



Annual Report

2020-2021

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Introduction

The Association of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies NT Incorporated is the peak body for Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) in the Northern Territory.

As an independent, membership-driven, not-for-profit association, we work with our members to support and strengthen AOD service delivery for people who experience harmful substance use in the NT.

Our mission is to build and maintain a strong, sustainable and culturally diverse AOD sector that works together to reduce alcohol and other drug related harm across the Northern Territory.

AADANT acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the Land on which we live, work and walk.

Staff Members

Executive Officer	Peter Burnheim
Coordination and Communications Manager	Katie Flynn
Youth Policy Advisor	Britt Guy
Finance & Administration Officer	Carli Finch

Board Members

Chairperson

Jillian Smith, CEO CAAPS

Vice Chairperson

Pauline Reynolds, CEO BRADAAG (to September 2021)

Treasurer

Carole Taylor, CEO DASA

Secretary

Vacant

Public Officer

Stephen Versteegh, EO FORWAARD

Committee Member

Luke Nox, Counsellor/Educator, Amity Community Services Inc

Committee Member

Casey Bishop, Program Manager, Kalano Community Association Aboriginal Corporation (to November 2020)

Committee Member

Mark Gasparis, Chief Operating Officer, Kalano Community Association Aboriginal Corporation

Committee Member

Will MacGregor, CEO Bushmob (to November 2020)

Kerri Diamond, CEO Bushmob

Committee Member

Sueanne Johns, Area Manager Mission Australia (to September 2021)

Board's Report

Throughout this extraordinary year of continuous change, under the leadership of Executive Officer Peter Burnheim, AADANT's position representing the collective voice for the drug and alcohol sector in the Northern Territory has been strong and the persistent. This was evident in the consistent advocacy to turn around the bid to establish Dan Murphy's in Darwin, and the quality of the evidence of present and future harm presented to the Gilbert Review during their enquiry into the process of consultation (or lack thereof). As a result of collective efforts from stakeholders, the Woolworth's Board reversed their position and withdrew.

Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19 AADANT has continued to deliver on the strategic aim of developing *Leadership and Networks* through a high level of consultation with members services and stakeholders, and by delivering a very successful symposium in November 2020 that engaged researchers, policy makers, service providers, and government who work across the sector. The team at AADANT continue to develop relationships with influencers, peaks and allied services at a Territory and National level.

We had some movement in the Board since our last AGM and would like to give our sincere thanks to Pauline Lewis Vice Chairperson who has contributed so much during her time at AADANT, Will McGregor who has handed over the reins at BushMob, and Sueanne Johns who has also stepped down this year. We welcome new members Mark Gasparis and Kerri Diamond to the Board and look forward to their contributions during 2021-2022.

Board comments from the Barkly, Central and Katherine regions

Pauline Lewis- Retiring Vice Chairperson

Former CEO BRADAAG Aboriginal Corporation- Tennant Creek

AADANT have been a fantastic support and resource during my 7 years as a CEO in the NT. Being on the Board has enabled me to network and collaborate with other organisations. It has been a valuable experience. Thank you everyone

Kerri Diamond

CEO BushMob Aboriginal Corporation- Alice Springs

As well as keeping a finger on the pulse of AOD issues across the Northern Territory and ensuring information reaches all of us, AADANT also provides support to our organisation by conducting workshops and facilitating training in Alice Springs. Being a long way from the main NT hub we are often overlooked by some services, so regular contact from AADANT staff is appreciated. A valuable and important service is provided by this organisation.

Mark Gasparis

CEO Kalano Aboriginal Corporation- Katherine

It was with great pleasure that I was accepted in to the AADANT board and contribute some Katherine community views and feedback to the already great work of the organisation. AADANT has allowed us to keep up with sector updates, partners progress, challenges and views and has allowed us to contribute to vision for the future.

The support services and education pieces that have been made available throughout my time have grown on the back of planning and great communication which has flowed on with impact for our Katherine teams and communities.

Looking forward to what the future brings for our services in continuous quality improvements throughout the sector for Katherine and the NT.

Sueanne Johns- Mission Australia NT

As I tender my resignation from the AADANT Board to commence a new role in Mental Health, I reflect on the work of AADANT as such a vital peak body and I look forward to seeing future initiatives and developments, as we know Mental Health and AOD go hand in hand, so hopefully I will get to work with some of you in the future.

We the AADANT Board extend our thanks our Executive Officer Peter Burnheim, and our capable Coordination and Communications Manager Katie Flynn who stepped up to support the team and stakeholders during the EO's brief leave of absence this year. Thank you to Britt Guy who remained focussed on developing youth networking and training opportunities for the AOD Youth Sector. Over the past year Carlie Finch our very capable Administrative Officer has provided exceptional support with all activities including an office relocation with grace and a generous spirit, We couldn't have done it without you.

