



THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST LAURENCE ANNUAL REPORT 1972

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The most significant event for the Brotherhood in 1971/72 was the decision to reorganize and to change the entire emphasis of the Social Work Service, Youth Centre and Creative Leisure Centre. These services will now merge into a programme where social workers, youth leaders and others will work closely with a number of families in an effort to help them improve their own social conditions. It will be a significant experiment in social welfare and we are fortunate that Mrs Concetta Benn, one of Melbourne's most experienced social workers has joined us to head this programme.

The new emphasis will be on the families' involvement in the decision making and the direction of the project and on research to learn more about the pressures that limit and deprive families.

The programme emerged from the frustrations of the social workers and youth leaders who felt that their work of helping and enabling was spread over too many people and not really altering the social conditions of the families.

During the year another experiment was begun. This was the Family Day Care Service in which children of working mothers are cared for by other mothers with help and guidance from a social worker and kindergarten teacher. Mrs Barbara Spalding, who carried out the studies that led to the experiment, is responsible for this three year pilot project that has been financed by four Melbourne Trusts.

Services for the aged expanded with the completion of more flats and a hostel at St Laurence Court, Bendigo, and the first stage in the re-building of the Coolibah Centre in Fitzroy. We hope the Coolibah Centre can extend its home care services in conjunction with the local Council and other agencies in Fitzroy.

Another new venture was the establishment of a sheltered workshop processing newspapers and providing employment for rehabilitees from psychiatric hospitals.

SOCIAL POLICY

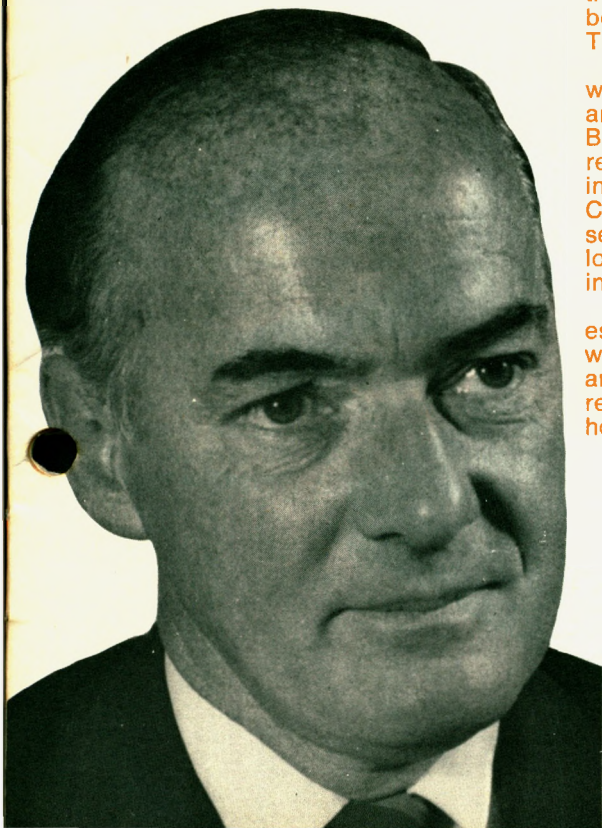
The year was a lively one for social policy issues and the Brotherhood contributed to knowledge and discussion with several reports and through its participation in the Victorian Council of Social Service and other community agencies.

The Brotherhood will continue to look closely at areas of service and of social change to see where its resources can be most effectively used. We must take into account the need for strengthening home care services for the aged and their status and position in the community; the increase in the number of family planning clinics; new thinking about the participation of the users of welfare services in decision making and in developing their ability to campaign for greater rights and opportunities.

SUPPORT

Thanks to our many donors, auxiliary members, Trusts and other friends, we were able to pay our way in 1971/72. We look to your support to continue and hope you will feel that the Brotherhood is trying with some success to be relevant and to meet the greatest need.

David Ault



SOCIAL ACTION AND RESEARCH

Last year saw the release of several research and social action publications.

