ACER 2006-2007 Annual Report

Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER)

Follow this and additional works at: http://research.acer.edu.au/ar

Part of the Educational Assessment, Evaluation, and Research Commons

Recommended Citation
http://research.acer.edu.au/ar/7

This Article is brought to you by ACEReSearch. It has been accepted for inclusion in Annual Reports by an authorized administrator of ACEReSearch. For more information, please contact repository@acer.edu.au.
The Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) is an independent, not-for-profit organisation which provides state-of-the-art educational research, products and services.

Established in 1930, ACER has a long history and solid reputation as a provider of non-aligned, reliable support and expertise to education policy makers and professional practitioners. It receives no direct financial support and generates its entire income through contracted research and development projects, and through products and services that it develops and distributes.

ACER is a leader in the provision of quality educational research, both within Australia and internationally. As a national, independent research body, ACER brings a high level of expertise and objectivity to its work. One of ACER’s great strengths is its people. The researchers in its seven research programs bring extensive experience and expertise in a range of disciplines and research methods to their projects. ACER also supports the work of professional practitioners through the development and provision of a range of research-based products and services, produced and managed by its five professional resources divisions.

ACER works in an increasingly international context, providing consultancy and professional development support to several countries establishing national assessment programs, as well as undertaking commissioned research and providing assessment services to a broad range of international clients.

Today, ACER is one of the world’s leading educational research centres, committed to creating and distributing research-based knowledge, products and services to improve learning across the lifespan in both formal and informal settings.
Mission
Improving Learning
Our mission is to create and promote research-based knowledge, products and services that can be used to improve learning.

Vision
Our vision for ACER is of a vibrant, reflective research organisation deeply committed to creating and promoting research-based knowledge, products and services to improve learning; an organisation that pursues the highest standards of scholarship and quality in all that it undertakes, and that is continually building its reputation as one of the world’s leading educational research centres with an increasingly international orientation to its work.

Values
- **Expertise** producing high quality, innovative research and research-based services and materials to improve learning
- **Innovation** taking a creative, flexible and bold approach to the development of knowledge, services and materials
- **Independence** providing advice and commentary that is informed through research, is authoritative, and non-aligned
- **Integrity** being ethical, honest and trustworthy in all our relationships and interactions
- **Responsiveness** anticipating, understanding, meeting and exceeding client and customer expectations
- **Reflection & improvement** being self-reflective and listening to and learning from others in order to improve the quality of our work, our efficiency and productivity
- **Positive relationships** creating an organisational environment characterised by respect, fairness, openness and support of physical and emotional wellbeing
- **Individual fulfilment** encouraging personal contribution and achievement, and the pursuit of excellence
Organisational structure

Council & Board

ACER Board of Directors 2006-07

Members Elected by Council
Professor Paige Porter (Chair)
Professor Brian Caldwell (Deputy Chair)
Dr Brian Croke
Mr Tony Mackay
Dr Peter Hill
Ms Robyn Baker

Nominee of Secretary of Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training
Mr Evan Arthur (to July 2006)
Dr Trish Mercer (from July 2006)

Nominee of Australian Education Systems Officials Committee
Mr Andrew Cappie-Wood (to November 2006)
Mr Chris Robinson (from November 2006)

Member Elected by ACER Staff
Dr Sheldon Rothman

Chief Executive Officer of ACER
Professor Geoff Masters
In recent years ACER has experienced considerable growth with 2006-07 no exception. This financial year revenue exceeded $50m for the first time.

Among the highlights of the year, there have been a number of senior staff appointments, including new Research Directors in the areas of Teaching and Leadership and Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation.

Several new business initiatives were launched in 2006-07 including the new Psychometrics Institute. This advisory body was established to ensure that ACER's psychometric work remains world-class and that we implement best practice throughout our research and measurement work.

ACER has recently taken over the Principal for a Day program under which community and business leaders spend a day in a school shadowing the school principal. I enjoyed spending a day at Broadmeadows Secondary College as a participant in the program.

An ACER office was officially opened in Perth in February 2007, establishing a permanent presence in Western Australia for the first time. The opening of a Perth office followed ACER's acquisition of Unicom Education, a supplier of special needs and speech and language resources for teachers, established in the late 1990s. Unicom was integrated into ACER Press and Ms Jocelyn Cook was appointed as a Principal Research Fellow and Manager of the ACER Perth Office.

ACER was successful in its bid to work on the National Assessment Program. This involves the development of literacy and numeracy test items for the 2008 national tests at each of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, as well as the conduct of national trial testing.

A partnership between ACER and the Australian College of Educators has been formalised. Under the new partnership, we will explore ways to make a wider range of ACER materials and services accessible to College members and to provide additional infrastructure support to the ACE National Office.

Another major activity has been planning ACER’s future accommodation arrangements in Melbourne. The continued expansion of the company over recent years has seen ACER’s staff numbers expand rapidly. ACER purchased a property in Railway Parade, Camberwell, which adjoins the main ACER building in Prospect Hill Road.

We have spent considerable time working with staff and architects on the fit-out of the new Railway Parade building. The building at 347 Camberwell Road, which accommodated many of the Melbourne staff for several years, has been sold.
ACER’s continued strong financial growth in 2006-07 saw annual revenue exceed $50 million for the first time – corresponding to an 81 per cent increase over the past four years, or 14.1 per cent above last year. The annual surplus of $2.1 million was also an all-time record, but was below the budgeted level, due in part to higher than anticipated levels of expenditure on accommodation and senior appointments. Given the initiatives taken in 2006-07 to position ACER for the future, the overall result is pleasing.

In February 2007, ACER launched its new Psychometrics Institute, an advisory body established to ensure that ACER’s psychometric work remains world-class and that best practice is implemented throughout the research and measurement work. Professor Ray Adams is the Chair of the Board and Dr Khoo Siek Toon is the part-time Director.

ACER was successful in its bid for work on the National Assessment Program. ACER was contracted for two parts of the project: the development of literacy and numeracy test items for the 2008 national tests at each of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, as well as the conduct of national trial testing.

ACER’s high level of information technology expertise has provided support for many projects throughout the year. Ecommerce turnover during 2006-07 almost doubled compared to the previous financial year; with over $8.4 million worth of income collected via the internet.

The Online Test Response System is designed to replace OMR (Optical Mark Reader) forms with a web-based interface. The online system is used at the Testing Centre in Sydney to collect responses from test candidates. The PISA Country Profiles website <http://pisacountry.acer.edu.au/> allows users to generate graphs and download spreadsheets of the data gathered during the PISA 2003 cycle. The website will be used by OECD member countries to see how their students have performed relative to the rest of the OECD.

The topic for ACER’s annual Research Conference in August 2006 was ‘Boosting Science Learning: What will it take?’ The conference, held in Canberra, was opened by Hon Julie Bishop and was attended by about 400 delegates. There was pleasing media coverage for the conference and good feedback from participants.

The role of Library Manager was broadened to Library and Information Manager to include responsibility for ACER’s records and archives. Lance Deveson commenced in the role in November.

During the year, the library accepted a donation of approximately 6000 books from the private collection of Bill Connell, a prominent education researcher and writer who passed away in 2001 at the age of 85. This will be housed as a separate collection in the Library.

Library staff continued to develop and maintain databases for the use of the education community, including the Australian Education Index (AEI), Database for Research into International Education and the Complete Article Service, which included more than 15,000 Australian journal articles scanned for pay-per-view or full text delivery.
During the year, ACER formalised a partnership with the Australian College of Educators. There was already a close relationship with the College through ACER’s production of Professional Educator magazine, joint projects, and ACER’s development of a website and membership database under contract to the College. ACER will explore ways to make a wider range of ACER materials and services accessible to College members and provide additional infrastructure support to the ACE National Office. ACER has also been developing a closer relationship with the Australian Council for Educational Leaders (ACEL).

In December 2006 ACER acquired the publishing and distribution business Unicom Education which specialises in special education and speech and language materials. Unicom was integrated into ACER Press. In February, ACER opened its office in West Perth, which will initially be staffed by the staff member appointed following the purchase of Unicom.

A recruitment campaign for senior staff resulted in the following appointments:

- Professor Steven Dinham, Research Director (Teaching and Leadership)
- Dr Adrian Beavis, Research Director (Policy Analysis and Evaluation)
- Dr Neil Carrington, Director; ACER Leadership Centre
- Dr Michele Lonsdale, Principal Research Fellow
- Dr Andrew Dowling, Principal Research Fellow
- Ms Jocelyn Cook, Principal Research Fellow; Manager, ACER Perth Office
- Mr Ralph Saubern, General Manager; ACER Press
- Mr Lance Deveson, Library and Information Manager

During 2006, representatives from the Standing Committee on Indigenous Education worked with ACER staff to develop an ACER Indigenous Employment Strategy (AIES). The objectives for 2007–08 are to employ at least one Indigenous member of staff and award one Indigenous Research Training Fellowship by June 2008; and award one Indigenous Cadetship under the Indigenous Cadetship Program by December 2008.

In February ACER obtained an Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency (EOWA) Employer of Choice for Women citation for the second consecutive year. This citation is awarded on an annual basis, and ACER was one of 131 organisations across Australia to receive the award in 2007.

A major activity during the year was planning ACER’s future accommodation arrangements in Melbourne. In April 2007 ACER purchased the building located next to the main office in Prospect Hill Road, Camberwell, which will enable all Melbourne staff to be located under one roof. Architects Ashton Raggatt McDougall have been engaged to develop renovation plans, with a view to moving staff early in 2008. ACER’s second Melbourne office, in Camberwell Road, has been sold.
### 2006

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Month</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>July</td>
<td>Online marking facility in Sydney office begins.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Late 2006</td>
<td>Testing for OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) conducted between July and September.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) testing held in October and November.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>December</td>
<td>Civics and Citizenship report released.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 2007

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Month</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>February</td>
<td>Year 12 Curriculum Content and Achievement Standards report examined the content, curriculum and standards of Year 12 subjects across Australia in English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Australian History.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Perth office opens.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Psychometrics Institute launched to ensure ACER’s psychometric work remains world-class and that best practice is implemented throughout our research and measurement work.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ACER successful in its bid for development of literacy and numeracy test items for 2008 National Assessment Program at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>April</td>
<td>ACER takes possession of adjacent Railway Parade building.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May</td>
<td>Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation unit established to contribute to public policy debate, providing education policy analysis.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June</td>
<td>Australian Principals Centre absorbed by ACER Leadership Centre.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
ACER works with clients both within Australia and around the world. ACER’s international work includes commissioned research, consultancy, professional development, and the provision of tailored assessments. ACER has offices in India and Dubai.

The Indian office provides assessment services, professional learning for teachers and leadership training for principals. ACER’s work in India includes assessment services for schools and consulting services to support World Bank projects. In Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, ACER offers schools, students and parents high quality research-based assessments such as Global Achieve, the International Schools’ Assessment, and a range of scholarship tests. ACER Dubai also offers professional development workshops for teachers in the UAE, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

In 2006-07, ACER was involved in several major international projects.

The OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) testing was conducted in late 2006. ACER leads an international consortium of research and educational institutions, and plays a pivotal role in all facets of the PISA project.

Testing for the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) was also held in late 2006. This was the latest in a series of studies commissioned by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA).

ACER has begun a study investigating the way young people are prepared to undertake their roles as citizens in a range of countries. The study, also commissioned by the IEA, will survey Grade 8 students in 2008.

ACER’s Assessment Services has continued its long and successful working relationship with higher education institutions in the UK. Four higher education admissions tests were used in the UK throughout the year.

In addition, ACER has worked on projects including monitoring of learning achievement in India, advising on the analysis of data collected from a teacher census in Indonesia, and assessing training needs in an Indonesian national educational research agency to enable national research information to be published in local and international journals and publications. Consultancy work has also been carried out in the Pacific, North, Central and South America, South Asia, South Africa and the Middle East. ACER has established collaborative partnerships with educational networks, research associations and non-government organisations in the region.

The table below details ACER emissions data since being a member of Greenhouse Challenge. The middle year (FY 2004-2005) is the first year that included both Camberwell sites.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Scope 1 (tonnes CO2-e)</th>
<th>Scope 2 (tonnes CO2-e)</th>
<th>Scope 3 (tonnes CO2-e)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>FY2002-03</td>
<td>800</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>1200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FY2003-04</td>
<td>800</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>1200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FY2004-05</td>
<td>800</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>1200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FY2005-06</td>
<td>800</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>1200</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FY2006-07</td>
<td>800</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>1200</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Scope 1 is direct production of CO2 e.g. petrol in a car or gas for heating
Scope 2 is where fuel is burnt on ACER’s behalf e.g. electricity
Scope 3 is production emissions not directly producing electricity

At the Prospect Hill Road, Camberwell building, significant changes were made to the air-conditioning. This included installation of new baffles, allowing the building to be cooled naturally on days when the ambient temperature outside is suitable. The baffles have motors and sensors to operate them. A saving of between 15 and 50 per cent of power can be expected depending on the climatic conditions. The baffles allow cool air to flow into the building rather than activating the compressors to cool, providing the outside temperature is lower than the building and it is not too humid. The same applies for heating, where air comes in if it is warm enough outside.
ACER is reviewing the electricity contract and considering what is available in terms of green energy for both the Railway Parade and Prospect Hill Road buildings. The main account for the Prospect Hill Road building is 75 per cent green energy, providing offsets as part of the Greenhouse Challenge. Fifteen computer servers have been combined into four physical boxes to reduce power consumption.

ACER’s Environmental Reference Group (ERG) is also investigating additional Greenhouse Challenge carbon offsets in order to promote the move to carbon neutrality in regard to energy use and travel.

The Desert™ Cube waterless urinal system was installed in the men’s toilet in the Sydney office. This system uses small blue cubes, placed at the bottom of the urinal. Each cube contains naturally occurring microbes which dissolve the organic matter that odour-producing bacteria grow on. Once the Desert™ Cube system was in place, the flushing system was turned off and the cistern chain removed. A special sign explaining the system was put on the wall. The main benefit of this system is reduced water consumption. A standard urinal bay uses as much as 151 000 litres per year. It is hoped to introduce this system into all of ACER’s offices.

ACER has contracted environmentally-friendly cleaners. Our cleaners only use environmentally-friendly cleaning materials, and ACER purchases recycled paper toilet products.

Ongoing initiatives include recycling paper and other materials in all offices. Obsolete computer equipment and print and photocopier cartridges are also recycled. Recycled print and copy paper products are used.

Plans are underway for an environmentally responsible renovation of the newly purchased Railway Parade building adjacent to the main office in Camberwell.
The Assessment and Reporting Research Program undertakes research and development to underpin and improve educational and psychological measurement at ACER and in the wider Australian and international education community.

The public focus of the program is on the support of student learning through the provision of advice, instruments and training in a range of contexts, including developing and refining programs for monitoring student learning, instruments to measure student achievement, and frameworks against which student achievement and learning can be reported and monitored.

In 2006-07 in response to increasing demand for research, test development and workshops, the program employed additional staff in the Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth offices.

The 2006 external review commissioned by the ACER board to evaluate the effectiveness of the Assessment and Reporting Program returned a positive report, while also providing suggestions for improvement.

**National highlights**

Continuing to research the possibility of an Australian Certificate of Education (ACE), ACER conducted a comparative study of five senior subjects (English, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Australian History) to establish the degree of curriculum and assessment consistency across Australia. These findings will assist the Australian Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) to determine if a single Australian Year 12 system is achievable.

A second by-product of the ACE report was a DEST commissioned national analysis of the Employability Skills of Senior Secondary students. Researchers analysed and evaluated appropriate methods for assessing and reporting the employability skills of Year 12 students.

In the past year work also has commenced to develop materials for a common national literacy and numeracy assessment for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The tests are to be implemented in 2008.

**State highlights**

Staff have been working with teachers in Victorian primary and
secondary schools to develop tasks that will provide teachers with a stronger sense of the Victorian Essential Learning Standards. They have also had the opportunity to provide advice on linking school curriculum development with the Employability Skills of the Victorian Essential Learning Standards and Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning.

