

Anglicare Australia Annual Report

*Anglicare Australia promotes a just and caring society through
the Christian ministry of the Anglican Church and its agencies.*

Anglicare Australia Mission Statement 2000

Anglicare Australia is an association of 54 care and social justice organisations linked with the Anglican Church of Australia. From Groote Eylandt, NT to Kingston, Tasmania, from Bondi to Bunbury, Anglicare member agencies are locally based organisations serving the needs of their communities.

Anglicare members work in close cooperation with and receive funding from Federal, State and Local Governments to provide a wide range of services including:

- residential and community aged care,
- foster care, adoption and child care,
- family support and relationship counselling,
- emergency relief,
- counselling for drug and alcohol dependence,
- financial and gambling counselling,
- youth programs,
- community housing and emergency accommodation for homeless people
- employment services,
- community development through building communities of hope,
- social research and advocacy,
- working with Aboriginal and Islander Australians,
- and assistance to refugees and migrants.

Over the past year, Anglicare Australia member agencies invested over \$500 million in care and assistance to families, youth and children, the frail aged, people with disabilities, migrants refugees and indigenous Australians.

In January 2002, Anglicare Australia relocated to The Anglican Centre, 209 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. Plans to re-locate to Canberra were put on hold to allow Anglicare Australia more time to increase the resource base of the organization.

Governance

Anglicare Australia is an incorporated association under the Victorian Associations Incorporation Act of 1981. The Annual General Meeting of members of the association elects the Chair and five representatives of member agencies to the Council for a three year term. Up to three others may be co-opted by the Council to ensure that there is a balanced representation of States and Territories and of the main service areas of interest to the members. The Council usually meets five times a year.

Council members at June 2002 are:

Bishop Philip Huggins,
Chair, Anglicare Australia

Bishop of Grafton

Mr Peter Gardiner (Deputy Chair)

General Manager,
Anglicare Welfare Services, Anglicare NSW,

Canon Chris Jones, Hon Treasurer

CEO, Anglicare Tasmania,

Canon Dr Ray Cleary

CEO, Anglicare Victoria

Mr Peter Fisher

CEO, Anglicare Top End,

Ms Tricia Lee,

Executive Manager, Community Services,
Anglicare WA

Ms Helen Kurincic,

CEO, Anglican Aged Care Services Group
Melbourne

Ms Sue Leppert

CEO, Anglicare Canberra/Goulburn

Mr Russell Rollason

Executive Officer,
Anglicare Australia

During the past year, there were several significant changes to the membership of the Council:

- the Chair, Phillip Aspinall resigned following his appointment as Archbishop of Brisbane in late 2001.
- Bishop Philip Huggins of Grafton accepted an invitation to take on the role of Chair and has served with great commitment and dedication through 2002.
- The sudden and unexpected death of John Roffey, CEO of Anglicare SA and a member of the Council was a great shock to all in the Anglicare network and he is greatly missed.
- Sue Leppert, CEO Anglicare Canberra and Goulburn, was co-opted to the vacancy;
- Heather Lyon resigned from the Council after leaving Anglicare Central Queensland to return south to Melbourne.

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The National Anglicare Network
at a Glance

Annual expenditure on services \$495.2 million

Income from Federal Government \$164.2 million

Income from State Governments \$109.2 million

Donations / Fundraising \$22.3 million

Number of staff in national network 10,325

Number of volunteers 11,487

Membership

Anglicare Australia was pleased to welcome a new member in the past year. St Luke's Nursing Service based in Brisbane and providing services across a vast region of rural Queensland, joined the national association. Glenview, an Anglican aged care home in Tasmania was formally accepted into full membership status after being an associate member for some years. The capacity of the mainly small welfare organisations in rural dioceses is growing and Anglicare Australia is committed to assisting these agencies. Volunteers continue to be the backbone of smaller Anglicare member agencies.

Anglicare Australia Priorities

The Constitution of Anglicare Australia defines the organization's aims and objectives as:

- To provide a national structure for consultations between Anglican community services and government, and facilitate communication with the community services sector;
- To encourage co-operation and sharing of resources between agencies, parishes, dioceses and national ministries;
- To enhance the profile of Anglican agencies within the church and the wider community;
- To advocate for members to enhance their services to the marginalized; and
- To affirm and promote community service as integral to the mission of the church.

These aims are reflected in the three year Strategic Plan adopted in 2001, which focuses activity in four areas:

- Social policy, research, and advocacy;
- Services to members;
- Resourcing the national body;
- Presenting and promoting Anglicare Australia.