'The Have Nots' — a study of 150 low-income families who came to the Brotherhood in 1967, quickly sold its first 1,000 copies and a further 500 have now been printed. This was the result of three years' research which has proved invaluable both in sharpening up our social action programmes and in restructuring our own family services. The study served to highlight the fact that most of these families basically suffered from a lack of money and resources which cut them off from many services and facilities which should have been available to them.

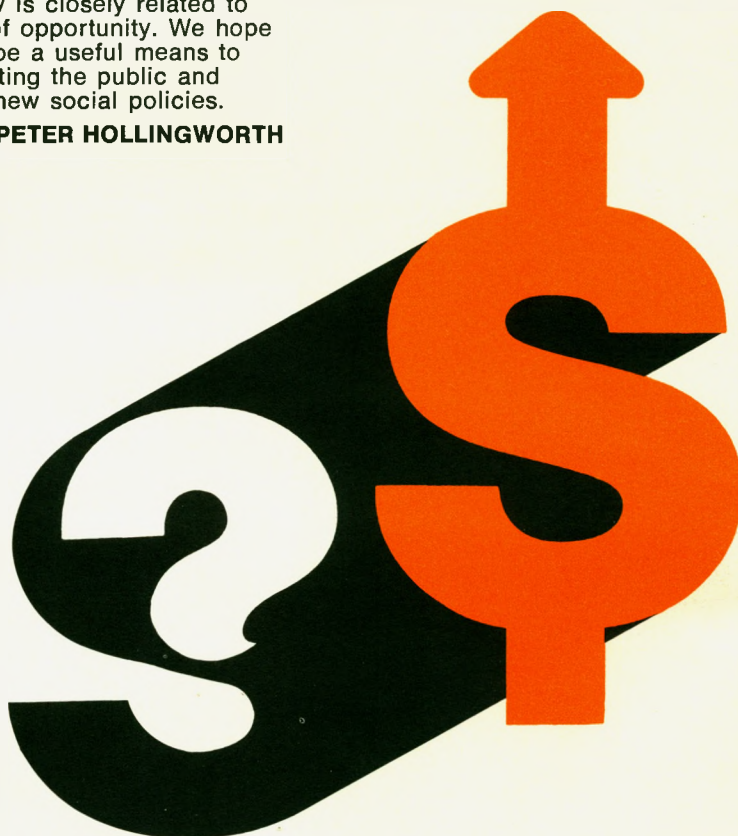
This was followed up by two papers, 'Financial Assistance for Vulnerable Families', a proposal concerned with the provision of immediate payments and recommended administrative changes to speed up payments, and 'Why so Harsh on the Unemployed', a proposal to increase unemployment benefits prompted by the high level of unemployment. Work has also commenced on a longer and more serious booklet on the causes, nature and extent of unemployment today.

Finally, two joint papers on housing finance and policies on rehabilitation of old housing stock, were also released in conjunction with the Fitzroy Ecumenical Centre.

These have all created a considerable amount of publicity through the media and have helped to evoke public interest in these areas of social concern.

Much of our work has been aimed at establishing the need for a public enquiry into Poverty and Social Welfare. In an effort to further clarify the true dimensions of poverty, a publication is being prepared which points to the fact that poverty is closely related to inequality of opportunity. We hope that it will be a useful means to both educating the public and producing new social policies.

PETER HOLLINGWORTH



SERVICES FOR THE AGED

The completion of stage one of the new Coolibah Centre was the first step in a programme to increase the range of services and provide varying levels of home care for a greater number of local elderly people, many of whom live in single rooms without heating or ventilation and often without adequate cooking, bathing and laundry facilities.

