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Dear Mr Lowe

**Re: Schedule 1 of the Workplace Relations Act 1996 (RAO Schedule)
Financial reports for year ended 30 June 2008 – FR2008/287**

I acknowledge receipt of the financial reports of the Federal Branch of the Australian Trainers' Association for the year ended 30 June 2008. The documents were lodged in the Industrial Registry on 18 November 2008.

The documents have been filed.

However, I request the following issues be remedied in future financial reports as some of these problems were also noted in the 2007 financial report.

1. Auditor's Report

Subsection 257(5) of the RAO Schedule sets out the matters on which an auditor is required to state an opinion. The auditor is required to state whether in the auditor's opinion the general purpose financial report is *presented fairly* in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and the requirements imposed by Part 3 of Chapter 8 of Schedule 1 (RAO Schedule) of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996*. The words 'true and fair view' were requirements of the previous legislation and are no longer relevant. Also the financial report is lodged under the RAO Schedule of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* rather than the *Associations Incorporation Act* therefore it is imperative the requirements of the *Workplace Relations Act 1996* are complied with.

The following wording in an auditor's report would satisfy the requirements of s257 of the RAO Schedule:

"In our opinion the general purpose financial report is presented fairly in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards and the requirements imposed by Part 3 of Chapter 8 of Schedule 1 (RAO Schedule) of the Workplace Relations Act 1996."

Another issue is it is unclear from the auditor's report whether or not the individual auditor signing off is an approved auditor. Regulation 4 of the *Workplace Relations (Registration and Accountability of Organisations) Regulations 2003* (RAO Regulations) defines the meaning of an approved auditor as:

"(a) a person who:

- (i) is a member of CPA Australia, The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia or the National Institute of Accountants; and*
- (ii) holds a current Public Practice Certificate..."*

In all likelihood your auditor is such a person however, it is a requirement this be made explicit in the signature block of the auditor's report. Please forward this request to your auditor.

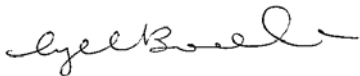
2. Operating Report – Trustee or Director of Superannuation Entity

The operating report has only considered the trustee or director of a superannuation entity issue in respect of the federal executives. It is a requirement under s254(2)(d) of the RAO Schedule that the reporting unit should also consider whether **any members** of the reporting unit is a trustee or a director of a company that is a trustee of a superannuation entity.

In future please amend the statement in the operating report to consider whether *“any officer (federal executives) or members are a trustee or a director of a company that is a trustee of a superannuation entity or an exempt public sector superannuation scheme where the criterion for the officer or member being the trustee or director is that he is an officer or member of a registered organisation”*.

If you have any matters you wish to discuss regarding this correspondence I may be contacted on (03) 8661 7989 (Wednesdays to Fridays) or by email at cynthia.lobooth@airc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



Cynthia Lo-Booth
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27 November 2008



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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed a signed set of financial statements for the Australian Trainer's Association Federal Branch for the year ended 30th June 2008. Also enclosed is the statements in respect to Section 237 relating to Statement of Loans, Grants and Donations for the Federal Branch.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Lowe'.

STEVEN LOWE
General Manager - Finance

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AUSTRALIAN TRAINERS ASSOCIATION

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CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY OR OTHER AUTHORISED OFFICER
SECTION 268 OF SCHEDULE 1B OF THE WORKPLACE RELATIONS
ACT 1996.

I, Colin Alderson, President of the Australian Trainers Association, Federal Branch, do hereby certify:

- that the documents lodge herewith are copies of the full report, referred to in s268 of the RAO Schedule; and
- that the full report, was provided to members on 3rd October 2008; and
- that the full report was presented to a meeting of the committee of management of the reporting unit on 31st October 2008; in accordance with section 266 of the RAO Schedule.


Colin Alderson

Dated, this 31st day of October, 2008

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Federal Branch

Financial Report

For The Year Ended

30th June 2008

AUSTRALIAN TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION

FEDERAL BRANCH

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**AUSTRALIAN TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION
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OPERATING REPORT

The Committee of Management submit the financial statements of Australian Trainers' Association – Federal Branch for the financial year ended 30 June 2008.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the Association during the financial year was to service the needs of the members to protect, promote and provide advice in the interests of trainers on issues affecting the horse racing industry.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

RESULTS AND REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

The profit of the association for the financial year amounted to \$236,242 (2007: \$310,913).

