Chairperson’s Report

2006-2007 has been a year of consolidation for STTARS marked by a focus on continuing to provide strong support and needed services to our clients, further improving our response times and providing services directed particularly to the needs of children. Client referrals have remained strong with increases in referrals directly from community organisations as well as from asylum seekers.

During the year, the Board, with the support of staff representatives, undertook a review of our mission and directions as an organisation. The outcome confirmed our core focus on providing support and counselling services to survivors of torture and trauma in South Australia particularly as a consequence of pre-migration experiences. This includes people seeking asylum in Australia. However we identified a number of areas where needs exist which we have not been able to fully address mainly due to funding limitations. These include expanding our work with children, training and educating Australians about the needs of traumatised people from other cultures and our work in advocating on behalf of those who may have been or may become the victims of torture. In all these areas we have been active but have not had the resources to adequately meet the need.

During the year STTARS has dealt with many clients who are asylum seekers. These people are in an extremely vulnerable position because they have cast themselves upon the mercy of a foreign country where they have sought refuge usually outside the normal refugee processing arrangements. In many cases they live in great fear of deportation and especially of repatriation to a home country where they believe they will be severely punished or killed for their past activities. Australia has an obligation under the 1951 UN Geneva Refugee Convention and international law to treat all refugees including asylum seekers with fairness and respect for their basic human rights.

These rights include humane treatment whilst in our care. In particular the Convention requires that a contracting country:- shall not impose penalties on account of their illegal entry or presence, on refugees who, coming directly from a territory where their life or freedom was threatened, enter or are present without authorization, provided they present themselves without delay to the authorities and show good cause for their illegal entry or presence - shall not expel or return (“refouler”) a refugee in any manner whatsoever to the frontiers of territories where their life or freedom would be threatened on account of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion.

The sad fact is that sometimes we fail in both these obligations. In particular the policy of detention as applied in the past has sometimes resulted in imposing severe penalties on asylum seekers and caused harm to their mental and physical health. We also sometimes get it wrong in deciding to return an asylum seeker to a home country which has a poor record on human rights even though it may be a signatory to the Geneva Refugee Convention. We urge the Australian Government to address and review these issues in its policy on refugees and asylum seekers.

It has been very satisfying to me to observe the outstanding professionalism of our wonderful staff who continue to fulfill their various roles with dedication, compassion and impressive competence whether as counsellors, complementary therapists, administrators or managers. My thanks to you on behalf of both the Board and the friends and supporters of STTARS. We are also indebted to volunteers who contribute to our work in a variety of ways. These include as sessional therapists, people who assist with transport and family support, fund raising and membership on the STTARS Board. Thankyou to you all.

I would like to mention the work of Rick Curnow who retired as a sessional therapist recently after giving valuable and expert service to STTARS clients. In addition we have had a number of changes in Board membership during the year. Alan Lucas and Bruce Stocks have retired after providing many years of outstanding and generous service. Alan served as Treasurer for many years and Bruce as Secretary. I thank you both for your valuable contributions. I also extend a welcome to people who have joined STTARS in various capacities whether as staff, volunteers, consultants or Board members. I look forward to working with you all.

David Shepherd
Chairperson
STTARS
Director’s Report

Last year we spent what seemed like forever living out of boxes and tripping over each other as we endured several weeks of renovations and building work. During the building work I spent some time cleaning out cupboards and sorting through old files of minutes and correspondence. I found records going back to the early days of STTARS when the service was located in the back shed of the Australian Refugee Association and counsellors met their clients in coffee shops and parks because there was no where else that was private to go. It was amazing to reflect on the extraordinary energy and commitment of the people that made STTARS happen, from the first meeting in 1989 to finally securing funding and their own premises in 1994. It was also really funny to read the old minutes and notice how some problems just keep getting recycled – in particular the lack of space and anxieties about funding.