In social policy, Anglicare Australia seeks to reflect the involvement of its members in:

- Providing services to families, youth and children;
- Caring for older Australians;
- Assisting the unemployed;
- Assisting the homeless;
- Working with Indigenous Australians to overcome disadvantage.

General Synod acknowledges work of Anglicare Australia

The contribution of Anglicare Australia to the life of the national church was acknowledged at the July 2001 session of the Anglican General Synod held in Brisbane. In his opening address to the General Synod, the Primate, Archbishop Peter Carnley AO paid a tribute to Anglicare Australia for the Anglican Reconciliation Working Group and the development of the newly formed National Anglican Resources Unit.

“This unit formed spontaneously with the enthusiastic support of Diocesan Registrars, to whom all credit is due, and is financially supported half by contributions from the dioceses and half from the welfare agencies. Its chief purpose is to help us as a national Church to negotiate our way through the new tax environment in which we must these days live. The Unit was formed for an initial trial year, but given the complexity of the issues that are surfacing and the important work that is already being done, I cannot conceive of its not having a continuing life for some time to come,” said the Primate.

AWARDS 2001 Box

Award for Best Coverage in the Public Media:	National Family Day at Mindil Beach Anglicare Top End
Award for Outstanding Service as a Volunteer:	Judith Walker Careforce, Inala, Anglicare Brisbane.
Award for Excellence in Aged Care:	Acute Transition Alliance Anglicare SA
Award for Excellence in Community Services	Broadmeadows Women’s Community House Anglicare Victoria
Honourable Mention in Community Services	Anglicare Emergency Services Anglicare NSW
Award for Innovation:	Strength Building for Depression and Anxiety St Luke’s Anglicare
Honourable Mention	The Let’s Face IT Project Anglicare Tasmania
	Anglicare Cleaning and Ironing Service Anglicare Central Queensland
	East Timor Mediation Training Anglicare Top End

2002 Anglicare National Conference and AGM

The 2002 Anglicare National Conference will be held at the Carlton Crest Hotel, King George Square, Brisbane on 16-18 September 2002. Theme for the conference is **‘Valuing the Future’** and the program will include plenary addresses from leading social commentators, a forum on child protection, a series of presentations on the art of theological reflection as well as practical workshops. The 2002 Anglicare National Awards will also be presented during the conference.

Advocacy and Social Policy

Federal Election

In the lead up to the 2001 Federal Election, Anglicare Australia raised its concerns under the theme “Children, Jobs and Aged care: Manage the Economy for All”. A campaign kit was published and circulated to all member agencies and Anglican Bishops in the 23 dioceses around Australia

Three of the four issues that Anglicare Australia raised - Aged Care, Jobs and the impact of the GST on charities - gained prominence in the campaign with important commitments being made on aged care and employment issues by the Coalition, ALP and Democrats.

Anglicare Australia signed up to the following statements:

- Focus on Jobs: Employment is the Top National Priority, Joint Statement by Australia's Major Charities; launched at Work Ventures in Surry Hills in Sydney.
- Achieving Justice for Indigenous Australians, Joint Statement by the Community Services Sector
- Community Welfare Groups and Industry Seek a New Housing Deal, signed by ACOSS, Housing Industry Association, Community Housing Federation of Australia, National Shelter, and National Churches Community Housing Network (Anglicare Australia is a member of the network).
- Renewing Relationships between the Federal Government and the Community Sector, A joint statement by National Peak Community and Consumer Organisations, Charities and Church Welfare Agencies.

Following the election, Anglicare Australia assisted with drafting a statement on *Priorities for the New Commonwealth Government* released on 21 November 2001 by the Primate, Archbishop Peter Carnley on behalf of 18 Archbishops and Bishops.

State of the Family Report 2002

On Wednesday 14 March 2002, the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs, the Hon Larry Anthony MP launched the third State of the Family Report in Parliament House Canberra. Simultaneous state launches were held in Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Sydney. This year the report focused on the plight of jobless families and the 680,000 children growing up in families where no adult has a job. Bishop Philip Huggins chaired the Canberra launch and used the opportunity to announce the Anglicare campaign calling for a Government commitment and strategy to reduce by half the number of children living in jobless families within 5 years.

National Family Day was celebrated on Sunday 17 March for the third successive year with activities organized by Anglicare member agencies in a number of capital cities and regional centers around Australia. In 2002, there was a stronger emphasis on involving the parishes in National Family Day.