A review of the operations of the association during the financial year shows no significant change in the nature of these activities.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

No financial significant changes in the Association's financial state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Likely developments in the operations of the association and the expected results of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the association.

EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the association in future financial years.

MEMBERSHIP

The number of members of the Association was 1,452 (2007: 1,417).

RESIGNATION FROM MEMBERSHIP

Members have the right to resign from the association in accordance with rule of membership 7a, which reads as follows:

"A member of the Australian Trainers' Association may resign from membership by written notice addressed and delivered to the Chief Executive Officer of the Association."

EMPLOYEES

The Association employed 7 full-time employees for the financial year ended 30 June 2008.

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OPERATING REPORT

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The names of the federal executives who have held office at any time during the year are:

Colin A Alderson

Colin Webster

Robert Smerdon

Ron Leemon

Bede Murray

Leon MacDonald

David Balfour

Ross W Price

Walter N McShane

Mrs Christine D Crook

Ron E Maund

Patrick Duff

Committee members have been in office throughout the financial year unless otherwise indicated.

TRUSTEE OR DIRECTOR OF SUPERANNUATION ENTITY

No Federal Executives are trustees of a superannuation entity or an exempt public sector superannuation scheme; or a director of a company that is a trustee of a superannuation entity or an exempt public sector superannuation scheme; and where a criterion for the officer or member being the trustee or director is that the officer or member is an officer or member of a registered organisation.

INDEMNIFYING OFFICER OR AUDITOR OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association has not, during or since the financial year, in respect of any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the Association or of a related entity:

- Indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability incurred as an officer or auditor, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings; or
- Paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability incurred by an officer or auditor for the costs or expenses to defend legal proceedings.

With the exception of the following matters:

During the financial year the Association has paid premiums to insure all officers and members of the Federal Executive 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 officers of the Association, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty.

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the association or intervene in any proceedings to which the association is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the association for all or any part of those proceedings.

The association was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Signed on behalf of the Committee of Management.



COLIN A ALDERSON

President



COLIN WEBSTER

Vice President

Dated, this 1st day of October 2008

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Australian Trainers' Association – Federal Branch which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2008 and the income statement, statement of recognized income and expenditure and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the committee.

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Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Associations Incorporation Act. 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.

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 Accounting 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 committee, 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.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

(Continued)

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion:

The financial report of the Australian Trainers' Association – Federal Branch is in accordance with the Workplace Relations Act 1996 including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2008 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 Associations Incorporation Act.

C.W. Stirling & Co

CW Stirling & Co
Chartered Accountants

John A Phillips

John A Phillips
Partner

Dated this 2nd day of October 2008.

Melbourne.

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COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

On 1st of October 2008 the Committee of Management of Australian Trainers' Association passed the following resolution in relation to the general purpose financial report (GPFR) of the reporting unit for the financial year ended 30 June 2008:

The Committee of Management declares in relation to the GPFR that in its opinion:

- (a) the financial statements and notes comply with the Australian Accounting Standards;
- (b) the financial statements and notes comply with the reporting guidelines of the Industrial Registrar;
- (c) the financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the financial performance, financial position and cash flows of the reporting unit for the financial year to which they relate;
- (d) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the reporting unit will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable;
- (e) during the financial year to which the GPFR relates and since the end of that year:
 - meetings of the committee of management were held in accordance with the rules of the organisation including the rules of a branch concerned; and
 - (i) the financial affairs of the reporting unit have been managed in accordance with the rules of the organisation including the rules of a branch concerned; and
 - (ii) the financial records of the reporting unit have been kept and maintained in accordance with the RAO Schedule and the RAO Regulations; and
 - (iii) where the organisation consists of 2 or more reporting units, the financial records of the reporting unit have been kept, as far as practicable, in a consistent manner to each of the other reporting units of the organisation; and
 - (iv) the information sought in any request of a member of the reporting unit or a Registrar duly made under section 272 of the RAO Schedule has been furnished to the member or Registrar; and
 - (v) there has been compliance with any order for inspection of financial records made by the Commission under section 273 of the RAO Schedule.

Signed on behalf of the Committee of Management.