This past year we were fortunate in being able to make some progress with these two most persistent issues. The renovations and building work (funded by the Housing Trust of SA) resulted in more counselling rooms, more work spaces and a refurbished kitchen. If we need to extend again it will have to be through the roof! And we also gratefully received a welcome and long overdue increase of Commonwealth funding from the Department of Health and Ageing.

The year also marked the implementation of a program funded by both the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing and the South Australian Department of Families and Communities to provide support to children and young people. STTARS now has one dedicated Child and Youth Counsellor/Advocate position that works closely in partnership with CAMHS, DECS and Multicultural Youth SA in providing services in schools to staff and to refugee children and their families. While staff have achieved a great deal in terms of developing relationships with schools and providing one-to-one counselling to children, it is clear from the demands being placed on this program by schools and parents that more resources are required to adequately meet the need in this area. Increasing our capacity to respond to the needs of children and youth will therefore continue to be a priority for STTARS.

STTARS has put considerable effort and resources into expanding our work with client communities. This has included meetings with individual communities which we have tried to make less formal and more genuinely engaging by providing food and sharing a meal together. These occasions have felt less like work and more like fun and the feedback we have received from key community members has been very positive.

The outstanding success of the STTARS Cooking Group for African boys taught us a great deal about community capacity building and has provided the spring board for several other ventures which we anticipate will be equally successful.

At a national level STTARS has actively participated in the Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (FASSTT) network. A major project over the past year with FASSTT has been the development of a national database for torture/trauma services to provide FASSTT agencies with nationally comparable data. Another major project has been the development and implementation of national standards for the delivery of torture/trauma services which provides all FASSTT agencies with a framework against which to measure the quality of service delivery and governance.

The staff team at STTARS has gone through several changes over the past year. We said goodbye to Erica Spry who went to work as a volunteer in Darfur, Robert Bidstrup who left us (again) to return to University, and Ayen Kuol and Nyiel Jok who, after 2 years of Saturday mornings devoted to the cooking class, finally decided it was time to reclaim their weekends. And finally we said goodbye to Rick Curnow who is retiring from STTARS after several years of valuable service to our clients. We miss them all, thank them for their hard work on behalf of STTARS and wish them all the best for the future.

There is always a sense of loss when people leave but it also means opportunities for growth and renewed energy and we have been fortunate to gain the skills and experience of some wonderful new people. We welcomed Nicola Trenorden who joined Robyn Smythe to make up our Child and Youth Team, Candy Hyde to carry out the vital role of Assessment and Liaison, Richard Piorkowski as Client Services Manager and Ita Schieman and Anna Peters as Counsellor/Advocate replacing Sandra Gault who is currently on leave. We have also been very fortunate to have Professor Daya Somasundaram and Dr Lalat Aung join our team providing psychiatric counselling services on a sessional basis. And of course we are deeply indebted to the experience and commitment of Dr Michael, Steve, Chris, Anna, and all of our dedicated volunteer massage therapists in the work they do with clients, and the professional support provided to all by Alica, Sox, Habiba and Sallyanne.

Gone are the days when services like STTARS ran on hard work and goodwill alone. Much more is asked of us now in terms of demonstrating accountability for public money, collecting data to support evidence based practice, developing risk management systems and ensuring compliance with OH&S standards. For counselling staff and management alike, dealing with this proliferation of forms and reports is dry work that can seem very removed from the important people stuff. But I know I speak for us all when I say that our lives are enriched in some way by every client we see. Woven into the stories with their recurring themes of unimaginable loss and horror are the miracles of laughter and hope and a reborn pleasure in life. These stories never fail to bring a new perspective and deeper understanding of what it means to be human and a sense of privilege in being part of the journey.

B McGrath
Director
Staff and Volunteers

Management
Bernadette McGrath – Director
Erica Spry - Client Services Manager (until December 2006)
Richard Piorkowski – Client Services Manager (from December 2006)

Administration
Alica Varesanovic – Office Manager
Habiba Huka – Receptionist/Office Assistant
Sallyanne Scholefield – Finance Officer
Steve Sokvari – Data and Resource Officer.

