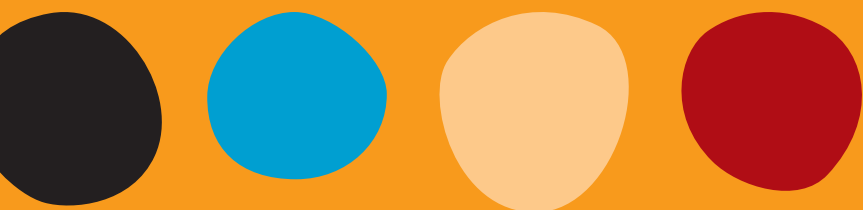




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From the Chairman

GARY R PAYNTER **CHAIRPERSON**

It is with great pleasure that I report on another successful year of service to 'Community' through a range of programs aimed at promoting greater health and wellbeing. Aboriginal Sobriety Group has had a very challenging year and I am pleased to say that every challenge presented has been met with success. The success of ASG can be attributed to the dedicated staff that have risen to the work environment challenges and with determined professionalism delivered all that has been required.

As many are aware, ASG began with a vision of our Elders to alleviate the hardship experienced within and across communities as a result of substance abuse. This vision and the determination of founding members led to the establishment of ASG and the dedication to develop programs aimed at promoting greater health and wellbeing. The range of programs provided by ASG continue to address the needs of community and work towards building and establishing strong, healthy, and robust Communities.

ASG is funded through Federal and State Governments with most agreements expiring June 2013. The instability of the current political environment and subsequent change in leadership at a Federal level means that there are and will continue to be new challenges ahead. The changes within Government have brought about yearly extensions of funding for the 2013-2014 financial year. Indications are that this trend will continue into the

upcoming financial year as a result of forecasted budget cuts, and Federal and State reviews of monies allocated to specific portfolios. In a period of extreme unpredictability ASG continues to rise to the challenge and provide much needed programs and services to a very vulnerable and disadvantaged cohort of people.

This year has been a challenging year with the Board working extremely hard to reduce the impact of the political unpredictability on the daily operations of the Organisation.

A key area of work has been revisiting the vision statement, purpose and values of ASG to assist the organisation to be clear on what it stands for. This work has been to prepare for the 3 year Strategic Plan for the Organisation, and involved a number of workshops with much discussion and reflection on the future directions of the Organisation. I would like to thank all who contributed to this process, and believe that this work will assist the organisation into the future.

A Key priority for the Board has been the financial viability of the organisation going forward. In the past two years ASG has overcome the financial difficulties experienced in the 2011-2012 financial year with the Auditor reporting that the 2013-2014 audit was the 'best in 10 years'. This is the result of a lot of hard work and sound financial management practices.

Another key priority for the Board has been the achievement of National Accreditation and ASG's recognition as a Quality Service Organisation. The hard work and dedication of the Board, CEO, and ASG staff saw site reviews conducted mid-year and National Accreditation finalised and granted in December. The role of the Board going forward will be to ensure that the organisation remains an accredited Organisation through consistently reviewing and evaluating the organisations quality improvement practices, processes, and outcomes.

In line with Quality Improvement Processes there has been a strong direction towards enhanced training and development of staff across the Organisation. A significant focus has been on appropriate training to limit the bias found when

assessing clients to access mental health services and the lack of knowledge from mainstream services in the recognition and understanding of culture bound syndromes (often misdiagnosed as mental health disorders). This has led to a number of staff undertaking training delivered by Tracey Westerman in the delivery of the Westerman Aboriginal Symptom Checklist (Adult and Youth) and associated cultural and clinical guidelines (WASC Y-C). Training in the use of this instrument which includes the 'acculturation scale' and 'cultural stress yarn' will enable staff working with clients to provide a cultural assessment, identify the existence of culture bound syndromes, and identify clients at risk of suicide. It is well recognised that cultural stress is a predictor of suicide within the client group. This type of training reinforces the need for culturally appropriate service provision and service responses to Aboriginal clients.

Other outstanding achievements include the ongoing funding of the Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) Program. The Mobile Assistance Patrol was introduced to Australia by ASG Elders after visiting a similar program in the USA. This program has been successfully managed by ASG within the Greater Adelaide region since its implementation in 1976. The service is well recognised and utilised by SAPOL, medical services and other organisations to transport intoxicated people to places of safety, and to reduce the number of people being incarcerated as a result of alcohol and/or substance misuse. As a result of budget cuts and proposed changes to the operations of the MAP service ASG was at risk of losing this program when it was put out for public tender. ASG completed the tender process and was successful in securing the MAP program. ASG continues to work with the State Government and stakeholders in ensuring that ASG continues to operate this program and that the program continues into the future. Feedback from all stakeholders indicates high level satisfaction in ASG's delivery of the service.

During the past twelve months ASG has played a consultative role with Government and non-Government services regarding a number of key issues. These include the

implementation of the dry zone in Ceduna, people in the Parklands, and the Northern Aboriginal Youth Engagement Group. These processes involved representatives from the Commission for Liquor Licensing, SAPOL, Inner-City Homeless Services, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Department of Educations and Child Development, Metropolitan Aboriginal Youth Family Services, Kumangka, and the Aboriginal Prison Offender Support Service.