COLIN A ALDERSON

President

Dated, this 1st day of October 2008

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	1,921,790	1,732,482
Trade and other receivables	5	43,385	40,550
Other current assets	6	17,673	2,291
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1,982,848	1,775,323
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Trade and other receivables	5	618,932	1,148,984
Financial assets	7	601,610	1,610
Investment Property	8	1,041,192	1,041,192
Plant and equipment	9	156,982	200,633
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		2,418,716	2,392,419
TOTAL ASSETS		4,401,564	4,167,742
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	10	432,063	441,155
Provisions	11	73,054	61,203
Other current liabilities	13	-	1,277
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		505,117	503,635
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	11	1,639	5,541
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,639	5,541
TOTAL LIABILITIES		506,756	509,176
NET ASSETS		3,894,808	3,658,566
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Accumulated Funds		3,894,808	3,658,566
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		3,894,808	3,658,566

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
INCOME			
Administration Fees		629,837	639,898
Membership Subscriptions		137,581	137,793
Membership Levies		33,809	34,214
Racing Secretarial Services		15,649	25,256
Fees Received		61,381	55,668
Racing Industry Diary Income		86,565	85,168
Sponsorship Income		40,000	40,000
Commission Received		-	137
Debt Collection Income		1,227	542
Marketing Promotions		16,079	16,080
Rental Income		84,000	84,000
Dividend Received		239,880	152,340
	TOTAL INCOME	1,346,008	1,271,096
EXPENDITURE			
Annual Leave – Employees		35,801	27,291
Annual Leave – Officeholders		16,852	10,501
Auditor's Remuneration		19,800	14,400
Bank Charges		444	621
Cleaning		2,616	2,611
Computer Expenses		3,057	4,248
Conferences		11,186	20,454
Consultancy Fees		84,423	81,000
Courier Fees		47	9
Depreciation		44,624	41,765
Donations		550	740
Electricity		2,633	2,543
Flowers & Wreaths		375	510
Fringe Benefits Tax		19,125	17,756
General Expenses		1,752	2,152
Honorarium		2,000	2,000
Industrial Expenses		1,029	1,097

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**INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
Insurance		4,710	4,770
Legal Costs		8,960	6,344
Long Service Leave – Employees		12,123	7,989
Long Service Leave – Officeholders		5,721	2,614
Membership Expenses		227,683	164,241
Membership Levies Paid	16c	3,173	3,355
Motor Vehicle Expenses		22,133	22,543
Postage		12,777	16,884
Printing & Stationery		2,550	5,359
Race Trophies		1,486	635
Racing Industry Diary Expenses		77,790	76,147
Rent		21,000	20,650
Repairs & Maintenance		3,621	3,316
Salaries & Wages – Employees		349,590	314,738
Salaries & Wages - Officeholders		149,564	125,164
Sponsorship Expenses		264	156
Staff Amenities		1,410	901
State Branch Expenses Reimbursed	16c	339	2,369
Subscriptions		1,157	2,269
Superannuation Contributions – Employees		34,385	30,683
Superannuation Contributions – Officeholders		13,343	11,158
Telephone		15,394	15,421
Workcover Insurance		2,844	2,948
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TOTAL EXPENSES		1,218,331	1,070,352
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		127,677	200,744
OTHER INCOME			
Interest Received – Bank		108,641	90,620
Profit on Sale Non-Current Assets		-	19,549
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TOTAL OTHER INCOME		108,641	110,169
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		236,318	310,913
OTHER EXPENSES			
Loss on Sale of Non-Current Assets		76	-
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SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		236,242	310,913
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	Note	2008 \$	2007 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		1,622,353	1,371,530
General Administration Expenses & Direct Expenses		(1,534,805)	(1,343,310)
Interest received		102,809	90,620
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	18a	<u>190,357</u>	<u>118,840</u>
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(1,049)	(86,751)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>(1,049)</u>	<u>(86,751)</u>
Net increase in cash held		189,308	32,089
Cash at beginning of year		1,732,482	1,700,393
Cash at end of year	4	<u>1,921,790</u>	<u>1,732,482</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008**

	Retained Earnings
	\$
Balance at 1 July 2006	3,347,653
Surplus attributable to members	310,913
Balance at 30 June 2007	<u>3,658,566</u>
Surplus attributable to members	236,242
Balance at 30 June 2008	<u><u>3,894,808</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report covers Australian Trainers' Association – Federal Branch as an individual entity. Australian Trainers' Association – Federal Branch is an Association domiciled in Australia and registered under the Workplace Relations Act 1996.

Basis of preparation

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the ROA Schedule.

