



AADANT

ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL AND
OTHER DRUG AGENCIES NT

Together we make a difference

Annual Report

2018-2019

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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

Richard Michell

Project Worker

Katie Flynn (to April 2019)

Administration Officer

Alana Rossiter (November to April 2019)

Paige Chatterton (May to August 2019)

Carli Finch (From May 2019)

Board Members

Chairperson

Jillian Smith, CEO CAAPS

Vice Chairperson

Vacant

Treasurer

Carole Taylor, CEO DASA

Secretary

Natalie Sarsfield, Regional AOD Manager, CatholicCare NT (to December 2018)

Committee Member

Pauline Reynolds, CEO BRADAAG

Committee Member

Michael Massingham, Projects, Amity Community Services

Committee Member

Stephen Versteegh, EO FORWAARD

Committee Member

Will MacGregor, CEO Bushmob

Committee Member

Leon Gailitis, Clinical Services Manager Banyan House (to December 2018)

Public Officer

Richard Mitchell, EO, AADANT

Board's Report

Throughout this year AADANT strengthened their position as the peak body for Drug and Alcohol in the Northern Territory as a strong voice for the AOD sector, in readiness for 2019 the Board reviewed their Strategic Plan to refocus the activities on three areas;

Leadership and Networks, Sector Development and the important role of Voice and Influence and it is crucial we move into this important NT election year with a clear message from our members.

We continue to diversify funding sources and develop relationships with influencers in government and our peers in other peaks and services at a Territory and National level. Despite limited resources, part of our lobbying activities in support of the sector, resulted in a successful objection to the Director of Licensing the expansion of Woolworths establishing the Dan Murphy's store in Darwin.

We extend our thanks our Executive Officer Richard Michell and Project Officer Katie Flynn who remained focussed on the tasks at hand despite some staffing issues. We welcome Carli Finch who has joined as a much needed administrative support this year.

Individual comments from Board members:

AADANT has been a great vehicle for a peak voice across regional Northern Territory. As a board member I have appreciated the opportunities for information sharing across NT Alcohol and other Drug programs. The Board have also been supportive of placement of younger members as proxy Board members to encourage succession and differing viewpoints.

Being on the Board of AADANT has assisted me to maintain up to date with AOD Sector information, changes and developments.

It is great that the Board is made up of senior staff from various AOD organisations across the Territory.

Many organisations are spread across a variety of locations in the NT, having such a diverse Board allows AADANT to understand that each location is unique, and that one size doesn't fit all.

I have appreciated being on the Board of AADANT because I value and join with the mission of the NT Peak in building and maintaining a strong and culturally diverse AOD sector working to reduce alcohol and drug-related related harm. I note that many synergies exist for services across the sector as AADANT places a focus on ensuring every opportunity is provided to strengthen AOD service delivery in the Northern Territory. As a board member I acknowledge the good work of Jill Smith the chair, and the staff of AADANT.

We have had some movement in the Board since our last AGM and we would like to give our sincere thanks to Natalie Sarsfield Regional AOD Manager CatholicCare NT and we welcomed a new member this year Will MacGregor CEO Bushmob.

AADANT 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.

Executive Officer's Report

We have been fortunate to have the support of the Northern Territory Government and the Commonwealth Government and funding has been secured for longer term contracts. This is a great outcome and something we have strived to achieve for a number of years. The longer-term funding provides stability and the opportunity to plan for the long term around important activities such as workforce development, capacity building, advocacy and sector support.

As we reflect on our achievements this year and look back over the challenges, we are confident that we are representing the alcohol and drug sector through our representation and activities. We continue to meet and lobby for the sector with Government both in Canberra and in Darwin and have had several opportunities to discuss issues relating to the AOD sector with the Commonwealth Minister for Health and other Government departments.

A great opportunity over the last year, we have the ability to provide support through funding from the Northern Territory PHN (NTPHN) with bursaries of up to \$5,000 made available for training to workers who require access to Certificate IV and Diploma of Alcohol and other Drugs. The challenge has been to find Registered Training Organisations (RTO) who have the ability to offer training across the NT. We continue to meet and discuss these issues with Government, Industry representative and the RTO's. We will continue to support and lobby for the sector with these organisations and stress the importance of a skilled and well-trained workforce.

One of our ongoing achievements and something we take great pride in is the 2-day alcohol and drug conference, this year held at the OAK's Elan in Darwin. We once again had substantial attendance with numbers over 2 days just over 130 participants. The AADANT AOD conference has continued to grow each year and we are very pleased with the number of local and interstate presenters who take the time out of their busy schedules to provide us with excellent workshops and presentations that are well attended and often highly praised. We are encouraged and motivated by the feedback from those attending and we thank those agencies, CEO's and staff who make the time to attend.