In Queensland, the staff have investigated the theories behind the assessment methods in the Queensland Senior Sciences syllabus. Independent Schools Queensland also commissioned the team to review assessment tasks devised by independent schools to ensure they meet the State’s quality assurance standards.

Work continues for the West Australian Department of Education on the development of instruments to assess the progress of students in Agricultural High Schools against the West Australian Monitoring Standards in Education. Staff have developed items to assess Agricultural Studies students in mathematics and reading at the beginning of Year 11, and towards the end of Year 12.

International highlights

In 2006-07, the Assessment and Reporting program continued to expand its international portfolio. The Hong Kong Curriculum Development Institute requested a consultancy program in the area of developmental assessment for students with intellectual disabilities. ACER staff visited a small number of special schools in Hong Kong, conducting a series of workshops which demonstrated practical aspects of using developmental assessment to describe learning outcomes at a class, school and system levels.

A collaboration with the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority will see the development of a Professional Learning Kit for secondary school teachers. The kit will be used to support the implementation of school based assessment in the New Framework for Senior Secondary Assessment in Hong Kong schools.

In India, work focused on the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan national education initiative. Staff worked with the World Bank to explore uses of student learning assessment, and to recommend modifications to the current national monitoring program.

The first stage of a Brunei consultancy which aims to improve the assessment of student competencies was completed. The project includes test development, training workshops, field trials, and tracking candidates for two years. Work on this project will continue until 2008.

Assessment and Reporting staff have contributed to a number of other national and international projects providing assistance in framework development, test development and psychometric analysis.
A national Year 12 curriculum – is it possible?

There is a strong case for a national core curriculum in some senior school subjects, with an ACER study identifying a high degree of consistency in current course content across Australia.

The Year 12 Curriculum Content and Achievement Standards report provided a nationwide picture of the curriculum and achievement standards of students studying English (including Literature), Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics and Australian History in the final years of secondary school.

The report was commissioned by the Department of Education, Science and Training, and launched by the Federal Minister for Education in February 2007.

The ACER report estimated that 90 per cent of the content of Advanced Mathematics courses, 85 per cent of the content of Physics courses, and 95 per cent of the content of Chemistry courses in the senior schools was common across Australia.

With more than 20 different Australian History and 18 English subjects on offer to senior Australian students, there were no distinct similarities in the subject’s curriculum. However, researchers were able to identify common areas in student skill development and the type of texts that should be studied.

With a general agreement on what is considered ‘essential’ curriculum content in Advanced Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry, it is difficult to justify the development of the same syllabus, assessment and reporting methods seven times over.

The report calls for the establishment of a common curriculum ‘core’ in each of the key subjects, together with national standards for assessment to provide comparable student results across the country.

The study also considered subject achievement standards, by examining available assessment materials from each state and territory. While it was possible to identify the kinds of achievements values and assessment methods, it was not possible to draw conclusions about relative performance expectations, as these vary across Australia.

Year 12 Curriculum Content and Achievement Standards
Authors – Gabrielle Matters and Geoff Masters
<www.dest.gov.au/schools/year12study>
The Early Childhood Education research program focuses on improving the quality of young children’s developmental and learning outcomes and raising awareness of the value of early childhood education.

The program has developed through four key strands:

• research and evaluation;
• consultancies and presentations;
• policy development and responding to current issues; and
• contributing to the development of professional development materials and publications.

The completion of the Challenging Behaviour and Optimising Learning project was a major achievement during 2006-07. The project, funded by the Telstra Foundation, provided professional learning for practitioners, in addition to providing an opportunity to explore teachers’ perceptions on their profession and future development needs.

Findings from the Challenging Behaviour and Optimising Learning project were the subject of presentations at the Australian Early Intervention Conference and the International Seminar on Children with Disabilities. Early Childhood Development staff also presented material at conferences hosted by the Australian Department of Education, Science and Training, the Independent Education Union and the ACT Department of Education and Training.

ACER’s participation in the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia workshop ‘Childcare: A better policy framework for Australia’ lead to the 50th edition of Australian Education Review being dedicated to early childhood education. Early Childhood Education: Pathways to Quality and Equity for all children is a major policy book published by ACER Press.

During 2006-07 the program has been involved in the Technical Advisory Group for the development and hosting of the Australian Early Development Index website. Work continued on the four year Raising Children Network project, while the final report on the School Community Connectedness project was submitted to the ACT Department of Education and Training.
Learning Processes

The Learning Processes research program aims to identify ways of supporting learners and learning in workplace and non-workplace settings. Research in this program examines the impact of educational practices and environments on learning, and is concerned with cognitive, affective and behavioural processes/factors affecting learning, links to other aspects of individual development and learning needs of special groups, including those with disabilities and learning difficulties.

Researchers contribute to the development of theories and models of learning, while attempting to highlight an understanding of the learning process and how to best monitor progress. Research topics include learning in the early years through the post-compulsory year of schooling, links between education and health, boy’s education and Indigenous education.

In addition to the substantive areas of research encompassed by this program, a growing aspect of work is methodological, combining expertise in both measurement and explanatory modelling of performance indicator (PI) data. In particular, this work relates to analyses of large and complex datasets, and fitting multilevel, ‘value-added’, explanatory models to PI data—in response to increasing demands for such expertise from local and international organisations and education systems.

The Department of Education, Science and Training funded an initiative to develop evidence-based, effective strategies for students with learning difficulties in literacy and numeracy. Focusing on a national sample of students in Years 4, 5 and 6 in mainstream government, Catholic and independent schools, the initiative formed part of DEST’s Project of National Importance.

On behalf of the Australian Vice-Chancellors Committee (AVCC), ACER provided recommendations to DEST for the allocation of the Learning and Teaching Performance fund for higher education. The recommendations assisted in the distribution of $83 million across Australia’s 38 higher education providers.

Staff worked on the development of measurement tools for the National Childcare Accreditation Council (NCAC). By designing and evaluating measurements tools, ACER is supporting the NCAC to provide accreditation to its members, and in effect, supporting the ongoing professional development of childcare workers.

An ongoing initiative with Association of Independent Schools of Victoria (AISV), the Building Educational Effectiveness in Independent Schools project was originally a desktop review of best practise related to educational effectiveness. Following the 2005 production of briefing papers, and discussion
with the AISV Board, it was agreed to conduct a further pilot project in 2006. ACER developed an online survey for teachers within the sample schools. Results from the pilot project were published in November 2006, with ACER contracted during 2007, and beyond, to roll out the project to a potential 213 Victorian independent schools.

ACER also worked with AISV on the Working-Out-What-Works pilot project involving pre-test/post-test assessments of Year 4, 5 and 6 students’ literacy and numeracy achievement progress over a six month period. Findings from the analysis of the assessments provided the basis for conducting several case-studies – reports from which were provided to participating schools and AISV.

During 2006-2007, staff of ACER’s Learning Processes research program have participated in and contributed to peak national and State Committees, Reference Groups and Inquiries. This involvement provided opportunities to highlight, enhance and maintain ACER’s status as Australia’s leading educational research organisation, as well as promote its quality services and products.

**Indigenous education**

Indigenous education has once again been a high priority for the Learning Processes program. The ongoing Longitudinal Literacy and Numeracy Study for Indigenous Students is entering the final stages, with the last of nine surveys completed. The final report, expected late 2007, will provide an insight into the students’ learning by tracking their achievement over the years, in comparison to their background.

ACER is working with Charles Darwin University on a study to evaluate the efficiency and sustainability of literacy approaches used by the Northern Territory Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET). The Evaluation of Literacy Approaches (ELA) for ESL Indigenous Students project will run over three years, with the first round of assessments completed in September 2006. Preliminary results were presented to the ELA Steering Committee in Darwin in July 2007.

The Australian Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) commissioned an investigation into the current status of Indigenous Language Programs in schools. The project will provide a snapshot of the current national situation in Indigenous languages education, while identifying examples of good practice and provide recommendations to improve the quality of the programs.
Setting a baseline for Indigenous Literacy

Indigenous education has developed as a key interest area for the Learning Processes team. Over the years, the team has had the opportunity to work with policy makers and schools within Indigenous communities so that schools are provided with strategies to aim for student outcomes on par with the rest of the country.

In a number of Indigenous communities, English is often the second language spoken, with some children not learning English until they are introduced to the formal schooling environment.

In an effort to shape policy development and improve student outcomes, ACER is conducting a three year evaluation of literacy approaches for ESL Indigenous Students.

ACER is involved in a three year study to look at the efficiency of literacy approaches in the Northern Territory. This is an initiative of the Northern Territory Department of Employment, Education and Training, with funds provided by the Commonwealth Targeted Programmes.

Working with Charles Darwin University, staff are collecting quantitative and qualitative data on literacy strategies currently used by 20 NT schools. These strategies include Accelerated Literacy, First Steps and Walking Talking Text.

Over the course of three years, students will participate in rigorous assessments based on those used for the Longitudinal Literacy and Numeracy Study. The first round of testing was completed in September 2006, and will offer a baseline for the study.

Researches are also conducting interviews with school representatives to gain a better understanding of how the literary strategies influence their teaching methods and student participation on a day to day basis.

Work on the Evaluation of Literacy Approaches for ESL Indigenous Students is scheduled to continue into 2008.

Gavin Jones Communication commissioned ACER’s expertise to assist in the development of a resource kit for Aboriginal families with a child with a disability. The NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care project will provide parents with information on the variety of support services available to the community in a number of mediums.

The production of a publication which focuses on the issues surrounding Indigenous education was another major highlight for the year. Aimed at practitioners and policy makers, the book will provide a snapshot of the issues, together with insights into a range of practical solutions that have emerged from rigorous research. The book will be available towards the end of 2007.
The National and International Surveys program maintains and develops ACER’s expertise in sampling, survey management, analysis of survey data and the interpretation and reporting of results.

This year saw the program work on a diverse mix of international and national projects, with a particular focus on the latest round of testing in the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) for the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

PISA – ACER leading the way

Leading a consortium of research and educational institutions, ACER plays a pivotal role in all facets of the PISA project.

Nationally, PISA testing was incorporated into the National Assessment Program by the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA), with 358 schools participating in the 2006 round of testing. Internationally, the team visited a number of the 58 participating countries to support the implementation of the assessment, to train staff monitoring the test sessions, and to gather quality assurance data to be used as part of the data adjudication process.

With testing completed in late 2006, project staff began to conceptualise the ‘story’ for the data, and have been working with the OECD to prepare the various reports. The international report and national reports are scheduled for public release in December 2007.

Preliminary work has commenced on the frameworks and test development for PISA 2009, with ACER once again responsible for the main reading, mathematics and science assessments. Expected growth in participation in the 2009 round of testing has led to substantial work on improving project administration, including the development of a new project website.

A focus on maths and science

The Trends in Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) 2006-07 is the latest in a series of studies commissioned by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA). ACER managed the study, which is designed to measure trends in mathematics and science achievement at Years 4 and 8 across the globe. ACER managed the 2006 test, which was also incorporated into the National Assessment Program.

The Department of Education and Training commissioned ACER to develop and implement a system to evaluate the Australian School Innovation in Science, Mathematics and Technology (ASISTM) project. The project, which runs over several years, aims to support innovations in the teaching of science, technology and mathematics. ACER developed a system of online surveys to be completed by all adults and a sample of students involved in the ASISTM project. The surveys will monitor the changes in participants’ beliefs on learning and teaching, and evaluate changes in teaching practice.
Getting to know the citizens of tomorrow

The civics and citizenship proficiency of students has been another focus for 2006-07. In December 2006 a report was published highlighting the results from the 2004 Civics and Citizenship study, involving the testing of approximately 20,000 Year 6 and Year 10 students from 600 schools. Prepared by ACER for MCEETYA, the report revealed that while students seemed to appreciate democracy, their level of knowledge and understanding of civics and citizenship was considerably less than expected. The Civics and Citizenship Education Assessment 2007 is an extension of the 2004 study, and will monitor and report on any changes in student proficiency.

Working with the National Foundation for Educational Research in the UK, and the Laboratorio di Pedagogia Sperimetale at Roma Tre University, Italy, ACER is investigating the way in which young people are prepared to undertake their roles as citizens in a range of countries. The study, commissioned by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement, will target Grade 8 students in the 38 participating countries. The main survey commences in 2008, with reporting scheduled for 2010.

Growing up in Australia

The Longitudinal Study of Australian Children involves following the progress over seven years of two samples of more than 5000 children. One sample consists of children initially sampled in their first year of life and the other consists of children initially sampled at the age of four years. Surveys have been conducted in 2004 and 2006 with the next survey planned for 2008. ACER is responsible for the educational outcome measures and contributes to other aspects of design and development as a member of the Consortium Advisory group. The second wave of data was collected in 2006, with the results set to be discussed at the Longitudinal Study of Australian Children Research Conference in December 2007.
ACER has played a central role in the preparation and delivery of the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) since its inception in 1997, with the first round of testing taking place in 2000.

As the only standardised testing for 15 year old students, PISA aims to monitor and compare the outcomes of education systems, through student achievement, and in the future will monitor trends in the knowledge and skills of students in various countries, creating a base for policy development and research.

PISA testing is scheduled to take place every three years, extending until 2015 under the current strategic plan. Each round of testing will gather summary information on a range of skills, while focusing on one major educational domain.

In 2006, the third round of PISA testing focused on scientific literacy, taking place in 57 countries, including all OECD members. Involving between 4500 and 10 000 students from each country, the development and implementation of the tests is a huge task.

ACER leads an international consortium responsible for test development. ACER’s role is vital to maintaining the integrity and quality of PISA results. During 2006 ACER provided training to all participating countries to ensure the standardisation of testing procedures. With project managers spread across the globe, the professionalism and organisational skills of ACER’s staff have been vital to the successful implementation of the tests.
Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation

The Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation unit was established in May 2007 to play a major role in contributing to public policy debate. The new unit aims to provide education policy analysis (including economic and financial modelling) and conduct effective evaluations of programs in education and training.
Not just for schools – testing in the corporate world

The System and Schools Testing program undertakes research and development to support the monitoring of educational outcomes through system-wide and school-level testing programs. However, our activities are not restricted to the classroom. Testing is also an important feature in the corporate environment. To assist in the selection process, testing can be used to provide information about a candidate’s basic work skills, through to highly detailed personality assessments.

The NSW Department of Corrective Services commissioned the System and Schools team’s expertise in the development of test materials, psychometric analysis and reporting during 2006-07.

ACER developed a specialised test, modelled on the Vocational Selection Test, to provide comparative information on candidate’s abilities and to assist in identifying candidates suitable for Parole and Probationary Officer roles.

Candidates were assessed on Verbal Reasoning, the ability to grasp and use relationships among concepts; Quantitative Reasoning, mathematical skills and numerical aptitude; and Abstract Reasoning, the ability to understand and apply concepts expressed in non-verbal diagrams.

ACER provided test facilities for over 1000 candidates who sat the test during a number of recruitment drives throughout the year, providing the NSW Department of Corrective Services with results to assist in selecting interview candidates.

Test development

This year also saw the development and trialling of the South Australian Literacy and Numeracy Tests, the 2007 Achievement Improvement Monitor for the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, and Writing and Language Convention items for the 2008 national test.

The Department of Education, Science and Training commissioned ACER to manage the Australian component of the OECD Teaching and Learning International Survey. The survey of 3000 teachers is intended to produce data on Australian teachers and principals which will contribute to the development of policy relevant indicators on teachers, teaching and learning.
Conducting research to improve student learning in educational settings, the Teaching and Leadership Program has a particular focus on policies and programs designed to improve teaching quality and strengthen the profession. The research program was known as Teaching and Learning until September 2006.

