



Annual Report

2017-2018

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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.

How do we do it?

Representation and Advocacy. We understand the challenges of service delivery. We will represent the AOD sector to ensure the needs and interests are heard through a collective, unified voice. We'll work with our membership to ensure our advocacy is well-informed and reflective of current issues. We will seek your views and submissions in relation to issues impacting on AOD service delivery in the NT.

Capacity Building & Workforce Development. We deliver, facilitate or scope a range of activities to support our workforce's capacity to provide effective, meaningful and evidenced-based services to clients. We listen to our membership and work hard to ensure every opportunity is provided to strengthen AOD service delivery in the NT.

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

Staff Members

Executive Officer

Richard Michell

Project Worker

Katie Flynn (From October 2017)

Administration Officer

Katie Flynn (To October 2017)

Angie-Rose Verzeletti (Periodically from
March 2018)

Nancy Basoy (April to June 2018)

Board Members

Chairperson

Jillian Smith, CEO CAAPS

Vice Chairperson

Vacant

Treasurer

Carole Taylor, CEO DASA

Secretary

Natalie Sarsfield, Regional AOD Manager, CatholicCare NT

Public Officer

Mark Smalley, Manager, Salvation Army Sunrise Centre (To December 2017)

Committee Member

Pauline Reynolds, CEO BRADAAG

Committee Member

Michael Massingham, Projects, Amity Community Services

Committee Member

Stephen Versteegh, EO FORWAARD (From June 2018)

Committee Member

Christine Knight, Manager, Mission Australia (Stringybark) (To March 2018)

Committee Member

Andy Blaney, Manager, Wurli Wurlinjang Health Service (To March 2018)

Public Officer

Richard Michell, EO, AADANT (From January 2018)

Board's Report

Once again this has been a busy year for AADANT in consolidating their position as the peak body for Drug and Alcohol agencies in the Northern Territory as a leading voice for the AOD sector, attracting increased support by diversifying funding sources and developing relationships with influencers in government and our peers in other peaks, at both a Territory and National level. We have been active in lobbying for policy changes and provided submissions to various enquiries, while maintaining a focus on supporting evidence-based policy formulation to reduce harm from substance use across all Territory communities.

We extend our thanks to our Executive Officer Richard Michell and Project Officer Katie Flynn who remained focussed on the tasks at hand despite some staffing ups and downs leaving them without administrative support for much of the year. Despite these challenges they were able to put together the best two-day forum AADANT has offered so far, with great feedback from attendees and presenters alike. The quality of the program was very good, with many interstate presenters indicating they would return to the Territory to support our workforce with professional development opportunities in the future.

The Board also worked hard last year to rewrite the constitution to refocus on the mission and vision of the peak and the role of the AADANT Board in guiding the AADANT team to deliver on our strategies. That said, it is now time to review AADANT's three-year strategic plan in October and we look forward to sharing the preliminary draft of our goals and objectives at our AGM.

We have had some movement in the Board since our last AGM and we would like to give our sincere thanks to those who have moved on:

- Andy Blaney representative from Wurli Wurlinjang in Katherine
- Casey Bishop representative from Venndale in Katherine
- Christine Knight representative from Mission Australia
- Mark Smalley representative from Sunrise Centre Darwin

We welcomed new members

- Michael Massingham who replaced Nicola Coalter from Amity Community Services at the AGM last year and
- Steve Versteegh was appointed by the Board until the next AGM representing FORWAARD in Darwin

Thanks must go to current Board members Pauline Reynolds (BRADAAG), Natalie Sarsfield (CatholicCare NT) and Carole Taylor (DASA) for steering us through this course of recent growth. AADANT now has the capacity to appoint skills-based Directors with interest in helping support the AOD community service sector in the NT. We encourage those of you who come from a legal or financial profession to contact us through our Public Officer to the AADANT Board Mr Richard Michell.

Executive Officer's Report

The 2017-18 year has been a year of increased activity with AADANT's ongoing and new activities within the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) sector. While some staffing issues have continued, we now have Katie Flynn well placed in the position of sector capacity building worker. Katie's work commitment to AADANT has resulted in being able to undertake more activities to support our members. We have continued to obtain growth in funding with additional support from the Northern Territory Primary Health Network (NTPHN). This allowed us to undertake several projects in the last financial year while continuing to expand support to our membership. We are confident that we can continue operate and grow in the next few years if we can maintain a commitment from the Commonwealth and Territory Governments.

Now we look to the next few years with confidence to continue to represent the Alcohol and other Drug sector both at a Territory and Commonwealth level. We have made some positive gains with the Territory and Commonwealth Governments and will continue to advocate for the NGO AOD sector both in Canberra and at home in the NT. The Commonwealth funding will allow us to continue to work closely with the NTPHN in their role and provide greater support to this sector and AADANT members.

