



# Annual Report

## 2021-2022

## **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.

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## **Staff Members**

Executive Officer

Peter Burnheim

Coordination and Communications Manager

Katie Flynn

Youth Policy Advisor (to June 2022)

Britt Guy

Finance & Administration Officer

Carli Finch



## **Board Members**

### **Chairperson**

Jillian Smith, CEO, CAAPS

### **Vice Chairperson**

Pauline Reynolds, CEO, BRADAAG (to September 2021)

James Smith, Deputy Dean, Rural and Remote Health NT Flinders University

### **Treasurer**

Carole Taylor, CEO, DASA (to February 2022)

Mark Gasparis, COO, Kalano Community Association Aboriginal Corporation

### **Secretary**

Amanda Davies, Senior Consultant, 360 Edge

### **Public Officer**

Stephen Versteegh, EO, FORWAARD

### **Committee Member**

Luke Nox, Counsellor/Educator, Amity Community Services Inc

### **Committee Member**

Mark Gasparis, COO, Kalano Community Association Aboriginal Corporation (to February 2022)

### **Committee Member**

Kerri Diamond, CEO, Bushmob

### **Committee Member**

Eloise Page, CEO, DASA

## Board's Report

*Jill Smith Chairperson and CEO of CAAPS Aboriginal Corporation*

On behalf of AADANT Board we must congratulate the small team at AADANT under the leadership of EO Peter Burnheim. Despite a reduction in the number of staff due to available resourcing, through their dedication AADANT's position representing the collective voice for the drug and alcohol sector in the Northern Territory has remained strong and the persistent. This is evidenced by the firm relationships forged through the advocacy around genuine consultation at the end of Stronger Futures and the collaboration across other NT based peaks including AMSANT and NTCOSS. The team at AADANT continue to develop relationships with influencers, AOD peaks and allied services at a Territory and National level.

In the face of the ongoing challenges presented by COVID-19 AADANT has continued to deliver on the strategic aim of developing *Leadership and Networks* through consultation with members services and stakeholders, and delivering a very successful Forum an Awards Night, regular AADANT Members council meetings, and online delivery of the AADANT Seminar series to provide free access to online recordings of the majority of the training and forum presentations.

With respect to movement on our Board since our last AGM, we would firstly like to give our sincere thanks to Carole Taylor who retired from the Treasurer's role and thank Mark Gasparis for stepping in and drafting the Treasurers Report for this year. We also welcomed new members Dr Amanda Davies from 360 Edge as Board Secretary, Professor James Smith Flinders University as Vice Chairperson, and Eloise Page CEO of DASA as a new Board Member. Here as some comments from our Board.

***Professor James Smith – Deputy Chairperson AADANT-Dean Rural and Remote Health NT & Matthew Flinders Professor (Health & Social Equity), Flinders University - Darwin***

*It has been a pleasure to represent AADANT as the Deputy Chair. AADANT plays a pivotal role in ensuring that a contemporary evidence-base is being used to support advocacy, service delivery, research and evaluation, education and training, and professional development activities in the alcohol and other drugs sector across the NT. I appreciate the opportunity to be involved in the governance of such a vibrant and important organisation in the NT.*

***Dr Amanda Davies – AADANT Board Secretary***

*As part of my ongoing engagement with AADANT I have recently been appointed to the executive of the AADANT Board. So apart from dusting off my secretarial skills it has been a pleasure to have an ongoing role in the governance of AADANT. The breadth and depth of the role of AADANT as an advocate for the alcohol and other drug service sector in the Northern Territory is significant and I value being able to participate in this work with experienced and passionate colleagues.*



**Stephen Versteegh**

**AADANT Public Officer. EO FORWAARD Aboriginal Corporation**

*Once again, it has been a pleasure to be associated with the dedicated Directors and Staff of AADANT. I am very proud to be a member of a collective that has profoundly contributed to the advancement of the alcohol and other drugs treatment sector within the Northern Territory. The service provided by AADANT is essential for the sector's continuous improvement, and I look forward to witnessing all the developments throughout 2023.*

