



# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Annual Report

2016-2017

The Child and Family Welfare Association of South Australia Incorporated

*trading as*

**Child and Family Focus SA**

## ***FROM THE CHAIR***

### **Sue Thomas – Chairperson and State Director, Life Without Barriers**

2017 has been a full one. At a strategy level we saw the shift for CAFFSA (CAFWA-SA) from a management committee to a Board, a change of name, renewed branding, a new strategic plan and its associated business plan. The work done in this area by staff and the Board to achieve this has set us up well to move confidently into the coming year.

The state government's response to the recommendations from the Nyland Royal Commission has led to establishment of SA's Department for Child Protection (DCP), structural change within that department, legislative change and an injection of resources for CAFFSA as the peak body for non-government agencies working in this area. These resources include Rob Martin in a fulltime capacity (Chief Executive Officer), Rebecca Paddon (Sector Development), Joanne Else (Family Matters), Susan Lane (Policy and Advocacy and Respite Project Review) and Margaret Bonnar (Training and Sector Development). As you can see there will be a substantial amount of work completed in the coming year.

We have also seen the reinstatement of CAFFSA sub committees in Policy and Advocacy and Sector Development and Events. These sub committees will provide an additional opportunity for CAFSSA members to support the work of the Board and staff and be involved in more strategic aspects of our work. This year we welcomed eleven new members and we look forward to their contributions and the continued diversification of views represented around the table.

We have seen the reintroduction of regular meetings between CAFFSA Board and DCP executive level staff to provide a regular forum for discussion and solution identification. We also continue to have regular meetings with Cathy Taylor (DCP Chief Executive) and Minister Susan Close. Cathy has also attended a number of Board meetings to share information and hear from the sector. I would like to thank her for her continued openness and willingness to share her time and thoughts with us.

There have been a number of opportunities across this year for CAFFSA to contribute submissions to proposed legislative changes and discussion papers released by DCP as part of the reform process. We continue to take an active part in policy and advocacy discussions and work closely with other peak bodies in this regard.

I would like to personally thank the CAFFSA team and my fellow Board members for their ongoing commitment and energy to this important work and the support they have provided throughout the year. I would lastly like to acknowledge and extend my thanks to my colleagues across both the non-government and government sectors for your ongoing commitment to achieving better outcomes for children and young people. We can look forward to the next 12 months which will continue to see CAFFSA providing strong representation for the sector and continuing to influence the work we are all so connected to.

***Sue Thomas***

***Chair, Child and Family Focus SA***

***State Director, Life Without Barriers***

## **FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### **Rob Martin – CEO, Child and Family Focus SA**

I am pleased to offer this annual report as a synopsis of the work completed in 2016/2017, and am particularly grateful to the CAFWA-SA Board for their ongoing encouragement and support through what has been a year of great change and movement within the child protection sector in South Australia.

With the release of Commissioner Margaret Nyland's findings and final report entitled *The Life They Deserve* in August 2016, the need for coordinated sector advocacy on those issues impacting most heavily on vulnerable children and their families has become increasingly clear. Being in the position to represent the views and needs of children and families as well as those dedicated non-government agencies that support them has become an even more of a pronounced priority, one which our membership has strongly supported.

The importance of strong, independent sector advocacy that informs and shapes the future of child protection policy and practice has been recognized to an extent by government, with the Department for Child Protection increasing the organization's core funding by \$100,000 per year over the next three years. Our new service agreement has positioned us in such a way as to not only continue our efforts to inform policy and practice development, but also to help develop a stronger and more well-informed sector. Our work on the development of a whole-of-sector workforce development strategy will take us well in to 2018, and will form a cornerstone of our continued work to facilitate a more highly skilled, better coordinated child protection workforce in this state.

The growth in momentum of the Family Matters Campaign in South Australia has seen us support a larger and more active Working Group that now has a range of agencies committed to pursuing the principles and objectives of the national Family Matters Roadmap. The absolutely critical need to reduce the over-representation of Aboriginal children in child protection has also been recognized by government with the receipt of \$100,000 in project funding through both the Department for Child Protection and the Department for Education and Child Development; Minister Close has been a close ally in our endeavour to conscientize government and the community on the issues facing Aboriginal children and their families, and has assisted in our efforts to raise the profile of the campaign in this state.

