

**VETERINARY SURGEONS' BOARD OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA
ABN 39 401 056 957**

**FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2007**

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1. FORMATION AND AUTHORITY

The Board operates under the authority of the Veterinary Surgeons Act, which was first enacted in 1911, the basic aim of the legislation being to regulate in the public interest, the practice of veterinary surgery in Western Australia. The Act has been amended from time to time – in 1923, 1960, 1979, 1984 and 1988 – to reflect changing circumstances. The Veterinary Surgeons Amendment Bill 1995 lapsed in Parliament and was not represented. A new Veterinary Surgeons Act is in the process of being drafted.

2. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board –

- ◆ Administers the *Veterinary Surgeons Act (1960)* as amended;
- ◆ Registers persons holding approved qualifications as veterinary surgeons or veterinary specialists;
- ◆ Registers the practice of veterinary surgery by a body corporate;
- ◆ Registers premises for use as a veterinary hospital or clinic;
- ◆ Approves qualified persons to carry out the duties of a veterinary nurse and a trainee veterinary nurse;
- ◆ Authorises non registered persons to perform specified acts of veterinary medicine or surgery;
- ◆ Prescribes rules of professional conduct for registered veterinary surgeons;
- ◆ Investigates allegations of unprofessional conduct against veterinary surgeons;
- ◆ Prescribes fees pertaining to the administration of the legislation.

3. BOARD MEMBERSHIP

From 1 July 2006 to 31 December 2007 the Board consisted of the following:

Members

Dr Peter Punch
Dr Peter Buckman
Dr Mike Lumsden
Dr Rick Read
Ms Sarah Harrison

Chair – Elected Member
Vice Chair – Chief Veterinary Officer
AVA Representative
Elected Member
Ministerial Appointment

Deputies

Dr Brian McErlean
Ms Fiona Calley
Dr David Fraser
Dr Fiona Sunderman
Dr D Marshall

Deputy for Dr P Punch
Deputy for Ms Harrison
Deputy for Dr R Read
Deputy for Dr P Buckman
Deputy for Dr M Lumsden

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From February 2007 to 30 June 2007 the Board consisted of the following:

Members

Dr Peter Buckman	Chair – Chief Veterinary Officer
Dr David Neck	AVA Representative
Dr Rick Read	Elected Member
Dr Sue Beetson	Elected Member
Ms Sarah Harrison	Ministerial appointment (27 Feb 2007)

Deputies

Dr Fiona Sunderman	Deputy to Dr Peter Buckman
Dr David Marshall	Deputy to Dr David Neck
Dr Peter Punch	Deputy to Dr Rick Read
Dr Lindy Scott	Deputy to Dr Sue Beetson
Ms Fiona Calley	Deputy to Ms Sarah Harrison

On 27 February 2007 Ms Sarah Harrison was appointed to the Board as Ministerial nominee.

4. TERM OF OFFICE

The Board's term of office expires on the 31st December 2009.

5. REGISTRAR

Dr Andy Keefe	was Registrar until September 2006
Dr Sue Godkin	was appointed in September 2006 as Registrar

6. MEETINGS

Meetings were held on the following dates:

6 July 2006	8 February 2007
3 August 2006	1 March 2007
7 September 2006	29 March 2007
5 October 2006	26 April 2006
2 November 2006	7 June 2007
7 December 2006	

7. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

The legislation requires registrations to be effected on a calendar year basis except in the case of veterinary premises that are registered – either as a hospital or clinic – commencing their registration period on the 1st July.

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7.1. Veterinary Surgeons

The names of 1052 Veterinary Surgeons were on the register at 30th June 2007 in the following employment categories:-

Small Animal Practice	470
Large Animal Practice	24
Mixed Practice	319
Equine Practice	38
Consultancy Practice	24
Other Practice	9
Dept of Agriculture	48
Meat Inspection	7
Other Government	12
Teaching/ Research	68
Industry	14
Other	19
TOTAL	1052
Total above includes	
Resident in WA	987
Non Resident	62
Conditional	3
Total above excludes	
Retired	91

In 2007, the names of 36 veterinarians were removed from the register for failing to renew their registration and there were 121 new registrations during the year.

