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Corruption Prevention Network

Message from the Chair

After the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) was established in 1989, it immediately began conducting high profile investigations into a range of State agencies. These investigations not only identified specific cases of corruption, but also highlighted substantial problems with internal organisational culture and attitudes towards what is considered 'corrupt conduct'.

As a result of these ICAC investigations, a few officers of the government agencies under scrutiny took the initiative of forming "The NSW Public Sector Corruption Prevention Committee" - a semi-official and totally voluntary body of concerned public officials involved in fraud & corruption investigation and prevention. Exofficio representatives from the NSW Audit Office, Ombudsman, Police and ICAC provided support to the Committee. In addition, several NSW government agencies provided foundation financial support to 'seed' this initiative.

The aim of the Committee was to provide a means through which individuals across the NSW public sector could link up with each other and exchange information. This primarily took the form of annual conferences and quarterly newsletters.

The Committee continued to provide a valuable service for many years. In 1999 it was determined to significantly broaden the scope of activities, and also formally incorporate. Public sector corruption prevention activity was still strongly supported, however other emerging needs were recognised ie.:

- To welcome, and focus on networking amongst all persons involved in corruption prevention.
- To make the activities planned by the Committee more practical and relevant to practitioners in fraud & corruption investigation and prevention.
- To network with other groups with similar aims and objectives, in order to capture additional benefits from our quite limited resources.
- To use information and communication technologies to better network with each other.

In recognition of this shift of focus, the name of the organisation was changed to the "Corruption Prevention Network" (CPN).

Today the CPN comprises an executive committee of 18 volunteer individuals; and includes participants from about 170 separate organisations in the broader CP Network.

The CPN's activities in 2001 included;

- The Annual Conference "Indecent Exposures The Media's Corruption Role" at Darling Harbour, Sydney. The speakers included Susan Templeman, Brian Martin, Kathryn Flynn, Paul Willoughby, Kerrie Henderson, Quentin Dempster, Tony Harris and Evan Whitton.
- Two 'Discussion Point' sessions on special interest issues and hot topics - Professional Standards & Conduct (speaker - Marian Birrell, NSW Ambulance Service) and Partnerships in Fraud Investigations (speaker - Det. Inspector Col Dyson, Commercial Crime Agency, NSW Police)
- Establishing the CPN's website at www.corruptionprevention.net. This site is developing into a free on-line information resource.
- An Internet-based e-mail list (the CP Forum) This provides a borderless, real-time link
 between participants. It is the CPN's primary
 medium for rapidly disseminating information.
- A monthly e-update newsletter on the latest news and information (distributed via the e-mail list).
- Contribution to the Transparency International sponsored National Integrity Systems Assessment (NISA) research. A project to map and analyse Australia's mechanisms for pre-empting and apprehending corrupt practices.
- Strategic linkages with a number of related organisations and groups (such as Transparency International) with the objective of aligning and integrating activities where appropriate.
- Providing a point-of-contact and reference for academic research being undertaken on corruption-related topics.

Given that the CPN is a totally voluntary organisation - with no employed staff support, I can only say that the efforts of the Committee members and those who provided assistance are quite outstanding. This includes the organisations which support these members

As Chair I wish to congratulate the members for their efforts. I thank them for the significant contributions they have made in creating and maintaining the CPN as a means of tackling corruption in our society.

Barry Munns Chairman 2000 - 2001 Corruption Prevention Network

Corruption Prevention Network:

Mission & Linkages

Mission

To provide people involved in preventing fraud and corruption with a broad range of opportunities to exchange information and ideas.

Linkages

Strategic Partners

- Transparency International www.transparency.org.au
- St James Ethics Centre www.ethics.org.au

Supporting Agencies

- NSW Government Ethics Working Party http://www.ethics.nsw.gov.au
- Audit Office of NSW www.audit.nsw.gov.au
- Independent Commission Against Corruption www.icac.nsw.gov.au
- NSW Ombudsman's Office www.nswombudsman.nsw.gov.au
- NSW Police Service www.police.nsw.gov.au

With thanks to...