The program has six key areas of research: teacher education; educational leadership; professional development for teachers and school leaders; teaching standards/evaluation; evaluation of education policy and reform programs; and teacher workforce and careers. The Program reflects the growing professional and employer interest in developing research-based standards that capture what effective teachers and leaders know and do, and in developing methods for certifying that they have attained those standards. As part of its process of reviewing ACER's research programs and identifying how they can be improved, the ACER Board initiated an external review of the program in early 2006. The reviewers generally endorsed the design of the program and the research methodologies used, and commented favourably on its importance and impact. The review also highlighted areas for improvement, which has had a positive impact on strategy development.

Around 15 different projects were conducted in 2006-07 for a wide range of commissioning agencies. Features of some of these projects are summarised below.

**Performance pay for teachers**

Contributing to the debate on performance pay arrangements for teachers, ACER prepared a report for the Department of Education, Science and Training on the research evidence on the design and implementation of schemes to reward highly accomplished teachers.

Researchers conducted meetings with representatives from Government, Catholic and Independent schools, and members of professional education associations, while reviewing the current Australian pay arrangements for teachers, and investigating various approaches from Australia and overseas to introducing a performance component in teacher pay.

Among many conclusions, the report indicated that successful implementation of performance-based pay schemes for individual teachers is unlikely to become a reality without a major research program to develop the capacity for measuring teacher knowledge and skill.

**National Awards for Quality Schools**

ACER was once again commissioned by Teaching Australia to manage the assessment process for the annual National Awards for Quality Schools. The awards recognise and reward teachers, principals, and support staff who, in their different ways, make an exceptional contribution to their school community and outcomes for students.
Working in collaboration with the Australian College of Educators (ACE), staff developed the guidelines for award applications and detailed criteria for assessing them, trained the judges and managed the judging process.

**Improving school leadership**

Teaching and Leadership staff led the preparation of the Australian Country Background Report for the OECD Activity on Improving School Leadership. The work was commissioned by the Department of Education, Science and Training as part of Australia’s contribution to the international project, which involves over 20 countries.

Addressing questions and guidelines provided by the OECD, the report provides an overview and analysis of school leadership trends, issues and priorities in Australia. The report noted that the expectations of schools are higher than ever before, and their performance is subject to extensive scrutiny and debate. High quality leadership at school level is now widely recognised and supported by research, as critically important for improving student outcomes. However, the review also documented major concerns in regard to attracting, developing and retaining effective school leaders.

**Assessing teacher development**

The Teaching and Leadership program has completed a number of projects which examined the effectiveness of recently implemented professional development programs for teachers.

The Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) commissioned an evaluation of their Program for Supporting Provisionally Registered Teachers. The project surveyed provisionally registered teachers, their mentors and principals on their perceptions of the new Victorian teacher registration procedures.

The quality of pre-service teacher education was investigated on behalf the Victorian Department of Education. An online survey was developed to assess the effectiveness of pre-service courses in preparing graduate teachers. The survey was completed by 481 school principals, whose schools employed a total of 1158 graduate teachers during the 2006 school year.

The Victorian Department of Education also commissioned research into the current best practice approaches in Australia and overseas to improving consistency in teacher judgments. The final report, completed in June 2007, will be used to guide further work on improving the consistency of teachers’ judgments of students’ progression against the Victorian Essential Learning Standards. It will also build on progression points, assessment maps, and other support materials.
The Transitions and Post-School Education and Training program focuses on the transitions which people make in moving from school into further study, employment and adult life, and on the operations of the higher education and vocational education and training (VET) sectors. It was renamed from Transitions and Economics of Education in May 2007 to better signal ACER’s work in the area, especially the growing emphasis on research on higher education and VET.

During 2006-07 the program undertook a broad range of consultancies and research contracts from governments, policy organisations, and education and training providers in Australia and overseas. Over 20 projects were conducted, of which 13 were newly commissioned during the year. Features of some of these projects are highlighted below.

Transitions

The Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth (LSAY) program, commissioned by the Department of Education, Science and Training, continued to be a major focus.

During the year report number 50 in the LSAY Research Report series was published. As with many of the LSAY reports, this particular publication, Movement of non-metropolitan youth towards the cities by Kylie Hillman and Sheldon Rothman, attracted considerable media interest.

The report found that more than one third of young Australians from non-metropolitan areas relocate to a major city in the years immediately after leaving school and, although some return, non-metropolitan areas experience a net loss of a quarter of their young people. Those making a move to a major city were typically drawn by the pursuit of further study, most often at university. By contrast, those with full-time employment in their non-metropolitan homes were more likely to stay there.

The Smith Family commissioned a study to better understand the relationship between family expectations and young people’s plans for post school education. Building on a 2004 study, the team combined a major literature review with case studies of a small number of disadvantaged young people and their families.
To what degree do families influence young people’s post-school plans?

The post-school pathway has been complicated in recent years, with the traditional paths being replaced by a mosaic of options. This has made it more difficult for some individuals to decide which options to choose.

Family influences do have an impact when young people are planning their future lives, with parents playing a key role in their children’s career identity formation as revealed in the Australian Young People, their Families and Post-School Plans report published in May 2007.

However, there are concerns about whether all young people, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, have the capacity, skills, knowledge and support to make a successful transition.

Over the past four years, ACER has been working with The Smith Family on the challenges faced by students from a low socioeconomic background in making a successful post-school transition.

The Australian Young People, their Families and Post-School Plans project focused on case studies of nine students involved in The Smith Family’s ‘Learning for Life’ program. Researchers investigated family influences and their effects on students when they are considering their post-school plans.

Among the findings was that family provides an important positive base to help young people develop their career identity and provide an influence on developing attitudes and inspirations for their lives beyond school.

Family influence is evident from an early age, indicating a need for support with post-school planning in the early years of secondary schooling. Many parents are willing to assist in post-school planning, but not all believed they had the necessary skills to do so. Formal career guidance programs appear to focus on the provision of information to senior secondary students in isolation from their family and home experiences, indicating a need to take this community context into account.

One key finding is that there is still a great deal to be discovered about family influences, especially as social and cultural changes have an impact on the family structure.

Australian Young People, Their Families and Post-School Plans
Authors – Jennifer Bryce, Michelle Anderson, Tracey Frigo and Phillip McKenzie
Published - May 2007
Higher Education

In partnership with Professor Geoff Scott from the University of Western Sydney (UWS), ACER worked on developing a leadership capability framework for Australian higher education. The project is funded by the Carrick Institute. Half of Australia’s universities are involved in the empirical validation and development activities. The project is producing a series of resources for developing senior academic leadership in Australian higher education.

The Australian Technology Network (ATN) group of universities engaged ACER to develop an academic standards model. The project produced a model tailored for the ATN which can be used to manage, analyse and report academic standards, and to ensure that programs are industry relevant.

Vocational Education and Training

In a major new initiative, the Department of Education, Science and Training commissioned ACER in April 2007 to undertake the Development of Instruments and Collections to Support Australian Quality Training Framework (AQTF) Quality Indicators. ACER was commissioned to develop measures of employer satisfaction, and learner engagement and competency development, and to liaise with NCVER on aspects of the work.

A joint venture with Monash University, the Centre for the Economics of Education and Training (CEET) is the only centre to focus on the economics of education and training in Australia. It has a particular focus on research on the VET sector and the implications of labour market developments for education and training. John Ainley represents ACER on the CEET Board. During the year Phillip McKenzie was closely involved with the CEET project Select entry and specialist schools. This project was commissioned by the Victorian Department of Education to examine the policy and resource implications of select entry and specialised schools in the government school system.
2006-07 was a record year for ACER Press, with sales within all our major areas performing well above budget. The successful acquisition of Unicom, a Perth based distributor of education and special education material has not only provided ACER Press with a Perth base, but increased our hold within the education market.

The provision of teacher resources was a major initiative for the year, with the development of the ‘Action Literacy’ and ‘Action Numeracy’ series, a curriculum resource for middle and upper primary school teachers.

ACER Press secured the exclusive Australian and New Zealand distribution rights for a number of the Majors Personality Type Indicator (MajorsPTI®) assessment instruments. Our agreement with US company 16Typers will allow for distribution of the instruments online and in traditional paper/pen format, as well as providing test training and accreditation.

ACER Press continued to focus on the promotion and sale of the 3rd edition of Progressive Achievement Tests in Mathematics – PAT Maths. This key product was published in November 2005, and is widely used in schools. There were also major new editions of imported psychological tests such as Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scales, the Griffiths Mental Development Scales and the Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test.

The online testing system has been upgraded to provide customers with greater control when managing testing and reporting. The new system allows them to create candidate logins, and run reports without having to rely on customer support staff.

ACER Press was also successful in securing the contract for the commercialisation of the Friendly Schools & Families® anti bullying program developed by Edith Cowan University.

A diverse range of books were published by ACER Press during 2006-07. Material was sourced from ACER’s own researchers, as well as some of Australia’s leading education experts. Key titles published were:

- Re-imagining Educational Leadership — Brian Caldwell
- Applied Reading Test - 2nd Edition — ACER
- TORCH Plus — Tom Lumley, Andrew Stephanou
- PAT Reading Supplement — Andrew Stephanou, Daniel Urbach
- Early Childhood Education —
  - Australian Education Review No. 50 — Alison Elliott
  - Reasons for Living — Marisa Crawford, Graham Rossiter
  - Better Schools, Better Teachers, Better Results — Marshall, Power & Zbar
  - Opening Doors to the Future — Phillip Hughes
  - Stepping Stones: A Guide to Mature Age Study — Robert Cantwell, Jill Scevak
Seven Steps to ICT Integration
Evaluating Career Education & Guidance
Everybody’s Different
The Millennial Adolescent
Autism Detection in Early Childhood
Re-imagining Science Education,
Australian Education Review No. 51
Supervising Doctorates Downunder
Grammar for Everyone

Margaret Robertson
James Athanasou
Jenny O’Dea
Bahr & Pendergast
Robyn Young
Russell Tytler
Carey Denholm,Terry Evans
Barbara Dykes

ACER Press continues to manage a portfolio of Australia’s leading education journals. Teacher provides a forum for teachers and school leaders to discuss Australian education issues, and has maintained a strong subscription base. International editions of Teacher were also published in India and the United Arab Emirates. ACER Press manages the quarterly publication of Professional Educator for the Australian College of Educators, the Australian Journal of Career Development and the Australian Journal of Education.
Assessment Services

Assessment Services experienced significant increase in demand for their services, with the expansion of some existing programs, and the successful implementation of new testing initiatives.

A summary of highlights includes proposed new testing programs for Year 3 and Year 10 in Western Australia, development of the Monitoring Skills Development tests for Queensland government schools, new contracts with the Hong Kong Assessment Authority to offer assessments for higher ability students, and a selection test for a Vietnamese private school.

New initiatives

uniTEST is an aptitude test developed by ACER and Cambridge Assessment designed to offer an alternative pathway to university for students from a disadvantaged background. The first sitting was held at Monash University Berwick Campus in September 2006. The test was also used by Australian National University in January 2007, and is set to be implemented in other Australian universities.

The first sitting of the National Electrical and Communication Associations Apprenticeship Pre-Selection Assessment was held in October 2006. The annual program will be developed by ACER until 2009.

ACER has launched a VET choice to assess the literacy and numeracy skills of TAFE students at the commencement of their course. The online test is customised for individual TAFE institutions.

The development of a new Engineering selection test is almost complete. The test will enable students from a range of backgrounds access to Engineering faculties at Australian Technology Network Universities, with the test to be held across Australia, as well as Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong and India in late 2007.

Two diagnostic tests were developed for the tertiary sector. The Tertiary Education Mathematics Test and Tertiary Writing Assessment were developed to provide university staff with information about the competencies of students commencing studies. The test results can also be used to guide the teaching program for students across all faculties.

The redevelopment of the VicRoads motorcycle learner permit knowledge test was completed in June 2007. The test was based on the new Victorian Rider Handbook, with ARRB Group providing expert knowledge on road law and safe motorcycle riding practice.

The Data Interpretation Service was expanded from Years 11 and 12, to include Years 3-10.
Ongoing testing programs

The Assessment Services team continues to manage a range of scholarship testing programs for the Independent Schools Association, with 38 new schools registering to use the Scholarship Selection Test. Student participation has also increased from 18,000 to 30,000.

Participation in the International Schools’ Assessment program increased, with testing sessions now held twice a year. Over 170 schools with an estimated 30,000 students from Grades 3 to 10 took part in the test, which is based on the reading and mathematical framework from the PISA program. The globalAchieve test was also well received, with 14,000 completed in the Middle East and 4000 in India.

A new online registration system was developed for the International Student Admissions Test. Using the new system, candidates for this university selection test will now be able to access their results online.

ACER continues to manage the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) for a number of Australian universities. ACER provides a comprehensive service across the admissions cycle, from managing application data and fees, responding to high volumes of applicant enquiries, to coordinating the national distribution of applicant data and physical files to and between, medical schools. The new online system was launched in April 2007, providing candidates with a comprehensive system which allows for registration, payment, printing of admission tickets and results. During 2006-07, there was a 17% increase in candidate registrations for UMAT, with 14,000 candidates sitting the test in 27 different locations.

The number of universities using the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) has increased to 11, with the inclusion of Deakin University School of Medicine and Monash University Gippsland campus.

Workplace testing

The Vocational Selection Test continues to be used in a range of workplaces. The test was used by the NSW Attorney General’s Office, the NSW Fire Brigade, the Melbourne Fire Brigade and the Tasmanian Fire Service.
ACER’s Sydney office was the centre of activity for the NSW Fire Brigade test, with more than 4000 candidates tested over a two week period. Candidates’ answers were recorded on the newly developed online test response system, providing the client with the results in a shorter time frame.

**ACER in the UK**

ACER’s Assessment Services has continued its long and successful working relationship with higher education institutions in the UK.

Although now used in Australia, uniTEST was initially developed for UK universities. Seven UK universities are participating in the second phase of the uniTEST Validity Study, which aims to demonstrate that a generic skills test, designed for UK students, can identify potential university candidates whose ability is not adequately reflected in ‘A level’ results.

In November 2006, 2000 applicants completed the last ACER managed Medical School Admissions Test (MSAT). Despite positive feedback from the institutions using the test, there was pressure from within the UK to adopt UKCAT. The Health Professions Admissions Test (HPAT) (based on MSAT) was implemented for a range of allied health professional courses at the University of Ulster, Ireland, with 850 candidates sitting the test. GAMSAT has been adopted as a requirement of the admission process for new government-funded graduate entry medical degrees in Ireland.
The ACER Leadership Centre aims to support the professional learning and work of school principals, strengthen connections with individual schools and principals’ associations and enhance ACER’s impact on educational outcomes in schools.

The Principal for a Day program was held under the auspices of ACER for the second time in August 2006, with 84 community and business leaders participating in the day. The program builds relationships between government schools and the corporate world by enabling business and community leaders to spend a day running local government schools and experience first hand the issues facing schools.

This year’s participants included ACER CEO Professor Geoff Masters, Victorian Education Minister Bronwyn Pike, Victorian Treasurer John Lenders, ABC Radio’s Jon Faine, celebrity chef Gabriel Gate, and the President of the Western Bulldogs Football Club David Smorgon.

The Centre continued to train new coaches for the Victorian Department of Education’s Coaching Experienced Principals Program, with a total of 160 principals now trained. With positive feedback, the program is set to be one of the most successful initiatives delivered to the Department.

The conclusion of 2006-07 saw the Australian Principals Centre absorbed by ACER’s Leadership Centre. The new Leadership Centre will broaden the leadership focus to include those in schools and the tertiary sector, but also include staff in other school leadership roles. The support provided through the leadership centre will take a variety of forms, including networking opportunities, coaching and mentoring services, leadership publications, online resources, professional development opportunities and HR tools.
The Centre for Professional Learning specialises in developing effective programs that are embedded in classroom practice and meet teachers’ needs.

The traditional single day workshops offered by the Centre have continued to demonstrate sound registration numbers and the ACER PLUS programs are receiving positive feedback.

Held in various locations across Australia, they included Performance and Development Workshops, Technical Leadership – Thinking and Planning, Developing a Performance and Development Culture, and Using Information and Communications Technology to Inspire, Engage and Challenge.