7.2. Veterinary Specialists

There are currently 30 Veterinary Specialists registered in Western Australia.

7.3. Incorporation

Under the guidelines for incorporation there were 79 practices, which had incorporated status.

7.4. Veterinary Premises

During the year 11 new premises were registered as hospitals/clinics, and 1 closed. At 30 June 2007 a total of 230 premises were registered as veterinary hospitals or veterinary clinics.

7.5. Veterinary Nurses

The legislation provides that a person may be approved as a veterinary nurse subject to the successful completion of an approved course of study and veterinary practice training. A total of 492 (registered as at 30/6/07) nurses were registered for the 2006/2007 year.

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7.6 Trainee Veterinary Nurses

Amendments to the legislation introduced on 20 March 2007 provide for a person to be approved as a trainee veterinary nurse while they are enrolled in an approved course of study, which will lead to a qualification that will allow them to be registered as a veterinary nurse. From 20 March 2007 to 30 June 2007, the Board approved 54 trainee veterinary nurses.

8. AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT/REGULATIONS

On 20 March 2007 new amendments to the *Veterinary Surgeons Regulations 1979* were promulgated. These changes defined unprofessional conduct, removed the obligation for practises to provide 24 hour service, defined the acts of veterinary surgery that could be performed by veterinary nurses and students and the level of supervision required, allowed for authorisation of trainee veterinary nurses and for the Board to authorise non veterinary surgeons to perform specified acts of veterinary surgery.

9. ORGANISATIONAL INTERACTION

- The Registrar has discussed issues with the Animal Welfare unit of the Department of Local Government and Regional Development.
- The Registrar attended a meeting of Veterinary Board Registrars in Melbourne prior to attending the AVBC Annual General Meeting. The AGM of the AVBC was also attended by the Board's representative on the AVBC, Dr Peter Buckman.
- Dr Tim Mather served as the Board's representative on the RSPCA Board.
- Discussions with persons at the Department of Health have been held during the year.
- Representatives of the AVA and members of the VSB met regularly during the year.
- The Registrar of the Board and Dr David Neck, President of the AVA, Dr Mary-Anne Culliver of Murdoch University Foundation for Continuing Veterinary Education and Professor John Edwards, Dean of the Veterinary School at Murdoch, held meetings with veterinary surgeons in Albany and Bunbury.

10. BOARD PUBLICATIONS

The Board's newsletter is published every quarter and issued to all registered veterinary surgeons and nurses. This publication contains information regarding current issues relating to the veterinary profession in Western Australia, details about various complaints and various other topics of interest.

11. WEBSITE

The Board has a website – www.vsbwa.org.au – which was established in 2001.

12. AUSTRALIAN VETERINARY BOARDS COUNCIL (AVBC)

The AVBC continues to provide a national forum where representatives of the other State and Territory Veterinary Boards, the New Zealand Veterinary Council, the Australian Veterinary Association and the New Zealand Veterinary Association can discuss legislative matters and other related issues. With the evolution of assessments for overseas trained veterinary surgeons from the National Office of Overseas Skills

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Recognition (NOOSR) to the AVBC, the AVBC has become incorporated with offices in Victoria. The AVBC has control over the National Veterinary Examination.

Matters raised within the AVBC included recognition of national registration, mutual recognition of registered persons, foreign graduate recognition, English requirements for registration, National registration of veterinary nurses and compulsory continuing education reporting.

Registrars/Administrators of all member Boards/Councils meet once a year to discuss issues of mutual concern prior to attending the AVBC Annual General meeting.