It is with great disappointment that I report that ASG has been misrepresented in the media in regards to there being no Aboriginal specific residential rehabilitation service in South Australia for clients experiencing alcohol and substance misuse issues. ASG has been operating Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW) residential rehabilitation centre at Monarto since 1995. LTW is a highly successful program as evidenced by the people passing through the facility and the referrals received from both inter and intra state agencies for clients wishing to access the service. This program has standing and well developed relationships with inter and intra State services and established MOU's with Drug and Alcohol Services of South Australia to ensure seamless service provision across the continuum of care from the clinical detoxification process through to the post exit support and care processes. This program is funded by the Federal Government and there are great opportunities going forward to expand the service to include Aboriginal women in the near future.

Reflection of the past twelve months highlights the unpredictability of political agenda once again, and that Aboriginal issues and services provided by Aboriginal Controlled Organisations are front and centre within these agendas. It is therefore necessary to reiterate some key points to consider in moving forward.

It is well recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the most disadvantaged group in Australia, experience poorer health outcomes, have higher mortality rates, and have a shorter life expectancy. In regards to mental health and substance abuse Aboriginal people experience psychological stress

at two and a half times the rate of other people; are hospitalised for mental health and behavioural disorders at 1.7 times the rate of non-Aboriginal people; suicide death rates are twice that of other people; hospitalisation rates for alcohol related conditions are two and half times that of others; and 71 percent of Aboriginal homicides involve both the victim and offender having alcohol at the time of offence. In the areas of justice the rate of child protection notifications is increasing faster for Aboriginal people; homicide rates are six times higher for Aboriginal people; hospitalisation rates for injuries caused by assault are much higher for Aboriginal people (seven times higher for men and 31 times higher for women); and Aboriginal people experience higher rates of family violence. Interestingly Aboriginal people still experience racism on a daily basis which significantly inhibits pathways forward.

What is recognised within Aboriginal Controlled Organisations and evidence in literature is the protective factors that significantly benefit the client group, these include connection to culture land and spirituality, kinship, self- determination, Community Governance, and Cultural Continuity.

ASG prides itself on having continued to deliver community services to the Aboriginal Community throughout periods of change in Australian Governments and the different approaches towards Indigenous service delivery practice in Australia. ASG maintains self-determination as its governing principal in delivering community services to Aboriginal Communities. It is vital for community services to be delivered equitably (rather than 'equally') and to recognise and manage the specialised understanding required of the devastating history, and the need and methods of healing for Australia's First Peoples. We strongly believe that Aboriginal People should be facilitated to take ownership of the delivery of these services, to maintain and build cultural safety competency and accountability in line with the UN International Indigenous Human Rights charter for clients accessing services across this sector.

The ASG Board of Management believes that the best people to provide community services to Aboriginal people are Aboriginal controlled organisations. We believe that with the correct allocation of State and Federal Government funding and accurate measurement of the success of the programs better outcomes will be achieved for the Aboriginal community who are in need for such services. ASG is committed and capable of meeting the needs of the community and the Governments.

To all of the individuals, businesses, organisations, community groups, and Government Departments that have assisted and contributed to the success of Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc. throughout the year, a sincere thank you. We appreciate all that your support and encouragement throughout the year.

To all of my fellow Board Members and Elders thank you for your wisdom, time, support and commitment.

To all of the management and staff of the organisation, thank you for your dedication, hard work ethic and passion throughout the year, your commitment to the organisation and your community is appreciated.

To all people who use our services, thank you for having trust in the organisation, and the workers you engage with to provide care. We shall continue to provide you with quality care wherever and whenever we are able!



Gary R. Paynter
Chairperson



Executive Officer's Report

JOE SILVESTRI **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc. was started as an unfunded, voluntary service. In 1976 ASG was incorporated and expanded programs to what exists today. Throughout this time the staff members and volunteers of ASG have worked tirelessly to provide care and support in the community. 2013-2014 was no different.

I am very pleased to announce that ASG was accredited by Quality Improvement Council Health and Community Services Standards in August 2013. This was achieved through the dedicated work of the ASG Quality Improvement Team Chris Riley, Pat Ingram and Peter Smith. The Program Managers and staff members were also integral to this process by reviewing their programs, identifying gaps and adjusting systems and processes to improve the service that they provide. The ASG Board, Management and staff members are dedicated to providing quality programs which can only be achieved by continuous review and improvement.

A new website was developed with the aim of being welcoming and easy to use for clients and other organisations. Technology and the way people communicate is constantly changing and the website has been designed with this in mind being adaptable to smart phones, tablets and with links to popular media. During this process, the opportunity to re-brand ASG to reflect our mission was identified and the ASG logo was updated and new

stationery and brochures to reflect the ASG website design. I would like to thank Ian Sansbury for the amazing artwork that he thoughtfully designed and expertly created which formed a basis for the re-branding.

ASG's Program Managers, Caseworkers, Residential Support Workers and Field Officers have very challenging roles. They are dedicated in their work in supporting some of the most vulnerable members of our community, yet they come to work each day committed to helping their clients to live safe, secure, strong and free from the influence of drug and alcohol.

