



Annual Report

2022-2023

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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	Stephanie Holmes
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Interim Executive Officer (April – July 2023)	Jillian Smith
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Executive Officer (to April 2023)	Peter Burnheim
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Coordination and Communications Manager	Katie Flynn
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Temporary Project Officer (July 2022 – February 2023)	Jordan Mack
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Finance & Administration Officer	Carli Finch
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Board Members

Chairperson

Eloise Page, CEO, DASA

Jillian Smith, CEO, CAAPS (to November 2022)

Vice Chairperson

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

Treasurer

Kerri Diamond, CEO, Bushmob

Mark Gasparis, COO, Kalano Community Association Incorporated

(to November 2022)

Secretary

Amanda Davies, Senior Consultant, 360 Edge

Public Officer

Stephen Versteegh, EO, FORWAARD

Committee Member

Luke Nox, Counsellor/Educator, Amity Community Services Inc (to March 2023)

Committee Member

Richard Michell, CEO, CAAAPU

Committee Member

Deborah Borden, Program Director of Social Services, Kalano Community Association Incorporated

Skills Based Member

Jillian Smith – Governance

Introducing our New Executive Officer

The Board is pleased to welcome AADANT's new Executive Officer, Stephanie Holmes, who commenced in the role on 8 August 2023.

Stephanie is a First Nations woman with a Master of Counselling, Bachelor of Science (Nursing and Mental Health) and Bachelor of Psychology. Stephanie has held various Board appointments across the education, health and youth sectors. Her work experience includes management roles in drug and alcohol services in regional and remote Northern Australia.



Stephanie is passionate about engagement, culture, values, and finding a sense of purpose. She is strongly committed to AADANT's corporate mission and values, and our purpose - "together we make a difference".

Stephanie will soon be reaching out to members and stakeholders to gain an understanding of the issues currently faced by the sector and to build ongoing relationships with you all. The Members Council Meetings will be re-commenced, and Stephanie will be working closely with the membership, stakeholders and Board to support the development of AADANT's next Strategic Plan.

The Board believes Stephanie will be an asset to the AADANT membership and, more broadly, to the NT AOD sector.

Board's Report

On behalf of the AADANT Board I must thank the membership for their ongoing support and investment in the Peak AOD Body of the Northern Territory. We thank our primary funder, the Northern Territory Government Department of Health for their ongoing financial support, as well as the Commonwealth Department of Health.

The Board thanks Carli Finch & Katie Flynn for their long-standing loyalty and service to AADANT. Without them we would not have been able to keep the AADANT doors open, and the Board is truly grateful. Having taken on the role of Chairperson at the 2022 Annual General Meeting, I am personally appreciative of the knowledge bank that both Carli & Katie have provided to me.

This financial year saw the departure of our dedicated and passionate Executive Officer, Peter Burnheim. While the Board were saddened by Pete's decision to make a career change, we acted swiftly to recruit a new Executive Officer. Former Chairperson Jill Smith generously gave time each week to cover the core elements of the Executive Officer role while the AADANT Board undertook a comprehensive recruitment and assessment process. We were pleased to welcome Stephanie Holmes to the Executive Officer role in August of 2023.

The financial year has seen some changes to our Board of Directors, with Mark Gasparis (Kalano) & Luke Nox (Amity) stepping down, Jill Smith (formerly CAAPS) moving to a skills-based director role and Debbie Borden (Kalano) & Richard Michell (CAAAPU) joining the board. James Smith (Flinders), Amanda Davies (360 Edge), Steve Versteegh (FORWAARD) & Kerri Diamond (BushMob) continued from the previous year, providing dedicated, thoughtful and considered advice, support and actions.

I acknowledge that the year has not been without challenges for the sector. COVID, increases in cost of doing business, funding concerns, all along with the national spotlight being on the Northern Territory, leading to many an aspersion being cast. Yet, we all kept on diligently doing the work.

The AADANT conference in May was a fantastic success, with tickets fully sold out. Carli & Katie, with the support of Jill, did an outstanding job of pulling the event together. Mel Walker from AADC was our wonderful convener and the event was a successful two days of networking, information sharing, learning and of course, the AADANT awards ceremony.

AADANT intends to spend the coming year developing our next strategic plan, connecting with our membership, and ensuring we are best placed to provide support and advice to the broader AOD sector.

I look forward to what the year ahead holds for AADANT.