Individual schools participated in coaching and mentoring programs, personalised learning programs and a whole-school approach to behaviour management. Customised programs ranged from one day to three years duration.

The Centre for Professional Learning developed a database of professional learning activities on behalf of the Victorian Institute of Teachers.

**Research Conference 2006: Boosting Science Learning – what will it take?**

Canberra hosted the annual research conference in August 2006. Focusing on science education, the conference was told the number of students studying senior secondary biology, chemistry and physics declined substantially since the 1970s. Research shows that many students perceive school science to be uninteresting, irrelevant to their lives, too focused on the memorisation of facts, and difficult to learn.

Over 400 delegates were welcomed by the Minister for the Department of Education, Science and Training, the Hon. Julie Bishop, with ACER CEO Professor Geoff Masters officially opening the conference.
ACER International Institute

The Institute was commissioned by the British Council in Islamabad to conduct training sessions for a team of lecturers and national assessment practitioners at the University of Punjab, in Pakistan. The sessions were held in Pakistan and Melbourne during 2006-07.

The Australian High Commission in New Delhi invited the Institute to deliver a short program for 10 teachers participating in the teacher exchange program managed by the Asia education Foundation. Positive feedback may result in the session continuing in the future.

A group of research officers from the newly created Centre for Research in Education Testing Japan participated in a training program which included a visit to Heathmont East Primary School to observe the administration of reading assessments.
2006–07
on record

Commissioned Projects ................................................................. 36
Staff Publications ........................................................................ 40
Directors’ Report .......................................................................... 43
Auditor’s Independence Declaration ............................................. 46
Financial Report ........................................................................... 47
Directors’ Declaration .................................................................. 73
Independent Audit Report .............................................................. 74
Members of ACER Council ............................................................ 76
Members of ACER Staff ................................................................. 77
Commissioned Projects

International

AusAid
- Technical Advice on the Australian Scholarships Student Survey
- International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA)
  - International Civics and Citizenship Education Study
  - IEA with Michigan State University, USA
    - Teacher Education Development Study
    - Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2006 and 2009 - international component
- PISA Country Profiles database
- PISA 2009 Optional Electronic Reading Assessment
- OECD PISA Thematic Report 8: PISA and TIMSS (in conjunction with Melbourne University)
- PISA 2003 Thematic Report on Mathematical Literacy and Instruction

Brunei

Ministry of Education
- Brunei Consultancy on Assessment of Student Competencies

Chile

Ministry of Education
- Development of a standards based curriculum and assessment system in Chile

Hong Kong

Education and Manpower Bureau
- Provision of workshops and consultancy regarding development of LOF for Students with Learning Disabilities

Hong Kong Institute of Education
- Consultancy on Tertiary English Language Test

India

World Bank
- A1 Technical note on the uses of Student Learning Assessments under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

Indonesia

AusAid
- Australia-Indonesia Basic Education Program

Jordan

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- Jordan National Assessment Review

Korea, Iceland and Norway

PISA Computer Based Assessment in Science for PISA National Centres

New Zealand

Ministry of Education
- Consultancy for BES Research Program
- Cognition Consulting
- Survey of Special Education Resourcing

New Zealand Qualifications Authority
- Literature Review on Variability

New Zealand Council for Educational Research
- Consultancy to assist in redevelopment of Progressive Achievement Test in Mathematics

Philippines

AusAid
- Strengthening Implementation of Basic Education in Selected Provinces in Visayas (STRIVE)

Qatar

Evaluation Institute - Supreme Education Council of Qatar
- Review/Evaluation of the Qatar Secondary School Certificate

United Arab Emirates

Abu Dhabi Educational School Network (represented by 4 educational providers)
- Private and Public Partnership testing Program

United States

America’s Choice Inc (USA)
- Development of Literacy and Numeracy Testing for Students in Grade 6 and Grade 9

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
- Hispanic Families
National Scholarships Group
Survey of Emotional Wellbeing

Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training
Analyses in Science, Maths and Technology Teaching and Learning
AQTF 2007 Employer and Learner Quality Indicators Stage 1: Development of Instruments and Collection Systems
Australian Country Background Report
Australian School Innovation in Science, Technology and Maths
Australian School Teacher and Leaders Survey
Bullseye Charts
Comparative Study of Selected Year 12 Subjects
Effective Dissemination of Learning from Career Lighthouse Schools
Employability Skills of Senior Secondary Students
Investigating Teacher Professional Development and Student Learning Outcomes
Investigation into the Current Provisions of Indigenous Language Programmes
Improvement of Student Educational Outcomes
Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth (LSAY)
OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2006 and 2009 National component (also funded by the state and territory education departments)
OECD Teaching and Learning International Survey (Australian Component)
Refinement of the Learning and Teaching Performance Fund Adjustment Process
Research on Performance Pay for Teachers
Review of Teacher Education for Languages Teachers
Third Wave Interventions for Students with Learning Difficulties

Graduate Careers Council of Australia
Analysis and Reporting of Course Experience Questionnaire (CEQ) and the Postgraduate Research Experience Questionnaire (PREQ)

Ministerial Committee on Education, Employment and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA)
Civics and Citizenship 2007
Civics Assessment Project Phase 2
Indigenous LLANS
Longitudinal Literacy and Numeracy Study
Survey of Scientific Literacy

Teaching Australia
National Accreditation Review
National Awards for Quality Schooling 2007

Telstra Foundation
Building Family and Professional Partnerships to Support Young Gifted Children in Vulnerable Communities
Building Successful School Readiness Skills

Australian Capital Territory
ACT Department of Education
ACT Scaling Test
Validation Study into ACT curriculum

New South Wales
Department of Corrective Services
Development of Test items and Test Administration: Applicants for Correctional Officer Positions

Department of Education and Training
Basic Skills Testing Program 2006
English Languages and Literacy Assessment (ELLA) 2007
Microsoft Partners in Learning
NSW Selective High Schools Test (SHSET)
NSW Test for Year 5 Opportunity Classes (OCP)
Secondary Numeracy Assessment Program (SNAP) 2007

Gavin Jones Communications (Main client: NSW Department of Ageing Disability and Home Care)
Information for Aboriginal Families with a Child with a Disability

International Baccalaureate Association
Tertiary Perceptions Study

NSW Fire Brigade
NSW Fire Brigades recruitment testing 2006

NSW Institute of Teachers
Research Digest for Teachers

Security Mail (Main client: NSW DET)
Essential Secondary Science Assessment
Smith Family
- Family Expectations and Post School Plans

University of New England
- Changing Academic Profession

University of Western Sydney (Main client: Carrick Institute for Learning and Teaching in Higher Education)
- Academic Leadership Capabilities for Higher Education

Northern Territory
Department of Education and Training
- Evaluation of Literacy Approaches in the Northern Territory
- Evaluation of the Teacher of Exemplary Practice (TEP) Program

Queensland
Australian College of Veterinary Scientists
- Review of the Examination Process for the Membership and Fellowship of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists

Education Queensland
- Year 3, 5, 7 Literacy and Numeracy Testing 2006

Queensland Studies Authority
- Provision of Position Paper on the topic of Standards

Queensland University of Technology (Main client: Victorian Department of Education)
- Evaluation of Victorian Flagship Strategy

South Australia
Department of Education and Children’s Services
- Provision of Standards Discussion Paper
- Provision of Systemic Year 3, 5 and 7 Literacy and Numeracy Testing

University of South Australia
- ATN Academic Standards Model

Tasmania
Tasmanian Department of Education and Training
- Investigating the Natural and Constructed World
- Moderation of Tasmanian Standards

Victoria
Association of Independent Schools in Victoria
- AGQTP: Professional Evaluation and Reflection on Learning (PEARL)

- AISV-ACER Working Out What Works (WOWW)
- Assessment Informing Teaching and Learning (AITL)
- Building Educational Effectiveness in Independent Schools
- Evaluation of the AGQTP 2006-9 Professional Development Program

Australian Bankers Association
- Research Report on Financial Stress in Australia: Incidence and Dynamics

Australian Institute of Family Studies
- Longitudinal Survey of Australian Children

Catholic Education Office
- AGQTP Administration - Professional Learning
- Literacy in the Middle Primary Years
- Student Exit Survey

Curriculum Corporation
- National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Item Development for 2008
- National Assessment Program - Trial of 2008 Literacy and Numeracy Test Items
- National Assessment Program - Trial of 2008 Writing Test Items

Geography Teachers Association
- Evaluation of Victorian Global Education Project

Murdoch Children’s Research Institute
- Hosting of Australian Early Development Index
- Raising Children Network

RMIT University
- Evaluation of Middle Years Reform Program
- RMIT Academic Promotions Review

Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
- Evaluation of Continuing Professional Development Framework

Somers School Camp
- Study into the effectiveness of the Somers School Camp Outdoor Education Program

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA)
- Conduct of Interstate Trial of English and Maths test items for the 2007 AIM Program
- Development of test items for English and Mathematics in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 for the 2007 Victorian Achievement Improvement Monitor (AIM)
- Key Competencies Curriculum & Methods of Assessment & Reporting
- Victorian Essential Learning Standards – Multi-Domain Annotated Work Samples
- Victorian General Achievement Test

Victorian Department of Education
- Coaching of Principals Program
- Current best practice approaches to improving consistency in teacher judgments
- Evaluation of the Literacy Improvement Teams Initiative, 2007-2008
- Numeracy Teaching and Learning in Victorian Schools
- Options for Gathering Sample Data on Student Progress: Scoping Report
- Principal for a Day
- Quality of Pre-service Teacher Education Survey
- Search for Instruments measuring the Impact of ICT on Pedagogy
- Technical Leadership Program

Victorian Institute of Teaching
- Survey of Newly Registered Teachers

Western Australia

Department of Education and Training
- Western Australian Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (WALNA) cohort testing in Years 3, 5 and 7
- Western Australian Monitoring Standards in Education (WAMSE) Mathematics, English and Science
- Western Australian Monitoring Standards in Education (WAMSE) Society and Environment

University of Western Australia
- UWA Course Structures Review
BOOKS AND REPORTS


**CHAPTERS IN BOOKS**


**REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES**


**OTHER PERIODICALS**


The Directors of the Australian Council for Educational Research Limited and controlled entities present the following report together with the financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2007.

Directors

The names of Directors in office at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Directors</th>
<th>Start date</th>
<th>Finish date</th>
<th>Board Meetings during the year</th>
<th>Audit Committee Meetings during the year</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Eligible to attend</td>
<td>Number attended</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Evan Arthur, BA (Hons), PhD</td>
<td>8 Jul 06</td>
<td></td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robyn Baker, BSc Med</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brian Caldwell, BSc Bed MEd PhD</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Andrew Cappie-Wood, BA Masters Town and Country Planning Grad Dip Urban Estate Mgt</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brian Croke, BA DipED DPhil Fellow, Australian Humanities Academy</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Peter Hill, Cert Ed BA DipEd PhD</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anthony Mackay, BEc BEd MA</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Geoffrey Masters, BSc MEd PhD FACE</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trish Mercer, PhD (History)</td>
<td>9 Jul 06</td>
<td></td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Paige Porter, BA MA PhD</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chris Robinson, Bachelor of Agricultural Economics, Post Grad Diploma of Social Security</td>
<td>7 Nov 06</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sheldon Rothman, BA MAT MEd EdD</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal activities of the company

The principal activities of the company during the financial year were educational research and development, publication and sale of educational and psychological books, tests and materials, and the provision of assessment services. During the financial year there was no significant change in the nature of those activities.

Result for the year

The surplus for the group amounted to $1,803,133 (2006 Surplus $1,228,811). The surplus of the parent company was $1,759,439 (2006 Surplus $1,228,811).
Dividends
ACER is a not for profit company and neither declares nor pays dividends. The company is prohibited from issuing dividends or options as per its constitution.

Environmental issues
The group’s operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under Commonwealth, State or Territory law.

Review of operations
During the year, the group continued to engage in its principal activities, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

Significant changes in state of affairs
During the financial year there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the company other than those referred to in the accounts or notes thereto.
During the financial year, the company’s subsidiary ACER International Limited in the United Kingdom, began trading. ACER International Limited conducts a range of assessment services in the United Kingdom.

After balance date events
The Directors have signed a contract of sale to sell land and buildings at 347 Camberwell Road Camberwell. A deposit has been received and the balance will be received in February 2008. The Directors have also signed a contract with a commercial builder to fit out offices at 1-13 Railway Parade, Camberwell. The company also incorporated a company in India, a wholly-owned subsidiary, after balance date, to conduct activities in India.

Apart from these matters, there have been no matters or circumstances since the end of the financial year, which significantly affect the operations of the company in future years.

Directors’ indemnification
During the financial year the company paid a premium to insure each of the directors against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of director of the company, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the company.

Proceedings on behalf of company
No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the company or intervene in any proceedings to which the company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the company for all or any part of these proceedings. The company was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.
Auditors Independence

A copy of the auditors independence declaration as required under section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out on page 4.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.
For and on behalf of the Directors

Director: P Porter
Date: 4 September 2007

Director: G Masters
Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd

ABN: 19 004 398 145

Auditor's Independence Declaration

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended there have been:

(i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit;

and

(ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Saward Dawson Chartered Accountants

[Signature]

Peter Shields

4 September 2007
## Income Statement
(for the year ended 30 June 2007)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$</td>
<td></td>
<td>$</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Changes in inventories of finished goods and work in progress</td>
<td>(81,486)</td>
<td>(166,954)</td>
<td>(81,486)</td>
<td>(166,954)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Raw materials and consumables used</td>
<td>(2,635,875)</td>
<td>(2,180,176)</td>
<td>(2,634,036)</td>
<td>(2,180,176)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Employee and contractor benefits expense</td>
<td>(28,376,200)</td>
<td>(25,147,007)</td>
<td>(28,374,519)</td>
<td>(25,147,007)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Depreciation and amortisation</td>
<td>(1,179,123)</td>
<td>(1,055,789)</td>
<td>(1,179,123)</td>
<td>(1,055,789)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Freight and cartage expense</td>
<td>(505,543)</td>
<td>(522,951)</td>
<td>(505,543)</td>
<td>(522,951)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Advertising</td>
<td>(204,804)</td>
<td>(161,982)</td>
<td>(204,804)</td>
<td>(161,982)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Computer expenses</td>
<td>(717,288)</td>
<td>(874,105)</td>
<td>(690,083)</td>
<td>(874,105)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rent and occupancy expenses</td>
<td>(529,013)</td>
<td>(480,204)</td>
<td>(529,013)</td>
<td>(480,204)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Consultancy expenses</td>
<td>(5,546,690)</td>
<td>(5,617,486)</td>
<td>(5,009,254)</td>
<td>(5,617,486)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Printing and stationery expenses</td>
<td>(1,665,623)</td>
<td>(1,639,640)</td>
<td>(1,662,115)</td>
<td>(1,639,640)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Royalty expenses</td>
<td>(449,371)</td>
<td>(474,552)</td>
<td>(449,371)</td>
<td>(474,552)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Repairs and maintenance</td>
<td>(355,088)</td>
<td>(290,737)</td>
<td>(352,753)</td>
<td>(290,737)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Travel expenses</td>
<td>(1,742,731)</td>
<td>(1,648,845)</td>
<td>(1,732,088)</td>
<td>(1,648,845)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Finance costs</td>
<td>(441,932)</td>
<td>(256,090)</td>
<td>(441,932)</td>
<td>(256,090)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other expenses</td>
<td>(3,832,863)</td>
<td>(2,089,685)</td>
<td>(2,808,679)</td>
<td>(2,089,685)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Surplus before income tax</td>
<td>1,813,549</td>
<td>1,228,810</td>
<td>1,759,438</td>
<td>1,228,810</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Income tax expense</td>
<td>(10,416)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Surplus for the year</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,803,133</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,228,810</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,759,438</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,228,810</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.
## Balance Sheet (as at 30 June 2007)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Note</th>
<th>Consolidated</th>
<th>Parent</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>ASSETS</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Current assets</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>6,528,277</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trade and other receivables</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6,056,458</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Inventories</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>1,685,940</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Financial assets</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>586,475</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other current assets</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>2,130,268</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total current assets</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>16,987,418</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Non current assets</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Financial assets</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>651,682</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Property, plant and equipment</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>33,491,791</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total non current assets</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>34,143,473</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>51,130,891</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>LIABILITIES</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Current liabilities</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trade and other payables</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>7,073,084</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Short term borrowings</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Short term provisions</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>3,770,144</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total current liabilities</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>10,843,228</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Non current liabilities</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Long term borrowings</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>17,835,187</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Long term provisions</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>504,579</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total non current liabilities</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>18,339,766</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL LIABILITIES</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>29,182,994</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>NET ASSETS</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>21,947,897</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>EQUITY</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reserves</td>
<td></td>
<td>6,861,277</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accumulated surpluses</td>
<td></td>
<td>15,086,620</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>TOTAL EQUITY</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td>21,947,897</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.
## Statement of Changes in Equity (for the year ended 30 June 2007)

