



FREMANTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

137th ANNUAL REPORT



AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010



OUR MISSION

The Fremantle Chamber champions policies and strategies that improve the business environment in Fremantle, enhance community prosperity and develop a sustainable mix of business and lifestyle opportunities for Fremantle's future.

We act as an advocate for the business community, a conduit for information and a promoter of Fremantle's position in the regional landscape.

OUR MEMBERSHIP

The Chamber is growing. We currently have over 500 members, ranging from major corporate organisations to the smallest micro-business with everything in between. We are the largest community organisation in Fremantle.

Members of the Chamber are typically Fremantle people who love the place, with many of them living and working here, as well as doing business.

The Chamber's membership employs over 5000 thousand people, and the business community contributes more than 50% of the annual rates collected by the City.

OUR HISTORY

Fremantle is a port city founded on commerce and trade.

The Chamber is the oldest chamber of commerce in Western Australia and the second oldest chamber in Australia.

The Chamber has been promoting prosperity in Fremantle for over 135 years.

OUR FUTURE

The Chamber's future lies in harnessing the innovation and energy of the business community as a dynamic force for positive growth and development in Fremantle.

United, we will be a powerful influence on Fremantle's future.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It has been my privilege to lead the Chamber's Board in 2009/10 and to work with our CEO and his team to improve the capability of the business community in Fremantle and its influence over relevant issues.

We have continued to overhaul the structures and processes of the Chamber to ensure that it can address the key issues. To this end, Chamber members supported amendments to the Constitution to modernise the organisation and create a more flexible and responsive structure.

This change is reflected in the creation of the Freo Trading Forum. Shortly, we will also implement our new committee structure. The new Development & Infrastructure Committee will engage the City on issues of place-making and growth, while the Business Trading Committee will focus on place-management, addressing the day-to-day issues that affect doing business in Fremantle.

The reforms undertaken by the Board have created a stronger strategic focus and a more efficient approach to directing the Chamber's limited resources towards key achievements. It has been heartening to receive so much positive feedback over the year about where the Chamber is heading.

The Chamber stands and falls as a team. I acknowledge and thank my fellow Board members, Peter Nolin and the staff, and all of those members who have served on our committees for their participation and strong commitment to improving the Chamber as the voice of Fremantle business.

I thank all the members, large and small, for their support and assistance over the past twelve months.

RAY GLICKMAN
PRESIDENT

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT



Overall this has been a year of significant achievement for the Chamber. The successful negotiation of an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City followed by the execution of the election strategy resulted in the transformation of the dynamic between the City and the Chamber. The Chamber has grown its membership, increased its influence and effectiveness, and built a positive media profile. Financial year 2008/2009 was characterised by strategy formulation, whereas FY2009/2010 was characterised by strategic execution. The structural foundations are now laid to effectively pursue the positive, pro-growth agenda of the Chamber.

As promised, the Chamber acted on a range of strategic initiatives resulting in these advantages for the business community:

- active participation in the local elections resulting in an action oriented, "can do" Council
- acted as a catalyst in the East End redevelopment resulting in the scheme amendment process
- ensured accountability for the differential rates paid by CBD businesses resulting in the Differential Rate Working Group
- held a record number of Chamber events and networking functions
- increased Chamber influence and effectiveness

In addition, we built on the historic signing of the MOU with the City to create a high level, structural relationship resulting in Chamber representation on the City's –

- Economic Development Working Group
- City Centre Strategic Sites Working Group
- Community Safety Working Group
- Cultural Development Working Group
- Differential Rate Working Group

We will utilise these opportunities to ensure that the needs of our members and those of the wider Fremantle business community are addressed by good local government policy and initiatives.

I want to thank you for supporting the Freo Chamber over the last year and look forward to working with you over the coming year as we reenergise the City as a great place to live, work and visit.

PETER A. NOLIN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

OUR BOARD MEMBERS

Scott Bailey – Vice President	<i>Rottneest Express</i>	Penny Valentine – Board Member	<i>Valentines Camera House</i>
Ra Stewart – Vice President	<i>Bright Blue C</i>	Jamie Murdoch – Board Member	<i>Fremantle Markets</i>
Barry Bird – Treasurer	<i>Homeloans Ltd, Fremantle</i>	Franco Andreone – Board Member	<i>Fremantle Ports</i>
Kelsie Johnston – Board Member	<i>Esplanade Hotel Fremantle</i>	Bruce Moriarty – Board Member	<i>Leighton Real Estate</i>
Bob Hewitt – Board Member	<i>FotoFreo</i>		

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Board has determined that the Chamber is not a reporting entity.