We have grown from a single-person organization to one that now engages five contract staff; I have been delighted to welcome Rebecca Paddon, Joanne Else, Susan Lane and Margaret Bonnar to the team in varying roles designed to assist in the growth and development of our work.

Recognizing the new playing field that Commissioner Nyland's findings created for the child protection sector in South Australia, as well as the critical role of peak body advocacy to inform the implementation of sector reform, we have successfully re-designed our brand and our strategic plan in order to pave the way for an active and collaborative work program over the next three years. I am excited to announce that as of October 2017, the Child and Family Welfare Association of South Australia will trade as *Child and Family Focus SA*.

We have welcomed eleven new organizational members to our table in 2016/2017, and are looking forward to strengthened cooperation, collaboration and better-informed advocacy as a result. We hope that the renewed Policy and Advocacy sub-committee and Sector Development and Events sub-committee will assist to inform and drive the work that we undertake to contribute to a more highly connected, strategically oriented non-government sector that takes the most critical issues affecting children and families to the very highest levels of government decision making.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Martin', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

***Rob Martin***

***Chief Executive Officer, Child and Family Focus SA***

***October 2017***

## ***CAFWA BOARD MEMBERS 2016/2017***

**Ms. Jane Longbottom**, State Director, Life Without Barriers (Chair until June 2017 – retired)

**Ms. Sue Thomas**, State Director, Life Without Barriers (Chair from July 2017, replacing Jane Longbottom)

**Mr. Rob Foggo**, CEO, acCare (Founding Member – retired June 2017)

**Ms. Susan Lane**, Deputy Director, Lutheran Community Care (retired June 2017)

**Ms. Kerry Court**, Manager, Resilient Families, Uniting Care Wesley Country SA (Treasurer)

**Ms. Kirsty Drew**, Executive Manager Family Outreach and Relationship Services, Centacare

**Ms. Leata Clarke**, Senior Manager Regional Services, Aboriginal Family Support Services

**Ms. Nancy Penna**, General Manager Community Services, Anglicare SA

**Ms. Angela Wheeler**, Manager, Out of Home Care, acCare (from July 2017, replacing Rob Foggo)

**Ms. Andrea Konigsmann**, Senior Manager Foster Care Services, Lutheran Community Care (from July 2017, replacing Susan Lane)

## ***CAFWA STAFF 2016/2017***

**Rob Martin**, Executive Director (Secretary and Public Officer)

**Rebecca Paddon**, Communications and Membership Relations

**Joanne Else**, Family Matters (SA) Coordinator

**Susan Lane**, Project Manager, Foster Carer Respite Review

**Margaret Bonnar**, Sector Training and Development Coordinator

**Albert Barelds**, Consultant, Care Concerns Assessment and Management

***FINANCIAL REPORT 2016-2017***

\*Please refer to the list of appendices

## HIGHLIGHTS 2016 - 2017

- The CAFWA Board undertook Board Governance Training via NFP Success in early 2017 as a result of agreement to shift Board oversight to governance rather than day-to-day operation of the business; with a new ED in place and a renewed work program for the business, the Board has shifted its attention to matters of long term sustainability and strategy
- CAFWA provided a number of submissions to government as a result of reform measures coming from the Nyland recommendations. Specific submissions included:
  - Response to the draft Advocacy and Oversight Bill that established the Commissioner for Children and Young People;
  - Response to the draft Screening and Prohibited Persons Bill that outlined new measures for screening new incumbents in to the child welfare workforce;
  - Response to the Children and Young People (Safety) Bill; and
  - Response to the principles and objectives of the Prevention and Early Intervention Bill
- CAFWA (along with SACOSS) provided evidence to the Parliamentary Select Committee on Statutory Child Protection and Care on the need for deeper consultation with the non-government sector during the earliest phases of legislative reforms resulting from the release of *A Fresh Start*
- CAFWA joined a Coalition of peak bodies (including SACOSS, The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, The Australian Medical Association, The Law Society of SA, YACSA, The Council for the Care of Children) who lobbied government for much needed changes to the draft Children and Young People (Safety) Bill whilst it was before parliament, with specific attention given to a strengthening of the Aboriginal Child Placement Principle, the Voice of the Child, definitions of harm and the need to embed the *best interests* principle within the legislation
- CAFWA welcomed eleven new organisations members to the table, strengthening our representation and advocacy efforts:
  - The Australian Alliance for Infant Mental Health (AAIMHI)
  - MINDA
  - Novita Children's Services
  - Safe Places for Children
  - St John's Youth Services
  - West Coast Youth and Community Services
  - Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM)
  - Life Buoyancy Institute
  - Save the Children (SA)
  - Service to Youth Council (HYPA)
  - Together SA
- The CAFWA Board agreed on a 10 Point Policy Platform to guide the organisation's advocacy and lobbying efforts, and assisted to produce two positions papers on sibling contact, and prevention and early intervention

