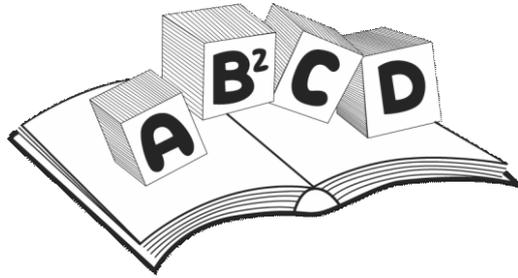


2006/7 Annual Report



Association for Brazilian
Bilingual Children's
Development Inc.

A Big Step — General Coordinator's Report

It seems only yesterday that a handful of mums gathered in our first playgroup session in Manly to give birth to a project that became the incredible institution the ABCD is today. In eight years we have achieved a lot, but our students and members have achieved more. Our children have grown with our mother-tongue, have become willing participants in a fulfilling bicultural life and, more importantly, have learnt to appreciate it. The new crop of youngsters that now follows those original students has only a positive mirror in which to see their own reflection.

Everyone who has volunteered their time, effort, expertise and/or taught with love and dedication at the ABCD in these years knows how important their contribution has been for us to arrive at this point.

This year we took the very important step of deciding to hire a casual administrator to help improve our systems, cope with governance and generally become more professional. This is a very big step for a volunteer association and one only made possible by the good financial management it has enjoyed thus far. However, for this expansion to continue beyond the initial trial period, much help will be needed to constantly raise funds so that we can maintain financial responsibility.



Festa Junina 2007

We had a very busy year also with the hiring of new teachers, the restructuring of the teaching department following the departure of the Education Coordinator late in 2006, the search for a new playgroup room, the expansion of the library and the constant liaison with different classes and decision making required of such geographically-spread volunteer organisation. We didn't achieve everything we had planned, but are well on our way to doing so.

I'd like to thank our incredible committee who although totally volunteer, embraces the ABCD as if their livelihoods depended on it—with amazing dedication and pride in everything they do.

Thanks as always to our parents and members without whom the ABCD's mission would be irrelevant, and our sponsors Information Brazil and Australis Partners, our supporters BraCCA, Print-Aid, the NSW DET Community Languages Program, the principals and staff of Forestville, Marrickville and Ramsgate Public Schools. A special acknowledgement to the Consulate General of Brazil in Sydney which constantly lands a hand and much inspiration.

I encourage everyone to get involved to ensure our future is assured and our children acquire the wonderful gift of bilingualism (in some cases more!) that only you can give. Please volunteer, the ABCD needs you. Your children will thank you forever.

Lia Timson

Education Coordinator's Report

In 2006/7 we continued to hold Portuguese classes in three locations: Forestville (Thursdays), Marrickville (Tuesdays) and Ramsgate. (Wednesday). In June we had approximately 50 students, although the numbers continue to fluctuate from term to term. Classes were taught by four teachers, with Maria Sandra de Oliveira also doing a great job as Supervising Teacher.

We again met the requirements set by the NSW Department of Education and were granted per capita and the Special Grant funding for continuation of the Workbooks project which also counts with financial help from the Brazilian Government via the Consulate General of Brazil in Sydney. Green and Yellow workbooks are now complete (Stage 1), with Stage 2 under development.



Forestville Yellow

Warringah Mall Kindergarten and its sister venture, the Macquarie Child Care Centre, Ryde continued with Portuguese classes 3 times a week. One third of the WMK population is now of Brazilian descent making the program even more necessary and relevant at this location. We were informed in June that both centres were sold to ABC Learning Centres and we look forward to continuing the bilingual work with them in the future.

M. Sandra de Oliveira and Cristina Martins

Playgroup Coordinator's Report

The Playgroup had a good year in Forestville Public School, although we spent the year using the after-school care facilities kindly offered as replacement for our room which was rendered unusable by its leaking roof. Despite numerous attempts to broker repairs with the Dept of Education, in April the ABCD Committee was forced to look for a more age-suitable location for the Playgroup. It also agreed to create a Sub-Committee to help with the coordination. The Sub-Committee was formed and first met in April 2007. It is formed by Joana Mendes (coordinator), Cristina, Graziela, Debbie, Karla and Bianca. It chose to move to the Allambie Heights Hall and to become members of the Playgroup Association NSW. The move will take place in the new financial year. Playgroup sessions have returned to 10am to 12pm by request. On our search for the new room we were introduced to the Dee Why Public School Transition to School Program, which was offered to the ABCD. This allowed us to create a new group with children from the Dee Why area, also starting in the new financial year.



Joana Mendes

Events Coordinator's Report

This year we brought much fun to our students and members. We provided the children's activities at BraCCA's annual Festa Junina even holding our first second-hand goods bazaar which was a great fund-raiser. We held our second annual stall at Ritmo Festival helping promote the good image of the ABCD. Our traditional Dia das Crianças moved back to North Sydney in October where it counted with more participants because of the more central location. The year closed with our annual spectacle which for the first time was also held in a more central location—Fort St Public School, The Rocks, in consideration of our many students living all over Sydney. The location was very well received and will be repeated in 2007. The ABCD events are a great opportunity to network and teach our children particular aspects of Brazilian culture. It is important they be relevant to you. Please take part and let us know how you'd like the events to take shape this coming year. A special thank you to Paula Wyton who again stepped in to organise the events this year with great enthusiasm and competence.