13. STAFF MATTERS

The Board employs a full time Registrar, Dr Sue Godkin, a full time Office Manager Mr Chris Lloyd, two part time Administrative Officers, Ms Hanna Silversides and Ms Tarin Rowe and occasionally a casual Ms Maud Lowe. Mr Sam Millett has been employed as a part time cleaner.

14. COMPLAINTS

The majority of the complaints received by the Board involved either failure in communication between the complainant and the veterinary surgeon or were fee related. Fee related inquiries were referred either to the Australian Veterinary Association or to the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection. Prior to the Board establishing a formal investigation into a complaint, attempts are made to establish communication between the client and the veterinary surgeon. The complainant is encouraged to write to the veterinary surgeon, the letter following a prescribed format that delineates the complainant's concerns and questions. In many instances the response given by the veterinary surgeon satisfies the complainant.

The Board has established an additional complaint management system called "Diversion". If a veterinary surgeon admits that they have acted unprofessionally and that unprofessional conduct is not considered to have compromised the welfare of the patient and/or public, that veterinary surgeon may make and sign an Undertaking and Deed with the Board. In signing the Deed, the veterinary surgeon accepts that failure to adhere to their Undertakings and/or the Deed may be considered unprofessional. All Undertakings and Deeds are reviewed by a consultant Barrister to the Board, who makes a recommendation to the full Board whether the Undertaking and Deed meets what the veterinary surgeon perceives is a satisfactory conclusion to the complaint. The Board, reviewing that advice, determines if it accepts or rejects the results of the Diversion. The Diversion process allows faster resolution of the complaint at significantly less cost.

The State Administrative Tribunal took control of the Board's complaint resolution process in January 2005, thus the Board has held no Diversions or Hearings since that date. It is expected that ability of the Board to deal with at least those complaints that would not result in a sanction of de-registration or suspension of registration will be reviewed during the drafting process of the new Act.

The total number of written complaints arriving at the Board for the financial year ending on 30 June 2007 was forty-four. Seven of these complaints were determined to be informal in nature, and not requiring Board action as the matter was referred to

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another agency or was resolved between the veterinary surgeon and the complainant. This number does not include verbal complaints.

Thirty-seven complaints were classified as formal and were considered by the Board. Of the thirty-seven, six required further action. Two complaints were referred to the Board's consulting Barrister for an opinion but were eventually resolved without referral to the SAT. One complaint was successfully prosecuted in the magistrate's court, as the veterinary surgeon was not registered at the time of the offence. One complaint was referred to the SAT and was resolved during mediation at the SAT. Two complaints are still in the process of being referred to the SAT for prosecution. An appeal before the District Court regarding the sanctions awarded from two Hearings that were undertaken during the 2004/05 financial year was mediated between the parties after one day's proceedings.

15. EXPENDITURE UNDER SECTION 175ZE OF THE ELECTORAL ACT 1907

Nil

16. FINANCIAL POSITION

The Board is responsible for its own finances and receives no government funding.

The financial statements have been audited by Mr Santo Casilli, CPA, and the Board's Certification of the financial statements and the audited financial statements form the remainder of this report.

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STATEMENT BY THE BOARD

In the opinion of the Board, the financial statements as set out on pages 10 to 24;

1. present fairly the financial position of Veterinary Surgeons' Board of Western Australia as at 30 June 2007 and the results and cash flows of the Board for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements, and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. at the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Veterinary Surgeons' Board of Western Australia will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

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Chairman

.....

Registrar

Dated this dayof 2007.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Members

VETERINARY SURGEONS' BOARD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

I have audited the accompanying financial report of the Veterinary Surgeons' Board of Western Australia which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2007, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes as set out on pages 10 to 24.