- The Family Matters Campaign National 'Day of Action' was supported by the Adelaide City Council and resulted in a well-attended cultural education event held in Rundle Mall in May 2017; over 60 members of the public signed the Family Matters Pledge
- The CAFWA / DCP Executive Forum was reconvened after a six month hiatus, with members of the CAFWA Board and DCP Executive Team agreeing to meet every four to six weeks to discuss issues of policy and strategy related to child protection systems reform
- CAFWA was commissioned by DCP to conduct a carer respite review, exploring the various models and approaches to respite that the Department may need to consider in order to better support foster and kinship carers
- Four successful 'taster workshops' were facilitated in the early part of 2017 with a view to testing sector responsiveness to an expanded role for CAFWA in coordinating sector workforce training; CAFWA continues to support the Positive Partnerships initiative in SA which seeks to provide information and support to carers of children and young people with autism
- The first CAFWA supported sector training needs analysis was completed with members providing valuable survey feedback on agency training and induction for staff; this information will prove invaluable in the continuing work to develop a sector-wide workforce development strategy

## ***PROGRESS AGAINST THE STRATEGIC PLAN***

Under the new 'Child and Family Focus SA' brand, the Board has endorsed a new three year strategic plan spanning the period 2018 – 2020.

The previous CAFWA-SA Strategic Plan (2013-2017) has formed the basis upon which the Board and the Executive Director have focussed their efforts throughout the course of the 2016/2017 year.

The Strategic Plan provides for three key outcomes – CAFWA as an Effective Peak Body, Policy and Practice Development and Sector Development. The following report details work undertaken throughout the year that has been aligned with these outcomes and the concomitant objectives of the organisation.

### **CAFWA-SA AS A PEAK BODY**

#### ***Leadership***

CAFWA farewelled Jane Longbottom as Chair in June 2017, as well as founding Board member Rob Foggo from acCare. We also bid farewell to Susan Lane after her retirement as Deputy Director of Lutheran Community Care, but have been happy to welcome her back in to the fold as a project consultant undertaking the carer respite review.

We welcomed incoming Board members Angela Wheeler (acCare) and Andrea Konigsmann (Lutheran Community Care), and were delighted to welcome back Kirsty Drew in her new role at Junction Australia, as well as Sue Thomas in her new role at Life Without Barriers.

Sue Thomas continued on as Chairperson after Jane's retirement, and Kerry Court retained her role as Treasurer.

The CAFWA Board undertook governance training in May 2017 via NFP Success, and enjoyed the opportunity to workshop an active shift to functioning as a Board of Governance after almost two decades operating as a management committee.

The Board also endorsed a Delegations of Authority Policy in order to clearly delineate the financial authority of the Executive Director and Board office holders; this heralds a development in the organisational maturity of CAFWA and recognises the growing number of decisions that are being made in order to manage day to day operations.

#### ***Advocacy***

Albert Barelds has continued to be a valued member of the DCP 'Care Concerns Assessment and Management Panel' (CCAMP) whereby he provides advice and feedback on how particular care concerns can be addressed to achieve good outcomes for children and young people; this is a long standing role for CAFWA, one which Albert has continued to carry out with a high level of dedication and tenacity. We are grateful for Albert's ongoing presence and support.