- University of Technology, Sydney
- NSW State Forests
- Rail Infrastructure Corporation
- Shoalhaven City Council
- NSW Department of Education & Training
- NSW Premier's Department
- Department of Immigration & Multicultural Affairs
- Sutherland Shire Council
- Central Sydney Area Health Service
- NSW Department of Health

Corruption Prevention Network:

Organisational Profile

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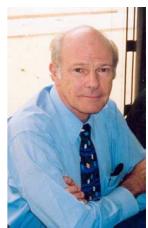
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CPN Executive 2001









Barry Munns Chair

Irene Agosti Secretary

Ken Robertson Vice Chair

Neville Gordon Treasurer



2001 CPN Annual General Meeting, December 2001

Front row from left: Irene Agosti, Angela Gorta, Selena Choo, Barry Munns, David Fenwick, Ken Robertson, Steve Murray*, Middle row: Neville Gordon, Marian Birrell*, Terry Terkel*, Stephen Horne, Adrianna Mortier*, Kath Roach Back row: Chris Ballantine, John White, Michael Quirk, Steve Bensley.

Not in photo: Brad Scutella, Ann Godfrey, Michael Clark, Anne-Maree Langford

^{*} Denotes 2002 CPN Committee member

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Corruption Prevention Network:

Financial Reports

Independent Audit Report

To the Members

Corruption Prevention Network Inc.

Scope

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report of the Corruption Prevention Network Inc. for the reporting period ended 31 October 2001, comprising Statement of Income and Expenditure, Statement of Cash Flows and Statement of Assets and Liabilities. The Corruption Prevention Network Inc. Committee is responsible for the financial report and has determined that the accounting policies used are consistent with its financial reporting requirements and are appropriate to meet the needs of its members. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Corruption Prevention Network Inc.. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's financial reporting requirements. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates, to any person other than the members of the Corruption Prevention Network Inc., or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material respects the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the basis of accounting required of the Committee. These procedures do not require the application of all Accounting Standards or other professional reporting requirements in Australia.

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

Audit Opinion

In our opinion the financial report presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Corruption Prevention Network Inc. at 31 October 2001 and the results of its cash flows for the reporting period then ended.

Eric R. Lloyd. MNIA, JP SOUTHTAX ACCOUNTANTS

22 February 2002

Corruption Prevention Network Inc.

Statement of Income & Expenditure

	Period Ende	d 30-Oct-01	Note	28-Nov-00
	Revenue			
	Membership	8		17
	Forum/conference	14,630	1	8,100
	Other presentations Interest	350 46		0 22
	Total Revenue	15,034		8,139
	Total Nevenue	10,004		0,100
	Expenditure			
	Bank fees & Govt charges	17		17
	Insurance	660	2	615
	Forum/conference	9,510	1	6,689
	Other presentations	377		0
	Incorporation related expenses	110	3	72
	Postage (incl PO box rental)	550		135
	Newsletter	301		988
	Audit fees	200		
	Contribution to research fund pool for National Integrity System	IS		
	Assessment project controlled by Transparency International	2,000	4	
	Bad Debt	100	5	
	Miscellaneous	55	6	
	Total Expenses	13,880		8,516
	Excess of Income over Expenses	1,154		(377)
Note		40 4 04		00 / 00
1	Forum/Conference:	16-Aug-01		28-Jun-00
	Revenue - cash received	14,090		8,000
	- accounts receivable	540 14,630		<u>100</u> 8,100
	Related expenses - paid	(8,905)		(6,689)
	- accounts payable	(605)		(0,000)
	accounte payable	(9,510)		(6,689)
	Net income from forum	5,120		1,411
2	Innumena			
2	Insurance: Prepayment 28 Nov 2000 to 2 Apr 2001	205		
	Plus Payment 2000/2001	783		
	less prepayment 31 Oct 2001 to 2 Apr 2002	328		
	Insurance expense for 2000/02	660		
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3	Incorporation related expenses:	007		
	Lodgement of annual statement	\$37		
	Application for Reservation of name	\$32		
	Application for change of name	\$41 \$110		
		V 1.10		
4	Donation to TI Australia:	ድጋ 000		
	To support similar aims to the CPN	\$2,000		
5	Bad debts:			
	In 2000, the Revenue shown was net of doubtful debts.			
	Accounts receivable included \$100 for one Forum booking.			
	In 2001, this \$100 accounts receivable from 2000 was written			
	off as uncollectable.			
6	Miscellaneous:			
	CPN stamp & lockable cashbox	55		