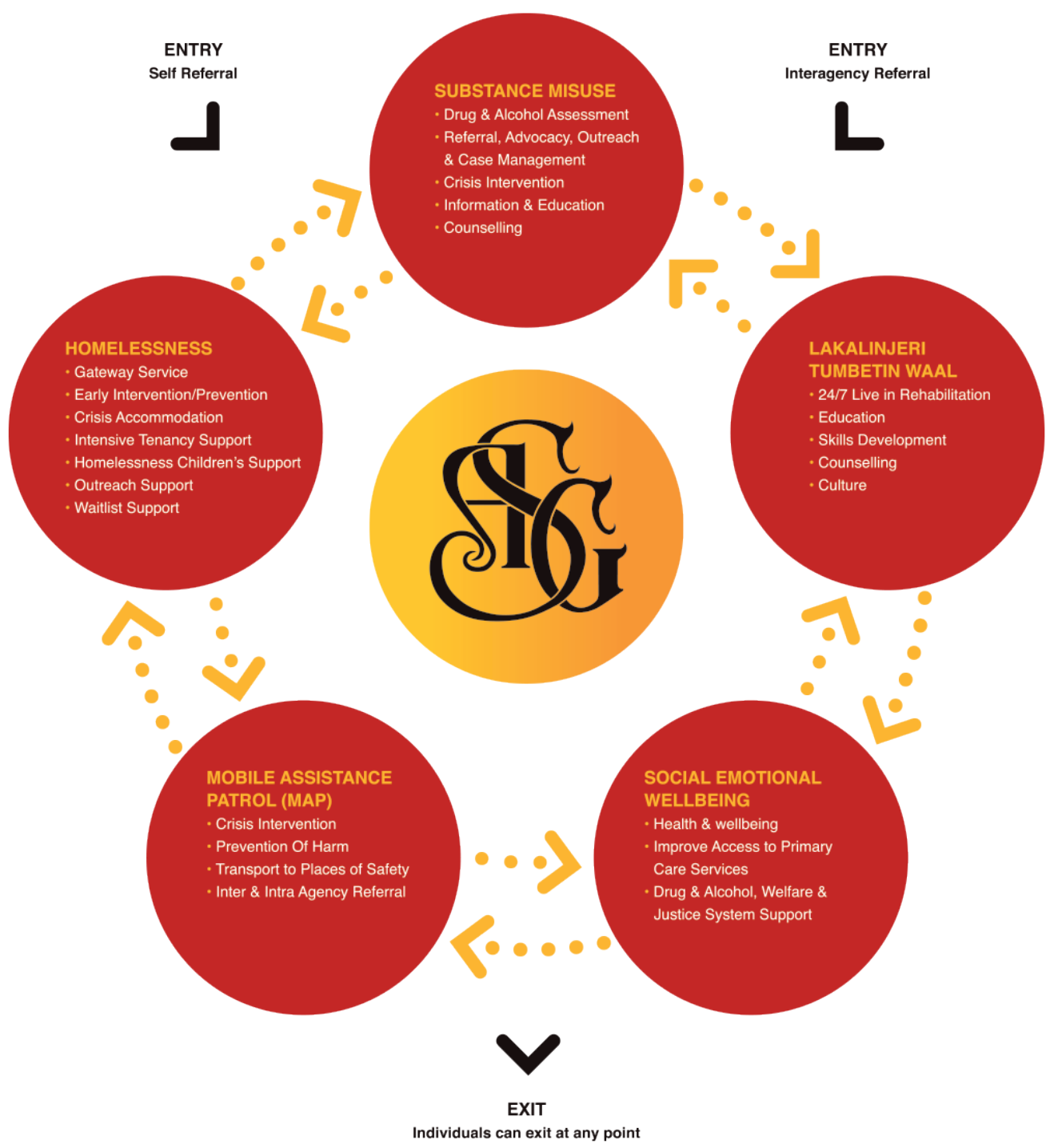
ASG is a not-for-profit organisation and as such relies on funding from State and Federal Government's. There are many changes and challenges that need to be met in the next financial year as the newly elected Federal Government have made sweeping changes to funding arrangements. ASG is willing and able to meet their requirements to ensure that our programs continue and that they are specific to the needs to the Aboriginal Community. The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet guaranteed ASG funding for the financial year of 2013-2014 and submissions been made for future funding.

Community services is a highly rewarding but very challenging sector to be a part of and 2013-2014 Financial Year was not an exception to this. ASG assisted many clients to achieve great outcomes in housing and overcoming challenges to live a life free of alcohol and drugs. Through Federal and State funding ASG was able to continue to deliver our much needed services to the community and we look forward to continue providing programs into the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Silvestri".

Joe Silvestri
Chief Executive Officer

Service Delivery Model



Individuals can enter any of our services which include Substance Misuse, Rehabilitation (Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal), Riverland, Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) and Homelessness via self referral or interagency referral and can exit at any point.