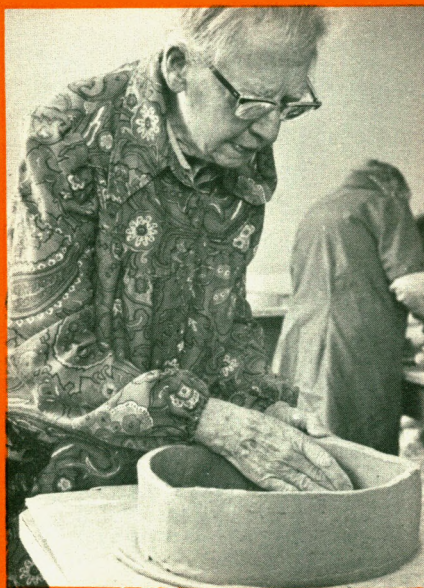
The new building which is modern and spacious consists of a craft room, television and sitting rooms, showers, a communal laundry and a large dining area. The second stage, which is under construction, will house the sick bay, clothing store, changing room (complete with shower), chiropody section, an additional sitting room and offices.

Our three largest accommodation centres have also been subject to substantial expansion. At G. K. Tucker Park, Carrum Downs, we opened a 30 bed personal care hostel and a similar but larger 56 bed unit is under construction at St Laurence Park, Lara. At St Laurence Court, Bendigo, the completion of the second stage of additional flats and a personal care hostel increased the population from 23 to 76. These three centres, Keble Court in North Fitzroy and 'Carinya', a nursing home at Box Hill, now accommodate 475 elderly people and this figure will increase to 531 when the Lara hostel is occupied.

During the last 12 months we have entered into reciprocal arrangements with hospitals and other service organisations which will be of considerable advantage to those providing the services as well as those receiving them. For example, instead of moving residents to our nursing home for frail elderly women at Box Hill, we are often able to arrange rehabilitation therapy at an appropriate geriatric centre thus avoiding removing them from their customary environment and leaving more beds free at 'Carinya' for urgent cases from the community.

This is a significant move towards the integration of all services for the aged which is absolutely necessary if support is to be readily available when needed.

NEVILLE BROOKE



FAMILIES

Planning for the family project began in April. This is an exciting new venture which aims to help the family as a total unit. The first step was taken in January when the Youth and Social Work Services combined and the phasing out of old programmes commenced.

From July 1971 to January 1972, the Social Work Service interviewed and counselled 386 families and the Youth and Children's Service provided the usual activities for the young people and children of the inner suburbs. Mobile adventure camping, creative leisure, and social activities for young people were provide until January and will continue to be an important part of the programme for the total family.

Three hundred and thirty-eight orders for clothing and 275 orders for furniture were filled during the year. As material aid is such an important part of our service it has been decided that the service will be enlarged in the coming year and continued as a separate service.

In the past year \$15,808 in financial aid, and material aid to the value of \$6,941 was distributed to families who sought our help.

It is expected that the new family programme will commence towards the end of 1972. It will be accommodated in Fitzroy Street directly behind our head office in Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. The purpose of the new project is to work intensively through an activities programme with approximately seventy low income families.

CONCETTA BENN

Pottery is just one of the thriving industries at G. K. Tucker Park, Carrum Downs.

SPECIAL PROJECTS — BROADMEADOWS

Albert van Moorst was appointed as a youth worker in Broadmeadows in September with the aim of developing self-sustaining local leadership on a family basis.

Broadmeadows is a new suburb which has grown quickly and recreational facilities for young people are very limited. Mr van Moorst is working through community organisations to establish contact with families and form groups each consisting of several families sharing leisure and spare time activities. Mobile adventure camps have also been organised during school holidays and four six-day camps have taken groups of young people to the Grampians, Big River, Tarwin River and Wilson's Promontory.

FAMILY DAY CARE

A serious shortage of good day care facilities in Fitzroy led to the establishment of this project in September, 1971.

The service provides for the regular daily care of the children of working parents by local housewives. All placements are arranged by a social worker and on-going support is available. The aim is to establish whether this form of care provides adequately for the children's emotional, physical, social and intellectual needs, and whether it is satisfactory for the parents.

Seventy-four children were catered for in the first nine months by 36 child minders, some of whom worked on a regular basis and several for short periods. As well as providing full day care the programme also provided before and after school care and care for children in an emergency, such as when a mother was ill.