**Eloise Page – Chief Executive Officer, Drug & Alcohol Services Australia (DASA) – Alice Springs**

*This has been my first term on the AADANT Board, and I have joined a collective of people with a vast knowledge base and commitment to supporting, developing and advocating for the AOD sector and those who receive the services. The tireless advocacy and sector engagement of our Executive Officer, Peter Burnheim has been admirable, and I am proud to be part of the governance structure that supports this vital work.*

**Kerri Diamond, Chief Executive Officer, BushMob Aboriginal Corporation**

*My time on the AADANT Board has provided a stream of valued information for the organisation I represent. The AOD youth sector is not in the forefront of advocacy or resources, and I appreciate being able to rely on AADANT and my fellow Board members for support and counsel around governance, networks and current activities.*

As a Board we value our remarkable team, currently consisting of Peter, Katie and Carli, and look forward to another successful year assisting them as a governance body to do their jobs well. We welcome Jordan Mack who will cover Katie's upcoming parental leave and farewell Britt Guy our dedicated Youth Coordinator. It should be noted there are limitations to the depth and breadth of work three people can deliver and as a Board we will continue to lobby all levels of government for the appropriate level of resourcing moving forward. This is essential in our particular jurisdiction with issues related to substance use being higher than other states and territories per capita. Unless there is acknowledgement that output for the peak is directly related to head count, our team will continue to struggle to keep up with the demand for support. AADANT requires a reasonable adjustment to the funding on offer to provide the level support and guidance that our dedicated stakeholders across the NT AOD sector deserve.

Jill Smith  
Chairperson

## **Treasurer's Report**

This is now my second year on the AADANT Board of Management, and I am proud to have been elected as the Treasurer for the 2021-22 financial year.

The past financial year has seen many changes and challenges within the sector. Over the period we have had to manage changes of political leadership, funding availability limitations, staffing challenges, lockdowns, lockouts, and constantly changing infection control and public health measures through a pandemic.

Despite the above it has been a pleasure working with our Executive Officer, Peter Burnheim, and his team who have managed the finance process with great diligence, have always acted in good faith, and have always acted in the organisation's best interests and for proper purpose.

AADANT's revenues were reduced from the previous financial year as a result of having to downsize our annual conference and receiving less additional funding for new projects relative to the previous financial year.

Operational expenditure was reduced over the previous financial year due to cost saving measures however the delivery of additional work through the DanceWize project saw an increase in staff wages.

Overall AADANT is trading in line with regulatory requirements and maintained solid cash reserves.

It was great to see an overall increase to the AADANT membership by 36 % on previous years which is testament to the great work that we have been able to deliver to the sector as a peak body.

In light of current climate, I believe the challenge will be securing additional funding to allow our organisation to build on our current resources.

Overall, we have ensured that all financial matters were managed responsibly with a robust checking process in place, and I am comfortable that they are all true and correct.

As a member of the Board AADANT has provided the opportunity for my organisation, Kalano to keep up with sector updates, engagement with partner organisation's progress, challenges and views. and has allowed us to contribute at times to a vision for the future.

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

I would take this opportunity to thank our EO Peter and the AADANT team along with the committed and stable board for all of their hard work over the course in challenging circumstances.

We remained agile, we collaborated, we reimaged, and we did our best to deliver vital work as a peak body in our constantly changing NT landscape with limited resources.

Once again thank you to Peter, Katie, Britt, Carli our chair Jill and fellow board members for the all the commitment shown in 2021-2022.

Finally, I'd like to thank our outgoing treasurer, Carole Taylor, for all her amazing work. I sincerely hope she is enjoying her time away.

I look forward to seeing what the future brings.

Mark Gasparis  
Treasurer



## Executive Officer's Report

I would like to begin my report by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the lands where we live and work in this beautiful part of Australia. I'd additionally like to acknowledge the contribution made to the alcohol and other drug (AOD) sector by the dedicated staff who work tirelessly to support others to improve their lives, and the contribution of those with lived and living experience in enhancing our understanding of this space.