Ramsgate 2006

Lúcia Tavares-Johns

Library Coordinator's Report

We acquired 72 new items (including 22 DVDs) from Brazil in the 2006/7 financial year with funds from the grant received from the Brazilian Government via the Consulate General of Brazil in Sydney. At the January stocktake there were 1109 items, including many new pre-school age ones. We continued to receive kind donations from members and member families as well. The library circulation software Alice Jr has been constantly updated. New acquisitions were catalogued by member Graziela Procopiuk until the end of the financial year (thank you again!). We also thank member Alena Dudderidge for her assistance in the most recent online purchases. We thank the Consulate and Government staff in Brasilia for their assistance with shipment of items via the diplomatic bag which allows the ABCD to save on freight costs, utilising its funds for educational purposes instead.

Daniela Boksjó

Secretary's Report

We surpassed our 130th member in June 2007. The rate of membership renewal has increased. We gained several new families through the playgroup and classes. It was another busy year maintaining the database, posting and emailing, and helping select the new casual part-time administration who will centralise the registry next year. Please maintain your membership and email address up to date so that we can communicate effectively. Thank you for your help and support.

Graziela Bueno

Treasurer's Report

The ABCD had a fair result for 2006/2007 financial year. The total income was increased by 25 percent mostly represented by the significant amount of \$9,083 donated by the Brazilian Consulate (\$7,883) and Information Brazil (\$1,200). However, if we exclude these generous donations the relation between income and expenditure is just above the break even point at 7 percent.

ABCD Committee decided to contract an administrator once a week, Debora Stevenson, who in the next financial year will implement our finance accounts into the MYOB system. This significant change will facilitated the issue of invoices in the beginning of each term, placing us in a better position to manage any aged accounts receivables more efficiently .

In the next financial year (2007/2008), an annual budget control report will be distributed to the committee and teachers in the beginning of Term 1 2008. All expenses outside the budget are to be approved by the treasurer before they are actually incurred. Our goal is to reduce all expenses which do not generate income or a direct teaching benefit to ensure the ABCD will always enjoy a solid financial position.

We would like to thank you for your prompt payments towards all fees, charges and your kind participation in fundraising programs.

Please find in this report a summary of the Financial Reports. A full set is available for your perusal at the AGM and on request.

Monica Croll

ASSOCIATION FOR BRAZILIAN BILINGUAL CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT INC.

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2007

	2007 \$	2006 \$
SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	2,500	2,500
Unappropriated profit	18,631	8,227
TOTAL SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES	<u>21,131</u>	<u>10,727</u>
Represented by:		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	14,059	7,598
Term Deposit	-	2,080
Term Deposit CBA	5,079	-
Other Debtors	1,533	210
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>20,671</u>	<u>9,888</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Fixed Assets		
Formation Expenses	-	125
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-	(100)
	-	25
Office Equipment	3,368	2,500
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,334)	(1,106)
	2,034	1,394
Total Fixed Assets	<u>2,034</u>	<u>1,419</u>
TOTAL NON CURRENT ASSETS	<u>2,034</u>	<u>1,419</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>22,705</u>	<u>11,307</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	1,299	210
Deposits Held	275	370
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>1,574</u>	<u>580</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,574</u>	<u>580</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>21,131</u>	<u>10,727</u>

ASSOCIATION FOR BRAZILIAN BILINGUAL CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT INC.

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007

	2007 \$	2006 \$
INCOME		
Term Fees	19,263	17,611
Events	424	440
Membership fees	1,022	1,460
Playgroup Income	623	624
Interest Received	303	100
Government Grant	4,980	6,320
	<u>26,615</u>	<u>26,555</u>
OTHER INCOME		
Advertising Income	180	100
Donations Received	9,083	1,840
Other Income	505	620
	<u>9,768</u>	<u>2,560</u>
	<u>36,383</u>	<u>29,115</u>
EXPENSES		
Accountancy Fees	550	440
Administration Costs	1,256	-
Amortisation	25	100
Bank Charges	3	19
Classroom Expenses	2,663	1,909
Government Grant Expenses	3,565	6,724
Contract Work	14,012	12,760
Depreciation	228	246
Event Expenses	1,293	564
Insurance	810	740
Library Expenses	292	638
Printing & Stationary	583	1,254
Rent	600	-
Website Expenses	99	140
	<u>25,979</u>	<u>25,534</u>
Profit before income tax	<u>10,404</u>	<u>3,581</u>

A full set of financial reports, as well as the auditor's report and a breakdown of expenses relating to Government Grant are available for perusal at the AGM and via the Treasurer on request.

Association Particulars

2006/7 Committee

Management Committee:

General Coordinator: Lia Timson
Secretary: Graziela Bueno
Treasurer: Monica Croll
Playgroup Coordinator: Joana Mendes
Events Coordinator: Lucia Tavares-Johns

Non-Executive Positions:

Education Coordinator: Vacant (Supervising Teacher M Sandra de Oliveira)
Kindy Coordinator: Cristina Martins
Library Coordinator: Daniela Boksjö
PR/Communications Coordinator: Paula Wyton
Classroom Mums: Eliana Ferreira-Basioli (Marrickville)
Lia Timson (Forestville)
Vacant— Ramsgate

Teacher's Representatives: Monica Carvalho
Maria Sandra de Oliveira

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