ASG Mission Statement

VISION

Sobriety and healing for Aboriginal people

PURPOSE

To provide healing pathways away from grief, loss, trauma and abusive lives

VALUES

- Practicing Aboriginal culture, custom, tradition and spirituality
- A sober lifestyle
- Respect for our clients, colleagues, partners and community
- Acting with integrity, honesty and accountability
- Quality service provision to ensure positive outcomes for clients

ASG Strategic Goals

STRATEGIC GOAL 1: PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITY

- Reflect the needs of community
- Promote healthy lifestyles and resilience
- Maintain a client focus
- Provide holistic and unique service delivery
- Value consultation and feedback
- Provide best practice and evidence based services

STRATEGIC GOAL 2: PROVIDE EFFECTIVE SYSTEMS, STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT EMPLOYEES AND PROGRAMS

- Recruit and retain Aboriginal staff
- Reflect commitment to diversity, resilience, accountability and ethical standards in daily practice
- Provide training and professional development opportunities
- Efficiently use current resources for maximum benefit and outcomes
- Maintain Accreditation and continuous improvement
- Assess and reduce risk

STRATEGIC GOAL 3: WORK TOGETHER WITH ALL STAKE HOLDERS TO MAXIMISE RESOURCES AND ACHIEVE POSITIVE OUTCOMES

- Appropriately source ongoing funding and resources for maximum benefit and outcomes
- Create and maintain Service Agreements with strategic partners
- Work effectively with strategic partners to ensure client outcomes
- Provide evidential feedback on funding

QIP Accreditation

Aboriginal Sobriety Group is committed to providing quality programs and procedures for our clients and staff members.

In August 2013 the Quality Improvement Council (QIC) accredited ASG under the Quality Improvement Council Health and Community Services Standards. This was a result of many hours of internal reviews and improvements by the Quality Improvement Team, Program Managers and staff members.

Managers and staff members know that quality improvement does not stop at achieving accreditation but that programs and procedures require constant review to ensure they meet the needs of clients, the community and staff and that they meet legal requirements set by State and Federal governments.

ASG would like to thank QIC and the many people and organisations that supported ASG through the review process.



The Substance Misuse Team (SMT)

The Substance Misuse Team (SMT) is a major component of ASG, receiving referrals from other services and community. SMT provides assessments, referrals and counselling to assist with prevention, rehabilitation and stabilisation services to the Aboriginal community.

SMT provide holistic, cultural and a unique approach with the service delivery and include social and emotional wellbeing as part of the intense casework and community support. The team also provide and promote education and awareness to a broad range of clients and Government and non-Government services and staff.


Many of our clients have complex issues that run in conjunction with addictions encompassing legal, financial, housing, family, health, loss and grief, all of which impacts their daily health and wellbeing. To assist these clients SMT provides a comprehensive assessment to be able to support and ensure effective intervention, reduce risk and engagement for better outcomes.

SMT has established strong relationships and partnerships with other services to work effectively with strategic partners to ensure client outcomes and to provide an extensive referral program. ASG has an established MOU with Drug and Alcohol Services of South Australia which enables clients to access an immediate assessment and admission to DASSA detox facilities and engagement with pharmacotherapy services.

Case management and outreach counselling are provided to clients who are seeking to change their lifestyles. At present 15 counselling sessions are available each week for Aboriginal clients who experience substance misuse and associated mental health problems.

Counselling is client focused, strengths based and uses a combination of Narrative, Motivational Interviewing, and Cognitive Behavioural Therapy approaches. An accepted practice throughout the sector has been the use of therapeutic groups (talking circles), these are one of the most culturally appropriate and cost effective mechanisms for strengthening and developing individual and community action on substance misuse and mental health issues.





The bringing together of people in a safe and positive environment, enables clients to share experiences, receive information, and discuss relevant issues.

SMT carry out extensive work with the Justice system including prisons and courts to try to minimise incarceration, and also engage with Community events promoting healthy lifestyle and resilience. Workers visit prisoners at South Australian facilities prior to their release with the objective of reducing re-offending. Prisoners are assessed prior to release and case management plans are designed to address drug and alcohol issues, facilitate entry to pre-employment and job readiness training (access to job networks), source accommodation and support, and mentor reintegration back into Community.

Over the past twelve months there has been a significant increase in the number of referrals from Correctional, Community Corrections, and Forensic services for SMT services and support. SMT have also been regular attendees at Nunga Court and in 9C conferencing processes and are often sourced by both legal representatives and the Judiciary to support clients during and after processes. This has led to ASG being highly recommended and identified as strong service providers within and across these arenas.

Workers from the substance misuse team provide regular presentations to community groups and other community workers; providing information about drugs and alcohol, health effects of substance misuse and sharing networks that can offer support to families affected by substance misuse. Recent collaborations incorporated 26 schools in the Northern area of Adelaide as part of the Orion project. The role of the workers from the Substance misuse team is to educate Aboriginal school assistants and truancy officers so they can better recognise substance misuse in families, we also provide information regarding the support agencies and treatment options that are available.

The SMT team are to be congratulated on a year of hard work which has produced beneficial outcomes for clients, service providers, and the Organisation.



Homelessness Program

The Western Adelaide Aboriginal and Eastern Homeless team have continued to provide high quality care and support to clients who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The last twelve months has proved challenging with several staff and program changes all of which have focused on improved service provision and client outcomes. The team are a resilient team and are dedicated to the provision of culturally appropriate service provision to the client group.