Eloise Page

Chairperson

CEO – Drug & Alcohol Services Australia

Comments from the Board of Directors

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 Secretary – Senior Consultant 360 Edge

It has been another busy year at AADANT and as the peak body enters a new chapter, I would like to acknowledge and thank Peter Burnheim for his significant effort during his tenure in role. I would also like to acknowledge the effort of the AADANT Chairperson Eloise Page for her work and leadership during this time of transition. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to contribute to this important work.

Kerri Diamond – AADANT Treasurer – Chief Executive Officer Bushmob Aboriginal Corporation

I have been a member of the AADANT Board for several years and currently hold the position of Treasurer.

Our voice as a peak body is vital to the ongoing and proactive service provision to people of the NT who deserve the best we can offer.

I am continuously impressed by the dedication shown by all members in dealing with current matters and topics affecting the NT AOD sector. My organisation greatly appreciates the wealth of knowledge in this small group, and the efficiency of all involved in AADANT in disseminating information and providing support to the hardworking NT AOD services in this difficult and diverse industry.

Stephen Versteegh – AADANT Public Officer – Chief Executive Officer FORWAARD Aboriginal Corporation

Again, I am delighted to express my gratitude for the privilege of collaborating with the dedicated Directors and Staff of AADANT. It fills me with immense pride to be a part of this collective that has made substantial contributions to the progress of the alcohol and other drugs sector in the Northern Territory. The pivotal role played by AADANT in advancing this sector is undeniable, and I look forward to the myriad of developments that are poised to unfold throughout 2024.

Jill Smith – Independent Skills Based Director

After stepping down from the role as Chairperson last year, I feel privileged to continue supporting the work of AADANT as a Board appointed skills-based Director role. That said for several months while recruiting a new AADANT Executive Officer, I was able to step away from Board duties to guide the capable and committed team of two, Katie Flynn and Carli Finch, as their point of contact as an interim EO. It was an absolute pleasure to see how well they worked to deliver the very successful AADANT Conference without a hitch. I would also like to congratulate and welcome Stephanie Holmes as AADANT's new EO and look forward to the future building on the great legacy left by Peter Burnheim, Richard Michell, and Michelle Kudell.

Richard Michell – Director – Chief Executive Officer Central Australian Aboriginal Alcohol Programmes Unit

Being part of the AADANT Board offers a great opportunity to be engaged in the activities of the peak body. There is a great depth of experience across the board in the AOD sector as well as experienced Board members with high level Board experience.

Debbie Borden – Director - Director of Social Programs for Kalano Community Association

Membership of the AADANT board has provided our Aboriginal Corporation with important networking and advocacy opportunities. We want to ensure that our clients and all people seeking support and information in the AOD space are being provided with evidence-based information and best practice. AADANT plays a pivotal role in the dissemination of information and ensuring the needs of our clients and organisations are being heard by those who can assist.

Treasurer's Report

My year as AADANT Treasurer has further highlighted for me how a small team of dedicated people can bring so much energy and knowledge to a sector of equally dedicated people working hard to support others who are trying to improve their lives. The work itself is often a thankless and never-ending task, and the AOD peak body has excelled at bringing a spotlight to ongoing and emerging issues and trends, as well as providing training options and support for all organisations involved.

This has been another year of minimal funding to provide a multitude of work, reports, advice, and stability, and our diligent AADANT staff members continue to generate solid operational practices to meet the challenge and keep the Board of Management running smoothly. They are financially responsible and open in their actions and are a credit to the organisation. I have full trust in their financial practices and budget management. I look forward to working with our new Executive Officer Stephanie Holmes, and seeing the positive steps forward we can make. Thank you team.

Our budget is the best it can be with the funds available to us, and has been utilised adequately and responsibly, and in the best interests of the sector. Hopefully, additional funding can be sourced to expand on the good work already generated.

I extend my thanks to my fellow Board members, who have provided support, information and ideas when needed, and who, together, make this Board a collaborative and vital resource for the NT AOD sector.

Kerri Diamond

Treasurer

BushMob Aboriginal Corporation

Executive Officer's Report

It was a privilege to be recently appointed Executive Officer of AADANT and I look forward to the opportunity to build on the organisation's endeavours to reduce alcohol and drug related harm across the Northern Territory (NT) and strengthen service delivery for people who experience substance abuse.

I wish to acknowledge my predecessor, Peter Burnheim, who has positioned AADANT as a strong and influential voice for the drug and alcohol sector of the NT. Peter's leadership has helped forge productive partnerships and collaboration within the sector and provided a sound basis for future advocacy and program initiatives.

