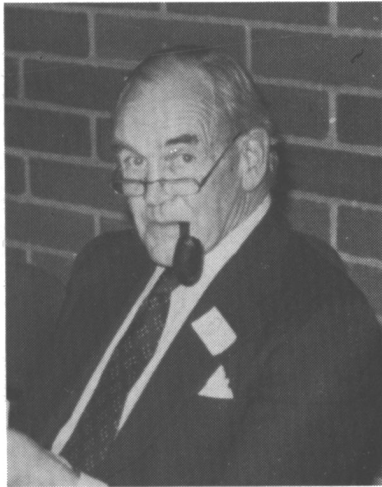


The
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11th ANNUAL REPORT

**CHAIRMAN'S
REPORT**



Dr. Alan Williams

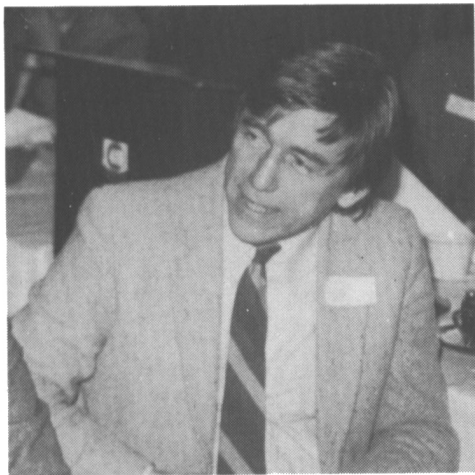
I have pleasure in presenting the 11th Annual Report of the Children's Bureau.

The Bureau continues to operate without full-time professional staff and this restricts the operation at all levels.

We are grateful to the many people who offer their services in a voluntary capacity – without whom the Bureau would be unable to function.

There is no doubt that the urgent priority of the new Board is to set about raising sufficient funds for the appointment of full-time staff. This is vital if the Bureau is to meet its objectives.

The Bureau continues to publish a high quality journal on Child & Family Welfare – it is involved in National Marriage and Family Week and distributes 26,000 brochures during May on behalf of the National Marriage and Family Week Council.



Mr. Graeme Gregory

During the year the former Director, Mr. Graeme Gregory, the Secretary, Rev. Denis Oakley, and the Chairman of the Publications Committee, Mr. John Edwards, produced a paper on the National Survey which was delivered at the 4th International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect in Paris in September 1982.

The paper was entitled 'Australian Children in Substitute Care', and has been published in the Journal 'Australian Child and Family Welfare', Volume 8, Number 1.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Mr. John Taylor did not seek re-election as a Board Member at the Annual Meeting held in Canberra owing to his Agency commitments. Mr. Taylor has held several positions with the Bureau – we thank him for his contribution.

The Board of Management has now decided to meet twice during the year as an economy measure.

These meetings will be held before and after the Annual Meeting. This arrangement will persist until it becomes necessary to meet more often.

The Board of Management:—

- President:** Dr. A. Williams
- Vice Presidents:** L. Shenfield (Qld.)
R. Upton (Tas)
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- Treasurer:** R. Jackson
- Secretary:** D. Oakley
- Board Members:** K. Brownsey
M. Morrisey
L. Fleming
G. Jackson
K. Henning
Sr. A. Rogers

I would like to thank all those who have served on the Board over the past year for their contribution.



K. Brownsey, Qld. & G. Jackson, N.S.W.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Bureau remains at 150. The State totals are as follows:

N.S.W.	— 46	South Australia	— 4
Victoria	— 60	W.A.	— 8
Tasmania	— 5	N.T.	— 3
Queensland	— 24		

Membership fees remain the same as before – Individual \$25.00, Organisational \$60.00.



Dr. Cliff Wright



Editor, Ms. Margarita Frederico

NATIONAL MARRIAGE & FAMILY WEEK

In late April, 26,000 brochures were circulated for the National Marriage and Family Week Council.

The Theme of the brochure was 'FAMILY GIFTS' compiled by Dr. Cliff Wright. Illustrations and layout were contributed by Mr. Jeff Gilmour.

The cost of the brochure was met by the Australian Medical Association Victorian Branch and we are grateful to the Secretary, Dr. W.H. Ryall, and the Board, for their continuing generosity.



The National Marriage and Family Week was launched at a luncheon held at the City and Overseas Club on the 3rd May, at which the well known Victorian Family Lawyer, Ms. Patricia Clancy was the guest speaker.