The past year has seen a higher than usual number of clients present to the service with chronic health issues, dual diagnosis, and exceptional needs. This has led to stronger links with health, mental health, and drug and alcohol service providers. Sitting alongside this has been a high number of referrals from both Correctional and Community Correction agencies. The team at Woodville continue to provide high quality culturally accountable care and support to clients irrelevant of the client situation, need, or level of care required.

The implementation of an Arts program has enabled clients to explore personal issues through the use of different art mediums. This has been led by staff member Ian Sansbury who is a renowned artist and whose artwork adorns the new ASG website.

The high number of clients presenting with drug and alcohol issues has meant that we have utilised our in-house drug and alcohol services to a higher degree


with clients accessing AOD support, on-site counselling, and in some instances being referred to our Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal residential rehabilitation program. This has been of benefit to this cohort of clients as these transitions are seamless, and enable clients to access this type of service within ASG.

There has been a greater focus on collaborative relationships and work is currently being completed in the West in regards to clients transiting between services. The work currently being undertaken is between the three key identified services within the West which are ASG, Western Adelaide Generic Homeless Service, and the Aboriginal Transitional Housing Outreach Service. Homelessness services in the West are also supported and work in conjunction with Port Adelaide and Croydon Housing SA. Regional offices have been very supportive of both the client group and the service which has seen an increased level of satisfaction from the client group.

Housing options for our particular client group has always been problematic and with the limited housing options available this is becoming more difficult. The service has developed very good working partnerships with a number of Community Housing groups who go over and above in regards to supporting clients in their tenancies. The service would like to extend its gratitude to all those who have assisted and supported clients to sustain their tenancies.

The alliance between Baptist Care and ASG continues to be maintained by the Eastern Caseworkers who provide intake assessment, homelessness advocacy and support services, case management, and outreach support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. This partnership is continuing and will continue into the 2014-2015 period as a result of the recent rollover of funding to homelessness services across South Australia.

Eastern Caseworkers provide homelessness support to clients from both the Westcare facility located in Wright Street and ASG head office in Wakefield Street.



Expanding services within the partnership has meant that clients are now able to access specific men's groups through Baptist Care and on-site counselling through ASG.

Service provision to clients is being improved through the training and development of the Eastern and Western workers which includes training in Diploma of Narrative Therapy, Cert IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs, and the recent training undertaken which to implement the use of the Westerman Aboriginal Symptom Checklist (WASC Y-C) an instrument used to assess risk of suicide and the presentation of Culture Bound Syndromes in Aboriginal clients. The use of the 'cultural stress yarn' and 'acculturation scale' in exploring Aboriginal mental health and wellbeing has widespread uses in both limiting the misdiagnosis of clients regarding presentation of mental health disorders and assessing for depression and suicide. The benefits of this type of training will ensure that clients are assessed appropriately and case plan are developed in conjunction with these types of assessments.

This year has been more challenging as homelessness is once again on the agenda of both the Commonwealth and State Governments, and although a rollover of funding has ensured the continuation of services until June 2015 there is still a level of unpredictability about the future going forward.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff for their ongoing dedication to the work that they do on a daily basis for the client group, funding bodies for their ongoing support, and other service providers for coming to the table and working in collaboration to achieve positive client outcomes.

Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal

LTW is a non-medical 'dry' rehabilitation centre located on a farm at Monarto and has been in operation for 19 years. Clients 'live-in' and are assisted through a number of programs to recover from alcohol or other substance misuse lifestyles.

Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal, meaning 'clan, family, community' healing place, adopts a holistic approach by treating the underlying grief as well as the disorder.

The common beliefs and rituals of various clans are considered, so that all communities can share in the healing process.

Service Delivery

As we strived for new directions and pathways to support our client base, our vision was to enhance the client's opportunity to transition back into the community more successfully

With the introduction of a 12 and 24 week residential program, more comprehensive case plans, regular case conferences and monitored home visits and working in collaboration with family 's and external agencies we were able to achieve sustainable outcomes.

Once again referrals have come from all over Australia from as far as NSW to Kintore community which is 600km north of Alice Springs.

Aboriginal culture is an important part of the rehabilitation process and is integrated into the daily program for example, smoking ceremonies and talking circles. Daily programs being offered have been designed to teach, educate and support each client in there endeavour to make positive change.

Also, a big thankyou to other ASG programs for their support and guidance.

Programs

LTW has made some strong working relationships with other external providers in the local area to improve our program.

FINDING WORKABLE SOLUTIONS (FWS)

FWS is a not-for-profit community organisation that delivers high quality employment services.

FWS have been facilitating their Salvage and Save program at LTW for over one year. Salvage and Save recycles donated or salvaged goods which are then sold back into the community. LTW has a fully-equipped carpentry workshop where the salvaged goods are transformed into usable objects.



LTW Main Building

This program has been of great benefit to the LTW clients and we look forward to working with FWS into the future.

GUTTER TO GLORY – STEPHEN CAIN

Stephen Cain is a motivational speaker who shares his personal story of 'Gutter to Glory'. This program is designed to show participants that it is possible to make beneficial changes to their lives.

The program focuses on:
Respect and Safety in the Workplace
Motivation
Nothing is impossible
Value of employment
Honesty
Integrity
Family Values
Low self-esteem
Accountability

This program has been funded by Department of Correctional Services.

