITY

	2001	2000
Liabilities of the St John of God Charitable Trust not recorded in the Financial statements of the Company were:	\$ Nil	\$ 1,275
Right of indemnity for liabilities incurred by the Company on behalf of the St John of God Charitable Trust not recorded in the Financial statements of the company were:	Nil	1,275

The assets of the Trust, which lie behind the right of indemnity, are not directly available to meet the liabilities of the Company acting in its own right. The assets of the Trust were sufficient to discharge all liabilities of the Trust as at 30 June 2001.

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	2001	2000
	\$	\$
<u>NOTE 20 - CASH FLOW INFORMATION</u>		
(a) Reconciliation of Cash		
Cash at end of the financial year as shown in the statements of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:		
Cash on hand and at bank	1,581,699	594,876
Bank Overdraft	0	0
	1,581,699	594,876
(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit from ordinary activities		
Profit from ordinary activities	246,644	(131,991)
Non - cash flows in profit from ordinary activities		
Amortisation	0	0
Depreciation	384,133	321,642
Adj to depn Provision 99/00	(9,675)	0
Net (gains) / losses on disposals of plant and equipment	67,747	(49,570)
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Decrease/(Increase) in receivables	133,454	(169,060)
Decrease/(Increase) in other assets	5,227	354
Decrease/(Increase) in inventories	623,510	0
Increase/(Decrease) in payables	133,748	125,823
Increase/(Decrease) in provisions	113,259	193,519
Cash flow from operations	1,698,048	290,717

Broken Rites

(Australia) Collective Inc.

PO Box 163 Rosanna. Vic. 3084
Telephone (03) 94574999.

The Rt. Hon. Christine Campbell,
Minister for Community Services,
Level 22, 555 Collins St.,
Melbourne 3000.

November 26, 1999.

Dear Minister Campbell,

I am writing to you following a decision made by the executive of Broken Rites that contact should be made, to request a meeting with two or three executive members, at a time which is convenient to you.

First of all on behalf of Broken Rites, may I offer congratulations, on your being elected to government and your own appointment as a Minister.

By way of background, Broken Rites is a voluntary organisation that plays an advocacy and advisory role to persons who have or may have experienced physical, psychological and /or sexual abuse by either clergy, religious or church employees.

Members of Broken Rites:

- Receive complaints about alleged instances of abuse.
- Advise callers of their rights.
- Arrange for victims to make statements to police.
- Accompany victims to meetings with solicitors, police, officials of the churches. and/or persons working on behalf of a particular church..
- Publish a Newsletter (2-3 issues per year) which is distributed to about 1200 readers
- Respond to media enquiries.
- Organise and hold 2-3 informal, social functions each year for victims to attend.
- Attend court cases.
- Carry out public speaking engagements.
- Liase with relevant organisations and persons in other states.

Over the past 5-6 years we have been contacted by more than 1500 persons in Victoria alone and the organisation has played a significant role in bringing about 60 paedophiles before the courts. You will find enclosed a copy of our most recent Newsletter for your information.

You might recall that you met our President, Ms Chris McIsaac, and myself in 1998 when you organised for facilities at Parliament House to be made available for a large meeting of people who, as children, had been state wards in Victoria. This was a highly successful day which led to the setting up of the organisation LOSS under the leadership of Ms. Heather Bell. You would also be aware that, as a consequence of that meeting a significant number of former state wards are now involved with the firm Maurice Blackburn, Cashman in a class action case against the state of Victoria, seeking compensation for damages.

We are seeking a meeting to discuss with you the experiences and current circumstances of a number of Victorians who, although they were not state wards, were placed into the care of various religious orders. Some of these persons suffered extreme forms of abuse during their childhood and the members of one religious order are still being investigated by the community policing squad. We consider that the matters are relevant to your portfolio responsibilities because in this instance the, religious order and/or its commercial and affiliated organisation, receives significant funding from your department for the welfare and respite services that it provides.

Yours sincerely,

WAYNE CHAMLEY

Broken Rites

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The Rt. Hon. Christine Campbell,
Minister for Community Services,
Level 22, 555 Collins St.,
Melbourne 3000.

September 19, 2000.

Dear Minister Campbell,

I am writing to you following the recent meeting that you had with myself and Wayne Chamley, another executive member of this organisation. This meeting took place in the presence of your adviser, Ms. Claire Thorn and a senior manager for the Eastern Region as we understood. We both left the meeting feeling that it had been very positive and since then we have been able to follow up on some of the matters raised. Wayne has spoken with Ms. Maureen Cleary of the Adoption Information Service and just last week he obtained from Claire Thorn, relevant information about the government's expansion of the Community Visitors Program. It is our intention to report on these matters in the next issue of the Broken Rites Newsletter.

You will recall that we raised with you a number of matters relating to past operations and business practises by St John of God Services, Victoria and it was indicated to us that these practises had been cleaned up within the department.

We also conveyed to you our members' concerns about the protracted investigations by the Victoria Police into possible criminal acts by persons who were (and some remain) religious brothers and members of the order of the Hospitallier Order of St. John of God. Our members include a number of persons who have made statements to the Victoria Police alleging past sexual and physical abuse by these brothers and they are curious as to why the investigations have not been brought to any conclusion.

You will recall that you undertook to speak directly with Minister Andre Haermeyer, in his capacity as Minister for Police, about this matter. We are most interested to receive a response from you about this so that we can advise specific members on an informal basis.

In closing, I wish you to understand that Broken Rites has continuing concerns about the operations of St. John of God Services, Victoria which receives significant funding from the Government of Victoria and from the Commonwealth Government. We also have serious concerns about the relationship between this organisation, as a government-supported service provider, and the Sydney-based Hospitalier Order of St. John of God. I understand that Wayne Chamley and another Broken Rite's contact met informally with Claire Thorn last week to convey some of these concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Chris McIsaac.
President, Broken Rites.

cc. Claire Thorn.