Counselling Team
Sandra Gault – Senior Counsellor (until February 2007)
Steve Thompson – Senior Counsellor
Robyn Smythe – Senior Counsellor
Anna Gilfillan - Counsellor/Advocate
Dana Peters – Counsellor / Advocate (from April 2007)
Nicola Trenorden – Counsellor/Advocate (from December 2006)
Dr Michael Lee – Sessional Therapist
Dr Rick Curnow – Sessional Therapist

Maggie Carey – Sessional Therapist
Professor Daya Somasundaram – Sessional Therapist (from June 2007)
Robert Bidstrup – Liaison and Assessment Officer (until November 2006)
Candace Hyde – Liaison and Assessment Officer (from November 2006)

Community Team
Slavica Dedijer (Caseworker/Advocate)
Ayen Kuol – Families and Communities Coordinator (until April 2007)
Nyiel Jok – Families and Communities Support Worker (from April 2007)

Natural Therapies
Chris Rose – Coordinator
Lyn Butler – Natural Therapies Volunteer
Tony Fonseka – Natural Therapies Volunteer
Bert Heisters – Natural Therapies Volunteer
Angela Kallas - Natural Therapies Volunteer
Cate Newton - Natural Therapies Volunteer
Janine Rayner - Natural Therapies Volunteer

A highlight of the year was the launch of the film "Ayen’s Cooking School for African Men", based on the STTARS cooking class that has been running since 2004. Pictured (l-r) are Adelaide filmmaker Sieh Mchawala, STTARS Director B McGrath, and Sudanese community leader and STTARS Counsellor Advocate Ayen Kuol.

STTARS Staff (l-r): Habiba Huka, Richard Piorkowski, Nicola Trenorden, Candace Hyde, Bernadette McGrath, Dana Petet, Anna Gilfillan, Chris Rose, Robyn Smythe and Alica Varesanovic.

Volunteers
Beth and Ray Mylius
Elizabeth Nyiel
Jenny Norris-Green
Roger Arulanandam
Sandra Mitchell
Wendy Shulver
Kate Hannaford

A special thank you to:
Our interpreters without whom communication would be near impossible and whose skills, empathy and cheerful co-operation make our work so much easier.
Board of Management

Chair - Mr David Shepherd
David has a keen interest in other cultures and is widely travelled including working in Malaysia as an Australian Volunteer Abroad and in Venezuela as a telecommunications Technical Expert under a United Nations development program. A founding member of the Indo-China Refugee Association, David and his wife Martha welcomed and hosted many families from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia during the 1970s & 1980s. David retired after a career as an engineer and manager in the telecommunications industry.

Deputy Chair - Mr Dilip Chirmuley AM JP
Dilip came to Australia in 1966. Formerly a lecturer, he retired from teaching at the end of 2000.
A Hindu priest, Dilip has a long term interest in the welfare of people of non-English speaking backgrounds. He has served on the SA Ethnic Affairs Commission of South Australia and the Multifaith Association of SA.
In 2001, Dilip was awarded the Centenary Medal for Services to Australian Society. On Australia Day this year Dilip was made a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia.

Treasurer - Mr Alan Lucas
Alan migrated to Australia from England with his family in 1951. He studied economics at Adelaide University and is a qualified accountant (CPA). He worked for Mobil Oil, Amscol, the Holland Group, and had his own Accounting practice for many years.

Secretary - Reverend Bruce Stocks
Bruce is a Priest in the Anglican Church. Bruce has worked in the community sector in South Australia for the past 24 years, currently in the Pastoral Care Team at the Repatriation General Hospital, and in private practice. He has been actively involved in social justice initiatives with young people, disadvantaged communities, indigenous peoples, and refugee communities. He has an interest in the mix between spirituality, community care, and redressing social injustice.