Board Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as stated under S16AA of the Veterinary Surgeons Act (1960) as amended. This responsibility includes establishing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. I conducted the audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Auditor's Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Veterinary Surgeons' Board Of Western Australia as of 30 June 2007, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Santo Casilli CPA

Date:

Perth

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2007**

	NOTES	2007 \$	2006 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	486,681	427,626
Trade and other receivables	6	10,749	5,375
Prepayments		15,195	11,146
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TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		512,625	444,147
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NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant & equipment	7	17,862	28,808
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TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		17,862	28,808
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TOTAL ASSETS		530,487	472,955
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LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables		1,451	4,019
Provision for employee benefits	8	8,259	25,755
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TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		9,710	29,774
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NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provision for employee benefits	8	4,398	-
		-----	-----
TOTAL NON CURRENT LIABILITIES		4,398	-
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		14,108	29,774
		-----	-----
NET ASSETS		\$ 516,379	\$ 443,181
		=====	=====
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		516,379	443,181
		-----	-----
TOTAL EQUITY		\$ 516,379	\$ 443,181
		=====	=====

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

	NOTES	2007 \$	2006 \$
Revenues from ordinary activities	2	514,345	405,351
Employee benefits expense		(222,770)	(188,893)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(12,401)	(22,444)
Legal fees		(97,444)	(87,670)
Australian Veterinary Boards Council		(18,566)	(18,929)
Other expenses from ordinary activities		(89,966)	(100,436)
Net Surplus from ordinary activities		----- 73,198	----- (13,021)
Net surplus/ (deficit) for the year		----- \$ 73,198 =====	----- \$ (13,021) =====

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

	Retained Earnings \$
Balance at 1 July 2005	456,202
Surplus/(Deficit) attributable to the entity	(13,021)

Balance at 30 June 2006	\$443,181
Surplus/(Deficit) attributable to the entity	73,198

Balance at 30 June 2007	\$516,379
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

	NOTE	2007	2006
		\$	\$
		Inflows/ (Outflows)	Inflows/ (Outflows)
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Receipts from registered surgeons & nurses		480,576	389,109
Interest received		28,395	25,385
Payments to employees		(235,868)	(213,140)
Payments to suppliers		(212,593)	(202,765)
		-----	-----
Net cash provided by operating activities	10b	60,510	(1,411)
		-----	-----
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of plant and equipment		(1,455)	(12,437)
Proceeds from sale of plant and equipment		-	380
		-----	-----
Net cash used in investing activities		(1,455)	(12,057)
		-----	-----
Net increase/ (decrease) in cash held		59,055	(13,468)
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		427,626	441,094
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Cash at the end of the financial year	10a	\$ 486,681	\$ 427,626
		=====	=====

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, including Australian Accounting Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Veterinary Surgeons Act (1960) as amended.

The financial report covers Veterinary Surgeons' Board of Western Australia as an individual entity. Veterinary Surgeons' Board of Western Australia is a body corporate established by Act of the Parliament of Western Australia.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the Board in the preparation of the 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 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.

Accounting Policies

a) Valuation of Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment shown in the financial statements has been brought to account at cost or fair value less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the members of the Board to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets' employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amount.

b) Depreciation of Plant and Equipment

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a diminishing value basis to amortise the net cost of each asset during its expected useful life to the Board, commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Profits and losses on disposal of plant and equipment are taken into account in determining the surplus for the year.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are;

<u>Class</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Office Furniture & Equipment	5-30%

When the carrying amount of plant and equipment is in excess of the recoverable amount of those assets, the asset is written down to its recoverable amount, and the impairment cost is expensed to the income statement.

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1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

c) Income Tax

The Board considers that its operations are exempt from income tax under the provisions of section 50-25 of the Income Tax Assessment Act (1997) as amended.

d) Provision for Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Board's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements expected to be settled within one year together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave which will be settled after one year, have been measured at the amount expected to be paid when the liability is settled plus related on-costs. Other employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

Contributions are made by the economic entity to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

e) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, investments in money market instruments maturing within less than twelve months and net of bank overdrafts.

f) Segment Reporting

The board operates as the statutory registration authority for veterinary surgeons in Western Australia.

g) Revenue Recognition

The board recognises revenue as it is earned. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Interest revenue and distribution income from investments is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service.

h) 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.