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CAFWA has been invited to participate as a member of the Child Safety and Wellbeing Advisory Panel (CSWAP), and has represented sector views on the implementation of child protection sector reform at their quarterly meetings.

### ***Sustainability***

CAFWA was successful in obtaining additional funding via the Department for Child Protection, with the service agreement providing for an additional \$100,000 per year for the next three years. The service agreement provides for an enhance role for CAFWA in leading sector workforce development and training, and supports the delivery of an annual joint conference between the sector and DCP. It is anticipate that the 2018 conference will be themed 'Partnerships in Practice: Renewing our approach to collaboration'.

The service agreement with the Department for Communities and Social Inclusion has been rolled over in 2017/2018 and will provide the organisation with \$124,000 of core funding for policy and advocacy activities.

CAFWA was also successful in obtaining \$100,000 in funding for the Family Matters Campaign in South Australia, with the Department for Child Protection and the Department for Education and Child Development contributing \$50,000 respectively.

Membership fees accounted for around \$14,000 in income in 2016/2017, increasing as a result of new memberships. CAFWA members also contributed \$20,000 towards the Family Matters Campaign.

## **POLICY AND PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT**

### ***Representation***

CAFWA has continued to meet monthly with the Leadership Group of DCP in order to discuss systemic issues including the transition of children and young people out of emergency and commercial care, contract reform measures and unit costing.

Multiple meetings with Minister Susan Close have taken place throughout the course of the year, with sector wide issues being brought directly to her attention including support for foster and kinships carers, the progress of the sector reform, the drafting of legislation related to the appointment of a Children's Commissioner for South Australia, adoption and other person guardianship, as well as the complexities of working with the sector to keep Aboriginal children and young people safe in culture. Minister Close has been an avid supporter of the Family Matters Campaign in South Australia, and graciously hosted a Parliamentary morning tea during the Week of Action in May 2017.

CAFWA hosted three CEO forums throughout the course of the year, with high levels of participation and support received. These fora have proven instrumental in guiding CAFWA's advocacy efforts in relation to sector reform, and have solidified relationships between CAFWA and sector leaders.

CAFWA was pleased to support Junction Australia to host Nigel Richardson (Child Friendly Leeds) and Paul Nixon (Chief Social Worker, New Zealand) in their respective visits to South Australia, and was particularly pleased at the level of discussion and debate they instigated in relation to sector reform in South Australia.

CAFWA has been represented on the DPC Priority Reforms Project Management Committee and the Out of Home Care (OOHC) Oversight Committee, and has welcomed the opportunity to represent sector views and interests on both of these groups.

### ***Policy***

CAFWA has developed and endorsed a 10 Point Policy Platform in order to guide sector advocacy on issues of relevance to the care of vulnerable children and families. The ten areas that are covered by the platform are:

1. Early Intervention and prevention
2. Community responsiveness
3. Supporting sibling groups
4. Culturally competent practice (with a focus on cultural safety)
5. Training, development and continuing professional development
6. Independent advocacy
7. Foster and kinship care
8. The voices of children and young people
9. Therapeutic residential care
10. Trauma informed care

CAFWA has also developed two position papers to support the platform; these included a position paper on supporting sibling group and a paper on early intervention and prevention. The latter was deployed to furnish CAFWA's response to the principle and objectives of the Prevention and Early Intervention Bill, and calls for a public health / health promotion approach to the conceptualization and operationalization of early intervention initiatives.

### ***Practice Approach***

The monthly CAFWA general meetings have continued to be quite well attended in 2016-2017 and have provided a useful forum for members to discuss the complexities and challenges of providing services to vulnerable children and their families.

Four 'taster' workshops were facilitated in the early part of 2017 with a view to testing sector responsiveness to training and professional development opportunities. CAFWA was pleased to work alongside Autism Australia in January and February to host a series of 'Positive Partnerships' workshops which were designed to provide information and support to carers of a child or young person with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder.

CAFWA was also pleased to host Ivan Raymond from the Life Buoyancy institute, with a high level of participation in his 'intentional practice' workshop.