Australian Accounting Standards set our accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in a financial report containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions to which they apply. Compliance with Australian Accounting Standards ensures that the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of this financial report are presented below. They have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

a. Income Tax

No provision for income tax is made as the Association, being an organisation of employers registered under the Workplace Relations Act 1996, is exempt from income tax under Section 50-15 Item 3.1 (b) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

b. Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

Property

Land and buildings are measured on the cost basis less depreciation and impairment losses.

The carrying amount of land and buildings is reviewed annually by committee members 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.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by committee members to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows, which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to present values in determining recoverable amounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised leased assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a diminishing cost method or straight line basis over their estimated useful lives to the Association 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 assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Motor Vehicles	22.5%
Office Furniture & Equipment	1.8-30%
Computer Hardware	40%
Computer Software	40%

c. Investment Property

Investment property, comprising a retail site, is held to generate long-term rental yields. The lease is to the controlled entity, Racing Supplies Pty Ltd on an arm's length basis. Investment property is carried at fair value, determined annually by committee of management. Changes to fair value are recorded in the income statement as other income.

d. 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.

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.

Impairment

At each reporting date, the committee assess 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 impairment has arisen. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

e. Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, the association 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, 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.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the association estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

f. Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits expected to be settled within one year together with benefits arising from wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave which will be settled after one year, have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled plus related on-costs. Other employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

Contributions are made by the association to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

g. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, investments in money market instruments maturing within less than two months and net of bank overdrafts.

h. 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. Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers. All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

i. 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 Tax 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 Statement of Financial Position are shown inclusive of GST.

j. Comparatives

Where required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

NOTE 2: INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO MEMBERS OR REGISTRAR

In accordance with the requirements of the ROA Schedule, the attention of Members is drawn to the provisions of Sub-Sections (1), (2) and (3) of Section 272, which read as follows:

- “ (1) A member of a reporting unit, or a Registrar, may apply to the reporting unit for specified prescribed information in relation to the reporting unit to be made available to the person making the application.
- (2) The application must be in writing and must specify the period within which, and the manner in which, the information is to be made available. The period must not be less than 14 days after the application is given to the reporting unit.
- (3) A reporting unit must comply with an application made under subsection (1).”

NOTE 3: REMUNERATION AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS

a. Federal Executives:

The following individuals constituted the Federal Executive of the Australian Trainers' Association – Federal Branch during the financial year are:

Colin A Alderson

Colin Webster

Robert Smerdon

Ron Leemon

Bede Murray

Leon MacDonald

David Balfour

Ross W Price

Walter N McShane

Mrs Christine D Crook

Ron E Maund

Patrick Duff

Some of the Federal Executives of the Australian Trainers' Association are also directors of members companies. Members' subscriptions have been calculated in accordance with the Rules of the Association.

b. Federal Executives' Remuneration	2008	2007
Number of Federal Executives whose income from the association and related entities was within the following bands:	No.	No.
\$0	12	11
\$1 — \$10,000	1	1

c. Retirement and Superannuation Payments

No committee member has received any retirement or superannuation payment for the year ended 30 June 2008.

d. Remuneration to Chief Executive Officer:

The salary paid to the Chief Executive Officer is disclosed in the Income Statement.

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NOTE 4: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	Note	2008	2007
		\$	\$
Petty Cash Imprest		100	100
Cash at Bank		376,011	289,512
ANZ Term Deposit – 30 Day A/c		1,425,620	1,234,688
ANZ Term Deposit – Leave Provision		120,059	208,182
		1,921,790	1,732,482

NOTE 5: TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

CURRENT

Trade debtors		21,290	35,757
Amounts receivable from A.T.A. West Australia Branch		-	507
Other debtors		22,095	4,286
		43,385	40,550

NON-CURRENT

Amounts receivable from wholly-owned subsidiary:

Racing Supplies Pty Ltd	16a	600,902	1,128,738
Amounts receivable from A.T.A. South Australia Branch	16b	18,030	20,246
		618,932	1,148,984

NOTE 6: OTHER ASSETS

CURRENT

Prepayments		17,673	2,291
		17,673	2,291

NOTE 7: FINANCIAL ASSETS

Shares in controlled entity — at cost	a	600,004	4
Shares in International Companies		1,606	1,606
		601,610	1,610

a. Controlled Entities

Subsidiary: *Racing Supplies Pty Ltd*

Country of incorporation: *Australia*

Percentage owned: *100%* (2007: *100%*)

Pursuant to a resolution passed on 3rd December 2007 the issued and paid up capital of Racing Supplies Pty Ltd was increased by the issue of 600,000 \$1.00 ordinary shares.