Cash flows are presented in the Cashflow Statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

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i) **Impact of Adoption of Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards.**

Last year was the first year in which the Veterinary Surgeons' Board of Western Australia was required to be prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS). Apart from some minor changes to presentation and format, there has been no material financial impact on the results or state of affairs of the Board as a result of the introduction of AIFRS.

j) **Financial Instruments**

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights or obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below.

Financial assets at fair value through the income statement

A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling in the short term or if so designated by management and within the requirements of AASB 139: Recognition and Measurement of Financial Instruments. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of these assets are included in the income statement in the period in which they arise.

Held-to-maturity investments

These investments have fixed maturities, and it is the entity's intention to hold these investments to maturity. Any held-to-maturity investments held by the entity are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Available-for-sale financial assets

Available-for-sale financial assets include any financial assets not included in the above categories. Available-for-sale financial assets are reflected at fair value. Unrealised gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are taken directly to equity.

Financial liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

Fair value

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

Impairment

At each reporting date, the entity assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial instrument has been impaired. In the case of available-for-sale financial instruments, a prolonged decline in the value of the instrument is considered to determine whether an impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the Income Statement.

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k) Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the entity reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount 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. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the Income Statement.

Where the future economic benefits of the asset are not primarily dependent upon on the assets ability to generate net cash inflows and when the entity would, if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use is depreciated replacement cost of an asset.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an assets class, the entity estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the class of assets belong.

l) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The members of the Board evaluate 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 group.

Key estimates — Impairment

The entity assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the entity that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Fair value less costs to sell or current replacement cost calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

Key judgments — Provision for impairment

Included in trade and other receivables in the previous year was an amount receivable from a veterinary surgeon for costs awarded to the Board for which there had previously been some doubt as to recoverability. As the amount owing is being progressively recovered, the debt appears to be recoverable and the provision has been written back as it is no longer considered necessary.

The financial report was authorised for issue on 19th September 2007 by the members of the Board.

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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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	2007	2006
	\$	\$
2. REVENUE		
Amending Register	305	650
Registration and application fees		
Authorised Persons	440	-
Body Corporate	28,825	24,280
Nurses	24,400	17,100
Premises	47,245	42,165
Specialists	2,380	2,111
Surgeons	363,365	289,460
Costs awarded	17,048	2,500
Interest received	28,395	25,385
Miscellaneous	1442	1,700
Fines	500	-
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TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 514,345	\$ 405,351
	=====	=====
 3. SURPLUS FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
Surplus/ deficit from ordinary activities has been determined after:		
Expenses		
Depreciation of plant and equipment	12,401	22,444
Rental expense	17,794	17,220
Provision for Doubtful Debts	(4,500)	4,500
 4. REMUNERATION OF AUDITOR		
Audit of financial report	\$1,750	\$1,750
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 5. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash on hand	100	100
Cash at bank	14,462	22,526
Short term deposit (with 3 months)	272,119	205,000
Term deposit (within 12 months)	200,000	200,000
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	\$ 486,681	\$ 427,626
	-----	-----
 6. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Debtors	10,749	9,875
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	-	(4,500)
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	\$ 10,749	\$ 5,375
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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
7. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Office equipment at cost	91,759	91,120
Less accumulated depreciation	(84,793)	(72,994)
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	6,966	18,126
	-----	-----
Office furniture at cost	15,450	14,634
Less accumulated depreciation	(4,554)	(3,952)
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	10,896	10,682
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	\$ 17,862	\$ 28,808
	=====	=====

b) Movement of the carrying amounts for each class of plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

	Office Equipment	Office Furniture	Total
WDV brought forward	18,126	10,682	28,808
Additions	639	816	1,455
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation	11,799	602	12,401
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WDV carried forward	\$ 6,966	\$ 10,896	\$ 17,862
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8. PROVISIONS

Employee benefits			
Movement			
Opening balance		25,755	50,002
Addition provision revised		6,517	8,201
Amount used		(19,615)	(32,448)
Balance at end of year		-----	-----
		\$ 12,657	\$ 25,755
		=====	=====
Allocated as to:			
Current		8,259	25,755
Non Current		4,398	-
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		\$ 12,657	\$ 25,755
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VETERINARY SURGEONS' BOARD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

9. RELATED PARTY INFORMATION

The Board members for the year ended 30 June 2007 are listed below.