MURRAY MALLEE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE

Murray Mallee Community Health Service continued to provide in-house services for LTW Clients. Services include:

Healthy cooking instruction
Gardening
Quit smoking
Regular health checks for all residents

HEPATITIS SA

Hepatitis SA visits LTW fortnightly providing education on preventing and living with Hepatitis and also facilitates art workshops which is very popular with clients.



Gutter to Glory - Stephen Cain

Networking

LTW works closely with the following organisations and would like to thank them for their support:

Hepatitis SA
Relationships Australia
Aboriginal Family Support Service
Nunkuwarrin Yunti
Centrelink
Alcohol Anonymous



Finding Workable Solutions
Workshop



LTW Client with their artwork



ASG Riverland Team Members

Riverland Report

ASG Riverland administers a range of services which provide a complete substance misuse recovery pathway including Substance Misuse Program, Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) and Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP)

SERVICE DELIVERY

The past twelve months have been extremely positive for the Riverland branch because of our strong working relationship amongst our own dedicated staff and perseverance to build solid partnerships with other willing organisations and service providers. Riverland staff members engage in relevant training to best suit their positions for better client outcomes. We have an experienced and efficient team capable and confident in providing the services expected by ASG, our Board of Management and our funding body.

The importance of complying to the services we are funded to provide were stressed and adhered to, although staff were always obliging to go over and above for their clients. This means that we ensure we have the right people for the right positions to provide an outcomes driven focus which in turn shows our priority is our clients and community members.

SUBSTANCE MISUSE

The purpose of the substance misuse caseworker is to improve access for

Aboriginal community members to effective, comprehensive primary care services and to encourage Aboriginal community members to lead a substance free lifestyle. To ensure complete flexibility, clients can enter and exit the pathway at various points of need. The health and wellbeing for Aboriginal people is improved by empowering individuals and communities to take greater responsibility for their own health, strengthening relationships with existing service systems so that the needs of community members are met and increasing the availability of services in areas where these are inadequate.

The Caseworker, Daniel Matthews, provided personal and social support for clients to access programs, case management and referrals to appropriate services plus practical support as required. He also assisted with advocacy, liaison and intervention. Daniel provided aid to community members participating in substance misuse programs within the Riverland and assessed the individual and social needs of community members. Clients were referred to programs internally and externally to optimise the value derived to the client in achieving improved health and wellbeing. This also includes a smooth transaction should the community member decide to utilise Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW) our rehabilitation and healing Centre located at Monarto near Murray Bridge.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

The SEWB Worker contributes to the delivery of culturally appropriate targeted programs with the aim of promoting improved health and wellbeing for Aboriginal people through a reduction of incidents of substance misuse.

The SEWB Worker, Jason Russell provided personal and social support to Aboriginal community members participating in substance misuse programs. Based on the needs assessment, Jason worked with clients focussing on the health, welfare and justice systems to optimise the value derived to the community member in achieving improved health and wellbeing. He provided practical support to clients such as accompanying clients to appointments (as required and with consent) in a manner that builds personal skills and confidence of the client and within an empowerment framework.

Jason engaged with individuals who offend or are at risk of offending and their families to create safer homes and communities. He assisted in preventing and diverting people from entering detention centres, helping people complete community-based sentences after they have been convicted of a crime, intervening with people and their families to help them get back on track when a person develops a criminal record. He also worked with people in detention or coming out of detention. Jason provided assistance and referral processes to any community members from the Stolen Generation.

MOBILE ASSISTANCE PATROL (MAP)

MAP Workers Michael Stanley, Tom Mason and Samuel Koolmatrie provided transport to Aboriginal community members under the influence of alcohol, other substances or situational crisis from public places to places of care, safety and support. They also assisted some of our Elders and community members who required transport to medical appointments and some clients who were unable to attend ASG appointments due to situational crisis. Currently we are funded to run MAP three days a week, but we will be looking to secure funding to provide a full time service to fill community demand. Uncle Sam Koolmatrie officially retired as a MAP Worker although he has stayed on as a casual driver.

RECEPTION AND ADMINISTRATION

Candice Dodson provided exceptional customer service either by phone or in person as first point of call. She handled all phone and front desk enquiries and referred clients and visitors to the appropriate worker and initial intake of clients. Candice is also the Work Health and Safety representative for the Riverland office.



ASG Riverland office located at 3 Wilson Street, Berri

Additional Services

PSYCHOLOGIST

We have a visiting Psychologist, Kym Schellen who practised out of ASG every three weeks on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Kym engaged with male and females from the ages eight and up with an average of twelve clients a week. Aboriginal community members took priority but the service is open to anyone. There is currently a short waiting list but patients are assessed by priority of access. Kym has filled a huge void for this type of service in the Riverland and we saw an increase in referrals due to the additional promotion of this service. A referral to ASG and a current mental health care plan is all that is required to be referred to Kym.

ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT (ALRM)

A field officer and solicitor from Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement continued consulting on a monthly basis from our office in which we have secured a strong relationship and regularly refer clients to each other. There is also a strong connection with the Berri Courthouse.

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

All Riverland staff were encouraged to progress their roles by having the opportunity for further training in order to improve their skill set enabling better outcomes for clients.