AADANT Board has a commitment to skills diversity. We are particularly interested in expanding our membership to include Directors who have Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage. While we value our current membership, we regularly review our Board skills profile. This process identified opportunity for professionals with a legal or finance background to join in our governance activities. We encourage people who have an interest in adding support to the governance of the AOD sector peak body to contact us for more information.

Jill Smith
Chairperson

Treasurer's Report

This will be my last report as Treasurer of AADANT as I will be retiring from the workforce in the new year. I have enjoyed my time on the AADANT Board and have had the privilege of being the Treasurer for the past 6 years.

During my time as Treasurer, I have observed a great deal of change in the organisation and have been happy to watch it grow. AADANT is now a vibrant peak body undertaking a wide range of activities to provide the membership with valuable service.

The numerous training opportunities, communication and advocacy work provides the leaders and staff of our respective organisations invaluable support in many of our undertakings.

Being treasurer of AADANT has been a pleasure as our Executive Officer, Peter Burnheim, and his team manage the finances and audit processes with efficiency and professionalism.

I am glad to be leaving the role with AADANT in a very sound financial position and clearly able to cover its debts. The budget has grown in recent years, but this has not reduced the amount of scrutiny applied to the expenditure of that budget.

I would like to sincerely thank Peter and the rest of the staff for the work they do and the support they offer the sector and the Board. I would also like to thank the Board itself for their work and the strong Governance they demonstrate.

Lastly, I would like to thank our AADANT Chairperson, Jill Smith, for the hard work and considered style she brings to the role on the AADANT Board.

I have no doubt that under its current team, AADANT will go from strength-to-strength and do very well for the sector it serves.

I am very happy to move that the financial report be accepted.

Carole Taylor
Treasurer

Executive Officer's Report

Over the past financial year, AADANT has continued to focus on being a strong advocating voice and driver of sector development for drug and alcohol services in the Northern Territory. The advent of the Covid pandemic has seen significant adjustment to how we live and work over the last two years and I believe AADANT has done well to adapt enabling the continuation of our work with the sector.

Work has continued to broaden and strengthen our connections with a vast array of organisations and individuals working to improve the lives of people who use alcohol and other drugs. The AADANT Symposiums, held in November 2020, provided a great opportunity for workers from across the AOD sector to connect with, and learn from, our colleagues in interconnected sectors. We continue to focus on cross-sector connections to ensure our agencies, our staff and our clients are best able to find and engage the support they need to maximise the effectiveness of our work. We continue to work with other peak bodies across the social services, Aboriginal medical services, housing and homelessness, mental health and disability sectors to sustainably embed these connections.

In the advocacy space, AADANT has been active in releasing media and commentary on sector-relevant issues, and through direct engagement with key decision-makers to ensure our member's voices and views are clearly articulated and heard. The drug and alcohol sector is a challenging space to work in and it is vital that AADANT provides a strong voice to advocate for the support our members need to provide the best service possible to our clients.

Over the year we have driven an agenda focused on supporting our agencies in the areas of workforce and program development. The AADANT conference had a theme of Diversify and Adapt with an aim to present the sector with opportunities to review and develop their service offerings in line with the needs of the Territory population. The inclusion in the conference program of the inaugural NT AOD Awards saw several individuals and agencies deservedly recognised for the incredible work they do to better the lives of people who use drugs and alcohol.

In the workforce training space, AADANT undertook to identify funding and promote training opportunities for the sector. Following engagement with several government departments, training industry bodies and registered training organisations, we now have a well-established pathway for accessing funded positions in the Certificate IV in Alcohol and other Drugs. AADANT was also pleased to be able to deliver a Training Mentors Program that brought staff from across a wide range of member agencies together to upskill for providing support to colleagues who are undergoing training. This program is aimed at increasing the capacity of staff within the sector to enhance training outcomes and improve staff retention. A special thanks to Star Colleges Australia for collaborating with AADANT on the delivery of this valuable program.

Through our ongoing youth project, AADANT has been instrumental in driving development of the connections between the Youth and AOD sectors. Our work in this space is helping to ensure frontline youth services are better equipped to respond to the needs of young people who use alcohol and other drugs. The intersectional development and collaboration that has been driven through this project has proved invaluable in driving change in this space.