The challenge facing AADANT is substantial. According to the NT Primary Health Network, the NT has the highest alcohol consumption per capita and the highest rates of hospitalisations and deaths due to alcohol misuse in Australia. Approximately 48% of adults in the NT exceed the National Health Medical Research Council guidelines related to alcohol consumption and these consumption rates are 173% greater than the national average. In 2019, according to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, the NT had the highest proportion of adult daily smoking (15.4%), lifetime risky drinking (24%) single occasion risky drinking at least monthly (34%) and recent illicit drug use (19%).

Over the past year, AADANT continued to provide support and leadership to the alcohol and other drug (AOD) sector by providing development opportunities for members and providing a strong voice for the needs of the sector. In particular, I wish to highlight the outcomes of the AADANT annual conference, our Steps Ahead Program, the Short Stories Project, and the NT AOD Specialist Workforce Profiling Survey.

AADANT Annual Conference

The AADANT Annual Conference was held in Darwin on May 23-24, 2023. The conference theme, *Together We Make a Difference*, acknowledged the varied and important roles played by members of the NT AOD sector, and how they can collaborate more efficiently to provide clients with the best possible services.

Associate Professor Kylie Lee from the University of Sydney presented a keynote address titled *Gunja in Our Communities: How Many People Are Using and What Can We do?* Kylie focused on the high incidence of cannabis use and dependence in the NT and its adverse impact on the mental health and wellbeing of users and their communities. She referred to the FLAGS model for intervention which incorporates receiving feedback, listening, providing advice and assistance, and developing community-based goals and strategies to reduce cannabis use.

Another significant address at the conference was delivered by Peter d'Abbs, a distinguished sociologist with an extensive research background in alcohol and other drug policy issues and program evaluation. His recent book with co-author Nicole Hewlett, *Learning from 50 Years of Aboriginal Alcohol Programs - Beating the Grog in Australia*, presents an accessible body of evidence for addressing alcohol-related problems among Aboriginal Australians.

The conference also incorporated the NT AOD Awards Luncheon and I extend my congratulations to the many worthy nominees and award winners across the sector.

Steps Ahead Program

During the year, AADANT commissioned Victory Education and Training to conduct an informative *Steps Ahead* training program for people employed in the AOD sector, including youth workers, family workers, social workers and clinicians.

Conducted over seven weeks, the program covered a range of relevant issues including: mental health and brain structure; the risks associated with cannabis, alcohol and inhalant use; harm minimisation; relapse prevention and goal setting; emotional regulation and impulse control; and relationships and communications styles.

Ten people participated in the program and a post-evaluation survey indicated that all participants reported significant enhancements in their knowledge of the topics presented. Indeed, all survey respondents reported that upon completion of the course they were either ‘knowledgeable on each topic’ or had ‘mastered the topic’. Further, all respondents affirmed that were now ‘mostly’ or ‘definitely’ confident in discussing the topics with young people.

Stories Project

In 2022, the NT Department of Health commissioned AADANT to gather and share stories from people in the NT who have experienced substance abuse.

These narratives were showcased at the Rethink Addiction Convention held in Canberra in September 2022, an event convened by the Turning Point drug and alcohol service in collaboration with various other organisations. The convention aimed to reshape societal views on drug and alcohol use, and diminish the associated stigma.

Working with the Rethink Addiction campaign, AADANT staff encouraged community participants/storytellers to tell stories of their journey through substance use, treatment, and recovery. The objective of sharing these stories was to reduce associated stigmas and foster empathy and understanding.

Stories Project staff were recruited to engage community members and support the collection and production of the stories. In addition, four Macquarie University PACE students supported the project staff to produce the stories. Staff endeavoured to meet people in their own places, on their own time, with a focus on the importance of respectful, community engagement. Creative control rested with the storytellers who chose the design and format of their stories, while project staff were co-producers who provided resources and support for the process.

The storytellers recruited for the project were from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds from across the NT. It was not surprising, therefore, that stories were submitted in a variety of formats, including but not limited to verbal stories (podcasts, videos), poems (written text, video recordings), paintings (Canvas & Paint), and rap music (Voice Recorder, Podcast).

A total of 15 stories were collected and displayed. AADANT was able to provide funding to sponsor five individuals with lived experience to attend the Rethink Addiction Convention as representatives from the Northern Territory. The AADANT Stories Project Officers also attended to coordinate the trip and present the work of the project through an onsite display installation.

The stories are hosted on the [AADANT website](#) and [YouTube channel](#). The stories were also displayed and presented at an AADANT stall at the APSAD conference (Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs) and the Harm Reduction Conference.