Child minders are paid per child on a weekly basis and parents who cannot afford to pay for the service are subsidised by the Brotherhood.

There have been considerable problems to overcome in the initial stages owing to the variation in the quality of care and in the degree of commitment and interest displayed by the child minders. However, experience to date has amply demonstrated the need for more day care facilities in the area and the strain which is placed on parents who wish to work but cannot do so with peace of mind about their children's well being.



Mobile adventure camps provide new and exciting experiences for city children. This group from Broadmeadows were off to Tarwin Lower.



The Brotherhood Bazaar, the first regional salvage centre, was established in Bentleigh towards the end of the year.



During the summer holidays outings and mobile camps catered for hundreds of children living in the inner suburbs of Melbourne.

Cottage accommodation, St Laurence Park, Lara. There were 547 general enquiries for accommodation during the year.



FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC

During the year 422 patients attended the clinic in Fitzroy. The clinic was established in 1967 to demonstrate the need for specialized comprehensive family planning services for low income families. Over the five year period the clinic has been operating, the number of clinic sessions was increased from one session to a maximum of four sessions per week in 1970. Since 1970, the Family Planning Association, hospitals and a number of municipal councils have established clinics. With this increase in services, the Brotherhood clinic reduced the number of weekly sessions to three early in 1971 and to two from October, 1971.

With the development of other clinics, the aim of demonstrating the need for family planning services has been achieved and so the decision was taken this year to close our clinic at the end of 1972.

A report on certain findings of the clinic will be published in the coming year.



The goal of the Brotherhood's family planning clinic was to establish the need for a comprehensive service for low income families.

SHELTERED WORKSHOP

A workshop to provide remedial therapy for the mentally handicapped was established at West Heidelberg in August and just over 70 rehabilitees have participated in the project to date. During the year patients from St Vincent's Hospital, Larundel Psychiatric Hospital, Mont Park, the Clarendon Clinic, Plenty Hospital and the Repatriation Hospital, and referrals from council social workers have processed approximately 500 tons of newsprint for export or sale to local paper mills.

Fifteen participants in the project have now graduated to full time employment in the community and another 15 have been able to move from institutional care to boarding house accommodation.

The programme is dependent on donations of paper and newsprint from homes and businesses and it would not be possible to operate the workshop were it not for the groups of young people from schools and churches who collect the paper on a voluntary basis at the weekends.



A game of carpet bowls at St Laurence Court, Bendigo.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Brotherhood is very much aware of its dependence on the community and in reporting back to the people of Victoria on our activities for the year, we are reporting to the thousands who, by donations of cash or clothing, time and skills, made this work possible.

During the past year almost 8,000 people supported our work by donations of money and another 50,000 donated clothing and other goods. 1,700 people contributed time and skills either in direct welfare services or in the less glamorous but equally important tasks of collecting, sorting and selling clothing and household

goods, clerical and office work, and direct fund raising. Approximately 547 were involved in welfare services such as acting as foster parents, visiting and driving for the elderly and families, youth work and maintenance jobs for the elderly.

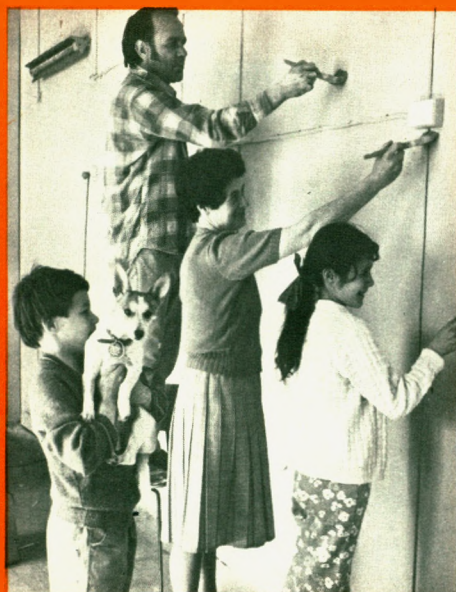
AUXILIARIES

Another 1,000 worked through our resident activities and 31 auxiliaries to raise a grand total of \$49,607 for the year and assisted the Brotherhood and other voluntary helpers in raising \$68,745 in the salvage division.