I would like to acknowledge the work of my staff who are the instrumental drivers of the vast array of work delivered by AADANT over the year. Katie Flynn, Coordination and Communication Manager has once again worked tirelessly to deliver professional, high-quality events and training opportunities. Britt Guy, Youth AOD Policy Officer, has been invaluable in delivering significant advancement for the youth AOD space. Carli Finch, Finance and Administration Officer, has been flawless in her work to keep AADANT on track and flourishing operationally. In a year of upheaval where we have changed several our key service partners as well as our physical office location, the staff have been imperturbable in maintaining delivery of our services.

I'd like to acknowledge the Board for their continued support of AADANT. A special thanks to outgoing board members Will McGregor, Sue-Anne Johns and Pauline Lewis for your time and work on the board and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Finally, AADANT's work would not be possible without the ongoing support of our funding bodies and I'd like to thank the Northern Territory Department of Health, Northern Territory PHN and the Commonwealth Department of Health for their ongoing support. I'd additionally acknowledge and thank the NT Government for provision of funding to outfit our member meeting space through provision of fund from the Community Benefit Fund.

I am looking forward to the year ahead where our team at AADANT are working hard to ensure we can build on the gains made over the last year and do our best to support the ongoing development of the NT AOD Sector.

Peter Burnheim
Executive Officer

Coordination and Communications Manager Report

This past financial year has been one of growth and promise for AADANT. As last year was filled with discussions and negotiations with the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade regarding the provision of funded training for the certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD), we shifted focus to find local providers this year.

Through our focus with workforce development and capacity building support, AADANT was able to deliver two symposiums in November (Darwin and Alice Springs). These symposiums brought the community services sector to the AOD sector a showcased their work, how our member services can refer and utilise them and worked on building relationships with related sectors. AADANT launched the first edition of the Acronym and Abbreviation List at the symposiums which continues to be added to and updated. These well-attended and sold-out forums helped AADANT understand where the sector may need more support and informed our work on the 2021 conference moving forward.

After cancelling the 2020 conference, AADANT was pleased to run the 2021 AADANT Conference Diversify and Adapt at the Darwin Convention Centre. This was our biggest conference yet with 140 total attendees and two keynotes (Dr. Nicole Lee of 360Edge on day one and Judy Atkinson of We Al-li and Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann of the Miriam Rose Foundation on day two.) The theme focused on adjusting to changes in funding, adapting to the needs of clients and understanding how to recognise and make changes within your programs.

AADANT also held their first NT AOD Sector awards night which was also a sold-out event and included awards to seven members of the AOD sector.

While we continued to provide opportunities for the sector to connect through sector networking meetings and events, we also continued our advocacy for continued professional development and sustainable VET training. Forging relationships with RTOs and existing providers is a key part of AADANT's goal to improve professional development of the NT AOD sector which will help with recruitment and retention processes.

I continue to be the AADANT representative on the Peaks Capacity Building Network (PCBN) discussing AOD sector issues on a national scale with the rest of the National Peaks Network. This group provides guidance, advice and information that is an invaluable part of my work. This group gives AADANT a small part of the national voice which is imperative to ongoing funding not just for AADANT, but for the entire NT AOD sector.

I would like to acknowledge all AADANT members who have been tireless advocates for their own professional development and training; without your drive to improve AADANT would not have the appropriate guidance while advocating on your behalf.

I would also like to acknowledge the staff who attend our sector networking meetings regularly and provide input to surveys, through agency visits, feedback requests and attend our consultations. All the work we do centres around the information we are given, and we thank you sincerely for taking the time to guide our work.

As we move into another year living with the effects of COVID-19, I would like to acknowledge all of the agencies we represent and work with who made the choice early to pivot and adjust their programs to make way for public health safety. Our sector is an integral part of the health system and is often overlooked for the role it plays in keeping residents safe. I would like to congratulate the NT AOD Sector for recognising how important public health messaging is and implementing safety measures in their agencies with haste. I have seen such great collaboration through this last year and am excited to see what this next year brings.

I would like to thank Peter Burnheim for his work and tireless advocacy. He put his trust in me when he started his role and it hasn't wavered. Planning, organising and executing large events is a tall task and it has been made easier by Peter's willingness to let me run with my ideas. Thank you to the AADANT board for their continued support of my work.

Thank you also goes to Britt Guy who is a tireless advocate for young people and their place within the NT AOD Sector. Britt is a great colleague and supporter of my work at AADANT and continues to find solutions to problems with ease.

Lastly, but most importantly, a thank you to Carli Finch who has taken on a second role with AADANT and made it look easy. Carli is a fantastic organiser, planner and morale booster and is the steady calming presence the office needs at times.