The Board meets regularly on a monthly basis (except January). The following table records the attendance of members at meetings held during the 2006-2007 financial year.

Board Membership from 1 July 2006 – 31 December 2006		Meetings Held While a Board Member	Meetings Attended
Members			
Dr P Punch	Chair – Elected Member	6	6
Dr M Lumsden	Deputy Chair then Chair/ AVA Representative	6	0
Dr P Buckman	Chief Veterinary Officer	6	5
Dr R Read	Elected Member	6	5
Ms Sarah Harrison	Ministerial Appointment Appointed in March 2007	6	4

Deputies		Meetings held when Member absent	Meetings attended
Dr B McErlean	Deputy for Dr P Punch		
Dr D Marshall	Deputy to Dr M Lumsden	6	5
Dr P Suijendorp	Deputy to Dr P Buckman		
Dr D Fraser	Deputy for Dr R Read	1	1
Ms Fiona Calley	Ministerial appointment	2	1

Board Membership from 30 January – 30 June 2007		Meetings Held While a Board Member	Meetings Attended
Members			
Mr. Peter Buckman	Chief Veterinary Officer	5	5
Dr. Sue Beetson	Elected Member	5	5
Dr. Rick Read	Elected Member	5	4
Dr. David Neck	AVA Representative	5	5
Ms Sarah Harrison	Minister's Nominee (appointed 27 February 2007)	4	2

Deputies		Meetings held when Member absent	Meetings attended
Dr. Fiona Sunderman	Department of Agriculture		
Dr. Lindy Scott	For elected Member		
Dr. Peter Punch	For elected Member	2	2
Dr. David Marshall	AVA Representative	0	0
Ms Fiona Calley	Minister's Nominee (appointed 27 February 2007)	1	2

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9. RELATED PARTY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Payments for 2006/07 financial year		
Total emoluments received or due and receivable by the Board Members for attendance at Board meetings	\$ 7,716	\$5,526
Key Management Personnel Compensation		
Total compensation paid to registrar, inclusive of contributions payment for superannuation	\$ 91,211	\$ 92,291

10. CASH FLOW INFORMATION

a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash at Bank	14,462	22,526
Cash on Hand	100	100
Cash on Deposit (within 3 months)	272,119	205,000
Cash on Deposit (within 12 months)	200,000	200,000
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	\$ 486,681	\$ 427,626
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b) Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating Activities to excess of income over expenditure

Surplus / (Deficit) of income over expenditure	73,198	(13,021)
Depreciation	12,401	22,444
Loss on disposal of plant and equipment	-	840
(Increase)/Decrease in receivables	(5,374)	13,643
Provision for employee entitlements	(13,098)	(24,247)
(Increase)/Decrease in prepayments	(4,049)	3,579
Increase/(Decrease) in payables	(2,568)	(4,649)
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Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 60,510	\$ (1,411)
	=====	=====

c) The Board has no credit standby or financing facilities in place.

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11. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

a) Interest Rate Risk

The Board's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk, that a financial instruments value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates, is considered minimal. The only financial asset subject to fluctuations in interest rate is the cash balance. The weighted average interest rate for cash is a floating rate of 6.2% (2006 6.3%).

b) Net Fair Values

The aggregate net fair values of financial assets and liabilities both recognised and unrecognised, at balance date, are as follows;

The following methods and assumptions are used to determine the net fair values of financial assets and liabilities;

Cash and cash equivalents: The carrying amount approximates fair value because of their short term maturity.