### 2007

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Note</th>
<th>Retained Earnings</th>
<th>Asset Revaluation Reserve</th>
<th>Foundation for Educational Research Fund</th>
<th>Hedge Reserve</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$13,283,485</td>
<td>$5,324,840</td>
<td>$298,280</td>
<td>$390,436</td>
<td>$19,297,041</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance at 1 July 2006</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net surplus (deficit) attributable to members of the entity</td>
<td>1,759,439</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1,759,439</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transfer to Hedge Reserve</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>847,721</td>
<td></td>
<td>847,721</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance at 30 June 2007</td>
<td>$15,042,924</td>
<td>$5,324,840</td>
<td>$298,280</td>
<td>$1,238,157</td>
<td>$21,904,201</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### 2006

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Note</th>
<th>Retained Earnings</th>
<th>Asset Revaluation Reserve</th>
<th>Foundation for Educational Research Fund</th>
<th>Hedge Reserve</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$12,054,674</td>
<td>$298,280</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>$12,352,954</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance at 1 July 2005</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net surplus (deficit) attributable to members of the entity</td>
<td>1,228,811</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1,228,811</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Revaluation increment</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>5,324,840</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>5,324,840</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>hedge reserve</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>390,436</td>
<td></td>
<td>390,436</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance at 30 June 2006</td>
<td>$13,283,485</td>
<td>$5,324,840</td>
<td>$298,280</td>
<td>$390,436</td>
<td>$19,297,041</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.
# Statement of Changes in Equity (for the year ended 30 June 2007)

## 2007

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Note</th>
<th>Retained Earnings</th>
<th>Asset Revaluation Reserve</th>
<th>Foundation for Educational Research Fund</th>
<th>Hedge Reserve</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$13,283,485</td>
<td>$5,324,840</td>
<td>$298,280</td>
<td>$390,436</td>
<td>$19,297,041</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance at 1 July 2006</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net surplus (deficit) attributable to members of the parent entity</td>
<td>1,803,135</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1,803,135</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transfers to and from reserves - hedge reserve</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>847,721</td>
<td>847,721</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance at 30 June 2007</td>
<td>$15,086,620</td>
<td>$5,324,840</td>
<td>$298,280</td>
<td>$1,238,157</td>
<td>$21,947,897</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## 2006

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Note</th>
<th>Retained Earnings</th>
<th>Capital Profits Reserve</th>
<th>Foundation for Educational Research Fund</th>
<th>Hedge Reserve</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$12,054,674</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$298,280</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$12,352,954</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance at 1 July 2005</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net surplus (deficit) attributable to members of the economic entity</td>
<td>1,228,811</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1,228,811</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Revaluation increment - hedge reserve</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>5,324,840</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>390,436</td>
<td>5,715,276</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance at 30 June 2006</td>
<td>$13,283,485</td>
<td>$5,324,840</td>
<td>$298,280</td>
<td>$390,436</td>
<td>$19,297,041</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.
Statement of Cash Flows  (for the year ended 30 June 2007)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash from operating activities:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Receipts from customers</td>
<td>52,111,590</td>
<td>50,128,740</td>
<td>50,553,746</td>
<td>50,128,740</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Payments to suppliers and employees</td>
<td>(46,987,576)</td>
<td>(45,546,213)</td>
<td>(45,531,074)</td>
<td>(45,546,213)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interest received</td>
<td>131,395</td>
<td>61,405</td>
<td>131,395</td>
<td>61,405</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interest paid</td>
<td>(491,556)</td>
<td>(252,006)</td>
<td>(491,556)</td>
<td>(252,006)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</td>
<td>4,763,853</td>
<td>4,391,926</td>
<td>4,662,511</td>
<td>4,391,926</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Cash flows from investing activities:

| | Consolidated | | Parent |
| | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| Acquisition of property, plant and equipment | (16,792,721) | (929,796) | (16,792,721) | (929,796) |
| Acquisition of other investments | - | - | (3) | - |
| Loans to related parties – payments made | - | - | (203,841) | - |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities | (16,792,721) | (929,796) | (16,996,565) | (929,796) |

Cash flows from financing activities:

| | Consolidated | | Parent |
| | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| Proceeds from (repayment of) other borrowings | 14,389,265 | (383,110) | 14,389,265 | (383,110) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities | 14,389,265 | (383,110) | 14,389,265 | (383,110) |

Net increase (decreases) in cash held

| | Consolidated | | Parent |
| | $ | $ | $ | $ |
| Net increase (decreases) in cash held | 2,360,397 | 3,079,020 | 2,055,211 | 3,079,020 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | 4,167,880 | 1,088,860 | 4,167,880 | 1,088,860 |
| Cash at end of financial year | 4,528,277 | 4,167,880 | 6,223,091 | 4,167,880 |

The accompanying notes form part of the financial statements.
Notes to the Financial Statements
(for the year ended 30 June 2007)

Note 1 Accounting policies

1a General information
The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001.


The financial report of Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd and controlled entity, and Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd as an individual entity comply with all Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) to the extent applicable to Australian not for profit entities.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the economic entity in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

1b Basis of Preparation
The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs modified by the revaluation of selected non current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities for which the fair value basis of accounting has been applied.

1c Comparative Figures
When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

1d Principals of Consolidation
A controlled entity is an entity Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd has the power to control the financial and operating policies of so as to obtain benefits from its activities. Details of the controlled entity is contained in Note 19.

All inter-company balances and transactions between entities in the economic entity, including any unrealised profits or losses, have been eliminated on consolidation. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistencies with those policies applied by the parent entity.

1e Inventories
Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of manufactured products includes direct materials, direct labour and an appropriate portion of variable and fixed overheads. Overheads are applied on the basis of normal recovery rates.
Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings

Freehold land and buildings are shown at their fair value (being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm’s length transaction), based on periodic, but at least triennial, valuations by external independent valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings.

Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis, less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these 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 amounts.

Subsequent costs are included in the assets carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the income statement during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited to a revaluation reserve in equity. Each year the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the asset charged to the income statement and depreciation based on the asset’s original cost is transferred from the revaluation reserve to retained earnings.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised leased assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight line basis over their useful lives to the company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

- Buildings at cost: 2.5% - 10%
- Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings: 25%
- Motor Vehicles: 25%
- Computer Equipment: 33%
- Computer Software: 40%

The assets’ residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date.
Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

Ig Financial Instruments

Recognition

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 profit and loss

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. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. 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.

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.

Derivative instruments

Derivative instruments are measured at fair value. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are taken to the income statement unless they are designated as hedges. The company’s hedge portfolio has been marked to spot rate and the movement in value has been recognised direct to a reserve as required by AASB 139: Recognition and Measurement of Financial Instruments where hedges are effective.

Fair value

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine 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 company 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.
Ih Intangibles

Patents, trademarks and intellectual property

Patents, trademarks and intellectual property are recognised at cost of acquisition. Patents, trademarks and intellectual property have a finite life and are carried at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any impairment losses. In the prior year, the directors have assessed that all of the company’s intellectual property previously recognised relating to the iAchieve and iAchieve at home projects is impaired and has therefore been written off.

Ii Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the balance sheet.

Ij Impairment

At each reporting date, the company 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 or where appropriate depreciated replacement cost, 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.

Ik Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the company’s liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related costs. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

Il Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Im Income taxes

No current or deferred income tax assets or liabilities have been raised by the company as it is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

In Revenue

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised upon the delivery of goods to customers. Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

Project work in progress is valued at cost, plus profit recognised to date less any provision for anticipated future losses. Costs include both variable and fixed costs relating to specific contracts,
when those costs that are attributable to the contract activity in general and that can be allocated on a reasonable basis.

Project profits are recognised over the life of the project measured using the proportion of costs incurred to date as compared to expected total costs. Where losses are anticipated they are provided for in full. Project revenue has been recognised on the basis of the terms of the contract adjusted for any variances or claims allowable under the contract.

1o 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 Taxation 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 cash flow statement on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

1p Library Additions

The economic entity adopts the policy of charging all additions to the library directly to the profit and loss account in the year in which the expenditure is incurred.

1q Critical accounting estimates

The directors 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 company.

Key estimates — Impairment

The company assesses impairment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the company that may lead to impairment of assets. Where an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. Value-in-use calculations performed in assessing recoverable amounts incorporate a number of key estimates.

No impairments have been recognised in respect of intellectual property for the year ended 30 June 2007.

Key judgments — Project surpluses

Included in the total surplus for the year ended 30 June 2007 was an amount of $1,575,024 relating to total project surpluses recognised. The directors have judged that these project surpluses should be recognised over the life of the project measured using the proportion of cost incurred to date as compared to expected total costs. The directors also use estimated costs to complete the project to estimate the surplus or deficit recognised each financial year.
Notes to the Financial Statements  (for the year ended 30 June 2007)

Note 2 Revenue

| Note | Operating activities | | | | |
## 3b Significant Revenue and Expenses

The following significant revenue and expense items are relevant to explaining the financial performance:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Project revenue</td>
<td>$6,886,522</td>
<td>$5,837,336</td>
<td>$6,886,522</td>
<td>$5,837,336</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Foreign currency translation gains (deficits)</td>
<td>$259,470</td>
<td>$485,778</td>
<td>$259,470</td>
<td>$485,778</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Note 4 Cash and Cash Equivalents

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Cash on hand</td>
<td>1,250</td>
<td>1,250</td>
<td>1,250</td>
<td>1,250</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash at bank</td>
<td>6,527,027</td>
<td>4,166,630</td>
<td>6,221,841</td>
<td>4,166,630</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6,528,277</td>
<td>4,167,880</td>
<td>6,223,091</td>
<td>4,167,880</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Note 5 Trade and Other Receivables

#### CURRENT

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Trade receivables</td>
<td>6,181,458</td>
<td>6,736,763</td>
<td>6,076,375</td>
<td>6,736,763</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Provision for impairment of receivables</td>
<td>(125,000)</td>
<td>(100,000)</td>
<td>(125,000)</td>
<td>(100,000)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amount receivable from ACER International Ltd</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>203,841</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6,056,458</td>
<td>6,636,763</td>
<td>6,155,216</td>
<td>6,636,763</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### NON-CURRENT

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Test Grid (Aust) Pty Ltd - Loan account</td>
<td>927,458</td>
<td>927,458</td>
<td>927,458</td>
<td>927,458</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Provision for impairment</td>
<td>(927,458)</td>
<td>(927,458)</td>
<td>(927,458)</td>
<td>(927,458)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Note 6 Inventories

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>CURRENT</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>At Cost</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Work in progress</td>
<td>$314,070</td>
<td>$240,572</td>
<td>$314,070</td>
<td>$240,572</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Finished goods</td>
<td>$1,248,435</td>
<td>$1,190,650</td>
<td>$1,248,435</td>
<td>$1,190,650</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>1,562,505</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,431,222</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,562,505</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,431,222</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>At net realisable value</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>1,685,940</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,604,454</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,685,940</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,604,454</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Note 7 Financial Assets

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Note 7 Financial Assets</th>
<th>CURRENT</th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Forward Exchange Contracts</td>
<td>$586,475</td>
<td>$390,436</td>
<td>$586,475</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investment in controlled entity</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>586,475</strong></td>
<td><strong>390,436</strong></td>
<td><strong>586,478</strong></td>
<td><strong>390,436</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Note 7 Financial Assets</th>
<th>NON CURRENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Forward Exchange Contracts</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Derivative Financial Assets:**

Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of designated forward exchange contracts are initially recognised directly in equity and are separately included as a hedge reserve in the statement of changes in equity. At transaction date, amounts included in the hedge reserve are transferred from equity and included in the acquisition surplus (deficit) of the hedged asset. The statement of changes in equity includes transfers to and from the hedge reserve.

### Note 8 Other Assets

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Note 8 Other Assets</th>
<th>CURRENT</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Prepayments</td>
<td>$230,234</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Work in progress</td>
<td>$1,900,034</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>2,130,268</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Note 9 Property plant and equipment

#### LAND AND BUILDINGS

**Freehold land**

- **Land at fair value**
  - 2007: $16,150,000
  - 2006: $11,150,000

- **Total freehold land**
  - 2007: $16,150,000
  - 2006: $11,150,000

**Buildings**

- **Buildings at fair value**
  - 2007: $16,503,529
  - 2006: $5,490,878

- **Less accumulated depreciation**
  - 2007: $(780,955)
  - 2006: $- (Nil)

- **Total buildings**
  - 2007: $15,722,574
  - 2006: $5,490,878

- **Total land and buildings**
  - 2007: $31,872,574
  - 2006: $16,640,878

#### PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

**Capital works in progress**

- **At cost**
  - 2007: $232,779
  - 2006: $- (Nil)

- **Total capital works in progress**
  - 2007: $232,779
  - 2006: $- (Nil)

**Plant and equipment**

- **At cost**
  - 2007: $1,500,552
  - 2006: $1,269,776

- **Less accumulated depreciation**
  - 2007: $(1,117,478)
  - 2006: $(845,463)

- **Total plant and equipment**
  - 2007: $383,074
  - 2006: $424,313

**Computer equipment**

- **At cost**
  - 2007: $2,681,975
  - 2006: $1,873,147

- **Less accumulated depreciation**
  - 2007: $(1,684,391)
  - 2006: $(1,074,993)

- **Total computer equipment**
  - 2007: $997,584
  - 2006: $798,154

**Improvements**

- **At cost**
  - 2007: $101,840
  - 2006: $101,840

- **Less accumulated depreciation**
  - 2007: $(96,059)
  - 2006: $(86,992)

- **Total Improvements**
  - 2007: $5,781
  - 2006: $14,848

- **Total other property plant and equipment**
  - 2007: $1,003,365
  - 2006: $813,002

- **Total plant and equipment**
  - 2007: $33,491,792
  - 2006: $17,878,193
## Note 9 Property plant and equipment continued

