



# Country Children's Services Association of NSW Inc

## Annual Report 2005

### About CCSA

#### Vision

Our partner in management

#### Mission

To support the management of high-quality early childhood education and care through information provision, training and advocacy.

#### Our values

to offer a high standard of accurate, up-to-date knowledge and information to members

respect and maintain confidentiality and privacy of all members

respect and acknowledge the needs of communities in relation to the provision of support to children's services

recognise the particular needs, skills and responsibilities of volunteer management committees

provide leadership by being progressive and innovative

maintain professional excellence and accountability at all times

value and draw strength from the diversity of our members

work with all tiers of government to ensure provision of high quality early childhood services for all children.

Underpinning the work and activities of CCSA is the recognition of the rights of the child.

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## President's message

CCSA's vision is to be 'your partner in management'. This guides your board and the secretariat in Katoomba in the decisions it takes and how it meets the needs of its broad membership.

Within this partnership, CCSA takes on different guises: advocate, trainer, advisor, guide and just about anything else you want to throw at us. As you can see from this report—a new format for a new age—the past 12 months have been busy and it reflects the significant changes in the early childhood sector which have and will continue to have a marked affect in how services are managed and supported in the coming years.

This organisation is very different from all the other early childhood players. It has a membership that is broad, not only covering all of NSW, but also the variety of services it supports and works with. Its greatest strength, however, is the team that are located within the secretariat. They are skilled, knowledgeable and prepared to support change and find new ways to support our members. CCSA's Executive Director, Judy Kynaston has again provided exceptional leadership to this highly-valued team, I am in awe of her extraordinary commitment to the organisation and the continued wellbeing of children's services.

I would also like to thank the Board. Each member brings a unique and valued perspective to our often lively meetings. Collectively, they have been prepared to think outside the square and to take the Association into new and, at times, 'uncharted' waters. To our retiring board members – Gwen



Smith and Gladys Reed, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your invaluable contribution to the Association and its continued existence.

This is my final year as President and it has been an incredible journey. This is a unique and valuable organisation, its greatest strength is its membership and its continued search for new ways to support that membership. At its heart though, are children and how you continue to meet their needs in an ever changing world and playing field.

Neville Dwyer