Aged Care

The first national Anglican Aged Care Forum was held parallel with the Canberra National Anglicare Conference in September 2001. Representatives from nine member agencies attended the forum led by a professional facilitator. The forum identified five priority actions, two focussed on the then forthcoming Federal election. The forum also

called for the aged care network to investigate establishing a research project on the needs of the disadvantaged in aged care.

The Aged Care Network will again meet in September 2002 on the eve of the Aged and Community Services Australia national conference in Adelaide.

In August 2002, an Anglicare Australia delegation met with the Minister for Ageing, Mr Kevin Andrews MP to raise concerns about funding issues including capital requirements, wage disparity for nurses and workforce planning, the guidelines for the innovative pool of new places, and services for people with special needs.

Anglicare Australia is a foundation member of the **National Aged Care Alliance**, an alliance of 22 national peak aged care organisations, including consumer groups, providers, unions, and health professionals working together to create a positive future for aged care. Helen Kurincic (CEO, Anglican Aged Care Services Group) and Russell Rollason are Anglicare Australia's two representatives to the Alliance.

Anglicare Australia also sits on the **Aged Care Working Group** which acts as an advisory body to the Federal Government on aged care issues. Anglicare Australia is represented on the following advisory committees to the Federal Government by people from member agencies:

Julie Chenery (Anglicare SA) on the Resident Classification Scale Industry Liaison Group.

Helen Kurincic (Anglican Aged Care Services Group) and Royce Voss (Anglican Care of the Aged, to July 2002) on the National Liaison Group to the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency.

[box on aged care]

Anglican Aged Care

Caring for older people in Australia

At 142 locations in all States and Territories

providing

6132 Commonwealth approved residential aged care beds

3415 Independent Living Units,

Home and Community Care services to 562 people,

Community Aged Care Packages to 1,440 people,

Respite Care places for 243 people.

Drugs and Alcohol

Following on from the national workshop of drug and alcohol service providers, the Network developed a position statement on Drug and Alcohol Issues which has been

circulated to all member agencies for comment. It is expected that the statement will be launched late in 2002.

Refugee and Migrant Issues

Over the past year, Anglicare Australia has worked with member agencies assisting asylum seekers, refugees and migrant people settle in Australia to develop a position statement on Asylum seekers and refugees. Again the statement has been circulated to member agencies for comment prior to its release.

In January 2002, Anglicare Australia co-signed a letter with ten other social service organisations to the Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs, the Hon Phillip Ruddock MP, offering our combined resources to care for all children with their parents and all single males and females not considered a threat to Australia or not awaiting immediate return to their country of origin in the Woomera Immigration Detention Centre so that the Centre may be closed. Needless to say, the Government did not accept the offer. Subsequently, Anglicare Australia has reiterated the offer in an effort to see all children released from detention.

A profile of the work of Anglicare agencies in assisting **refugees**, migrants and asylum seekers was compiled and distributed to all at the national Bishops conference.

Indigenous Issues

Anglicare Australia and the Anglican Board of Mission co-sponsor the Anglican reconciliation Working Group / Friends of NATSIAC under the chairmanship of the Primate, Archbishop Peter Carnley. The members are appointed by the two sponsoring bodies and come from around Australia. Meetings are usually held by teleconference and Anglicare Australia provides secretarial support to the group.

In response to the recommendations of the *Bringing Them Home* report, Anglicare Australia with support from the General Synod Office and the Anglican Reconciliation Working Group, contracted a consultant, James Boyce, to assist with the preparation of a national directory of one time Anglican residential homes for children. The first draft of a 'National Directory of Anglican Agencies providing residential care to children separated from their families, 1830-1980' has been prepared and circulated to all Dioceses and agencies of the Church requesting comment and advice.

This draft provides a starting point for consultation and subsequent revision.

Employment

Anglicare Australia is partner with the University of NSW and the Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA) in a Australia Research Council collaborative research project to review Work for the Dole as a Labour Market Program.

The project will review the Work for the Dole program in terms of its first formal objective (to install work habits in young people) and in the wider context of giving young unemployed people the skills and confidence that will increase their chances of finding employment. Several Anglicare member agencies implementing Work for the Dole programs are participating in the research.

