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## Adolescent and Family Counsellors Association, Inc

Chairpersons Report 2008-2009

Dear AFC's,

Welcome to the 2009 AGM. I must apologise for not attending the AGM and Conference, though with the Executive Committee in attendance you are in good hands. As per correspondence with Grahame Williams, he has kindly offered to help and read this report. Thank you Grahame.

### The high points of the AFCA 2008-2009:

- The Annual AFCA Conference was held in Cowra in 2008 – which although I attended missed a lot through illness but by all accounts it was highly successful and many thanks goes to the country region for their planning.
- We held our Annual Christmas lunch at Darling Harbour in December which wasn't as popular as previous years but an enjoyable get together for those who did make it.
- The AFCA training day held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009 *Focusing* was a very successful day with 20 attendees, thanks to Felicity for all her help in organising this event.
- The following documents were reviewed, amended, and updated where necessary:

**1. Code of Ethics for AFCA, last revised in 2004**

**2. Policies and Procedures of AFCA last revised on August 2007**

**3. Employment Policy revised October 2000**

**4. Summary of Major Changes contained in the Associations Incorporation Bill 2008**

**5. Job Description for AFC last revised in October 2000**

**6. AFCA inc Constitution last revised 2005**

*This process was very time consuming so special thanks to the Exec for their time, especially Lesley who spent her time editing the documents following the meeting.*

All these documents are available for your viewing pleasure on the AFCA website <http://www.afcansw.asn.au> – as well as all exec minutes from the past year and betond.

- A low point in the year was DOCS refusal to put forth any funds towards the 2009 AFCA Conference this led to AFCA has agreeing to support the Conference by contributing another \$1500. This is of course unsustainable and future conferences will have to look at alternative way of raising money.

I would like to thank AFCA for giving me the opportunity to Chair for the last year. It has been a privilege and definitely a pleasure; the Executive Committee are a very resourceful and work well together and I wish them all the best in the future.

I have posed many questions over the years to many AFC's regarding difficult clients and have always been impressed with the range of suggestions and feedback I received, counselling adolescents and families is truly a difficult job to perform and AFCA is an invaluable resource for all AFC's. Thanks to all of you for helping me during my time as an AFC.

I will be in touch with the Hunter group and hope to see you all in the future.

Yours Sincerely,

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