Reflecting on the 2021-2022 financial year, I am overwhelmingly proud of the work of AADANT in providing support, leadership and opportunities to the Northern Territory AOD Sector. The past year saw AADANT take a strong focus on the delivery of organisational and workforce development opportunities for our membership, while also maintaining and further enhancing our role in providing a strong voice advocating for the needs of the sector and our clients.

AADANT began the year by undertaking the AADANT Asks Consultation through which forums were held in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs to bring together representatives from across the sector to provide their insights and ideas on how AADANT could best support organisational and workforce needs. With this intelligence in-hand, AADANT was able to secure funding through the Northern Territory PHN to deliver a broad suite of training opportunities across the year.

In partnership with training consultancy, 360 Edge, AADANT created and coordinated delivery of a workforce development program that saw delivery of training in clinical supervision (Super Skills for Supervisors), Motivational Interviewing and Brief Interventions, Advanced Counselling and Brief Intervention Skills for the Primary Healthcare Workforce. Training was delivered through a combination of online and face-to-face workshops held in Darwin and Alice Springs. Feedback and evaluation from the training indicated that participants found the training to be of high value and quality. I would like to especially acknowledge the very knowledgeable Paula Ross from 360 Edge for her engaging training delivery.

This past year also saw the continuation of AADANT's Youth AOD Program. Building on the work of previous years, the program provided ongoing engagement and workforce training opportunities for services that work with young people who use alcohol and other drugs. Working in collaboration with Sacha King from Two Two One Mental Health, training was provided in skills for understanding, engaging and working with young people. I would like to recognise the work of Britt Guy in providing strong leadership and coordination for the Youth AOD Program over the last two and a half years.

Additional development opportunities for the sector were provided through face-to-face training with Lauren Buckley providing insightful workshops on the neurobiology of substance use and trauma. This training, along with a range of other AADANT-provided workshops from the year, was professionally recorded forming the basis of our Online Seminar Series which was released and made available to all services on the AADANT website. This step to capture and provide access to much of the training delivered through AADANT increases the accessibility and reach of the training. This is an important step in ensuring staff from across the sector, who may not be able to attend in person, can still engage with these great opportunities.

The Annual AADANT Conference was held in April although the program had to once again be scaled down due to restrictions caused by the Covid 19 pandemic. We were lucky to have a range of excellent presenters including Professor Dan Lubman, Clinical Director for Turning Point, who provided a powerful keynote on the need to change the conversation on addiction, and Dr Christine Watson who, amongst others, provided an insightful overview of the history of mandatory treatment in the NT. The NT AOD Awards night was held alongside the conference, and I would once again confer my congratulations to the many worthy nominees and winners from across the sector.

Across the past year, AADANT has provided auspice for the Darwin Harm Prevention and Reduction Local Drug Action Team (LDAT). With support funding from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation and NT Major Events Company, the LDAT enacted a Festival Harm Reduction Service based on the successful DanceWize model delivered in New South Wales and Victoria by the NSW Users and AIDS Association and Harm Reduction Victoria respectively. Kylie Stevenson was recruited as the Project Development Coordinator and oversaw the development and delivery of a highly successful harm reduction service at Bassinthe Grass. AADANT and our LDAT partners continue to advocate strongly for the establishment of this program on a permanent basis with ongoing requests for the program at additional events.

Advocacy and engagement with policymakers and funders have continued to be a considerable focus for the organisation this year. With changes in leadership at both the Northern Territory and Federal levels, we have spent considerable time and effort ensuring the views and needs of AADANT's membership are effectively represented to political leaders. Working with key partners, AADANT has been actively engaged in advocating around changes to NT alcohol management legislation, re-establishment of a federal governance structure, and the need for a considerable investment of additional funding in the AOD treatment space.

None of the work of AADANT would be possible without the dedicated efforts of our excellent staff. Carli Finch continues to provide outstanding administration of the organisation with her skills in accountancy and bookkeeping ensuring our sound financial functioning. Katie Flynn has overseen and coordinated numerous events while also providing comprehensive communications to the sector. Finally, Britt Guy and Kylie Stevenson have delivered outstandingly high-quality project outcomes to add to the repertoire of works for AADANT and have provided significant advancement for the NT through their work.