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	2008 \$	2007 \$
NOTE 8: INVESTMENT PROPERTY		
Balance at the beginning of the year	1,041,192	1,041,192
Acquisitions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
	<u>1,041,192</u>	<u>1,041,192</u>

The value of all investment property is assessed annually by the associations management.

NOTE 9: PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Plant and Equipment

Office furniture and equipment at cost	73,406	73,357
Less accumulated depreciation	(61,895)	(58,894)
	<u>11,511</u>	<u>14,463</u>
Computer Hardware at cost	39,200	39,200
Less accumulated depreciation	(24,996)	(16,416)
	<u>14,204</u>	<u>22,784</u>
Computer Software at cost	3,420	4,760
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,945)	(2,351)
	<u>1,475</u>	<u>2,409</u>
Motor Vehicles at cost	178,864	178,864
Less accumulated depreciation	(49,072)	(17,887)
	<u>129,792</u>	<u>160,977</u>
Total Plant and Equipment	<u>156,982</u>	<u>200,633</u>

a. Movements in Carrying Amounts

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year

	Plant and Equipment \$
Balance at the beginning of the year	200,633
Additions	1,049
Disposals	(76)
Depreciation expense	(44,624)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>156,982</u>

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NOTE 10: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	Note	2008	2007
		\$	\$
CURRENT			
Trade creditors		19,929	10,198
Sundry creditors		87,910	71,966
Australian Trainers' Association – Western Australian Branch		435	-
Deferred Income		120,000	160,000
Membership Income in Advance		65,006	75,831
Audit Fees		12,500	8,800
Employee Benefits – wages/fringe benefits tax		24,476	24,844
Employee Benefits – annual leave		101,807	89,516
		432,063	441,155
NOTE 11: PROVISIONS			
CURRENT			
Employee benefits – long service leave	11a	73,054	61,203
NON-CURRENT			
Employee benefits – long service leave	11a	1,639	5,541
a. Aggregate employee benefit liability		176,500	156,260
b. Number of employees at year end		7	7
NOTE 12: EMPLOYEE BENEFITS			
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AND RELATED ON-COSTS LIABILITIES			
Included in other creditors – current (Note 10)		126,283	114,360
Provision for employee benefits – current (Note 11)		73,054	61,203
Provision for employee benefits – non-current (Note 11)		1,639	5,541
Aggregate employee benefit and related on-costs liabilities		200,976	181,104
NOTE 13: OTHER LIABILITIES			
CURRENT			
A.T.A. Industry Training Fund		-	1,277
		-	1,277

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	2008	2007
	\$	\$

NOTE 14: AUSTRALIAN TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION TRAINING FUND

A special fund was created to accept payments from members under the Training Guarantee (Administration) Act 1990. In accordance with this legislation payments by members into the Fund qualify as eligible training expenditure. Subsequent payments from the Fund relate solely to training activities and administration of the Fund consistent with the Training Guarantee legislation. Summarised below are the Fund transactions to 30th June 2008:

Balance at the beginning of the year	1,277	1,277
Less: Payments made	1,277	-
Balance at the end of the year	-	1,277

NOTE 15: EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

At the date of signing these financial report, no other matter or circumstance which has arisen since 30 June 2008 has significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- (i) The operation of the Association;
- (ii) the results of those operations; or
- (iii) the state of affairs of the Association subsequent to 30 June 2008.

NOTE 16: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

a. Loan to Racing Supplies Pty Ltd

As at the date of signing the accounts, the loan to Racing Supplies Pty Ltd is covered by a Mortgage Debenture Charge. The loan is in the nature of working capital finance.

	600,902	1,128,738
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b. Loan to Australian Trainers' Association – South Branch

The Australian Trainers Association - Federal Branch will not seek payment of the Australian Trainers' Association - South Australia Branch loan until such time they can afford to repay the loan. However, the Federal Branch has given written documentation to the South Australia Branch that the loan will not be called upon in the next twelve months. The loan is in the nature of working capital finance.

	18,030	20,246
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c. Transactions with Related Parties

Payments were paid during the year to state branches for the reimbursement of expenses in carrying out state branch activities.

South Australia Branch	2,238	2,410
West Australia Branch	935	945
Queensland Branch	-	715
New South Wales Branch - Reimbursement	339	1,654
	3,512	5,724

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NOTE 17: SEGMENT REPORTING

The branch carries on business as an Employer's Association operating predominantly in Australia.