### a Movements in Carrying Amounts

#### Parent

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Capital Works in Progress At Cost</th>
<th>Land At Cost</th>
<th>Buildings at cost</th>
<th>Plant and Equipment</th>
<th>Computer Equipment</th>
<th>Improvements</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Current Year</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance at the beginning of year</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>11,150,000</td>
<td>5,490,878</td>
<td>424,313</td>
<td>798,154</td>
<td>14,848</td>
<td>17,878,193</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additions</td>
<td>232,779</td>
<td>5,000,000</td>
<td>10,540,338</td>
<td>230,776</td>
<td>788,829</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>16,792,722</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Depreciation expense</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(308,642)</td>
<td>(272,015)</td>
<td>(589,399)</td>
<td>(9,067)</td>
<td>(1,179,123)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Balance as at 30 June 2007</strong></td>
<td>232,779</td>
<td>16,150,000</td>
<td>15,722,574</td>
<td>383,074</td>
<td>997,584</td>
<td>5,781</td>
<td>33,491,792</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

|                      |                                   |              |                   |                     |                    |              |       |
| **Prior Year**       |                                   |              |                   |                     |                    |              |       |
| Balance at the beginning of year | -                                 | 7,250,000    | 4,413,744         | 446,081             | 560,009            | 9,511        | 12,679,345 |
| Additions            | -                                 | -            | 25,064            | 188,371             | 699,722            | 17,000       | 930,157    |
| Depreciation expense | -                                 | -            | (372,410)         | (210,139)           | (461,577)          | (11,663)     | (1,055,789) |
| Revaluation increase recognised in equity | -                                 | 3,900,000    | 1,424,480         | -                   | -                 | -            | 5,324,480    |
| **Balance as at 30 June 2006** | -                                 | 11,150,000   | 5,490,878         | 424,313             | 798,154            | 14,848       | 17,878,193 |
Note 9 Property plant and equipment continued

a Movements in Carrying Amounts continued

## Consolidated

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Capital Works in Progress At Cost $</th>
<th>Land At Cost $</th>
<th>Buildings at cost $</th>
<th>Plant and Equipment $</th>
<th>Computer Equipment $</th>
<th>Improvements $</th>
<th>Total $</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Current Year</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance at the beginning of year</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>11,150,000</td>
<td>5,490,878</td>
<td>424,313</td>
<td>798,154</td>
<td>14,848</td>
<td>17,878,193</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additions</td>
<td>232,779</td>
<td>5,000,000</td>
<td>10,540,338</td>
<td>230,776</td>
<td>788,829</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>16,792,722</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Depreciation expense</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance as at 30 June 2007</td>
<td>232,779</td>
<td>16,150,000</td>
<td>15,722,574</td>
<td>383,074</td>
<td>997,584</td>
<td>5,781</td>
<td>33,491,792</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

|                      |                                   |                |                     |                       |                      |                |            |
| **Prior Year**       |                                   |                |                     |                       |                      |                |            |
| Balance at the beginning of year | -                                | 7,250,000      | 4,413,744            | 446,081               | 560,009              | 9,511         | 12,679,345 |
| Additions            | -                                 | -              | 25,064              | 188,371               | 699,722              | 17,000        | 930,157    |
| Depreciation expense |                                   |                |                     |                       |                      |                |            |
| Revaluation increase recognised in equity | -                                | 3,900,000      | 1,424,480           | -                     | -                   | -             | 5,324,480  |
| Balance as at 30 June 2006 | -                                | 11,150,000     | 5,490,878            | 424,313               | 798,154              | 14,848        | 17,878,193 |

b Valuation of land and buildings

The company's land and buildings were revalued at 30 June 2006 by Charter Keck Cramer on 11 May 2006. The valuations were made on the basis of open market value. The revaluation surplus was credited to an asset revaluation reserve in equity.
Note 10  Trade and other payables

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>CURRENT</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unsecured liabilities</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trade payables</td>
<td>853,278</td>
<td>522,177</td>
<td>853,278</td>
<td>522,177</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sundry creditors and accruals</td>
<td>2,122,202</td>
<td>1,820,216</td>
<td>1,959,473</td>
<td>1,820,216</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Project income in advance</td>
<td>4,097,604</td>
<td>4,047,426</td>
<td>4,097,604</td>
<td>4,047,426</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>7,073,084</td>
<td>6,389,819</td>
<td>6,910,355</td>
<td>6,389,819</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note 11  Borrowings

The bank bills are secured by a registered first mortgage over the freehold land and buildings situated at Prospect Hill Road, Camberwell, 347 Camberwell Road, Camberwell and 1-13 Railway Parade, Camberwell.

The bank bill facility expires on 18 April 2022 and 31 July 2023.

<p>| | | | | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>CURRENT</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Secured liabilities</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>45,922</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>45,922</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Finance lease obligation</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>45,922</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>45,922</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>NON-CURRENT</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Secured liabilities</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bills of exchange and promissory notes</td>
<td>17,835,187</td>
<td>3,400,000</td>
<td>17,835,187</td>
<td>3,400,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>17,835,187</td>
<td>3,400,000</td>
<td>17,835,187</td>
<td>3,400,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

a  The carrying amounts of non-current assets pledged as security are:

<p>| | | | | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>First mortgage over freehold land and buildings</td>
<td>31,872,574</td>
<td>10,650,000</td>
<td>31,872,574</td>
<td>10,650,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>31,872,574</td>
<td>10,650,000</td>
<td>31,872,574</td>
<td>10,650,000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Note 12  Provisions

a  Analysis of Total Provisions

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Consolidated</th>
<th>Parent</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Current</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3,770,144</td>
<td>3,070,503</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non-current</td>
<td>504,579</td>
<td>513,951</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>4,274,723</td>
<td>3,584,454</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

b  Movement in carrying amounts

Parent

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Employee entitlements</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Opening balance at 1 July 2006</td>
<td>$3,584,454</td>
<td>$3,584,454</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additional provisions</td>
<td>$2,750,966</td>
<td>$2,750,966</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Utilised during the period</td>
<td>$(2,060,697)</td>
<td>$(2,060,697)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance at 30 June 2007</td>
<td>$4,274,723</td>
<td>$4,274,723</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Consolidated

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Employee entitlements</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Opening balance at 1 July 2006</td>
<td>$3,584,454</td>
<td>$3,584,454</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additional provisions</td>
<td>$2,750,966</td>
<td>$2,750,966</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amounts used</td>
<td>$(2,060,697)</td>
<td>$(2,060,697)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance at 30 June 2007</td>
<td>$4,274,723</td>
<td>$4,274,723</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note 13  Reserves

a  Asset Revaluation Reserve

The asset revaluation reserve records revaluations of non-current assets.

b  Foundation for Educational Research

This reserve contains the funds that have been allocated to the Foundation for Educational Research.

c  Hedge reserve

The hedge reserve records the movements in the value of the company’s hedge portfolio that are designated as cashflow hedges.
Note 14 Capital and Leasing Commitments

a  Finance Lease Commitments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Payable - minimum lease payments - no later than 12 months</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>48,105</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>48,105</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minimum lease payments</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>48,105</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>48,105</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Less future finance changes</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(2,183)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>(2,183)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Present value of minimum lease payments</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>45,922</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>45,922</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The finance lease relates to computer equipment, which terminated in September 2006.

b  Operating Lease Commitments

Non-cancelable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Payable - minimum lease payments</th>
<th>2007</th>
<th>2006</th>
<th>2007</th>
<th>2006</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>- not later than 12 months</td>
<td>440,556</td>
<td>459,131</td>
<td>440,556</td>
<td>459,131</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>- between 12 months and 5 years</td>
<td>706,759</td>
<td>692,057</td>
<td>706,759</td>
<td>692,057</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>1,147,315</td>
<td>1,151,188</td>
<td>1,147,315</td>
<td>1,151,188</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The above operating leases attach to the rented premises in Sydney, Perth, Brisbane and Melbourne, and the staff novated car leases. All of the property leases are paid in advance. The two leases in Sydney will terminate in February 2008 and currently there is no option for extension. The lease in Brisbane will terminate in January 2008 and there is an option to renew the lease for a further two years. The Perth leases will terminate in October 2008 and each have two options to renew the leases for two years. The Melbourne leases will terminate in October 2007 and currently there is no option for extension.

c  Capital Expenditure Commitments

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Fixed price building contract</td>
<td>2,864,793</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>2,864,793</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2,864,793</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>2,864,793</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Payable:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Payable - not later than 12 months</th>
<th>2007</th>
<th>2006</th>
<th>2007</th>
<th>2006</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>- not later than 12 months</td>
<td>2,864,793</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>2,864,793</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>2,864,793</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>2,864,793</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Note 15  Members’ Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of $20 each towards any outstanding obligations of the company. At 30 June 2007 the number of members was 10 (2006: 10).

Note 16  Cash Flow Information

a  Reconciliation of cashflow from operations with surplus for the year

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Surplus for the year</td>
<td>$1,803,133</td>
<td>$1,228,810</td>
<td>$1,759,438</td>
<td>$1,228,810</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Non cash flows in surplus</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Impairment write down</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>222,000</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>222,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Depreciation and amortisation</td>
<td>1,179,123</td>
<td>1,055,789</td>
<td>1,179,123</td>
<td>1,055,789</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Provision for doubtful debts</td>
<td>25,000</td>
<td>25,000</td>
<td>25,000</td>
<td>25,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Changes in assets and liabilities</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Increase)/decrease in trade and term receivables</td>
<td>464,549</td>
<td>1,238,417</td>
<td>569,631</td>
<td>1,238,517</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Increase)/decrease in inventories</td>
<td>(81,486)</td>
<td>(166,954)</td>
<td>(81,486)</td>
<td>(166,954)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Increase/(decrease) in trade payables and accruals</td>
<td>633,102</td>
<td>(806,904)</td>
<td>470,358</td>
<td>(806,904)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Increase/(decrease) in other liabilities</td>
<td>50,163</td>
<td>1,327,770</td>
<td>50,178</td>
<td>1,327,770</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Increase/(decrease) in provisions</td>
<td>690,269</td>
<td>267,898</td>
<td>690,269</td>
<td>267,898</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>4,763,853</td>
<td>4,391,826</td>
<td>4,662,511</td>
<td>4,391,926</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

b  Credit Standby Arrangements with Banks

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bank overdraft and bill facility</td>
<td>21,200,000</td>
<td>5,700,000</td>
<td>21,200,000</td>
<td>5,700,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Credit Card Facility</td>
<td>80,000</td>
<td>30,000</td>
<td>80,000</td>
<td>30,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amount utilised</td>
<td>(17,835,987)</td>
<td>(3,883,962)</td>
<td>(17,835,987)</td>
<td>(3,883,962)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3,444,013</td>
<td>1,846,038</td>
<td>3,444,013</td>
<td>1,846,038</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Bank overdraft and bill facilities are arranged with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia with the general terms and conditions being set and agreed to.

Interest rates are variable and subject to adjustment.
### Note 17  Key Management Personnel Compensation

#### 2007

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Short-term benefits</th>
<th>Post employment benefits</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Salary $</td>
<td>Bonus $</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>397,882</td>
<td>40,251</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### 2006

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Short-term benefits</th>
<th>Post employment benefits</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Salary $</td>
<td>Bonus $</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>342,020</td>
<td>37,803</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Note 18  Related party transactions

**Normal course of business**

Several directors of the Australian Council for Educational Research Limited hold a position with organisations with whom ACER conducts business. All transactions between ACER and these entities are on an arms length basis and on normal business terms and conditions.

### Note 19  Controlled Entities

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Country of incorporation</th>
<th>Percentage Owned 2007</th>
<th>Percentage Owned 2006</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Controlled Entities:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ACER International Ltd</td>
<td>United Kingdom</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Note 20  Company Details

a  Registered office
The registered office of the company is:
Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd
19 Prospect Hill Road
Camberwell VIC 3127

Note 21  Financial Instruments

a  Financial Risk Management
The company’s financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, local money market
instruments, accounts receivable and payable, bills, leases, and derivatives.
Derivatives are used by the company for hedging purposes. Such instruments include forward
exchange contracts. The company does not speculate in the trading of derivative instruments.

(i)  Financial Risks
The main risks the company is exposed to through it’s financial instruments are interest rate risk,
foreign currency risk, liquidity risk, credit risk and price risk.
b Interest Rate Risk

The economic entity'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 and the effective weighted average interest rates on classes of financial assets and financial liabilities, is as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Weighted Average Effective Interest Rate</th>
<th>Floating Interest Rate</th>
<th>Non-interest Bearing</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>------------------</td>
<td>-----------------</td>
<td>-----------------</td>
<td>-----------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Financial Assets:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>4.67</td>
<td>4.55</td>
<td>6,527,026</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Receivables</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Financial Assets</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>6,527,026</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Financial Liabilities:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bank loans and overdrafts</td>
<td>6.98</td>
<td>5.62</td>
<td>17,835,187</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trade and sundry payables</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lease liabilities</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>17.03</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Financial Liabilities</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>17,835,187</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
c  **Net Fair Values**

Other assets and other liabilities the net fair value approximates their carrying values. No financial assets or financial liabilities are readily traded on organised markets in standardised form other than listed investments. Financial assets where the carrying amount exceeds net fair values have not been written down as the economic entity intends to hold these assets to maturity.

The aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in the balance sheet and in the notes to the financial statements.

d  **Financial Risk Management - Liquidity Risk**

The company manages liquidity risk by monitoring forecast cash flows and ensuring that adequate unutilised borrowing facilities are maintained.

e  **Financial Risk Management - Credit Risk**

The maximum exposure to credit risk, excluding the value of any collateral or other security, at balance date to recognised financial assets, is the carrying amount, net of any provisions for impairment of those assets, as disclosed in the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements.

The company does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single receivable or group of receivables under financial instruments entered into by the company.

f  **Financial Risk Management - Price Risk**

The company is not exposed to any material commodity price risk.

g  **Financial Risk Management - Foreign Currency Risk**

The company is exposed to fluctuations in foreign currencies arising from the sale and purchase of goods and services in currencies other than the company’s measurement currency.

---

**Note 22  Change in Accounting Policy - 2006**

a  **In the 2006 financial year, the company adopted the following Accounting Standards for application on or after 1 January 2005.**

- AASB 132: Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation
- AASB 139: Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement

The adoption of AASB 139 resulted in material differences in the recognition and measurement of the company’s financial instruments. The company elected not to adjust comparative information resulting from the introduction of AASB 139 as permitted under the transitional provisions of this standard. As such, previous Australian Accounting Standards have been applied to comparative information. A summary of the main adjustments that would have resulted were AASB 139 to have been applied retrospectively is included below.

Under AASB 139, hedged portfolios are revalued to fair value at reporting date when they are classified as effective. All adjustments resulting from changes in fair value are taken directly to equity. Where AASB 139 to have been applied retrospectively, a number of financial assets not reflected in the comparative year would have been adjusted to fair value at 30 June 2005. This
would have resulted in an increased carrying value attributable to financial assets at 30 June 2005, and a corresponding increase in reserves at that date.

The aggregate effect of the change in accounting policy on the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2006 was as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Economic Entity</th>
<th>2007</th>
<th>2006</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Previously stated $</td>
<td>Adjustments $</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Income Statement</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance Sheet</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Financial assets</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hedge reserve</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Parent Entity</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Income Statement</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Balance Sheet</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Financial assets</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hedge reserve</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
b  Accounting Standards Issued/Amended

The following Australian Accounting Standards have been issued or amended and are applicable to the parent and the economic entity but are not yet effective and have not been adopted in preparation of the financial statements at reporting date.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>AASB Amendment</th>
<th>AASB Standard Affected</th>
<th>Nature of change in Accounting Policy and Impact</th>
<th>Application Date of the Standard</th>
<th>Application Date for the Company</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements</td>
<td>No change, no impact</td>
<td>1 January 2007</td>
<td>1 July 2007</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>AASB 117: Leases</td>
<td>No change, no impact</td>
<td>1 January 2007</td>
<td>1 July 2007</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>AASB 139: Financial Instruments</td>
<td>No change, no impact</td>
<td>1 January 2007</td>
<td>1 July 2007</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>AASB 1: First time Adoption of AIFRS</td>
<td>No change, no impact</td>
<td>1 January 2007</td>
<td>1 July 2007</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>AASB 4: Insurance Contracts</td>
<td>No change, no impact</td>
<td>1 January 2007</td>
<td>1 July 2007</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>AASB 1023: General Insurance Contracts</td>
<td>No change, no impact</td>
<td>1 January 2007</td>
<td>1 July 2007</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>AASB 1038: Life Insurance Contracts</td>
<td>No change, no impact</td>
<td>1 January 2007</td>
<td>1 July 2007</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New standard</td>
<td>AASB 7: Financial Instruments: Disclosure</td>
<td>No change, no impact</td>
<td>1 January 2007</td>
<td>1 July 2007</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note 23  Subsequent events

a  Property sales contract

The company signed a contract in August 2007 to sell land and buildings located at 347 Camberwell Road, Camberwell for a value of $9,400,000. The expected settlement date of this transaction is February 2008.

The property and associated assets has a written down value of $5,876,378 as at 30 June 2007.
The directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 5 to 32, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
   (a) comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
   (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the company and economic entity.