I would like to acknowledge the work of the Board of Directors of AADANT for their steadfast support. It is with some sadness and a lot of gratitude that I recognise the outgoing Treasurer, the indefatigable Carol Taylor who has been a staunch ally and advocate in her own right. I would also like to recognise our incoming board members – Professor James Smith, Dr Amanda Davies and Ms Eloise Page – who bring a considerable weight of wisdom and experience to the organisation.

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. AADANT appreciates the opportunities provided by our supporters and will continue to endeavour to deliver our services efficiently and to the highest standards possible.

As we look forward at the new year, many challenges and many opportunities lie ahead. My team and I will remain focused on supporting and representing the sector and we look forward in working with you all.

Peter Burnheim  
Executive Officer  
Association of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies NT



## Coordination and Communications Manager Report

This last financial year has been the busiest and biggest yet in my five years with AADANT. Due to the ongoing effects of COVID-19 on activities, AADANT was able to source enough underspend and repurposed funding to be able to provide an entire year of training and professional development to the NT AOD Sector, funded by the Northern Territory Primary Health Network, Northern Territory Government Department of Health and AADANT.

AADANT began the year with consultations in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs to understand the training and workforce development needs of the NT AOD Sector as well as education levels. These consultations allowed AADANT to gather the necessary information to tailor training to each region based on skill level and training need.

These consultations formed the *Education, Opportunity and Support in the NT AOD Sector* report released in December 2021. Using the consultations as a guide, AADANT was able to provide the following training to the sector:

- Alice Springs Professional Development Forum October 2021 (including half day workshop with Lauren Buckley on trauma and substance use)
- SuperSkills for Supervisors online training through 360Edge for senior management to undergo clinical supervision training (November 2021)
- Darwin Professional Development Forum February 2022 (including half day workshop with Lauren Buckley on trauma and substance use)
- Alice Springs Brief Intervention and Motivational Interviewing skills two-day workshop through 360Edge (March 2022)
- Darwin Brief Intervention and Motivational Interviewing skills two-day workshop through 360Edge (March 2022)
- Alice Springs Enhanced Counselling Skills of AOD Workers two-day workshop through 360Edge (May 2021)
- Alice Springs Screening and Brief Intervention workshop for primary healthcare workers (2 hrs) through 360Edge (May 2021)
- Darwin Enhanced Counselling Skills of AOD Workers two-day workshop through 360Edge (June 2021)
- Darwin Screening and Brief Intervention workshop for primary healthcare workers (2 hrs) through 360Edge (July 1 2021)

Including all the training we were able to provide for the sector, AADANT also partnered with NTCOSS to run a speed networking event in November in Darwin. This event was attended by more than 40 people and put a spin on usual networking events by helping attendees forge connections and get to know people in the AOD and community services sectors. This type of event is likely to be recreated in future due to excellent feedback.

Due to a significant rise in COVID-19 cases during the February-March period, AADANT made the difficult decision to cancel their annual conference and offer a conference forum to a smaller group of AOD CEO's and management instead. This AADANT Conference Forum was supported by numerous sponsors including the AADANT AOD Awards night, which went ahead as planned.

With the influence of COVID-19 once again, AADANT made the decision to film as much of our work as possible during this financial year and was able to release a 9-week seminar series for those who couldn't attend due to restrictions or those who wanted to revisit keynotes and presentations. The AADANT Dry Season Seminar Series ran from 1 June to 27 July, releasing a new video each Wednesday.

AADANT continues to advocate for equitable and affordable training for the NT AOD Sector, inclusive of VET and non-accredited training. We recognise the importance of continuous training and strive to be able to provide the same level of training in years to come with the help of funding bodies in the NT.

I would first and foremost like to thank our membership and the NT AOD Sector for their participation in our events, their understanding, and their enthusiasm to attend training and professional development. Without the support and feedback of AADANT membership, we would not be able to deliver meaningful events and training or respond to the sector's needs.