Emergency relief

In May 2002, Telstra invited Anglicare Australia to assist with the distribution of certificates provided by Telstra to assist low income customers unable to pay their phone bill due to a financial crisis. This program is one element of the package of measures, known as *Access for Everyone*, announced by Telstra in May in response to license conditions placed on Telstra by the Government. The Telstra package is a commitment of \$150 million aimed at providing affordable communication for people on low-incomes and includes Pensioner Concessions, Concessional Messages, HomeLine Budget, InContact Plus, Bill Assistance Program and Sponsored Access.

The Anglicare nationwide network of agencies that provide emergency relief along with the Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul and the Smith Family will distribute the certificates to people in need across Australia.

A committee of community sector representatives, the Low -Income Measures Assessment (LIMA) Committee has been established to monitor the package of measures and undertake research. Russell Rollason represents Anglicare Australia on the LIMA committee.

National Emergency Volunteer Forum

One of the outcomes of the Year of the Volunteer has been the formation of the **Australian Emergency Management Volunteers Forum** as a representative forum of volunteer emergency management sector to facilitate better communication, information sharing, planning and advocacy. The Forum will address four key issues: recognition, legal protection, training and funding. Jennifer Davies from Anglicare NSW represents Anglicare Australia on the Forum.

Services to Member Agencies

Anglicare Online

During the past year, Anglicare Australia launched its new members-only *Anglicare Online* interactive website. The site has been established with assistance from the

Commonwealth through the *Information Technology Online Program* of the Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts.

Anglicare Online aims to increase sharing of resources across the Anglicare membership. As a members only website, it supports cooperation and information sharing between member agencies and allows users to quickly contribute and work securely in a user-friendly virtual environment. At this stage *Anglicare Online* houses resources for several Anglicare networks, including the Business Managers, Supporting Families, Aged Care, Emergency Relief and Privacy. It is planned that the Online networks will both provide a library of current resources as well as provide a means for sharing and discussing issues of concern.

Training in use of *Anglicare Online* has been provided for member agencies in Melbourne, Geelong, Brisbane, Hobart, Perth, Canberra and Goulburn. Consultant, Laurence Carter, has been delivering the training “at the desk” and plans to provide training in Sydney, Newcastle, Adelaide and Mt Gambier in late 2002.

Anglicare Online – Business Managers Network

As part of the service provided by NARU to Anglicare members, Tracey Matthews is coordinating the Business Managers network for Anglicare Online. The Business Managers network is establishing an online document library and reference in several key areas including Risk Management, Purchasing/Procurement, Fleet Management, Taxation, Strategic Planning, Occupational, Health and Safety, Human Resource Management & Finance. This central resource will be developed over time for each of these areas as business managers contribute relevant documents for sharing.

National Anglican Resource Unit

Established by Anglicare Australia in February 2001, NARU has become a valuable resource for both agencies and dioceses. The Unit initially sought to build on the GST Start Up Education project and to resolve outstanding issues in the New Tax System. For Anglicare Australia members, the formation of the Business Managers Network and the development of group purchasing arrangements have proven particularly valuable.

NARU is staffed and managed by Anglicare Australia with funding coming both from member agencies and from 22 dioceses and the General Synod. It provides advice and services to both member agencies and to dioceses and parishes. Over the past year, NARU has become a unique focus for strengthening cooperation between Anglicare Australia and the dioceses of the Anglican Church. Manager of the Unit is Tracey Matthews.

Anglicare Business Managers Network

The third meeting of the agency business managers was held in Adelaide in February 2001. Issues covered included:

- Risk Management
- Purchasing partnership with Church Resources
- A presentation from the National Anglican Insurance Program
- Anglicare Online – development of the members only website
- Privacy Legislation – review of the requirements of the Privacy Act

National Risk Management Education Program

NARU is using its unique relationship with Anglicare agencies and dioceses to facilitate a national risk management education strategy with Anglicare Business Managers, Registrars, and other key personnel. An important first step will be to raise awareness throughout Anglicare member agencies and the Anglican Church about risk management and its importance.

The program aims to equip and support agency and diocesan managers to address risk management and to develop an online risk management resource. It is planned that the online facility will provide standard risk management frameworks for agencies and dioceses that can be adapted for individual use.

The major Church insurance underwriter, EIG Ansvar has agreed to assist NARU design and deliver the national education program with workshops to be held in regional centres across Australia from late in 2002.