Two of the oldest groups, Harrierville and Glen Iris, regretfully closed down during the year and three new groups, Benteleigh, Lara and Glenroy were

established. The three groups operating shops, Ivanhoe, Ormond and Preston had an excellent year, and Ivanhoe's first year in operation showed a profit of over \$8,000. Waverley and Lara will join this group with shops of their own in the next financial year.

Fairs also increased their takings. The Market Fair in Melbourne Town Hall cleared \$3,785, St Laurence Park took \$3,465, and Tucker Park \$2,600.



This family group set to work with a will to paint and clean up an old art room during the holidays. The room will be used for sewing and is the beginning of our new family programme.



Seventy-four children were catered for by the Family Day Care Service in Fitzroy.

SALVAGE INDUSTRIES

This year saw a considerable increase in trading despite strong competition in all areas and heavy losses due to severe flooding at the Fitzroy depot in January. The seven Brotherhood shops in Melbourne finished the year with a profit of \$38,740 to contribute to Brotherhood funds. At Geelong it was the best year ever and the five shops showed an increase in profit of almost \$5,000 to return \$23,425. While at Bendigo last year's takings were more than doubled when a profit of \$7,072 was returned.

This increased turnover was due to a greater volume of sales and much hard work on the part of staff, both paid and voluntary. As we are unable to pass rising costs on to the consumer, the results for the year were more than satisfactory.

DECENTRALIZATION

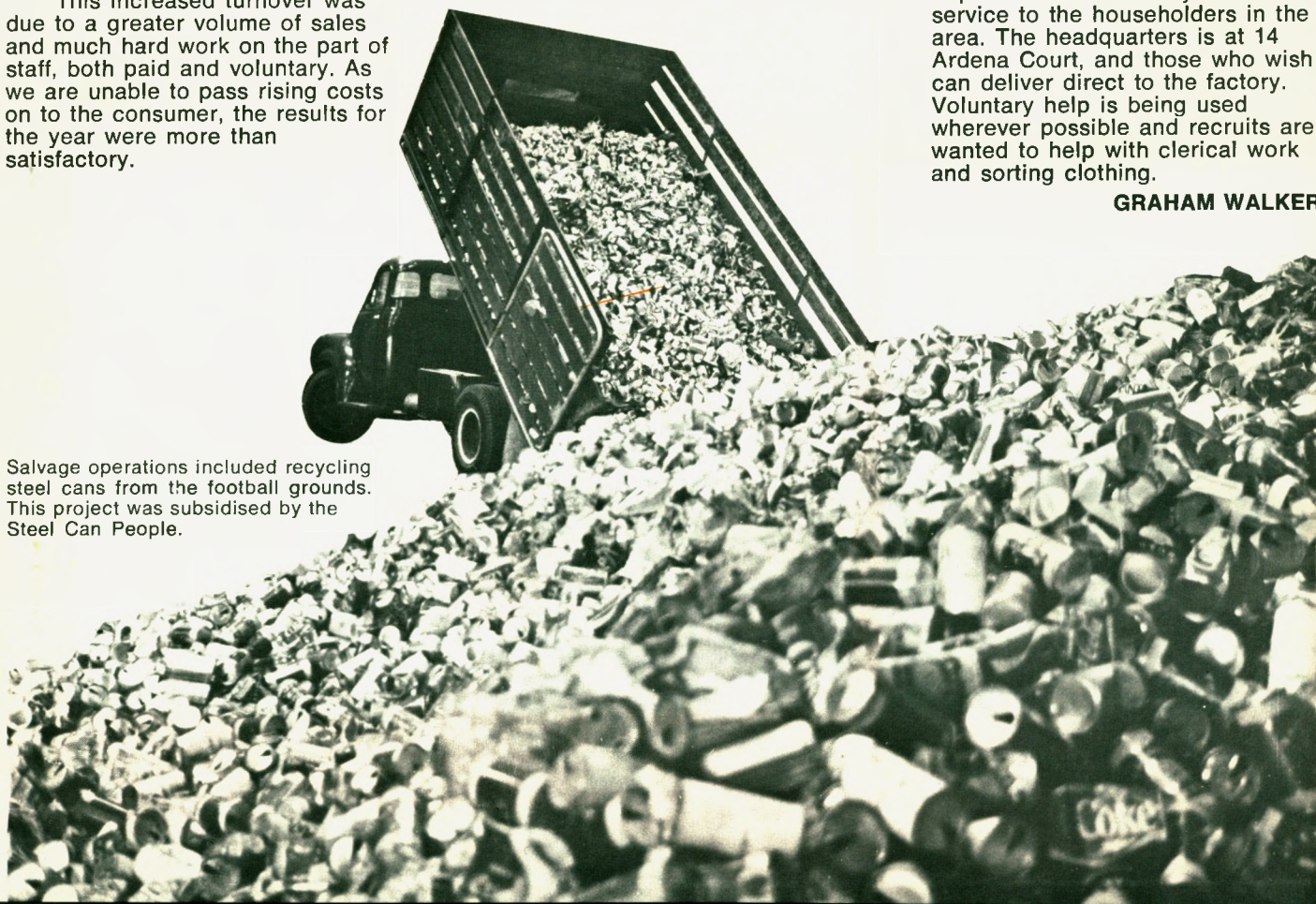
At the end of May our first regional centre was established when the Brotherhood Bazaar was opened at 520 Centre Road, Bentleigh. The Bazaar will decentralise our salvage operations by serving as a collection and selling point for donation of goods in the area. The shop itself is attractively fitted out and features a small art gallery, an extensive area for books, antiques and bric-a-brac, a modern clothing department and a separate section for furniture and household goods.