## **SECTOR DEVELOPMENT**

### ***Membership***

CAFWA-SA has retained active membership throughout 2016-2017 with 42 organizational members and a number of associate members supporting the remit of the organization. CAFWA welcomed 11 new members in 2016/2017 and is grateful for the expanded scope of advocacy that this has provided. New members are:

- The Australian Alliance for Infant Mental Health (AAIMHI)
- MINDA
- Novita Children's Services
- Safe Spaces for Children
- St John's Youth Services
- West Coast Youth and Community Services
- Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM)
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- Save the Children (SA)
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- Together SA

### ***Knowledge***

CAFWA has continued to provide members with information and resources via email and via the e-bulletin subscription service during 2016/2017. Plans are in place to dramatically improve the dissemination of information and resources in 2018, and it is anticipated that the organization's online and social media presence will be greatly enhanced. With an entirely new and redesigned website, Child and Family Focus SA intends on utilising an online platform for the dissemination of

practice resources, as well as providing access to an online training calendar that members can utilise to access a range of accredited and non-accredited continuing professional development opportunities.

Delivery of recognition of prior learning (RPL) workshops for frontline staff will be a priority in 2018, and close partnerships with South Australian NGO's as well as ACWA in NSW will furnish a wide range of delivery formats for both the Certificate IV in Child, Youth and Family Intervention and the Diploma of Community Services.

### ***Partnership***

CAFWA-SA has continued to collaborate and leverage on strong partnerships with DCP, DCSI as well as a range of sector stakeholders for the purposes of joined-up and consistent policy based and systemic advocacy. SACOSS and the Council for the Care of Children have continued to be valued partners, and have assisted to shape CAFWA-SA messaging and advocacy throughout the course of the year, particularly in relation to legislative and administrative reform measures.

The continuation and rising profile of the Family Matters Campaign in South Australia has been testament to the extent of the goodwill that exists amongst CAFWA-SA partners, as well as their commitment to reducing the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in child protection. The significant support that has been received in 2016-2017 both in terms of funding and in-principle support, has been outstanding. The working group currently comprises members from CAFWA-SA, Aboriginal Family Support Services, Life Without Barriers, Anglicare SA, Uniting Communities, Aboriginal Legal Service, ac Care, Junction Australia and the Department for Child Protection.

CAFWA has been delighted at the extent of the partnership approach that the Department for Child Protection has displayed throughout the year, and is excited by the prospect of continuing dialogue within the CAFWA / DCP Executive Forum. We are grateful for the financial support that the Department has provided for the Family Matters Campaign in South Australia, and for their continuing presence and support at working group meetings.

CAFWA has been active in leading thinking and practice around project co-design, and is grateful for the support of TACSI in assisting us to model co-design processes in the context of the carer respite review project. It is hoped that this particular project can act as an action learning project, the learnings of which can inform future collaborative endeavours between the Department, the sector and government more broadly.

## ***FUTURE FOCUS***

Significant planning is underway for 2018, and we are confident at the prospect of a strengthened role for Child and Family Focus SA in leading the progression of sector development and workforce training initiatives.

Specific strategies for 2018 include:

- A larger role in coordinating training and development for front-line staff in both government and non-government child protection roles, and a partnership approach with registered training organizations (RTO) and universities in order to facilitate accredited training;
- A continued close partnership with the Department for Child Protection (DCP) and the ongoing meeting of CAFWA representatives and DCP Leadership on a monthly basis;
- The continuation of monthly 'practice forums' that will augment the existing monthly general meetings such that members can gather on a regular basis and engage in practical training and development;
- The pursuit of a range of new memberships to increase the overall membership of the organisation and its ability represent the opinions and perspectives of the sector;
- The facilitation of a peak youth advisory group which provides young people to come together on a semi-regular basis and provide input and expertise in to child development policy and advocacy;
- The completion of a comprehensive policy and advocacy platform that is underpinned by a series of evidence based position papers on salient issues related to child protection and child development;
- The facilitation of ongoing work associated with the 'Family Matters' campaign in order to raise awareness of the objectives of the national initiative in South Australia, and to provide enhanced opportunities for Aboriginal families and communities to have a say in the decisions that impact on the wellbeing of their children;
- Playing a key role in the provision of feedback and advice to government on the implementation of recommendations association with the final report of the Nyland Royal Commission;
- The support of the two sub-committees which will focus on policy and advocacy and sector training and events;
- The hosting of an annual sector-wide conference to augment ongoing continuing professional development for staff both within the Department for Child Protection and within the non-government sector