I am very pleased with what AADANT has achieved this year, we maintain a high level of participation through working groups, reference panels and advisory groups. I have been well supported in my role by Katie Flynn who has done a magnificent job and maintained a very high level of work, organising the conference logistics, weekly newsletter and website. I am also very pleased to have our new admin worker Carli Finch on board who has done a great job working with bursaries, finance and admin duties. AADANT will be employing a youth project worker in the upcoming year and we anticipate this will bring even more capacity for AADANT to support the AOD sector.

I would like to once again thank the Northern Territory and Commonwealth Governments for their ongoing support to AADANT. I would like to offer a special thanks to the NTPHN for providing funding opportunities which support the sector particularly in the area of training and workforce development. I would also like to thank the AADANT board and our member agencies for your support throughout the year.

It is with heavy heart that I sign off on my final report for AADANT I wish to thank all those working so tirelessly to support those individuals' families and communities impacted by substance misuse. I wish you all well in your endeavours.

Richard Michell

Executive Officer

Project Worker's Report

In my second year as the project worker for AADANT, the organisation focused on opportunities for education and training for the AOD sector and contributing to policy and harm reduction advocacy. AADANT ran two original targeted campaigns and one collaborative drink-driving campaign. AADANT provided three training opportunities for the sector over the first six months of the year and held our annual conference in April, preceded by AODTS NMDS training from QNADA. Following up from our 2018 Stakeholder Feedback Survey, AADANT recognised and acted on the need for Certificate IV in AOD and Diploma of AOD opportunities by partnering with the Northern Territory Primary Health Network to roll out bursaries for study. I also ran a calendar year of Youth AOD Meetings in Darwin and Alice Springs to understand the challenges faced by organisations and young people, and the options available for young people seeking treatment.

Beginning the year, AADANT provided Negotiated Supervision and Case Management training to the sector through Hilltop Counselling and Global Reconciliation Consultancy in Darwin and Alice Springs. This training was specifically asked for by the sector and saw more than 40 people attend the small sessions.

AADANT's submission to the Select Committee on a Northern Territory Harm Reduction Strategy for Addictive Behaviours was written in equal parts by myself and Richard Michell. We presented our report to the committee and were disappointed to learn the committee was discontinued later in the year. The advocacy of AADANT as a peak body continued with a submission to The Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee regarding the Tobacco Control Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 and our recommendations were put into action. We also wrote feedback to the Department of Attorney-General and Justice, Liquor Commission regarding Code of Practice for Responsible Promotion and Advertising of Liquor. We raised many concerns within the proposed code of practice regarding practicality in relation to the geographical size and number of liquor licenses in the Northern Territory. These three submissions were a large body of work that showed AADANT's commitment to advocacy not only for NGO treatment services, but to policy that reduces harm for everyone in the Northern Territory.

In September, Richard, myself and members from WANADA and QNADA met in Perth to discuss the challenges and successes of programs across the Top End of Australia. This meeting gave insight to our path forward. Continued collaboration will be the key to top end clients accessing consistent and quality AOD treatment.

The access of Naloxone had become a small news item for a limited time and accessing information about Naloxone was difficult for us as the peak, let alone someone in the

community. We created the Naloxone Access Infographics (one short, and one long) to address what Naloxone is, when it should be used, who can use it, how it works, and where to access it. These infographics were put in the newsletter and printed for our members and stakeholders to take away from meetings. The success of this campaign can be seen in nurses and other health professionals asking for access to the infographics. Our second campaign saw AADANT partner with Budget Direct Insurance to provide an infographic about the dangers of drink-driving that ran through the holiday period.

AADANT's third campaign was released in mid-April and came from conversations through media, Peaks Capacity Building meetings, and the AADANT Youth AOD Meetings which found harm reduction information for young people is minimal if any.

The Youth AOD Meetings ran for a calendar year from May 2018 facilitated by myself, and provided insight and networking opportunities to the sector.

The Stay Safe campaign was created in consultation with the Alcohol and Drug Foundation in South Australia.

With the release of the Stay Safe infographic came the 2019 AADANT AOD Conference held in Darwin. We saw more than 120 people attend throughout the two days and featured leading experts including keynote speaker Mark Ferry, COO of the Ted Noffs Foundation, Dr. Elizabeth Elliott of the University of Sydney to present on her FASD research, Dr. Stephen Bright of Edith Cowan University to present on psychedelics and alcohol with older adults, Professor Anthony Shakeshaft of NDARC, Dr. Jacqui Sundbery of the Bouverie Centre, and many more. It was a success and we hope to continue the generated interest in 2020.

I represented AADANT during the initial stages of the Palmerston Local Drug Action Group (LDAG) meetings and their ability to secure funding for education and harm reduction projects. I also attended the NTCOSS Social Policy meeting, Darwin Working With Youth Network, Volatile Substance Misuse network, and Darwin Regional Accommodation Action Group meetings regularly.