Mr Robert Ayliffe
Robert’s early background was in shearing sheds and abalone diving. He went on to university, became a high school teacher and then 20 years ago established his own boat design and construction company. He has had a strong interest in social justice issues for as long as he can remember.
Board of Management continued

Dr. Jill Benson
Jill has been a General Practitioner for almost 30 years, most of that time in Adelaide. She is currently Director of the Health in Human Diversity Unit in the Discipline of General Practice, University of Adelaide. She is also a Senior Medical officer working with refugees at the Migrant Health Service, works at the University Health Practice at the University of Adelaide, and with Aboriginal people at Tallawon Health Service in the Yalata Community. Jill’s interests are mainly in cultural diversity, psychological medicine, infectious diseases and doctors health but span a broad range of topics familiar to most GPs as well as administration, teaching, development of protocols, evaluation of programmes, committee work, writing, training, supervision, mentoring and peer support.

Ms Kaz Eaton
Kaz is a lawyer with a strong interest and involvement in social justice issues. She has been active in supporting the rights of refugees and was a founding Member and Treasurer of the Management Committee of the Refugee Advocacy Service of South Australia. In her working life Kaz has had wide experience in the labour movement with a particular involvement with issues relating to women in the workforce, including as Director of the Working Women’s Centre, Coordinator of the Women’s Legal Service and a consultant to the National Women’s Justice Coalition.

Ms Marj Ellis
Marj is a Social Worker who has worked as a Manager for over 15 years in welfare and community health. In relation to the latter, she was responsible for The Migrant Health Service for a number of years, and has a good understanding of the issues confronting new arrivals. She is also a member of the SA Refugee Health Network, a member of the SACOSS Policy Council and the SACOSS Board.

Marj has a strong commitment to social justice and to working in partnership with people and agencies, and these values are reflected in her approach to what she does. She also brings to the Board a commitment to good governance.

Mr Martin Monydeng
Martin came to Australia as a refugee from Sudan in May 2003 under the Global Special Humanitarian Program. He holds a BA in Economics from Bombay University. When he arrived in Australia Martin worked as a bi-cultural worker and interpreter. Martin is now employed as a Senior Youth Worker in the Department for Families and Communities Refugee Program.

As he has been a refugee for nearly half of his life he has a special interest in helping refugees. Martin voluntarily provides orientation and support to the Sudanese and other Africans who are newly arrived in Australia.

Mr Rowan Nicholson
Rowan is soon to graduate with an Honours Degrees in Arts and Law and a Diploma of Languages. He is a former president of the Adelaide University Union and a former member of the University of Adelaide Council. Rowan’s interest in refugees dates from his involvement in the United Nations Youth Association and other organisations. He has also worked as a volunteer in Ghana and, most recently, for a human rights lawyer in India. This has stimulated his passion for human rights in Australia and internationally.

We farewelled Board Member
Mr Alan Lucas
We welcomed new Board Members
Mr Robert Ayliffe
Mr Rowan Nicholson

Friends of STTARS

STTARS has been extremely fortunate in attracting significant support from a number of individuals and organisations.

- Adrian and Daniel at Economic Outlook for IT support
- David and Cheryl from The Dulwich Centre
- Drew and Marie at Working Images for graphic design
- Eric Algra for photography
- Francis and Ailsa at Beecos for web site development and support
- John French for database development and upgrades
- Katron Creative for newsletters and reports
- Mark Thomson from the Australasian Institute of Backyard Studies

Their generous contributions enable STTARS to provide quality services far in excess of what we could manage on our own. Thank you!
Many Thanks

Funding Bodies
The Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing
The South Australian Department of Health
The Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services
The Commonwealth Department of Immigration and Citizenship
The South Australian Department of Families and Communities