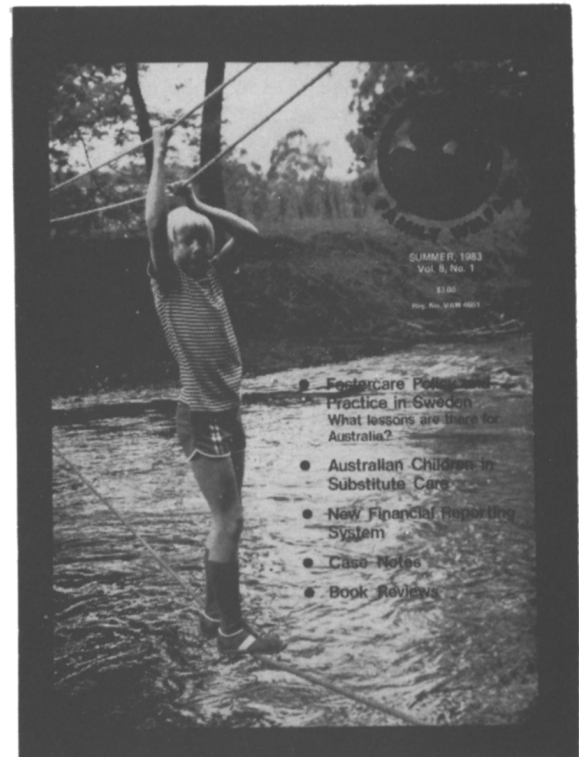
Ms. Clancy's title for her address was "Reconstructed Families and their Children", and raised many thought provoking issues.



Ms. Pat Clancy

PUBLICATIONS

The Bureau continues to publish the Journal 'Australian Child and Family Welfare' under the Chairmanship of Mr. John Edwards and the Editorship of Ms. Margarita Frederico. The Bureau is very grateful to Mr. Edwards and Ms. Frederico and other members of the Publications Committee for their work over the year, and particularly for maintaining the high standard set by previous Journal Committees. During the year Mr. C. Picton and Ms. R. Calder acted as co-editors while Ms. Frederico was overseas, and we also express our thanks to them for this contribution.



Subscriptions to the Journal remain at around 1000.

Mr. L. Richmond continues to act as the guardian of the subscription and membership lists and we express our thanks to him again.

This year the Publications Committee decided not to present an Award for Journalism as it was decided to review the Award with members of the Australian Journalists Association.

FUND RAISING

The Bureau is grateful to the many individuals, business houses and Trusts that support this work.

While the cost of operating the Bureau is not heavy we do rely upon many generous friends to help us meet our commitments.

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CONCLUSION

As mentioned previously it is my firm conviction that if the Bureau is to meet its objectives it will be necessary to appoint paid staff.

There is hardly a day goes past that some major issue related is reported or discussed in the national media.

The Bureau needs to be involved in many of those issues if it is to properly fulfill its role as an advocate for all children, and this will not be achieved until the Bureau is able to employ full time staff.

We are grateful to many people who enable the Bureau to continue to function and I express my personal thanks and the thanks of the Board to the Staff of the Victorian Children's Aid Society, who make such a significant contribution and without whom the Bureau would be considerably less effective.

Alan Williams
PRESIDENT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1982.

INCOME	1982	1981
	\$	\$
Affiliation Fees/Subscriptions	13,229	9,152
Donations	8,102	1,465
Fees & Accommodation	—	15,701
Grants	1,000	7,776
Interest	21	238
Sales of Tapes/Publications	1,472	1,245
Other Income	—	1,157
	<u>\$23,824</u>	<u>\$36,734</u>

EXPENDITURE	1982	1981
Accommodation for Participants	—	6,239
Bank Charges	36	37
Depreciation	144	144
Meals	—	2,036
National Marriage & Family Week	1,071	—
Postages	2,130	1,077
Printing & Stationary	1,456	9,248
Printing of Journal	11,354	5,000
Social Activities	—	2,689
Speakers Honoraria	—	1,277
Subscriptions	75	170
Travelling Expenses	953	1,268
Typing Assistance	1,193	1,268
Publishing Costs—National Survey	3,335	1,105
Other Expenses	—	3,671
	<u>\$21,747</u>	<u>\$36,061</u>
Surplus for the Year	<u>\$2,077</u>	<u>\$673</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1982

	1982	1981
	\$	\$
Accumulated Funds	1,273	600
Balance Brought Forward	<u>2,077</u>	<u>673</u>
Add Surplus for the Year	<u>\$3,350</u>	<u>\$1,273</u>
Add Specific Fund		557
National Marriage & Family Week		557
	<u>\$3,350</u>	<u>\$1,830</u>
Represented By:		
Fixed Assets		
Office Furniture & Equipment	1,432	1,432
Less Provision for Depreciation	499	355
	<u>\$933</u>	<u>\$1,077</u>
Current Assets		
Bank	2,854	1,517
Petty Cash	30	30
Sundry Debtors	2,023	—
	<u>\$4,097</u>	<u>\$1,547</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$5,840</u>	<u>\$2,624</u>
Less		
Liabilities		
Sundry Creditors	2,490	794
	<u>\$3,350</u>	<u>\$1,830</u>

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