RECYCLING

Much planning and research also went into the establishment of a pilot project Home Collection Service in Bentleigh. This could lead to the establishment of a regular house-to-house collection in the entire Moorabbin Municipality of clothing, household goods, cans, paper, bottles and other waste products suitable for recycling. A positive contribution towards the conservation of natural resources and source of income for essential welfare services. Commencing with a zone of 8,500 homes, the Brotherhood will offer a dependable four-weekly collection service to the householders in the area. The headquarters is at 14 Ardena Court, and those who wish can deliver direct to the factory. Voluntary help is being used wherever possible and recruits are wanted to help with clerical work and sorting clothing.

GRAHAM WALKER

Salvage operations included recycling steel cans from the football grounds. This project was subsidised by the Steel Can People.



FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT JUNE 30, 1972

The year 1971/72 recorded a small surplus of \$97. As there was a partial closedown of services during re-building programmes, this surplus cannot be seen as setting a pattern for the year now under way. The re-establishment of services and the 'flow on' of substantial increases in costs which initiated during 1971/72, combined with the additional cost spirals anticipated in 1972/73, are expected once again to present a challenge to all concerned.

The satisfactory financial position at June 30 was largely due to the outstanding support received from the community, both by way of cash response to appeals and also through gifts to the Salvage Divisions. Salvage profits recorded

substantial increases in the country centres and maintained the results achieved last year in the metropolitan area despite sky rocketing costs of collection and processing. Cash donations at \$150,237 were nearly double those received in the previous year (\$76,033). Contributions to the Better Way Fund came to \$3,023 bringing the total since the fund started to \$28,938.

Much was contributed by the Brotherhood Auxiliaries and Residents at the various geriatric centres. Their combined efforts, including the proceeds of the three fairs, produced \$49,607, an increase on the previous year's results of \$14,299. Special mention must be made of the success achieved by the Residents at Carrum Downs. In 1970/71 a number of circumstances combined to make fund raising activities difficult and only \$335 was forthcoming. In 1971/72 due to the building up of suitable industries in the previous year and the re-introduction of the Village Fair in October 1971 they produced the amazing sum of \$8,375.