The Board has determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board the financial report as set out on pages 5-8:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Fremantle Chamber of Commerce (Inc.) as at 30 June 2010 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Fremantle Chamber of Commerce (Inc.) will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



RAY GLICKMAN
PRESIDENT



BARRY W. BIRD
TREASURER

Dated this 25th day of August 2010

OUR KEY CORPORATE MEMBERS



BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 JUNE 2010

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash Assets	37,260	164,916
Other Debtors	2,876	5,148
Receivables	205,994	113,202
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$246,130	\$283,266
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Fixed Assets	1,150,000	1,150,000
Freehold Land and Building - at Valuation		
Plant and Equipment	42,623	38,082
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	\$1,192,623	\$1,188,082
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,438,753	\$1,471,348
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Expenses and Other Creditors	12,517	34,631
Trade Creditors	4,427	29,365
Amount due under hire purchase contract	10,134	
Unallocated Funds-SBAS		38,294
Unearned Income	162,128	151,541
Employee Benefits	15,272	11,283
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$204,478	\$265,114
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Amount due under hire purchase contract	5,861	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$5,861	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$210,339	\$265,114
NET ASSETS	\$1,228,414	\$1,206,234
MEMBERS' FUNDS		
Reserves	756,609	756,609
Accumulated Earnings	471,805	449,625
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS	\$1,228,414	\$1,206,234

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Membership Fees	139,955	145,779
Building Rental	179,465	151,284
New Retail Security Programme		5,202
Certificates of Origin	185,625	168,224
Secretarial Services	14,874	4,031
Fremantle First		-321
Functions	25,514	7,392
Interest Received	62	96
Other Rentals	6,310	5,945
Sundry Revenue	14,657	325
	\$566,462	\$487,957
EXPENSES		
Advertising	12,755	1,856
Bad Debts	18,976	
Auditor's Remuneration	1,360	1,295
Bank Charges	4,826	2,551
Cleaning	16,915	16,771
Computer Expenses	3,780	1,716
Conferences and Seminars	2,681	1,443
Consultancy Fees	56,263	26,609
Couriers	35	
Depreciation	13,109	17,981
Donations	750	182
Electronic Sign	1,466	1,333
Electricity	12,486	9,656
Employment Expenses	220,437	190,221
Equipment Purchases	531	524
Functions	22,396	13,137
Gifts for Speakers	423	960
Insurance	17,109	13,552
Interest Paid	233	130
Internet Service Costs	1,867	3,508
Leasing Charges	14,501	11,434
Management Fees - Building	9,442	14,221
Memberships and Affiliations	3,322	2,412
Motor Vehicle Expenses	3,472	3,500
Parking Expenses	20,132	16,990
Postage	3,341	2,652
Printing & Stationery	11,994	13,178
Publications and Subscriptions	43	68
Rates & Taxes	22,952	22,345
Repairs & Maintenance	15,188	11,628
Security Costs	532	365
Staff Amenities & Welfare	611	466
Staff Training	1,907	1,341
Sundry Expenses	4,345	
Superannuation Contributions - Employees	19,223	16,590
Telephone	4,879	9,440
	\$544,282	\$430,055
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	\$22,180	\$57,902

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

NOTE 1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Constitution and the Associations Incorporation Act (WA). The Board has determined that the Chamber is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

- AASB 1031** Materiality
- AASB 110** Events Occurring After Reporting Date
- AASB 108** Accounting Policies, Changes In Accounting Estimates and Errors

No other Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Income Tax

The Chamber is an exempt body for income tax purposes in accord with S23g of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936.

(b) Fixed Assets

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, other than buildings, are depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the Chamber commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.



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FREMANTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (INC.)

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF FREMANTLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (INC.)

Scope

The special purpose financial report and Board's responsibility

The special purpose financial report comprises the balance sheet, statement of income and expenditure, accompanying notes to the financial statements and statement by members of the Board of Fremantle Chamber of Commerce (Inc) for the year ended 30th June 2010.

The Board responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act WA 1987 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. This includes the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

The special purpose financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members for the purpose of fulfilling the Board's financial reporting requirements under the Associations Incorporations Act WA 1987. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on any financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Audit Approach

We conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgment, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the financial position of the entity, and of its performance as represented by the results of its operations. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 are appropriate for the needs of the Members.

We formed our opinion of these procedures, which included:

- Examining, on a test basis information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report, and
- Assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Committee of Management

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Fremantle Chamber of Commerce (Inc) presents a true and fair view in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, of the financial position of Fremantle Chamber of Commerce (Inc), as at 30th June 2010 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.



HAROLD G SHRIGLEY & ASSOCIATES



HG Shrigley FCA (Principal)

Dated at Murdoch this 25th day of August 2010