2. In the directors’ opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Director: P Porter  
Date: 4 September 2007

Director: G Masters
Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd
ABN: 19 004 398 145

Independent Audit Report to the members of Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd

Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd (the company) and Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd and controlled entities (the consolidated entity), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2007, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the directors’ declaration of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entity it controlled at the year’s end or from time to time during the financial year.

Directors’ responsibility for the financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Act 2001. This responsibility includes establishing 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. In Note 1, the directors also state, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101: ‘Presentation of Financial Statements’, that compliance with the Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) ensures that the financial report, comprising the financial statements and notes, complies with IFRS to the extent applicable to not for profit organisations.

Auditor’s responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our 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 judgment, 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 directors, 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.
Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd
ABN: 19 004 398 145

Independent Audit Report to the members of Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, provided to the directors of Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd on, would be in the same terms if provided to the directors as at the date of this auditor’s report.

Auditor’s opinion

In our opinion:

a) the financial report of Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd and Australian Council for Educational Research Ltd and controlled entities is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

(i) giving a true and fair view of the company’s and consolidated entity’s financial position as at 30 June 2007 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and

(ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

b) The financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards to the extent disclosed in Note 1.

Saward Dawson Chartered Accountants

Peter Shields
4 September 2007
Members of ACER Council

Chair
Professor Paige Porter

Deputy Chair
Professor Brian Caldwell

Members Elected by Council
Professor Paige Porter, BA Missouri, MA, PhD Stanford
  Director, UWA Institute for International
  Development, University of Western Australia
Professor Brian Caldwell, BSc, BEd Melb, MEd, PhD
Alberta
  Managing Director, Educational Transformations Pty
  Ltd
Dr Brian Croke, BA(Hons), DipEd Macquarie, DPhil
  Oxford, Fellow, Australian Humanities Academy
  Executive Director, Catholic Education Commission,
  NSW
Mr Tony Mackay, BEd Monash, BEd Monash, MA (Ed),
  London
  Executive Director, Centre for Strategic Education
  (CSE)
Dr Peter Hill, Cert Ed Birmingham, BA Hons London,
  DipEd, PhD Murdoch
  Secretary General, Hong Kong Examinations &
  Assessment Centre
Ms Robyn Baker, MEd University of Victoria, Wellington,
  Dip Teaching Christchurch College of Education, BSc
  Otago University
  Director, New Zealand Council for Educational
  Research

Nominee of Secretary of Commonwealth
Department of Education, Science and Training

Dr Evan Arthur (to July 2006), BA (Hons) Newcastle,
  PhD Cambridge
  Group Manager, Innovation & Research Systems
  Group, Department of Education, Science & Training
  (DEST)
Dr Trish Mercer (from July 2006) PhD History ANU
  Group Manager, Early Childhood Education & COAG
  Group, Department of Education, Employment and
  Workplace Relations (DEEWR)

Nominee of Australian Education Systems
Officials Committee
Mr Andrew Cappie-Wood (to November 2006) BA
  Macquarie, Masters of Town and Country Planning
  Sydney, GradDip Urban Estate Mgmt UTS
  Director-General, NSW Department of Education &
  Training
Mr Chris Robinson (from November 2006) BAgrEc,
  GradDipSocSci
  Chief Executive, Department of Education &
  Children’s Services SA

Member Elected by ACER Staff
Dr Sheldon Rothman, BA Massachusetts, MAT New
  Mexico State, MEd(Hons) UNE, EdD Harvard
  Principal Research Fellow, ACER

Chief Executive Officer of ACER
Professor Geoff Masters, BSc, MEd UWA, PhD Chicago,
  FACE
  Chief Executive Officer, ACER

76
**Members of ACER Staff**

**Chief Executive Officer**  
Masters, Geoff, BSc, MEd UWA, PhD Chicago, FACE

**Executive Assistant to the CEO**  
Catherine O’Shannassy, BA (Journ) Deakin, Dip Mgt RMIT

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**  
Director of International Development  
McGuickian, Peter, BAgSc, DipEd Melb.  
Administrative Officer  
Kruse, Julie

**CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT**  
Director of Corporate Development  
Moore, Robert, BCom Melb  
Professional Learning Manager  
McSweeney, Fiona, BA (Hons) Melb, GradDip IR/HRM RMIT  
Human Resources Manager  
Coyle, Suzanne, BA, DipEd Macquarie  
Human Resources Officer  
Archibald, Renée, BBus HRM/ Mktg Swin (to June 07)

**CORPORATE SERVICES**  
Director of Corporate Services  
Dawes, Wayne, BBus Monash; FCPA, ACIS  
Corporate Publicity and Communications Manager  
Reynolds, Louise, Cert Public Relations RMIT; BA (Hons) La T, MA (Communications) Monash  
Corporate Publicity and Communications Officer  
Lee, Dawn (from Nov 06) (until Jun 07)  
Robinson, Julia, BA (Journ) RMIT, GradCert (Mgt) Deakin  
Online Services Coordinator  
Telliler, Gulay, BAppSci (IT) RMIT  
Facilities and Services Coordinator  
Sheean, Anita  
Receptionists  
Richards, Kim (to Mar 07)  
Smith, Laura (from Mar 07)  
Administration Assistants  
Loughman, Michelle (from Nov 06)  
Van Grunsven, Maryanne (to Oct 06)  
Cleaning Services  
Skiadopoulos, Marina (to Oct 06)

**Financial Services**  
**Financial Controller**  
Kelly, Gary, BBus (Acc) Monash, FCPA, GAICD  
**Divisional Accountant**  
Cameron, Andrew, BCom Deakin, CPA  
**Project Accountant**  
Thomas, Alison, BBus (Acc) Bendigo, CPA

**Payroll Officer**  
Harvey, Warwick

**Assistant Accountants**  
Guzowska, Anna, BEco Warsaw  
Trembath, Stewart, BBus, GradCert (Acc/Fin) Swin

**Accounts Officers**  
Bedford, Tracy (from Oct 06)  
Car, Lyn  
Evans, Dilise (to Feb 07)  
McLean, Sophie

**Finance Administration Officer**  
Maryanne Grunsven (from Oct 06)

**Information Technology**  
Manager  
Nguyen, Daryl, BIS Monash  
**Software Engineering Manager**  
Daws, Alisdair, BSc (Hons) GradDip Internet & Web Comp, PhD M Tech (Internet & Web Comp)  
**Software Engineers**  
Chan, Phooci Lai, BComp (Hons) Monash  
Chin, Edward, GradDipBusSystems, MBusSys Monash, BBus Huafan  
Ellis, Donal  
Haldane, Samuel, BCS Melb  
Hare, John (to Feb 07)  
Naumovski, Goran (from Nov 06)  
Oakes, Stephen BSc (Hons) La T  
Rainsford, David, BA (Hons) Economics Essex  
**Support Engineer**  
Huynh, Tai, BCompSci Monash (from Feb 07)

**Network Administrator**  
Nguyen, Hoai, BCompSci Monash  
**Systems Engineer**  
Lie, Jafar, DipTech (Comp), BComp Monash  
**Desktop Support Officers**  
Lie, Jafar, DipTech (Comp), BComp Monash  
Morling, Lucas  
Von Shrenk, Otto
Junior Software Developer
Tran, David, BMultimedia, AdvDipCompSci Swin (from Nov 06)

Project Services
Manager
Carrigan, Jim, MEI Swin
Permissions Officer
Kulibicki, Michael, BA (Hons) La T
Project Services Officer
Jinks, Robert (from Mar 07)

Administrative Staff
Buckley, Carole
Cowhey, Pauline
Kent, Rachel BBus (InfoSystems) VUT

Photocopying Services
Koglin, Dianne

PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES DIVISION
Deputy CEO (Professional Resources)
Macklin, Pamela, DipTeach Melb, BEd Deakin,
GradDipArts (Asian Studies) Melb, DipCDC AICD, GAICD, AFAIM, MACE

Senior Administration Officer
Vivienne Acker

ACER Press
Manager
Morris, Deirdre, Dec. BA ANU (to Aug 06)
Saubern, Ralph, GradDipCompScience (Hons) RMIT, BA
Melb, BEd La T, MTESOL Monash, CTEFLA Holmes College, AIMM AIM (from Jan 07)

Consultant Psychologist
Power, Marian, BA (Hons), MA (AppPsych)
Melb, GradDip Career Educ RMIT, MAPS, AACC, AusAPT

Sales & Marketing Manager
Rolls, Annemarie, BA (Hons.Lit.) CoC, MA
(Communications) Monash, GradCert (Ed. & Training) VUT

Marketing Coordinator
Sieradzki, Melissa, BA La T, GradDipPub&Edit Monash
(from Jan 07)

Marketing Administrative Coordinator
Stephens, Mandy, BA Monash, GradDip Mktg RMIT

Marketing Promotions Officer
Koch, Josh, Cert IV Prof Writing & Editing RMIT

Sales Consultants, Education
Cornish, Terri, BEd (Hons) Wollongong, Dip Book Editing & Publishing Macleay College
Elvis, Karen, BA, DipEd Flinders
Inglis, Julia, BA Monash, DipEd Rusden (from April 07)
Smith, Barbara, BCom, DipEd, Meib, GradDip
(SeeStudies) VicColl, GradCert (CareerCounselling) RMIT
Thompson, Shane, DipT Kuring-gai, BEd Deakin (from Jan 07)

Sales Consultants, HR/Psychology
Ferrara, Gerard, BA (Psych/HRM) Swin, GradDip
(AppPsych) VU, MAPS, AHRI
McColough, Melissa, BSc (Psych) (Hons) UNSW,
GradCertPersonnelMgt Sydney Institute TAFE, MPsych
(Applied) (Hons) UNSW, MAPS, MAHRI, AACC (to Mar 07)

Customer Service Supervisor
O’Loughlin, David

Customer Service Coordinator
Higgins, Christine, GradCert (Mgt) Deakin, Cert IV
Electronic Publishing Holmesglen

Customer Service Officers
Bennett, Yvonne
Gardiner, Jan
Keele, Julie, TPTC Coburg
Manuel, June
Major (McNab), Victoria, BA, GradDipPsych Melb
Marshall, Lexie (from Jul 06)
Whitehead, Simone (from Aug 06)

Despatch Manager
O’Neill, Steven

Despatch Officers
Gilder, Peter
Matravers, Philip (to Jun 07)
Smith, Ian

Publishing Managers
Saubern, Ralph, GradDipCompSci (Hons) RMIT, BA
Melb, BEd La T, MTESOL Monash, CTEFLA Holmes College (to Dec 06)
Watson, Andrew (from Feb 07)

Production Manager
Coates, Jillian

Product Manager (Assessment)
Lim, Li-Ai
Project Editors
O'Keefe, Maureen
Pinches, Amanda, BComm (Public Relations) Monash, CertArts & DipArts (Professional Writing and Editing) Chisholm, GradDip (Editing & Publishing) RMIT

Publishing Assistant
Webb, Elisa, BA (Hons) Melb, GradDip (Editing & Publishing) RMIT

Production Assistant
Proctor, Holly, BA Swin

Publishing Manager, Journals
Holden, Steven BA (Hons), DipEd, MA, PhD Tas

Journalist
Leech, Rebecca BA, Deakin

Senior Project Officer, Educare
Richardson, Lesley

National Advertising Manager
Brown, Carolyn (from Sep 06)

Desktop Publisher, Journals
Schubele, Ralph

Project Publishing Manager
Grose, Craig

Senior Desktop Publishing Officers
Jeffrey, Darren, DipArt (Graphic Art) RMIT
McGregor, Wendy
Swanwick, Robyn

Desktop Publishing Officer
Locock, Gloria

Assessment Services
General Manager
Jackson, Deirdre, MBus, Cert Project Consulting RMIT, BA Monash, TPTC, TTLC Melb

Manager, Medical and Professional Programs
Aldous, Cecily, BA Melb, DipEd (TESL) La T

Manager, Computer Based Assessments
Butler, Adele, BSc (Hons), BEd Monash, DipEd Rusden, GradCertEdULeadership VUT, MEd RMIT, MPD-Master Project Director AIPM

Education Consultants
Morath, John, DipEd, BEd Melb, BA, MA Monash
MacMahon Ball, Marta, BA (Hons), DipEd Sydney, MA (Communications) Monash

Education Consultant - Strategic Relationships UK
Bristow, Steve, BSc (Econ) London, MA Kent, PhD Salford, FGIS FCPS FRSA

Deputy Manager, Medical Programmes UK
Brown, Philip, BA Leeds, MA (Ed) London

Markers Coordinator
Dick, Wendy, BA, MA Melb, TPTC, Frankston/Monash

Senior Research Fellow
Richardson, Carmel, BA Ed (Hons), MEd Psych Melb, MAPS

Research Officer
Ransfield, Daron (to Sep 06)

Senior Project Director
Nankervis, Susan, BEd, MEd Melb, GradCertBus (Proj Man) Swin (from Sep 06)

Project Directors
Brinson, Laura, AssocDipSocSci (Lib&InfSt) Swin
Dodds, Robyn, BA RMIT, GradDipSoc La T
Filipi, Anna, BA, MA Melb, DipEd, PhD Monash
MacLeod, Kirsty, BEd/BA (Hons) Monash, GradCertBus (ProjMan) Swin

Nankervis, Susan, BEd, MEd Melb, GradCertBus (Proj Man) Swin (to Sep 06)

Richardson, Carmel, BA Ed (Hons), MEd Psych Melb, MAPS
Ryan, Katherine, BSc (Hons) Melb, PhD Sydney (from Sep 06) (until Nov 06)
Veile, Veronica, BA (German) Melb, M Tech (Internet & Web Comp ) RMIT (from April 07)

Weeding, David, BEd Melb

Senior Project Officers
Brouwers, Bernadette, BA Melb, GradDipEd Melb, MA (Applied Linguistics) Melb (from May 07)
Chung, Michelle, BBus (InfoSystems) RMIT (from Aug 06)

Elder, Sarah, BA Monash, GradDip (Admin) Chisholm Inst (from Jun 07)
Fung, Rachel (from Oct 06)
Greaves, Sarah, BEd, GradDipCompEd, GradDiplInfoMgt
McLean, Penny, BEd, DipTeach (to May 07)
Murphy, Esther, BA (Languages) Monash, CCELTA Holmes Institute (from May 07)
Norris, Lisa (from Aug 06)
Robertson, Glenda, BA (Hons) Canterbury, MA Harvard (from Nov 06)
Sadler, Alison, BA, DipEd

Project Officers
Chung, Michelle, BBus (InfoSystems) RMIT (to Aug 06)
Hindson, Karen, BBSc La T (from Jan 07)
Miles, Louise
Norris, Lisa (to Aug 06)
Robertson, Glenda, BA (Hons) Canterbury, MA Harvard (to Nov 06)
Project Operations Administrator
Williams, Tanya, BA, GradDip Ed Melb, GradCert Proj Mgt Swin

Administrative Officer
Skinner, Heather

ACER Leadership Centre
Manager
Thornton, Nick, BCom Deakin, Higher Dip Teach (Secondary) Melb State College, TSTC Secondary Teachers College, GradDip EduAdmin Hawthorn Institute of Education, DipBus Gordon Institute of Technology, CPA, FACE (to Jun 07)

Manager ACER Leadership Projects
Cahill, Mary, MBus (HRM/IR) Victoria, GradDip EduAdmin Deakin, BEd Melb, Cert IV Workplace Training and Assessment MCAE (from Jun 07)

Assistant Manager
Jackson, Andrew, BA (Hons), BEd Monash TPTC, AFAPC (to Dec 06)

Senior Project Officer
Meachen, Janine, Cert III Bus Admin

Finance Officer
Harrison, Elaine, Cert III Bus Admin VQA (to Jun 07)

Centre for Professional Learning
Manager
Hoad, Kerry-Anne, MEd Melb, BA Deakin, GradDip Special Ed SCVB, DipTeach IEC