Income derived from services provided (accommodation fees, etc.) rose substantially in comparison to the previous year following the improved level of Commonwealth Government subsidisation of Nursing Home care and the expansion of the services themselves. The cost of providing these services, of course, increased even more.

This ongoing upward spiral in operating costs is not restricted to income producing services. The statement shows that the total operating costs in 1971/72, inclusive of developmental costs directly linked to the services themselves, rose to \$734,546 from the 1970/71 total of \$568,496 — an increase of \$166,050.

In addition to these costs are those linked with the development of new services and extensions to existing services. Capital development programmes during 1971/72 have included the first stage of the new Coolibah Centre and acquisition of certain property adjacent to the Head Office premises in Fitzroy for extension of services including geriatric accommodation; extensions to St Laurence Court (Bendigo); St Laurence Park, Lara; and G. K. Tucker Park at Carrum Downs. Expenditure during the year on these projects totalled \$613,669, the funds used comprising government subsidies and monies received or drawn from reserves held for these purposes.

BRUCE BUCHANAN



The new Coolibah Centre in Fitzroy provides warmth and companionship for lonely, elderly people.

GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT

Income & expenditure for the year ended June 30, 1972

1970/71	INCOME	Metro-politan	Lara	Bendigo	Combined TOTALS
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
10340	Government & Municipal Grants	10796	—	—	10796
76033	Donations	148017	2203	17	150237
87458	Legacies	34543	3114	—	37657
67620	Accommodation, Fees & Meals:				
4423	G. K. Tucker Park,				
89591	Carrum Downs	109583			
5425	Coolibah Centre	4654			
	Carinya, Box Hill	104194			
	Keble Court	5830			
		224261			
167059	St Laurence Park, Lara		42459		
28350	St Laurence Court (Bendigo)			21392	288112
3057					
1735	Proceeds of 'Residents' Activities	5775	102	660	6537
23899	AUXILIARIES				
2900	Metropolitan	29926		3294	33220
	Bendigo				
3124	PROCEEDS OF FAIRS:—				
—	Melbourne (Market Fair)	3785			
3650	Carrum Downs	2600			
	Lara		3465		9850
237	Publications Income	853			853
6294	Subscriptions 'Action'	5769			5769
74691	Investment Income	82296	3203		85499
60586	Salvage Division — Net Proceeds	38740	23425	7072	69237
—	Newsprint Division — Sales 9765				
—	Stock 2479	12244			12244
2589	Family Planning Clinic Income	1710			1710
—	Family Day Care Income	14578			14578
2816	Other Income	2736	197		2933
10126	Net Rents Received	9170	1500		10670
7500	Research Reserve Fund	—	—		—
<u>\$572444</u>	TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$627799</u>	<u>\$79668</u>	<u>\$32435</u>	<u>\$739902</u>
1970/71	SUMMARY OF WORKING ACCOUNT RESERVE FUND				1971/72
\$572444	Surplus for year ended 30th June, 1972:—				
568496	Income	739902			
\$3948	Less Expenditure	734546			\$5356
	Less Appropriations:—				
1400	Bendigo Building Fund	1794			
3650	Hume Court Building Fund	3465			\$5259
Deficit \$1102	Surplus/Deficit for year			Surplus \$ 97	
1935	General Working Account Reserve			\$ 833	
	at beginning of year.				
<u>\$833</u>	BALANCE OF RESERVE AT JUNE 30th				<u>\$ 930</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We report that we have examined the books and accounts of the Brotherhood of St Laurence for the year ended June 30, 1972, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we require. In our opinion the above General Working Account is properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the general workings of the Brotherhood of St Laurence for the year.