An Anglicare Risk Management working group, mainly consisting of Victorian agencies to enable regular face to face meetings, met for the first time in July . Group members include: Anglicare Tasmania, Anglicare SA, Anglicare Victoria, Brotherhood of St. Laurence, Anglican Aged Care Services Group, St. Luke's Anglicare and St. Laurence Community Services. The group will work with NARU to deliver risk management resources and approaches that will reduce duplication and above all achieve substantial cost savings for agencies.

Purchasing partnership with Church Resources

The purchasing partnership with Church Resources has taken off with agencies dioceses, parishes, and schools achieving substantial cost savings. Particular interest has been in motor vehicles, office products and computer software. Access to this purchasing service is free of charge and as simple as calling a number. Other products include: travel management, photocopiers, motor vehicle fleet management and leasing, telephone systems, travel management and document destruction.

Anglicare Australia member agencies have benefited from savings that in some cases exceed their annual membership fees to Anglicare Australia.

NARU is exploring the possibility of purchasing arrangements for a range of individual products/services that could be offered to agency staff. Agencies could then market to current or potential staff as a value added benefit of employment. Products/services may include: personal insurance, income protection, financial products, motor vehicles and travel.

Charities Consultative Committee

Tracey Matthews is a member of the Charities Consultative Committee (CCC), established by the Federal Government to address problems faced by charities in the new tax system. Issues currently on the CCC agenda include: ongoing strategies by the ATO to improve the communication process and develop tools to assist charities with tax compliance, tax law requirements for deductible gift funds and the future of the CCC.

The Department of the Treasury has recently taken over the responsibility for the development of new tax legislation and regulations. Whilst this shift in responsibility is welcome, it is hoped the new approach will provide a more integrated approach to tax policy and the implementation of appropriate tax legislation.

Services to Dioceses and Parishes

Apart from providing services and assistance to member agencies, NARU also works with dioceses and parishes to address common problems and needs.

In March, the General Synod Standing Committee accepted an invitation to nominate three representatives to the NARU National Consultative Committee (NCC); and named Bishop Andrew Curnow, Robert Fordham and Vern Harvey (GSO).

Members of the National Consultative Committee are:

Chris Jones (Chair),	Anglicare Tasmania
Ray Cleary,	Anglicare Victoria
Ian Johnston	Anglican Aged Care Services Group
Ian McHutchison	Brotherhood of St. Laurence
Bernard Yorke	Registrar, Diocese of Brisbane
Michael Sparrow,	Registrar, Diocese of the Northern Territory
Robin Mitchell,	Registrar, Diocese of Ballarat
Rod Cousins,	Registrar, Diocese of Perth
Andrew Curnow,	Registrar, Diocese of Melbourne/Standing Committee
Robert Fordham	Member of Standing Committee
Vern Harvey.	Business Manager, General Synod Office

Presentation to the Annual Bishops Conference

Tracey Matthews delivered a presentation on the work of NARU to the Anglican Bishops Conference in Perth in March, 2001. Key issues raised were:

- Tax treatment of clergy - Outline and implications of new legislation dealing with religious practitioners and development of the national remuneration guidelines for parish clergy and lay ministers.
- Risk Management - Current issues facing the church and the need to develop a national risk management strategy. NARU will work with the National Anglican Insurance Program to coordinate a national risk management project.

Key services to dioceses and parishes over the past year have included:

- Successfully compiled, lodged and maintain the GST Religious Group containing around 2200 entities of the Anglican Church;
- Worked with the Registrars Steering Committee to prepare national **Guidelines for the remuneration of Parish Clergy and Lay Ministers**. The guidelines will provide direction to dioceses and parishes to ensure compliance with the new tax legislation and improve administrative processes associated with the remuneration of clergy.
- Successfully developed effective working relationships with the other major churches and coordinated joint church consultations with the ATO and Government officials
- Initiated joint church consultations with Government Officials and the ATO to ensure proposed legislation dealing with the tax treatment of religious practitioners was suitable for implementation in the churches
- Worked on a joint church submission with the Catholic, Uniting and Baptist churches dealing with the tax treatment of religious practitioners
- Represented the joint church delegation in consultations with the ATO over the implementation of new tax legislation dealing with religious practitioners
- Completed negotiations with the ATO around the implementation of new legislation dealing with the taxation of religious practitioners. Worked with Uniting Church, Catholic Church and the ATO to clarify and resolve the application of new Pay as You Go (PAYG) legislation. Negotiations resulted in special variations being developed to assist the churches with administration and the development of new facts sheets explaining the application of the new laws.
- NARU has utilized key relationships with the ATO to assisted two dioceses with Deductible Gift Recipient Status for caring ministries.
- NARU has provided a central point of reference for dioceses to refer common issues arising from the new tax system.
- Through the purchasing partnership with Church Resources dioceses and parishes are saving money for ministry e.g. parishes from Sydney diocese have made significant savings on buying motor vehicles and Melbourne diocese is recommending the service to parishes.