Sincerely,

Katie Flynn
Coordination and Communications Manager

Youth Policy Advisor Report

The Association of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies NT (AADANT) undertook the Alcohol and Other Drugs Youth Project 2020 in response to a lack of involvement of young people and youth services during the planning, development and evaluation of AOD projects. The Youth AOD Services Review by AADANT in 2017 highlights the need for appropriate care for young people in the NT.

Funded by Northern Territory Health Department, the Association of Alcohol and other Drugs Agencies Northern Territory (AADANT) was asked to undertake a project investigating best practice in the provision of support services to young people who use alcohol and other drugs (AOD).

Key deliverables of the project were:

- Provision of workforce development activities through regional forums.
- Creation of guidance material for application across AOD youth services.
- Network development between the AOD sector and the broader youth sector.

With the emergence of Covid-19 across the period of delivery for the project, there was a need to redesign the project to be responsive to supporting the needs of the sector while also achieving the above deliverables.

The project was initiated in December 2019 with a project coordinator brought on to engage with AOD Youth Services across the NT, to develop an understanding of these services and to begin forum consultation.

In March 2020, with the escalation of the COVID-19 situation the Youth Project Officer role refocused to:

- Support, monitor and respond to emergent issues for young people who use drugs and alcohol in the context of the changing social and health environment resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Host fortnightly engagement meetings via Zoom for services working with young people who use AOD. These meetings provide an opportunity for a collaborative response to resource sharing and creation and provide a space to explore best practice models for services working under crisis circumstances.
- Support the sector by coordinating the sharing of online resources and information amongst agencies and produce a website of existing resources that can be utilised in

the ongoing development of a toolkit for agencies working with young people.

The project was led by AADANT but designed and delivered in collaboration with the members from the Youth and AOD sectors through the fortnightly meetings and through identified advisory groups.

Outcomes delivered within the project

- An online resource for AOD and allied workers engaging with young people providing service delivery and professional development resources.
- An AOD Youth Services Directory and Handbook for all youth services, schools, and community organisations to access that provides guidance for responding to AOD use by young people and offering diverse service provision options by region.
- Fortnightly and then monthly online sector meetings to facilitate discussions about sector concerns, gaps, and experiences.
- Creation and delivery of two short films in partnership with remote Indigenous Youth Services – Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara Women's Council (NPY Women's Council) and Thamarrurr Youth Indigenous Corporation. These films were created to enhance engagement with remote Indigenous youth and elders, ensure their voices were represented in the delivery of youth forums and provide first-hand their opinions about youth AOD service delivery to attendees at the conference.
 - o NPY Women's Council
 - o Thamarrurr Youth Indigenous Corporation
- A program of forums delivered in Tennant Creek, Alice Springs, Katherine, and Darwin in November focused on building treatment networks in regions, providing specific professional development and launching AADANT's AOD Youth Services Directory and Handbook. These forums were delivered in partnership with the AOD Youth sector and allied youth services.
- A report to NTG Health Department was presented in March 2021 on NT AOD Youth Services including an overview of services, best practice models, gaps and emerging opportunities and concerns.

The project has continued to be funded by the PHN and is focused on delivering the following in the next financial year:

- Bi-monthly Youth AOD network meetings.
- Maintain the Youth AOD Handbook and Directory and integrate with other directory and information platforms.

- A suite of online youth AOD modules in partnership with NT and national specialist, specifically for the needs of the NT Youth AOD sector and the existing NT systems.
- Ongoing work at a regional level to build and support the growth of partnerships between the AOD sector and regional and remote youth and allied services to create unique networks for AOD education, early intervention, diversion and where required aftercare of individual clients.
- Facilitate and support AOD services to establish regional service maps in line with Local Decision Making Policy and Regional Youth Networks.
- Produce yearly Youth AOD on the ground professional development training with specialist trainers in Darwin, Palmerston, Nhulunbuy, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Alice Springs, as well as bespoke training in Maningrida, Wadeye, Jabiru, Galiwinku, Nguiu and other remote sites as required.

Sincerely

Britt Guy

Youth Policy Advisor

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ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG AGENCIES NT INCORPORATED
ABN 40 193 604 504

BOARD'S REPORT

The Board of Directors submit the financial report of the Association of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies NT Incorporated ("the Association") for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

BOARD MEMBERS

The names of the Board of Directors during the financial year and at the date of this report were:

Name	Position
Jillian Smith	Chairperson
Pauline Lewis	Deputy Chairperson
Carole Taylor	Treasurer
Stephen Versteegh	Public Officer
Luke Nox	Board member
Kerri Diamond	Board member
Mark Gasparis	Board member
Sueanne Johns	Board member

Objects and Purposes

The key purposes of the Association are as follows:

To serve as a Peak Body for the Non-Government Alcohol and Other Drugs Sector in the Northern Territory through:

- a) Advocacy and representation of sector perspectives on policy and other issues as they relate to substance use;
- b) Fostering education and exchange of information to promote sector capacity building, reduce harm and increase public awareness;
- c) Provision of a forum for mutual support for organisations and individuals working in the field of drug and alcohol dependence;
- d) Raising funds from the activities of the Association, from public appeal, donations, subscriptions, grants or other lawful means, which funds will be applied to the purposes in (a) to (c) above.