Staff are currently engaged in on-going training including Diploma of Counselling, Diploma of Community Services, AOD and Mental Health. Workers are regularly advised of training opportunities and are encouraged and supported by management to attend. Other training undertaken by staff this past year include: Regular Clinical Supervision, Level 1 WH&S, Case Management, AOD Skills Set, Mental Health First Aid, Family Wellbeing, First Aid, CSE, Certificate 2 in Community Services, SA Counsellors Forum (Nunkuwarrin Yunti), Gambling Awareness Forum, Mental Health Information Session, Youth Mental Health Service Delivery, Hepatitis B Education, Asthma Information Sessions.

SERVICE AGREEMENTS/ MOU'S, PARTNERSHIPS & PROGRAMS

Uniting Communities and ASG have developed and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which has seen Uniting Communities lease a room in our building for twelve months and employ two AOD caseworkers and provide three residential houses to the benefit of our community members. This partnership is working well and shows how agencies can work together to achieve better outcomes. ASG Riverland looks forward to continuing this relationship which will assist our community greatly.

Kym Schellen and ASG created a service agreement which will enable Kym to provide a much needed psychologist service to the Riverland. His rapport and compassion with clients makes him a much sought after asset to ASG and has increased his own workload. Kym has a wealth of knowledge and is always happy to pass on his expertise and experience to ASG workers to better assist them. He is also a qualified Bringing Them Home counsellor.

Jason and Daniel interacted with staff and inmates at the Cadell Training Centre to establish a strong connection for a smooth transaction back into the community. They will continue to visit the training centre on a monthly basis to provide support and information on all ASG services and to be a point of contact upon release.

Riverland Aboriginal Men's Support Group have a long and positive relationship with the Aboriginal Sobriety Group here in the Riverland and highly value its crucial services it provides to Riverland Aboriginal Community members. "The Aboriginal Sobriety Group is the only community controlled organisation in the Riverland therefore it is imperative that we continue to build the local capacity of its staff and associated services and programs" – Ashley Couzens, founder (2004). Daniel and Jason are part of this group and attended fortnightly to provide AOD and SEWB information to the group and new members and to have a great laugh.

BPS Partnership. Jason continues to engage in school and community partnership meetings at Barmera Primary School to ensure our Aboriginal students are successful learners.

He attended meetings in which he was able to yarn with parents, teachers and some other service providers on the importance of social and emotional wellbeing and the dangers of alcohol and other drugs.

Certificate 2 in Family Wellbeing was held in our meeting room on a weekly basis. This was a male only course over twelve weeks and was presented by TAFE SA. There was a consistent number of six community members every week with approximately four graduations. We are currently looking at running a similar program for female community members.

NAIDOC Week. Our receptionist, Candice engaged in this by setting up meetings, forming a committee and securing separate funding for the week long event and the dedicated committee were able to successfully present an enjoyable event for our community members.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- NAIDOC Week
- Riverland Aboriginal Men's Support Group (fortnightly)
- Let's Live Longer Program
- Reconciliation Week
- Youth Expo
- Closing the Gap Day
- Sober Walk (3 Riverland clients attended with staff)
- Mental Health Week & Forum
- Youth Mental Health Service Delivery Forum
- Meeting with Premier Jay Wetherill and Cabinet Members
- White Ribbon Day
- Drug & Alcohol awareness week

AWARDS

Candice Dodson – Female Community Member of the year, NAIDOC Week. This is the second year in a row Candice has won this award.

Daniel Matthews – nominated for male Community Member of the year, NAIDOC Week.

Jason Russell - nominated for male Community Member of the year, NAIDOC Week.

Tom Mason - nominated for male youth of the year, NAIDOC Week.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

The Program Manager has been working continuously towards our strategic plan including standard operating procedures, MOU'S, risk management, OHS and performance reviews/ appraisals with staff. There was a major focus to ensure the Riverland branch has formalised service agreements and documentation to satisfy accreditation standards and this led to ASG (as an organisation) gaining our QIC Accreditation. In order to deliver a more effective service for the future, the manager ensured that networking between agencies continued to be strong for our staff, clients and other organisations and service providers. Our modern and spacious meeting room continues to be rented out to external organisations.

The Program Manager has developed a popular Facebook page and a monthly newsletter which will compliment our new website. There have been identified gaps in service provision which would see additional positions added to our team and we are currently writing funding submissions to suit. This would see a much needed stand alone Aboriginal based organisation in the Riverland with complete relevant services for our community members.

REFERRALS

This year saw an increase in referrals due to additional promotion of our services through interagency meetings with community organisations and the presence of our workers at relevant events. There was also an increase in referrals from Berri Community Corrections and Community Youth Justice for substance misuse services including detoxification and rehabilitation which saw a slight increase of community members attend LTW our rehabilitation centre located at Monarto near Murray Bridge. While most of the clients needs were met within ASG, some were referred to other relevant agencies for further support and guided through the process. The addition of Kym Schellen (Psychologist) and ALRM aided in increasing the number of referrals as well as solid relationships with Life Without Barriers, ac care and AFSS.

FOR THE FUTURE

ASG has identified some gaps in the services available to the Riverland community. To ensure that ASG adapts to the changing needs and that these gaps are closed funding for the following services will be sought.