Receivables and payables: The carrying amount approximates fair value.

c) Credit Risk Exposures

The Board's maximum exposures to credit risks at balance date in relation to each class of recognised financial asset is the carrying amount of those assets as indicated in the balance sheet.

11. CONTINGENT LEGAL ACTIONS

The Board incurs legal costs from time to time in connection with its function of investigating complaints and, in some cases, conducting disciplinary proceedings. These amounts vary from case to case, and it is not possible to quantify any future amounts payable.

During the previous year, the board was awarded costs amounting to \$35,000 by the State Administrative Tribunal. Under the terms of the award, the Board may not enforce the order until March 2009. This amount will be recognised as revenue when received.

12. COMMITMENTS

Operating leases.

The Board occupies premises at 28 Charles St, South Perth on a monthly tenancy basis with written notice of 2 months required by either party for termination. The rent is reviewed annually, adjustable by CPI.

Current rental is \$1496 per month.

13. BOARD DETAILS

The principal place of business is, 28 Charles Street, South Perth, Western Australia. The number of employees at the end of the year was 4.

VETERINARY SURGEONS' BOARD OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

	2007	2006
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Amending Register	305	650
Registration and application fees		
Authorised Pensions	440	-
Body Corporate	28,825	24,280
Nurses	24,400	17,100
Premises	47,245	42,165
Specialists	2,380	2,111
Surgeons	363,365	289,460
Costs awarded	17,048	2,500
Interest received	28,395	25,385
Miscellaneous	1,442	1,700
Fines	500	-
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	514,345	405,351
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**DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

EXPENDITURE	2007	2006
	\$	\$
Accounting fees	11,515	14,022
Alarm monitoring	1,087	588
Audit fees & Consultancy	1,750	1,750
Australian Veterinary Boards Council	18,566	18,929
Bank fees	1,953	1,604
Cleaning expenses	812	1,470
Computer & Office Maintenance	10,640	8,998
Computer web site	150	500
Conference Fees – Travel & Accommodation	2,308	2,603
Counseling & Psychiatric expense	1,715	2,465
Depreciation	12,401	22,444
Electricity, Gas and Photocopier	490	1,831
Employment Expense	7,960	2,140
Insurance	5,711	8,123
Legal fees	97,444	87,670
Loss on Disposal of Plant & Equipment	-	840
Postage	4,512	4,292
Provision for Doubtful Debts	(4,500)	4,500
Office Equipment	679	465
Printing, stationery, newsletter	13,222	15,605
Record Management Advice	3,710	4,649
Rent	17,947	17,220
Sundry expenses	4,175	2,584
Telephone	3,839	3,609
Training Courses	291	578
Wages	197,600	166,283
Superannuation	18,653	14,409
Wage provision – annual leave	1,286	3,193
Wage provision – Long Service leave	5,231	5,008
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	441,147	418,372
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Surplus/(deficit) of income over expenditure	\$ 73,198	\$ (13,021)
Transferred to accumulated funds	=====	=====

COMPILATION REPORT
TO THE BOARD OF THE VETERINARY SURGEONS BOARD
OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Scope

On the basis of information provided by the Board, we have compiled in accordance with APS 9: Statement of Financial Reports, the general purpose financial report of the Veterinary Surgeons' Board of Western Australia for the period ended 30 June 2007, as set out on pages 10 to 24.

The Board is solely responsible for the information contained in the general purpose financial report.

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

To the extent permitted by law, we do not accept liability for any loss or damage which any person, other than the Veterinary Surgeons' Board of Western Australia and the Board Members may suffer arising from any negligence on our part. No person should rely on the general purpose financial report without having an audit or review conducted.

The general purpose financial report was prepared exclusively for the benefit of the Board. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the content of the general purpose financial report.

Address:

Dry Kirkness
Chartered Accountants

Date:

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J Lamprell-Jarrett
Partner