Note:If the 2000 year ended on 31 October instead of 28 November, the effect would be immaterial - a decrease in 2000 expense of \$46 and a corresponding increase in 2001 mainly due to the allocation of insurance costs.

Corruption Prevention Network Inc.

Statement of Cash Flows

		Period ended	31-Oct-01 \$	Note	28-Nov-00 \$
	Opening Cash Balance		6,589		7,148
	Plus: Cash receipts				
	Membership		8		17
	Income from Forum/Conference		14,090	1	8,000
	Income from other Conferences		350		0
	Incorporation related expenses - refund		97		0
	Interest income		46		22
		_	14,591	<u>-</u>	8,039
	Less: Cash payments				
	Bank fees & Govt charges		17		17
	Insurance		783		600
	Incorporation related expenses		110	2	169
	Postage		550		327
	Forum/Conference expenses		8,905	1	6,362
	Other Conference expenses		377		0
	Newsletter		301		988
	Donation to Transparancy International		2,000		0
	Audit Fees		200		0
	Miscellaneous		55	3	135
			13,298		8,598
	Closing Cash Balance		7,882		6,589
	Increase (decrease) in cash balance:		1,293		(559)
Note	es <i>:</i>				
1	Forum held on August 16, 2000:				
	Cash revenue		14,090		
	Related expenses paid to 31 October		(8,905)		
	Net cash income from forum		5,185		
2	Incorporation related expenses:				
	Lodgement of annual statement		37		
	Application for Reservation of name		32		
	Application for change of name		41		
		_	110		
	less, refund of 2000 application for new name		(97)	i	
			13		
3	Miscellaneous:				
٠	CPN stamp & lockable cashbox		55		
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Note:

If the 2000 year ended on 31 October instead of 28 November, the effect would be to reduce the cash payments in 2000 by \$724 and increase them by the same amount in the 2001 year.

The net cash position at the end of 2001 is unaffected.

Corruption Prevention Network Inc.

Statement of Assets & Liabilities at Period End

		as at	31-	-Oct-01	Note	28-Nov-00 \$
Assets						
Curr	rent Assets					
	Cash at bank			7,882	1	6,589
	Prepayments			328	2	205
	Receivables			540	3	197
Tota	al Current Assets			8,750		6,991
Non	-current Assets			0		0
Total Ass	sets			8,750		6,991
Liabilities	s					
Curr	rent Liabilities					
	Forum expenses (Marketing 2000)			605	_	
Tota	al Current Liabilities			605		0
Non	-current Liabilities			0		0
Total Liab	bilities			605		0
Net Assets				8,145		6,991
Accumula	ated Funds					
Bala	ance at beginning of period			6,992		7,368
Bala	ance at end of period			8,145		6,992
Notes:						
1 Casi	h at Bank:					
Calc	culated as at 31 October 2001					
ba	ased on statement dated 31 Oct 2001					
	payments:					
	rance component paid from					
1 No	ov 2001 to 2 April 2002			328		
	ount receivable:					
	ount receivable (Forum 16 August 2000)			540		
less,	, provision for doubtful debts		n	il		
Net i	receivables - Forum			540		
Rec	eivables (net)			540		

Note:

Increase Assets (Cash at Bank) in 2000 by	724
Increase in Liabilities (Accounts Payable) by	724
Increase in Assets (Prepayments) in 2000 by	46

The Balance Sheet position at 31 October 2001 is not affected.