NOTE 18: CASH FLOW INFORMATION	2008	2007
	\$	\$
a. Reconciliation of Cash Flow from Operations with Profit from Ordinary Activities after Income Tax		
Profit from ordinary activities after income tax	236,242	310,913
Non-cash flows in profit from ordinary activities		
Depreciation	44,624	41,765
Net loss on disposal of plant and equipment	76	-
Net profit on disposal of plant and equipment	-	(19,549)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease/(Increase) in current receivables	(2,836)	18,215
Decrease/(Increase) in other assets	(15,382)	9,716
Decrease/(Increase) in non-current receivables	(69,948)	(159,573)
Increase/(Decrease) in current payables	(9,091)	(93,250)
Increase/(Decrease) in current provisions	11,851	9,311
Increase/(Decrease) in other current liabilities	(1,277)	-
Increase/(Decrease) in non-current provisions	(3,902)	1,292
Cash flows from operations	190,357	118,840

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NOTE 19: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

a. Interest Rate Risk

The economic entity's exposure to interest rate risk, which is the risk that a financial instrument's value will fluctuate as a result of changes in market interest rates and the effective weighted average interest rates on those financial assets, is as follows:

	Weighted Average Floating Interest Rate				Fixed Interest Rate Maturing			
	Effective Interest Rate				Within 1 Year		1 to 5 Years	
	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007
Financial Assets	%	%	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash at bank	2.50	2.50	376,011	289,512	-	-	-	-
Deposits at call	7.20	5.08	-	-	1,545,679	1,442,870	-	-
Total Financial Assets			376,011	289,512	1,545,679	1,442,870	-	-

b. 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 of those assets, net of any provisions for doubtful debts, as disclosed in the statement of financial position and notes the financial statements.

The economic entity does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single debtor or group of debtors under financial instruments entered into by the economic entity.

c. Net Fair Values

The net fair values of listed investments have been valued at the quoted market bid price at balance date adjusted for transaction costs expected to be incurred. For other assets and other liabilities the net fair value approximates their carrying value. No financial assets and 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 statement of financial position and in the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTE 20: ACCOUNTING POLICY AMENDMENTS

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

AASB Amendment	Standard Affected	Outline of Amendment	Application Date of the Standard	Application Date for the Group
AASB 2007-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards	AASB 5: Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral AASB 102: Inventories AASB 107: Cash Flow Statements AASB 119: Employee Benefits AASB 127: Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements AASB 134: Interim Financial Reporting AASB 136: Impairment of Assets AASB 1023: General Insurance Contracts AASB 1038: Life Insurance Contracts	The disclosure requirements of AASB 114: Segment Reporting have been replaced due to the issuing of AASB 8: Segment Reporting in February 2007. These amendments will involve changes to segment reporting disclosures. However, it is anticipated there will be no direct impact on recognition and measurement criteria amounts included in the financial report, as the association does not fall within the scope of AASB 8.	1.1.2009	1.7.2009
AASB 8 Operating Segments	AASB 114: Segment Reporting	As above.	1.1.2009	1.7.2009

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AASB Amendment	Standard Affected	Outline of Amendment	Application Date of the Standard	Application Date for the Group
AASB 2007-6 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards	AASB 1: First time adoption of AIFRS AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements AASB 107: Cash Flow Statements AASB 111: Construction Contracts AASB 116: Property, Plant and Equipment AASB 138: Intangible Assets	The revised AASB 123: Borrowing Costs issued in June 2007 has removed the option to expense all borrowing costs. This amendment will require the capitalisation of all borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset. However, there will be no direct impact to the amounts included in the association as it already capitalise borrowing costs related to qualifying assets.	1.1.2009	1.7.2009
AASB 123 Borrowing Costs	AASB 123: Borrowing Costs	As Above	1.1.2009	1.7.2009
AASB 2007-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards	AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements	The Revised AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements issued in September 2007 requires the presentation of a statement of comprehensive income and makes changes to the statement of changes recognised income and expenditure.	1.1.2009	1.7.2009
AASB 101	AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements	As Above	1.1.2009	1.7.2009

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NOTE 21: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The registered office of the association is:

*Australian Trainers' Association – Federal Branch
1st Floor
400 Epsom Road
FLEMINGTON VIC 3031*

The principal place of business is:

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