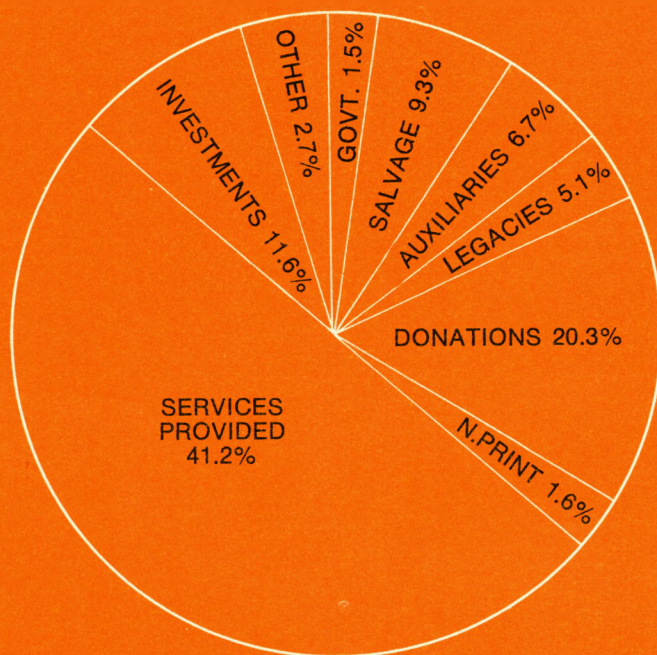
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Chartered Accountants.

Expenditure for the year ended June 30, 1972

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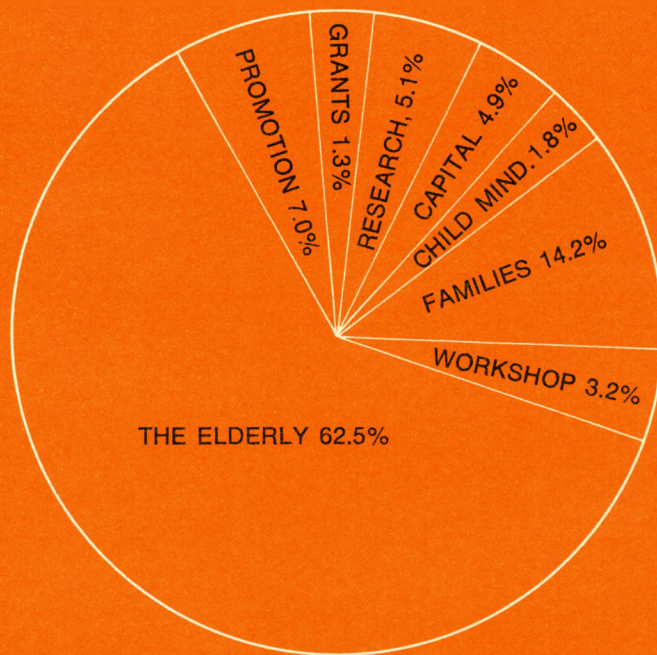
GENERAL WORKING ACCOUNT 1971/72

How the Money was Received



Received from:	\$	%
Government & Municipal Grants	10796	1.5
Salvage Divisions	69237	9.3
Auxiliaries, Fairs & Residents	49607	6.7
Legacies	37657	5.1
Donations	150237	20.3
Services Provided	304400	41.2
Investment Income	85499	11.6
Newsprint Division	12244	1.6
Other Income	20225	2.7
	<u>\$739902</u>	

How the Money was Spent



Expended on:	\$	%
Family Services including		
Children & Youth	105021	14.2
Child Minding Services	13609	1.8
The Elderly	461832	62.5
Community Education, Promotion	51496	7.0
Grants & Scholarships	9427	1.3
Research & Social Action	38094	5.1
Sheltered Workshop (Newsprint		
Division)	23858	3.2
Capital Development & Sundries	36468	4.9
	<u>\$739805</u>	

FORM of BEQUEST

I give, devise and bequeath to
the Brotherhood of St Laurence

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Legacies and bequests to the
Brotherhood are exempt from
Federal Estate Duty and State
Probate Duty. Gifts are allow-
able deductions for Income
Tax purposes.