Organisation and Agencies
ABC International Translating and Interpreting Service
Adelaide Secondary School of English
Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital
African Communities Council of SA
Amnesty International
Anglicare
ARA Jobs Pty Ltd
Australian Red Cross
Australian Refugee Association
Bellevue Heights Primary School
Bowden/Brompton Community Centre
CAMHS Western Region
CAMHS Southern Region
Central Northern Adelaide Health Service
Cowan Dilla Primary School
English Language Service
Department of Families and Communities Refugee Unit
FGM Program (Women’s Health Statewide)
Flinders University – School of Psychology
Flinders University – School of Social Administration and Social Work
Housing SA
Ingle Farm Primary School
Libby Hogarth and Associates
Legal Services Commission
LM Training
Lutheran Community Care
Magdalene Centre
Mental Health Coalition of SA
Mercury Cinema
Migrant Health Service
Migrant Resource Centre
Middle Eastern Communities Council of SA
Muslim Womens Association
Multicultural Communities Council SA
Multicultural Youth SA
Northern Area Community and Youth Services
Pennington Primary School
Radio Adelaide
Red Shield Housing
Relationships Australia
Richmond Primary School
Salisbury North Primary School
SHINE SA
SA Refugee Health Network
SA Dept. of Education and Training
SA Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission
SA Police (SAPOL)
Southern Adelaide Health Service
– Southern CAMHS
TIS (Translating and Interpreting Service)
Uniting Care Wesley
University of Adelaide – Glenside Campus
University of SA
(School of Occupational Therapy)
VIDA Films

Client Statistics 2006-07

In 2006/07 STTARS received 275 new referrals and provided specialist counselling to a total of 440 clients, an increase of 7% on the previous year.

Of these, 71 were children and young people under the age of 21.

An unexpected trend was the substantial increase in the number of asylum seekers.

Of the new referrals, 43 were asylum seekers, compared with 16 in the previous year.

During the year 56% of clients came from the Middle East, 25% from Africa and 10% from Europe.
Independent Auditor’s Report

SURVIVORS OF TORTURE & TRAUMA ASSISTANCE & REHABILITATION SERVICES INC.

We have audited the accompanying financial report of SURVIVORS OF TORTURE & TRAUMA ASSISTANCE & REHABILITATION SERVICES INC., which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2007, and the Income & Expenditure Statement for the year then ended 30th June 2007, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

The Responsibility of The Board of Management for SURVIVORS OF TORTURE & TRAUMA ASSISTANCE & REHABILITATION SERVICES INC. for the Financial Report

The Board of Management are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations). This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control 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

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we 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 of Management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Auditor’s Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of SURVIVORS OF TORTURE & TRAUMA ASSISTANCE & REHABILITATION SERVICES INC. as at 30 June 2007, and of its financial performance in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations).

Peter Hall – Chartered Accountants
Dated 2/10/2007
# Statement of Income and Expenditure
## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2007

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## Balance Sheet
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**REPRESENTED BY:**

**MEMBER FUNDS**

- Balance B/F Previous Year | 303,266 | 286,243 |
- Prior Year Adjustment | 0 | 0 |
- Plus: Surplus for the Year | 26,825 | 17,023 |

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** | 330,091 | 303,266 |
NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES
This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the SURVIVORS OF TORTURE & TRAUMA ASSISTANCE & REHABILITATION SERVICES INC. the Associations Incorporation Act 1985.
The Board has determined that the council is not a reporting entity. The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 and the following Australian Accounting Standards:
AAS 5: Materiality
AAS 6: Accounting Policies
AAS 8: Events Occurring After Balance Date
No other Australian Accounting Standard, Urgent Issued Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied. The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.
The following specific accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report:
  a) Income Tax
      The Fund is exempt from income tax under the provisions of Section 50-40 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.
  b) Plant & Equipment
      The depreciable amount of all Plant & Equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.
  c) Employee Entitlements
      Provision is made for the Funds liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements have been measured at their nominal amount and include related on costs.
  d) Investment Income
      Investment income is recorded on a cash basis only.

NOTE 2: WRITE BACK OF PROJECTS
Three project Grants (FASSTT CD, Community Initiative and Rebuilding Our Lives) had incorrectly been bought to account as income in prior years. The majority of these Grants have now been expensed.