At a Territory level, we continue to visit and meet with our member agencies - which remains a priority for AADANT - maintaining our strong relationships and commitment with the AOD sector. The AOD NGO sector is an ongoing subscriber to our service with several new members joining this year. We look forward to expanding relationships with other peak bodies such as the NT Mental Health Coalition and other allied health and welfare organisations with whom we have formed and strengthened alliances.

AADANT will work toward a strong, sustainable and culturally diverse AOD sector offering opportunities to learn and share knowledge. We will provide best practice information and knowledge, and work with agencies to support innovative practice and partnerships that will aid the development of new services or programs. Advocacy for the sector when negotiating with government remains a priority, as does encouraging the development of evidence-informed policy to reflect the needs of people with substance use issues.

We were very pleased with the attendance at our two-day Alcohol and Other Drug Conference in early 2018 where we had a significant increase of attendees since the last conference in 2016. We will continue to consult and listen to our members and we will continue to support the work and development of the NT AOD sector. We will focus on skill development and sector capacity building initiatives.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments for their support and funding of AADANT as the Peak body for AOD NGO services in the Northern Territory. I would also like to thank the NT PHN for their ongoing support and commitment to AADANT over the last 12 months.

I would like to thank Katie Flynn for her work and support over the last 12 months, her role has greatly increased our capacity to deliver to the AOD sector.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the work and support of the members of the AADANT board over the last 12 months and thank the agencies and workers in the alcohol and drug sector for providing me with information and support throughout this year.

Richard Michell
Executive Officer

Project Worker's Report

After transitioning from the administration position to Project Worker in October 2017, my work at AADANT has become focused on the advocacy and representation of the AOD sector, specifically sector capacity building. Motivational Interviewing training delivered by Amity Community Services and Optimal Health Program comorbidity training by St Vincent's Hospital were the first training sessions of the financial year organised by AADANT and funded by NTPHN. These training sessions were offered in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs.

In January I began representing AADANT at a number of meetings regularly including Katherine Region Action Group (KRAG), Darwin Working With Youth Network (DARWWYN), NT Shelter's Darwin Region Accommodation Action Group (DRAAG), NTCOSS Child and Youth Network Meeting, and joined the Palmerston Local Drug Action Team (LDAT). AADANT has also collaborated with Making Justice Work contributing to their Youth Justice editorial campaign.

The quarterly AOD Sector Networking Meetings in Darwin, Katherine, and Alice Springs coordinated with NTPHN have increased communication and networking between AADANT and NGO and Government services. This opened further opportunities for AADANT to engage with services throughout the Northern Territory and request their feedback. Using this information as well as the feedback from our 2018 Stakeholder Feedback Survey, AADANT offered Case Coordination and Case Management training, as well as Negotiated Supervision training for the AOD Sector. Assist Clients with Medication Training will be available in the next financial year, funded by the NT Government Department of Health.

AADANT's Conference titled *Working with Complex Clients* saw 120 delegates over two days attend. Presenters included NDARC, NCETA, Indigenous AOD Knowledge Centre, Emerging Minds, Turning Point, ADF, QIP/APGAL, Menzies School of Health Research, and many members who donated their time to present their programs and expertise.

Along with continued representation and collaboration at meetings throughout the NT, the Youth Alcohol and Other Drug Networking Meeting was restarted in May to identify gaps in youth AOD treatment, and lobby for youth-specific services. These meetings showed AADANT there is a significant amount of work to do in the youth treatment services area, and part of my role will be a continued focus on youth.

As part of the National Peak's Network, I travelled to Tasmania to work on a national research project survey tool in collaboration with South Australia (SANDAS) and Tasmania (ATDC) Peaks. These projects will continue into the next financial year.

I would like to thank Richard Michell for his continued guidance and the chair of AADANT's board Jill Smith for her support in taking on this position.

Katie Flynn
Project Worker, Sector Capacity Building

Treasurer's Report

As mentioned in the Board report, this has been a very busy year for AADANT and as such the finances of the organisation have been under greater scrutiny.

AADANT is no longer the little fairly conservative organisation that was run on a static budget and therefore very easy to govern. AADANT is now a very proactive peak body, with a focus on advocacy, training and maximum representation. The income of the organisation is now diversified and due to the work of Richard Michell and Katie Flynn comes from a variety of sources.

This has meant the finances of the organisation needed a little more work than in previous years and a more responsive approach from the Board and to the AADANT members than in previous times.