There were no significant changes in the nature of the activities of the Association during the year.

Operating Result

The profit/(loss) from operations of the Association for the year amounted to \$70,518 (2020: (\$2,499) loss).

Environmental Regulation

The Association's operations are not subject to any significant environmental regulations under either Commonwealth or State legislation. However, the Directors believe that the Association has adequate systems in place for the management of its environmental requirements and is not aware of any breach of those environmental requirements as they apply to the Association.

Events Subsequent to Reporting Date

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any matter or circumstance that has 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.

Board's Independence Declaration

At no time during the financial year ended 30 June 2021 was an officer of the Association the auditor, a partner in the audit firm, or a director of the audit company that undertook the audit of the Association for that financial year.

The lead auditor's Independence declaration form part of the Board report for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Operating Report:

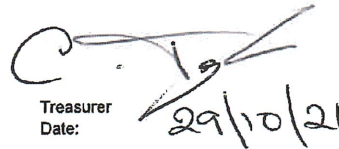
In our opinion:-

- a) The accompanying Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income is drawn up so as to present fairly the results of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2021;
- b) The accompanying Statement of Financial Position is drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs of the Association as at the end of that financial year; and
- c) The Association is able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board



Chairperson **Jill Smith**
Date: 28/10/2021



Treasurer
Date: 29/10/21

ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG AGENCIES NT INCORPORATED
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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
Revenue			
Grants	2A	694,333	521,498
Interest	2B	354	3,048
Other income	2C	90,430	17,269
Total Revenue		785,117	541,815
Expenses			
Depreciation	3A	9	833
Employee expense	3B	332,333	269,853
Other expenses	3C	382,257	273,628
Total Expenses		714,599	544,314
Profit/(loss) from operations		70,518	(2,499)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total profit/(loss) and other comprehensive income for the year		70,518	(2,499)

ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG AGENCIES NT INCORPORATED
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	347,597	456,379
Accounts receivable and other debtors	5	1,800	8,824
Other current assets	6	3,000	45,612
Total current assets		352,397	510,815
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	0	9
Deposits	8	6,650	4,650
Total non-current assets		6,650	4,659
Total Assets		359,047	515,474
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and other payables	9	40,480	21,799
Grant liabilities	10	132,010	384,701
Employee provisions	11	23,509	16,444
Total Current Liabilities		195,999	422,944
Total Liabilities		195,999	422,944
Net Assets		163,048	92,530
Total Members Funds		163,048	92,530

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Contributed Funds	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
	\$	\$	\$
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Balance as at 1 July 2019	15,000	80,029	95,029
Loss for the year		-2,499	-2,499
Closing Balance at 30 June 2020	15,000	77,530	92,530
 Balance as at 1 July 2020	 15,000	 77,530	 92,530
Profit for the year		70,518	70,518
Closing Balance at 30 June 2021	15,000	148,048	163,048

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Association of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies NT Incorporated

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the Association of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies NT Incorporated (the "Association") which comprises the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2021, the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of changes in members funds, the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, the notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies and the Board's report.

In our opinion, the financial report of the Association has been prepared in accordance with the *Northern Territory of Australia Associations Act 2003* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (the Acts), including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year then ended;
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Northern Territory of Australia Associations Act 2003* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulations 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Association to meet the reporting requirements of the Acts. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Responsibilities of Management and Board Members for the Financial Report

Management of the Association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards, the Acts and for such internal controls as management determine are necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operation, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Board Members are responsible for overseeing the Associations financial reporting process.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Association of Alcohol and Other Drug Agencies NT Incorporated

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report (continued)

Emphasis on Matter

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to the following matter:

Dependency on Government Funding

The Association relies on funding from the government. The financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis on the expectation that government funding will continue. Without such sources of revenue there is significant uncertainty whether the Association will be able to continue as a going concern and therefore whether it will realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities in the normal course of business and at the amounts stated in the financial report.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf.

This description forms part of our audit report.

LOWRYS ACCOUNTANTS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin James", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Colin James, FCA
Registered Company Auditor

Darwin
Date: 26 October 2021

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