The National Peaks Network met in Melbourne in February to brainstorm upcoming projects for the Peaks Capacity Building Network (PCBN) and to finalise other projects. The PCBN holds monthly teleconferences which I have been present at. During the visit to Melbourne, I attended the VAADA conference which showed the potential for future AADANT conferences and gave ideas of similar topics our sector could benefit from.

As with last year, AADANT continued AOD sector networking meetings in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs, adding Tennant Creek to the list in September 2018 in collaboration with Peter Burnheim of the NTPHN. These meetings provide feedback and current strengths and weaknesses of the sector which AADANT troubleshoots ideas and solutions to throughout the year. As well as these meetings, regular agency visits of all our members where possible are conducted to understand the unique needs of organisations throughout the Territory.

AADANT worked tirelessly to engage the sector in training as requested by their workers, have a voice in policy, and provide accurate and helpful information to the public and the sector's workers.

I believe we completed a large body of work that contributed value back to the community and to the workforce that stretched our own capacity and pushed the peak further than years prior.

I would like to thank Richard Michell for his support and confidence in my work, the board for their support and advice to AADANT throughout the year and to our administration staff, Alana, Paige and Carli for their hard work.

Sincerely,

Katie Flynn
Project Worker, Sector Capacity Building

Treasurer's Report

Once again AADANT has had a busy and eventful year. It has involved itself in training in a number of areas and on a variety of topics. This is an area which is expanding for the organisation and one where member expectations are becoming better met.

AADANT has also been pro-active in the Territory forums designed to garner the views and concerns of those within the sector. These forums have been well attended and help to inform future policy and planning at the Territory level.

Under the guidance of Richard Michelle and his small but effective team, AADANT continues to grow in both size and relevance and has become a strong advocate for those of us who work in AOD, right across the Territory.

As the Treasurer of AADANT, I have been quite gratified by the management of the funds of the organisation and find it easier to work with the current accounting firm. The EO of AADANT has worked quite closely with our accounting firm to ensure that the funds we receive are spent in line with all of the contractual arrangements and that the budget remains on track from month to month.

I am very confident that the financials of AADANT are secure and that the organisation has sufficient funds to meet it's obligation as and when they come due.

I would like to thank my colleagues on the AADANT board for their work this year, with particular thanks to Jill Smith, the President for the countless hours she contributes to our organisation and the support she offers the EO and team.

I will add to the comments of others in stating that, I will be quite sad to see Richard Michelle, the current EO of AADANT, leave the organisation he has helped to develop to it's current level. I wish him every success in his future endeavours and hope that this next chapter will prove a pleasant and successful one.

For the organisation, it is imperative that we are able to find a worthy successor so that we can continue to go from strength to strength in the coming years.

Carole Taylor
Treasurer

Financial Reports

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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 2019.

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
Carole Taylor	Treasurer
Pauline Reynolds	Board member
Michael Massingham	Board member
Steve Versteegh	Board member
Will MacGregor	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 \$25,290 (2018: \$54,338).

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.

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BOARD'S REPORT (continued)

Auditor's Independence Declaration

At no time during the financial year ended 30 June 2019 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.

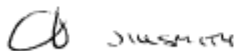
The lead auditor's independence declaration forms part of the Board report for the financial year ended 30 June 2019.

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 2019;
- 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: 18 September 2019



Treasurer
Date: 18 September 2019

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	582,587	130,356
Accounts receivable and other debtors	5	2,393	9,130
Other current assets	6	8,925	2,325
Total current assets		<u>593,905</u>	<u>141,811</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	8,020	10,238
Deposits	8	4,650	4,650
Total non-current assets		<u>12,670</u>	<u>14,888</u>
Total Assets		<u>606,575</u>	<u>156,699</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and other payables	9	99,508	43,731
Grant liabilities	10	393,499	6,815
Employee provisions	11	18,539	19,128
Total current liabilities		<u>511,546</u>	<u>69,674</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>511,546</u>	<u>69,674</u>
Net Assets		<u>95,029</u>	<u>87,025</u>
Total Members Funds		<u>95,029</u>	<u>87,025</u>

The Statement of Financial Position 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 2019

	Contributed Funds	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
	\$	\$	\$
MEMBERS FUNDS			
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
Balance at 1 July 2018	15,000	72,025	87,025
Profit for the year	-	25,290	25,290
Prior period adjustment to unexpended grants	-	(17,286)	(17,286)
Closing Balance at 30 June 2019	15,000	80,029	95,029

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 statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2019, the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019, 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 2019 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.

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report (continued)

Emphasis on Matter

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

Dependency on Government Funding

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

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

This description forms part of our audit report.

LOWRYS ACCOUNTANTS

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

Colin James, FCA
Registered Company Auditor

Darwin
Date: 18 September 2019

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