Strengthening the national Profile of Anglicare

The 2001 Annual General Meeting agreed to adopt a new national logo and corporate colours and invited member agencies to also adopt the logo and colours. There has been an excellent response with almost all members using the name Anglicare having changed to the new logo or agreed to phase it in over a few years.

The importance and value of strengthening the national profile as reflected in adoption of the new image for Anglicare was shown in the 2001 **Anglicare Christmas Angels Appeal**. Anglicare Victoria successfully built on the new national identity to attract valuable national sponsorship for the Appeal from Bunnings Warehouse, and Bendigo Bank. Thanks to the national sponsorship and the good planning and organisation of Anglicare Victoria as lead agency, the Appeal was great success.

In early August 2002, the Community Relations Network met face to face in Melbourne to plan the 2002 Christmas Angels Appeal, explore possible collaboration for the 2003 Winter Appeal and discuss other opportunities for cooperation and strengthening the Anglicare brand. The meetings also agreed to further joint action to develop a template for the Anglicare brand, review how the national Anglicare network can further work together and undertake stakeholder research on the brand.

Code of Conduct

A major implication of strengthening the national profile of Anglicare is the need to protect the name, both in terms of controlling the use of the name and ensuring the accountability and quality of services of all those agencies that use the name. Over the past year, the Anglicare Australia Council has taken action on two fronts in response to this issue. Firstly, it has continued work on developing an Anglicare Code of Conduct and secondly it has commenced a dialogue with its member agencies on how to provide national protection for the trademark 'Anglicare'.

The Code Working Group believes Anglicare Australia should present a strong case to the member agencies on the value and importance of protecting the name Anglicare. Signing and abiding by a Code of Conduct will provide a means to protect the reputation and public standing of Anglicare and avoid the risk of an ill disciplined organisation using the name. The standing of the Anglicare network will be enhanced by agencies agreeing to set and adhere to standards for accountability, governance and transparency.

National Trade Mark

The Anglicare Australia Council sought legal advice regarding the current ownership of the name 'Anglicare' and advice on the appropriate mechanisms to ensure the new Anglicare logo is owned by Anglicare Australia.

There are currently eight trade marks on the Australia Trade Mark database which include the name 'Anglicare'. Several business names have been registered under State legislation but a business name does not confer trade mark protection. Registration of a business name serves to identify the holders of the business name and is compulsory statutory obligation in each state of Australia.

The Council has written to members seeking comment on the proposal for national trade mark protection of the name Anglicare, with use of the name and logo to be licensed to any agency which agrees to sign the Code of Conduct. A decision on this matter may well need to wait until the Code of Conduct is adopted.

Relationship with Government and other organizations

Anglicare Australia maintains relationships with the Federal Government and Parliamentarians, Commonwealth Government departments, and a range of national peak bodies and related organisations. Key relationships for Anglicare Australia in 2001-02 included:

- Dialogue with the Department of Family and Community Services, including commenting on the draft standard Commonwealth Agreement;
- Russell Rollason is a member of the Aged Care Working Group established by the Department of Health and Ageing;
- Anglicare Australia is a founding member of the National Aged Care Alliance; Helen Kurincic and Russell Rollason are our two representatives at the Canberra meetings of the Alliance;
- Russell is also an elected member of the Board of the Australian Council of Social Services;
- Anglicare Australia joined the new national association Families Australia during the year and Canon Dr Ray Cleary represents Anglicare Australia on the Board of Families Australia;
- Tracey Matthews is a member of the Charities Consultative Committee established by the Commonwealth Government;
- Anglicare Australia participated in one of the Industry Reference Groups for the Review of the Community Services Training Package.

Resourcing National Cooperation

Anglicare Australia is primarily funded from membership fees paid by member agencies. A three year fee increase adopted in 2000 has been well received by member agencies and the Council has been able to plan for modest growth. However, as a national network Anglicare Australia has inadequate income and the Council will again address the issue in 2002.

The success of the group purchasing arrangements established by NARU has enable several member agencies to make substantial savings that in some cases exceed their annual membership fees to Anglicare Australia.

List of Members