## ***APPENDICES***

1. Audited Financial Report, 2016-2017
2. Family Matters (SA) Campaign Highlights 2016/2017
3. Child and Family Focus SA Strategic Plan 2018-2020
4. Child and Family Focus SA Business Plan 2018-2020
5. Child and Family Focus SA 10 Point Policy Platform

## Appendix 2 - Family Matters (SA) Campaign Highlights 2016/2017

### Family Matters Working Group SA (FMWGSA) Membership:

Members of the Family Matters Working Group in South Australia include a range of Government and non-Government organisations including Aboriginal community controlled and Aboriginal community managed organisations, with further culturally valid representation provided by Aboriginal Elders and community members. The FMWGSA now consists of 14 Aboriginal members along with key non-Aboriginal members who are tasked with progressing the Family Matters Campaign core principles and building blocks in South Australia. In addition to the core working group five Aboriginal Local Ambassadors have joined the working group.

### National Week of Action:

The FMWGSA in support of the campaign's principal activity of the strategic direction 'to *support and empower communities*' hosted and supported events in Adelaide, Port Augusta, Port Lincoln, Ceduna and Coober Pedy.

The FMWGSA members, Ambassadors and key organisations supporting the SA Campaign were guests of Minister Close who hosted a Parliamentary Morning Tea for key dignitaries and powers of influence in the child protection system. Minister Close shared her support of the Family Matters Campaign including change priorities and over-arching goals. FMWGSA Local Ambassador, Tahnee Sutton, spoke of the importance of the Family Matters Campaign for Aboriginal children to remain connected to family and culture.

<https://www.facebook.com/SusanCloseMP/videos/1470469389677133/>

FMWGSA also raised awareness of the Campaign and over-arching goals with the SA Corporate sector at the SA Reconciliation Breakfast. Activities supporting increased awareness and support for the Campaign included a page in the breakfast program, as well as key note speakers Jackie Huggins and Tahnee Sutton who shared their commitment to the campaign's goal with the 1,500 corporate sector guests in attendance. This further provided great networking with those not directly involved in child protection. In addition, the event served to promote the key message that *child protection is everyone's business*.

The FMWGSA hosted the Key Event for the National Week of Action in Rundle Mall – Adelaide's primary shopping precinct. The Event consisted of cultural performances by Yellaka, Dusty Feet Mob and Kalaya Children's Choir, highlighting the multi-faceted elements of culture such as dance, singing and language. All key performances shared with the audience in their own words the importance of cultural connection for Aboriginal children and families. The event became even more special when Ms Jackie Huggins gave her support accepting the role of "guest speaker" for the event. Lisa Burns from Radio Adelaide attended the event and the following podcast went to air on Radio Adelaide.

<http://radioadelaide.org.au/2017/05/26/family-matters-campaign-launched-in-south-australia/>

<http://radioadelaide.org.au/2017/05/26/yellaka-young-people-exploring-culture-and-identity/>

Anecdotal surveys were administered with members of the general public which allowed the FMWGSA to better understand their perception of Aboriginal children and the child protection system, as well as increasing individual support for the national campaign via 86% individual sign up rate to the Family Matters Pledge.

**Statement of Commitment – Key SA Signatories**

Minister for DECD – Hon Susan Close                      Leader of State Opposition Hon Steven Marshall

Greens – Hon Tammy Franks MLC                      Deputy Leader State Opposition Hon Vickie Chapman

Shadow Minister for Child Protection Hon Rachael Sanderson

The meeting with the Hon Tammy Franks also generated an invitation for the Family Matters SA Co-Chairs to provide a presentation to the Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee in October 2017.