Artist: Madeline White

2023 NT AOD Specialist Workforce Profiling Survey

The AADANT 2023 NT AOD Specialist Workforce Profiling Survey was designed to analyse the workforce of the non-government AOD sector, with the view to determining its demographic capacity and development demands. This helps AADANT understand the strengths of the sector and to better support the AOD workforce. The 2023 survey supplemented similar surveys in 2016, 2018 and 2019.

There were 59 individual respondents to the 2023 survey, of which 22% identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

The three most common delivered services amongst the respondents were residential rehabilitation (41), drug and alcohol promotion and prevention (39) and psychosocial counselling (27). The most prominent tasks involved in their daily work were counselling, managing staff and case work, suggesting that more support may be required to develop skills in working directly with clients and managing staff.

Some 35% of respondents held no formal AOD qualification at the time of the survey and a Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs (CHC43215) was the next most prevalent level of AOD-specific qualification. This indicates the need for more training and professional development on AOD-specific education for sector workers.

Only 30% of respondents received clinical supervision at least monthly. Over 50% of clinical supervision was delivered externally, leaving almost half receiving clinical supervision less than monthly from an internal supervisor. Further, due to high case and client loads, many respondents reported working an average of 6.2 additional unpaid hours per week, imposing additional stress on AOD workers.

The areas of least competency amongst respondents were:

1. Receiving Opioid Substitution Therapy (OST)
2. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
3. Child/adult sexual abuse

4. Personality spectrum disorders
5. Bipolar/schizophrenia
6. Acquired Brain Injury (ABI).

These results demonstrate a clear need for more education and training in the AOD sector for those working with mental health clients. The preferred learning methods of the respondents were on-the-job training opportunities, short courses/workshops and conference/seminars/forums, as distinct from formal or accredited qualifications that require a long-term commitment.

Only 52% of respondents indicated that they expect to remain in their current position over the next two years, with 31% indicating they are either likely to retire, move to a government position, leave the NT AOD sector or are unsure of their future. This highlights the need for AADANT to plan for an influx of new workers and support existing workers.

Respondents identified five key areas for support by AADANT:

1. Strategic planning (42%);
2. Program/service evaluation (32%);
3. Organisational performance reporting (30%);
4. Quality improvement programs (30%); and
5. Responding to client complexity (30%).

In addition, respondents identified the following three main workforce development issues:

1. Recruitment of staff with appropriate knowledge, skills and/or qualifications (79%)
2. Retention of staff with appropriate knowledge, skills and/or qualifications (59%)
3. Resources and access to professional development (47%).

AADANT is committed to delivering support in these areas to the best of its ability.

Future Direction

Over the next year, AADANT will focus on a range of critical areas to improve operational efficiency and professionalism in service delivery. In particular, efforts will be directed towards:

- supporting alcohol and drug harm minimisation initiatives;
- optimising referral pathways through enhanced collaboration with relevant agencies;
- recruitment campaigns to attract AOD professionals to the NT;
- professional development opportunities, including webinars and micro-skills development
- advocating for improved AOD service coordination; and
- expanding our membership base.

Finally, the important work undertaken by AADANT would not be possible without the dedication and skills of our accomplished staff, the trust and collaboration of our members and the support of our funding bodies including the NT Department of Health, the NT Primary Health Network and the Commonwealth Department of Health.

We will continue to deliver our services efficiently and effectively for the benefit of the AOD sector and the Northern Territory generally.

Stephanie Holmes
Executive Officer
Association of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies NT

Coordination and Communications Manager Report

The last financial year at AADANT was my first year taking a large amount of time away from the organisation due to maternity leave. I was able to take six months to adjust to a new home life from September 2022 and returned to AADANT in March 2023.

I would like to thank the AADANT board and previous Executive Officer Peter Burnheim for approving a flexible arrangement for my maternity leave and working arrangements when I returned.

Before my departure for maternity leave, AADANT was able to release the AADANT Dry Season Seminar Series for the first time releasing eight videos from recorded presentations and keynotes at our annual conference in May.

This project lead to more NT AOD Sector staff being able to access knowledge sharing and research through an online, on-demand medium. This project helped messages travel to regional and remote areas through the seminar series to those who could not attend the conference or for those who wanted to revisit keynotes or presentations.

Across the eight videos released, there were 426 views.