Education Consultants
Cranitch, Carmel, DipT (Primary) BCAE, BEd QUT, MEd Language & Literacy Education QUT (from Nov 06)
O’Brien, Robert, BA, BT, MEd, EdD ACU (to Feb 07)

Administrative Officer
Taylor, Margaret

Library and Information Services
Managers
Clarke, Sue, BA NE, MBA RMIT GradDip CommlDatProc RMIT, AALIA (to Aug 06)
Deveson, Lance, DipTeach (Prim), DipComp Ballarat, DipLibrarianship Melb, ALIAA, ARMAA (from Nov 06)

Senior Librarian
Knight, Pat, BA Swin, MLS Loughborough, GradDip Assess & Eval Melb

Librarians
Aron, Guy, BA (Hons) Sydney, GradDipLib UNSW, MB (IT) RMIT (from Mar 06) (to Sep 06)
Hughes, Stuart, BA (Hons) Otog, MA Monash, AALIA
Grimston, Tine, BEd Librarianship Melb State Coll
Lissonnet, Sophie, MBus (Info Mgt) RMIT, MIndgStud JCU
McDowell, Katie, BA, Melb, GradDip (Info Services) RMIT
Psiliakos, Lula, BBus RMIT, AALIA
Trevitt, Jenny, BA Monash, GradDipLib, MBus Info Tech (Info Mgt) RMIT

Library Technicians
Barnes, Jenny (from Sep 06)
Britton, Cheryl, AssocDip AppSci SocSci (Lib & Inf St) Box Hill TAFE

Record Services Manager
Fraser, Simon

Record Services Officer
Bonning, Judy

Despatch Officer
Evans, David

RESEARCH DIVISION

Assessment and Reporting
Research Director
Forster, Margaret, BA (Hons), DipEd La T, MEdSt Monash, PhD Melb

Principal Research Fellows
Matters, Gabrielle, BSc UQ, AMusA QCM, PhD QUT, FACE
McCrae, Barry, BSc (Hons), DipEd Melb, MEd Monash Mendelovits, Julie, BA (Hons), DipEd La T, MA (Eng) Melb

Senior Research Fellows
Anderson, Prue, BA, MEd Studies Monash DipEd La T Bryce, Jennifer, BA, BEd Melb, DipArts VicColl, MSocSci RMIT, PhD RMIT
Fraillon, Julian, BA GradDip Melb, GradDip (Maths) Melb Farkota, Rhonda, DipTeach, BEd Melb, MEdSt Monash, EdD Monash
Hambur, Sam, BSc (Hons) Monash, DipEd HIE Lai, Kelvin, BA (Hons) Maths/Statistics, MEd (Ed Evaluation), Advanced DipEd, DipEd Hong Kong, MSc (AppStats) Oxford, PhD (Ed Measurement and Assessment) Melb
Lindsey, John, BSc (Hons), PhD Monash, DipEd Melb (from Dec 06)
Lumley, Thomas, MA Oxon, DipEd La T, MA PhD Melb
McCurry, Doug, BA (Hons) DipEd La T, PhD Monash
Stephanou, Andrew, Laurea in Physics Rome, DipEd Melb
Wu, Margaret, BSc (Hons), GradDip Computer Studies, DipEd, MEd, PhD (to Mar 07)

**Senior Project Director**
Hay, Andrew, BSc, DipEd, MEd Melb, GradDipEd. (Maths Ed), Dip.Frontline Management Chisholm (from April 07)

**Research Fellows**
Bastecky, Lucy, GradDipEd ACU, BA (Hon) La T, BAComm NSWIT
Bibby, Yan, BEng Shanghai, MEng Auck, CertIT Newcastle, GradDipAppFinInv SIA
Butler, Mark, BSc (Hons) Warwick, PGCE Manchester
Chiavaroli, Neville, BAppSci La T, BA (Hons) Melb, MPhil Camb (to Jul 06)
Duckworth, Daniel, BA (Hons) La T, GradDipEd (Secondary) Melb (from Jan 07)
Dulhunty, Mark, BSc, MAssessEval Melb (to Nov 06)
Hall, Robyn, BA (Hons), BSc Monash
Fraillon, Julian, BA, GradDip, GradDip (Maths) Melb
Gross, Roslyn, BA (Eng & Hons Hist), DipEd Melb (from Jul 06)
Harding, John, BSc, BEd Monash, DipEd Rusden State Coll.
Hohlfeld, Karin, BA, GradDipEd Monash (from Jul 06)
Hughes, Melissa, BA (Hons), GradDipEd Monash, GradCertCALL Melb
Hunt, Malcolm, BSc (Hons), DipEd, PhD Melb
Hutton, Barry, BA, DipEd La T, MEd Melb
Inglis, Andrea, BA (Hons), DipEd, MA, PhD Melb
Jackel, Brad, BA (Hons), PhD Monash
Kreibich, Robyn, BSc (Hons), GradEd Monash
Lindsey, John, BSc (Hons), PhD Monash, DipEd Melb (to Dec 06)

**Research Officers**
Ozolins, Clare, BA LLB Monash, BTeach (Primary) Melb
Rosicka, Christine, BA, BBus, MIT IT Mgt Swin, GradDipEd (Primary) Monash

**Research Fellows**
Frigo, Tracey, BSc La T, DipEd Bendigo, GradDipAdol&Child Psych Melb
Smith, Brooke, BSc (Hons) Psych Wollongong (to Mar 07)

**Indigenous Education Researcher**
Milita, Gina, BCom (Mkt & Mgt), GradDipBusStud (Mkt & Mgt), GradCertHighEd UNE (from Sep 06)

**Research Officers**
Calvitto, Leanne, BAppSci (Hons) RMIT (to Aug 06)
Peck, Ray, BSpecial Ed Monash, BSc, DipEd Melb
Perrett, Bill, BA, Melb, DipEd, PhD La T (from Sep 06)
Pywell, Sean, BSc (Hons), DipEd, PhD
Rainars, Andrew, BA (Hons), DipEd, BLitt (Hons) Monash, GradDipMathSc, MACE
Searle, Dara, BA, BSc (Hons) Psych Melb
Simpson, Brian, BSc, DipEd Melb
Stuchbery, Michael, BA, BTeach Melb (until Oct 06)

**Senior Administrative Officers**
Crawford, (Bolton) Kirsty, BA (Anthropology) Monash, GradDip Museum Studies Deakin
Giblett, Sharon, BEd (Sec) Rusden, GradDipComp Chisholm, GradCertEduTrain, MEd Melb (from May 07)

**Adminstration Officers**
Lovering, Tania, Cert IV Interior Design Ithaca College (from May 07)
Stewart, Colette, (from Sept 06) (to May 07)

**Early Childhood Education**
Research Director
Elliot, Alison, BEd, BEd St, MEd St, PhD FACE (to Feb 07)

**Learning Processes and Contexts**
Research Director
Rowe, Ken, BA (Hons) PhD Melb, MSc London, DipGenStuds Swin, TPTC FACEL

**Principal Research Fellow**
Purdie, Nola, PhD, MEd, BEd, DipPhysEd UWA, TC Claremont

**Senior Research Fellow**
Withers, Graeme, BA Melb (to Jul 06)

**Research Fellows**
Tan, Ling, BAppSc (Hons) RMIT, PhD Monash (from Sep 06)
Thau, Felicia, BSc, DipEd Melb
Urbach, Daniel, BCom (Hons) Monash

**Research Officers**
Calvitto, Leanne, BAppSci (Hons) RMIT (to Aug 06)
Michaels, Esther, Cert SmallBusMgt, BEd (MathsScI) Melb
Pearson, Penny, BSc ANU, DipEd (Sec) Canberra, GradDipLang (Jap) Monash (from Jan 07)
Tigg, Kyle, BBSc (Hons) La T, MSc (App Stats) Swin

**Senior Administrative Officers**
Crawford, (Bolton) Kirsty, BA (Anthropology) Monash, GradDip Museum Studies Deakin
Giblett, Sharon, BEd (Sec) Rusden, GradDipComp Chisholm, GradCertEduTrain, MEd Melb (from May 07)

**Administration Officers**
Lovering, Tania, Cert IV Interior Design Ithaca College (from May 07)
Stewart, Colette, (from Sept 06) (to May 07)
Administrative Officer
Bates, Susan
Firth, Patricia

National and International Surveys
Deputy CEO (Research) and Research Director
Ainley, John, BSc, MEd, PhD Melb, FACE

Principal Research Fellows
Schulz, Wolfram, Dip-Pol Berlin, PhD (EcoSocSci) Rostock
Thomson, Sue, BAppSci RMIT, DipEd, PhD Monash, GradDipMathsEd Deakin, MEdSt
Turner, Ross, MSc, DipEd Melb, DipEdPsych Monash (from Jan 07)

Senior Research Fellows
Berezner, Alla, BSc, MSc Moscow (to Apr 07)
Cosgrove, Jude, PhD Edu NUI (from July 06)
Mellor, Suzanne, BA, DipEd Melb, BEd La T, MEdSt Monash, MACE
Murphy, Martin, BA, DipEd, MEdStds Monash, GradDipSocStat Swin
Routisky, Alla, BSc (Hons), Maths, PhD (Maths) Voronezh, DipEd Melb, DipSocStats Swin
Turner, Ross, MSc, DipEd Melb, DipEdPsych Monash (to Jan 07)
Walker, Maurice, BA, (Hons) VUW, MAssessEval Melb

Research Fellows
Chow, Renee, BBus (Mkt) RMIT, GradCert Assess&Eval, MAssess&Eval Melb (from Apr 07)
De Bortoli, Lisa, BAppSci Deakin, GradDipCounsPsych RMIT
Gebhardt, Eveline, MA, Psych UWA
Hong, Jennifer, BA, MSc (App Statistics) Swin (from Mar 07)
Lay, Dulce, BEd La T, GradDip Sci (AppStat) Swin
Le, Luc, BSc Hue, MEd RMIT
Macaskill, Greg, BSc, (Hons) Adel, GradDipComStudies RMIT, GradDipStatsOR RMIT
Nguyen, Van, BSc Hue, MEd RMIT, MA Psych, PhD Hanoi
Wernert, Nicole, BBSc La T, GradDipPsych Melb

Research Officers
Doukas, George, BSc, Melb, GradDipEcSt Monash
Enger, Laura (to Feb 07)
Handayani, Dewi, ST ITB
Hong, Jennifer, BA, MSc (App Statistics) Swin (to Mar 07)
McKelvie, Pippa, BA/BSc (Hons) VUW, MSc Psych Melb (to Jun 07)
Shortt, Fionauala, BA (Hons) UCD, MSc (Cog Science) UCD

Tabata, Naoko, BEd (Special Ed) Kyoto University of Education, MEd (Int'l & Comparative Ed) Indiana-Bloomington, DEd (Program Evaluation) Melb (from Feb 07)
Twigg, Kylie, BBSc (Hons) La T, MSc (App Stats) Swin
Underwood, Catherine, BA, GradCert (Soc Statistics), Swin

Senior Project Officers
Buttress, Wei, BBus (International Finance), BA (Foreign Languages) Shenyang Wardono, Wahyu, ST, ITB, Indonesia MBA, Colorado State University

Senior Administrative Officer
Zubrinich, Julie, BA UWA, BEd Deakin

Policy Analysis and Program Evaluation
Research Director
Beavis, Adrian, BA, QT, MEd, PhD Melb

Principal Research Fellow
Lonsdale, Michele, BA (Hons) DipEd Melb, GradDipStudentWelfare Hawthorn Institute of Education, MEd, PhD La T (from Apr 07)

The Psychometrics Institute
Director
Khoo, Siek Toon, BSc Canterbury, DipEd Singapore, GradDipCompSc La T, MEdSt Monash, PhD UCLA

System and School Testing
Research Director
Tognolini, Jim, BAppSc (Physics) WAIT, BEd UWA, MEd, PhD Murdoch, MACE (to Nov 06)

Manager, Government Projects
Freeman, Chris, MA Mucquarie, BComm UQ, Dip Teaching ASOPA

Manager, System Testing
Arthur, Phillip, BEd ACAE

Senior Research Fellow
Davidson, Michelle, MEd Syd, BEd UNSW, DipEd SCAE (to Nov 06)

Research Fellows
Blumen, Sacha, BA (Hons) Qld, A.Mus.A, PhD Sydney
Eveleigh, Frances, MEd UNSW, BEd UNSW, DipEd SCAE
Reid, Greg, BEd/BA (Hons) JCU, Prep Cert TEL London, DST Sydney, Cert. in Writing UTS
Sadeghi, Rassoul, BA Shiraz, MA Tehran, PhD UNSW (from Aug 06)
Research Officer
White, Kerensa, BSc (Hons) Southampton (from Jul 06) (to Sep 06)

Senior Project Officer
Plunkett, Simon, BA ANU, DipEd Canberra

Administrative Officer
Schollum, Kaye (to Apr 07)

Receptionists
Mendelevich, Natalya (to Aug 06)
Mahony, Pat (from Aug 06)

Teaching and Learning
Research Director
McKenzie, Phillip, BEd (Hons), DipEd, MEd, PhD Monash, FACE

Principal Research Fellows
Ingvarson, Lawrence, BSc, DipEd UWA, MA London, PhD Monash FACE
Rowley, Glenn, BSc, BEd Melb MA, PhD Toronto

Senior Research Fellows
Anderson, Michelle, BEd Rusden, MEd Melb
Kleinhenz, Elizabeth, BA, BEd Melb, Ed,D, MEd Monash TPTC
Kos, Julie, BA (Hons) Deakin, MA (Clin Psych)/PhD RMIT (from Jun 06)
Meiers, Marion, BA, DipEd Melb, BEd, MEd Monash, MACE

Research Fellow
Wilkinson, Jenny, BA, BEd Melb, MEd Stud, Certificate of Gifted Education Monash

Administrative Officer
Curtin, Emma, BA (Hons) Birmingham, MA Calgary, PhD La T, GradCert (Mgt) AIPM

Transitions and Post-school Education and Training
Research Director
McKenzie, Phillip, BEd (Hons), DipEd, MEd, PhD Monash, FACE

Principal Research Fellows
Marks, Gary, BSc (Hons), MSc Melb, PhD UQ
Rothman, Sheldon, BA, Massachusetts, MAT New Mexico State, Med (Hons) UNE, EdD Harvard

Senior Research Fellows
Curtis, David, BSc Hons Adel, GradDiplComp SACAE, MEdSt, MA, EdD Flinders
McMillan, Julie, BA (Hons), PhD UQ

Research Fellows
Coates, Hamish, BA (Hons), BSc, MEd, PhD Melb
Hillman, Kyle, BA (Hons) MEd Psych Melb, Psych Reg Board Vic

Research Officer
Friedman, Tim, BSc (Hons) (Psych) Monash (from Feb 07)

Senior Project Officer
Wong, Zilla (from May 07) (until Jul 07)

Senior Administrative Officer
Zubrinich, Julie, BA UWA, BEd Deakin

ACER, DUBAI OFFICE
Egbert, Alan
D’Souza, Supatra, BSc (Microbiology) Joseph’s, MHM Fr. Mullers Inst Med Sci (to Oct 06)

ACER, INDIA OFFICE
Dhamija, Ratna
Chalam, P S (from Oct 06)
Chawla, Aruna (from Sep 06)
Rameshan, Reshma (from Nov 06)
Melbourne office
19 Prospect Hill Road (Private Bag 55)
Camberwell VIC 3124
Telephone +61 3 9277 5555
Facsimile +61 3 9277 5500

Sydney office
1/140 Bourke Road (PO Box 6483)
Alexandria NSW 2015
Telephone +61 2 8338 6800
Facsimile +61 2 9693 5844

Brisbane office
Unit 9 Hill House
541 Boundary Street
Spring Hill Brisbane QLD 4000
Telephone +61 7 3831 5603
Facsimile +61 7 3831 9900

Perth office
7/1329 Hay Street
West Perth WA 6005
Telephone +61 8 9485 2194
Facsimile +61 8 9485 2195

acer.edu.au