Following last year's AGM, AADANT changed their bookkeeper to an NT based firm and even though we had always enjoyed accuracy of the information provided, it is now much easier to obtain timely answers to questions and I am more confident that our more diverse funding base is dealt with well.

The Executive Officer, Richard Michell, has been very diligent as usual and ensured that our funds are used appropriately and that any underspends are kept to a minimum.

I would like to congratulate both he and Katie for their work this year and the Board of Directors for their vigilance and commitment to AADANT.

This is quite an exciting time to be a member of the AADANT Board as we watch it grow in relevance to our members and to the AOD sector in the NT. The AADANT voice is now well heard and a sought-after reference for knowledge within the sector. Onward and upward in the next year. Well done.

Carole Taylor, Treasurer

Financial Reports:

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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 2018.

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
Nicola Coalter	Vice Chairperson, resigned 25/10/17
Carole Taylor	Treasurer
Natalie Sarsfield	Secretary
Mark Smalley	Board member/Public Officer, resigned 7/3/18
Andy Blaney	Board member, resigned 7/3/18
Pauline Reynolds	Board member
Casey Bishop	Board member, resigned 25/10/17
Christine Knight	Board member, resigned 15/3/18
Michael Massingham	Board member, appointed 25/10/17
Steve Versteegh	Board member, appointed 22/4/18

Objects and Purposes

The objects and 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.

Significant Changes

The objects and purposes of the Association were resolved to be changed at a Special General Meeting of the Association held on the 25th October 2017. This meeting was held in order to comply with not-for-profit charitable organisational guidelines as outlined by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

Operating Result

The net profit/(loss) of the Association for the year amounted to \$54,338; 2017: \$(4,149).

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ABN: 40 193 604 504

BOARD'S REPORT (continued)

Operating Report:

In our opinion:-

- a) The accompanying Income Statement is drawn up so as to present fairly the results of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2018;
- b) The accompanying Balance Sheet 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: 14 September 2018



Treasurer
Date: 14 September 2018

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INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
Revenue			
Grants	2A	415,087	335,362
Interest	2B	965	657
Other income	2C	64,658	8,228
Total Revenue		<u>480,710</u>	<u>344,247</u>
Expenses			
Depreciation	3A	3,263	4,038
Employee expense	3B	195,873	149,690
Other expenses	3C	227,236	194,668
Total Expenses		<u>426,372</u>	<u>348,396</u>
Net Profit/(Loss) from operations		<u>54,338</u>	<u>(4,149)</u>

The Income Statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	130,356	79,211
Accounts receivable and other debtors	5	9,130	4,907
Other current assets	6	2,325	4,362
Total current assets		<u>141,811</u>	<u>88,480</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	10,238	13,501
Deposits	8	4,650	-
Total non-current assets		<u>14,888</u>	<u>13,501</u>
Total Assets		<u>156,699</u>	<u>101,981</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and other payables	9	43,731	42,025
Employee provisions	10	19,128	20,898
Unexpended grant		6,815	6,371
Total current liabilities		<u>69,674</u>	<u>69,294</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>69,674</u>	<u>69,294</u>
Net Assets		<u>87,025</u>	<u>32,687</u>
Total Members Fund		<u>87,025</u>	<u>32,687</u>

The Balance Sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

MEMBERS FUNDS	Contributed Funds	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2016	15,000	21,836	36,836
Loss for the year	-	(4,149)	(4,149)
Closing Balance at 30 June 2017	15,000	17,687	32,687
Balance at 1 July 2017	15,000	17,687	32,687
Profit for the year	-	54,338	54,338
Closing Balance at 30 June 2018	15,000	72,025	87,025

The Statement of Changes in Members Fund should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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 balance sheet at 30 June 2018, the income statement, 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* 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 2018 and of its financial performance for the year then ended;
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Northern Territory of Australia Associations Act* 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 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.

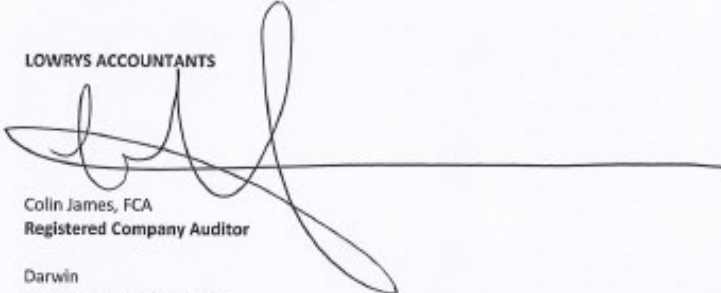
Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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.augasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at: http://www.augasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf.

This description forms part of our audit report.

LOWRYS ACCOUNTANTS



Colin James, FCA
Registered Company Auditor

Darwin
Date: 14 September 2018

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