Upon returning from maternity leave in March, the focus was solely on the AADANT Drug and Alcohol Conference 2023: Together We Make A Difference and awards luncheon. We managed to sell out the conference the week before including the awards luncheon with over 100 delegates attending.

Our keynotes included Dr. Kylie Lee of the University of Sydney, Dr. Melinda Beckwith of Free Range Minds, Dr. Peter d'Abbs of Menzies School of Health Research, and Ms Nicole Hewlett of the University of Queensland.

We ran the awards night as a luncheon this year to engage more sector members without requiring an after-hours event, and to give the awards recipients the opportunity for greater recognition with a larger audience.

Congratulations again to all the NT AOD Awards Luncheon winners:

- Outstanding Contribution to Youth Work - Ethan Woods-Alum, Wurli Wurlinjang Health Service
- Excellence in Harm Reduction - Alan Palmer, Red Dust
- Excellence in Indigenous AOD Programs - Alternative to Custody Program, DASA
- Excellence in AOD Treatment - Intergenerational AOD Program for Men, Red Dust and Salvation Army Alice Springs
- Significant Contribution - Jocelyn Dhu, DASA
- NT AOD Worker of the Year - Amanda Houston, DASA

With the completion of the annual conference and the awards luncheon, AADANT focused their efforts on resuming the AADANT Dry Season Seminar Series with a release date of August 2023.

I would like to thank Carli Finch who goes above and beyond to keep AADANT running smoothly by means of office, administration, and finance management. Carli is an asset to our team that we couldn't operate without.

Thank you to the board and our members for their understanding during the last financial year where we were down a project manager for 6 months and without an executive officer from April 21st. Losing staff in a small team is never easy and we thank you for your patience.

Thank you also to Jordan Mack for filling in for me during my maternity leave. Having the basics covered for when I returned was key for my ability to return and hit the ground running.



Katie Flynn
Coordination and Communications Manager

Our Members

AADANT gratefully acknowledges the support, expertise and collaboration of our wonderful member organisations.

Without our membership base, we would be unable to deliver a range of services in a constructive, efficient and relevant manner.

Our members are listed below:



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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 2023.

BOARD MEMBERS

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

Name	Position
Eloise Page	Chairperson
James Smith	Vice Chairperson
Amanda Davies	Secretary
Kerri Diamond	Treasurer
Stephen Versteegh	Public Officer
Luke Nox	Board member
Richard Michell	Board member
Debbie Borden	Board member
Jillian Smith	Skills Based 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 loss from operations of the Association for the year amounted to \$9,382 (profit 2022: \$1,202).

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 2023 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 2023.

Operating Report:

In our opinion:-

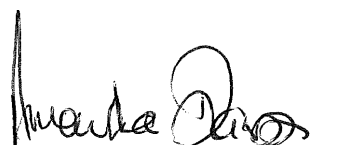
- a) The accompanying Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income is drawn up so as to present fairly the results of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2023;
- b) The accompanying Statement of Financial Position is drawn up so as to present fairly the state of affairs 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



Public Officer

Date: 30 October 2023



Secretary

Date: 30 October 2023

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Revenue			
Grants	2A	408,797	670,353
Interest	2B	133	179
Other income	2C	77,283	30,323
Total Revenue		486,212	700,855
Expenses			
Employee expense	3A	274,186	370,492
Other expenses	3B	221,408	329,161
Total Expenses		495,594	699,653
(Loss)/Profit from operations		(9,382)	1,202
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total (loss)/profit and other comprehensive income for the year		(9,382)	1,202

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	199,042	316,695
Accounts receivable and other debtors	5	400	640
Other current assets	6	2,271	2,120
Total current assets		201,713	319,455
Non-current assets			
Deposits	7	2,000	2,000
Total non-current assets		2,000	2,000
Total Assets		203,713	321,455
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and other payables	8	18,066	31,056
Grant liabilities	9	23,197	93,139
Employee provisions	10	7,582	33,010
Total Current Liabilities		48,845	157,205
Total Liabilities		48,845	157,205
Net Assets		154,869	164,250
Total Members Funds		154,869	164,250

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Contributed Funds	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
MEMBERS FUNDS	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at 1 July 2021	15,000	148,048	163,048
Profit for the year		1,202	1,202
Closing Balance at 30 June 2022	15,000	149,250	164,250
 Balance as at 1 July 2022	 15,000	 149,250	 164,250
Loss for the year		(9,382)	(9,382)
Adjustment		1	1
Closing Balance at 30 June 2023	15,000	139,869	154,869

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 2023, the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, 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 2023 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, Management is 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 Association's 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.

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