Thank you to the AADANT board for supporting our decisions and giving us the ability to move forward with confidence in the work we set out to accomplish this year.

Thank you to Britt Guy for her tireless work in the youth AOD space. Britt provided a steady voice for the NT Youth AOD Sector for three years and developed wonderful resources for the sector. Her work also included professional development forums and training, which she scheduled and completed through many challenges.

Thank you also to Kylie Stevenson for her work with DanceWize NT, pulling together a program fit for the NT at BASSINTHEGRASS and managing challenges with ease.

Finally, a thank you to Carli Finch our wonderful administration and finance officer who keeps the office ticking along while we work in our own bubbles at times. And a thank you to Peter Burnheim for his continuing trust in my work.

Our work cannot continue without the support of NTG, NT PHN and our membership. I sincerely thank all stakeholders for their time and energy and look forward to continuing our work together.

Katie Flynn  
Coordination and Communications Manager

## **Financial Reports**

- Boards Report
- Income Statement
- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Changes in Members Funds
- Independent Auditor's Report



**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 2022.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Jillian Smith	Chairperson
James Smith	Vice Chairperson
Amanda Davies	Secretary
Mark Gasparis	Treasurer (appointed 23 February 2022)
Stephen Versteegh	Public Officer
Luke Nox	Board member
Kerri Diamond	Board member
Eloise Page	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 from operations of the Association for the year amounted to \$1,202 ( profit 2021: \$70,518).

**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 2022 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 2022.


**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 2022;
- 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  
Date:

  
Jill Smith  
31st October 2022

Secretary  
Date:

  
AMANDA DAVIES.  
31 October 2022

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 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Grants	2A	670,353	694,333
Interest	2B	179	354
Other income	2C	30,323	90,430
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>700,855</b>	<b>785,117</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Depreciation	3A	-	9
Employee expense	3B	370,492	332,333
Other expenses	3C	329,181	382,257
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>699,653</b>	<b>714,599</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) from operations</b>		<b>1,202</b>	<b>70,518</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total profit/(loss) and other comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>1,202</b>	<b>70,518</b>

The Statement of Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG AGENCIES NT INCORPORATED  
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	316,695	347,597
Accounts receivable and other debtors	5	640	1,800
Other current assets	6	2,120	3,000
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>319,455</b>	<b>352,397</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	7	-	-
Deposits	8	2,000	6,650
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>2,000</b>	<b>6,650</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>321,455</b>	<b>359,047</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable and other payables	9	31,056	40,480
Grant liabilities	10	93,139	132,010
Employee provisions	11	33,010	23,509
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>157,205</b>	<b>195,999</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>157,205</b>	<b>195,999</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>164,250</b>	<b>163,048</b>
<b>Total Members Funds</b>		<b>164,250</b>	<b>163,048</b>

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 2022

	Contributed Funds	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
<b>MEMBERS FUNDS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
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	<u>15,000</u>	<u>148,048</u>	<u>163,048</u>
 Balance as at 1 July 2021	15,000	148,048	163,048
Loss for the year		1,202	1,202
Closing Balance at 30 June 2022	<u>15,000</u>	<u>149,250</u>	<u>164,250</u>



**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 2022, the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, 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 2022 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**

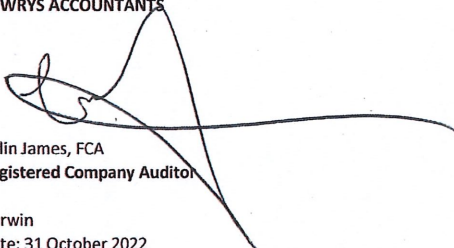
The Association relies on funding from the government. The financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis on the expectation that government funding will continue. Without such sources of revenue there is significant uncertainty whether the Association will be able to continue as a going 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](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf).

This description forms part of our audit report.

**LOWRYS ACCOUNTANTS**  
Colin James, FCA  
Registered Company Auditor

Darwin  
Date: 31 October 2022

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