Community Development Worker – This position would undertake consultation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, regional service providers both Government and non-Government in the development of a 'Best Practice' model for service provision to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities. Focusing on identifying specific community needs, increasing Aboriginal participation and voices in the ongoing development and implementation of appropriate service delivery models and responses, improve access to services, facilitate a more coordinated response from organisations, enable clients to have more control over their lives, and reduce crisis.

Youth/ Juvenile Worker - Over the past two years there has been a significant increase in requests for a designated service response to Youth specifically for prevention and diversion response to clients of regard to offending. With the aim of reducing the number of clients offending, re-offending or engaged with criminal justice systems.

Requests for this service provision are being generated from our local South Australian Police services, Youth Justice, Community Corrections and Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement. In response to this we have broadened service vision to incorporate these identified needs with a primary focus on AOD work. This has resulted in an increase in requests for assistance which ASG has been forced to place on a waitlist as this is not ASG's primary area of service delivery. As an early intervention prevention strategy ASG has been visiting the regional early release correctional facility based at Cadell to engage with clients to deliver AOD education and awareness, to develop client rapport, and to provide support pathways for client's pre and post exit. There is a designated need as the increase for our

workforce to meet this need.

Counsellor - Collaborations for an onsite psychology service were sought and implemented. This collaboration has been extremely successful and has seen the delivery of psychology services onsite 2 days every three weeks with a baseline of 6 clients per day. This collaboration has been running successfully for more than 12 months. Evidence of its success can be seen by the high volume of referrals, high level of client engagement, and collaborative working relationships between ASG Berri, local General Practitioners, local Service Providers and the visiting Psychologist.

Although this strategy has been highly successful it has created long waitlists as a result of the high level of demand for this service. This is further exacerbated due to the lack of psychology or counselling services within the region, poor client engagement with other service providers, and the limited time that can be offered by the visiting psychologist.

Ongoing discussions to improve accessibility to this type of specialised service has identified the need for an onsite counsellor to deliver the more generalised counselling often needed as opposed to the highly intensive psychology services provided by the visiting psychologist.

The implementation of an onsite counsellor position in conjunction with the visiting psychologist will ensure clients receive a vital service, reduce the waitlist times, and reduce the need for a fulltime psychologist (which has proven problematic as evidenced when trying to secure the services of a visiting psychologist).

NETWORKS

- Berri Community Correctional Centre/Community Youth Justice
- Riverland Aboriginal Men's Support Group
- Life Without Barriers (LWB)
- Barmera Primary School (BPS) Partnerships
- Riverland Division of General Practice (RDGP)
- Aboriginal Family Support Services (AFSS)
- Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM)
- Ac Care
- Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia (DASSA)
- Barmera Medical Centre
- Berri Medical Centre
- Housing SA
- TAFE SA
- Uniting Communities
- SA Police
- Centacare
- Relationships Australia (RSA)
- Salvation Army
- Nunkuwarrin Yunti (SA) Inc
- Cadell Training Centre
- Centrelink
- Mission Australia
- Riverland Mallee Coorong Community Health Services
- Offenders Aid and Rehabilitation Services (OARS)
- Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW)
- MADEC
- Flinders University Rural Clinic School (FURCS)
- Riverland Mental Health Services
- Gerry Kandelaars (MLC) Local Member of Parliament

Mobile Assistance Patrol

The Mobile Assistance Patrol was developed by ASG after a similar service in San Francisco USA. Initially this service was provided by volunteers and later was funding was sourced. In 2012-2013 ASG successfully bided to continue providing this important program to the Adelaide community.

The Mobile Assistance Patrol provides transport for individuals who are under the influence of alcohol and other drugs and at risk of harm to themselves or others from inner Adelaide City to places of safety. The experience Field Officers also provide advice and referrals to the people accessing this service.

THE PROGRAM AIMS:

- To reduce harm arising from the use of alcohol and other substances.
- To improve the safety and well-being of individuals who have been affected by the misuse of alcohol and other substances.
- Maximise the wellbeing of individuals affected by drugs and alcohol by taking them to places of safety including sobering up services and other key services in the inner city.

In 2013 operation times of MAP underwent significant changes which improved the service provided. The scope of the service was also refined to ensure that people visiting the inner city area are provided with a prompt and targeted service.



The MAP Team

MAP WORKS CLOSELY WITH AND GIVES PRIORITY TO:

- South Australia Police sites (including the City Watch House)
- Royal Adelaide Hospital
- Women's and Children's Hospital
- Street to Home
- The HUB
- Other similar community services particularly located in inner Adelaide City.

CLIENT TARGET GROUP

- People who are intoxicated in public places within the inner city area of Adelaide who are:
- experiencing or causing harm, or
- who are at a high risk of harm due to the influence of drugs or alcohol, and
- are not in a fit state to safely return of their own accord to their home or to a safe place.

THE TARGET GROUP IS INCLUSIVE OF:

- Adults
- Children
- Young people under the age of 18
- Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal
- Aboriginal people who are visitors to the Adelaide inner city and parklands.

THE MAP PROGRAM IS CURRENTLY FUNDED BY:

- SA Health (DASSA)
- Department of Communities and Social Inclusion
- Adelaide City Council

ASG would like to thank the continued support of the funding bodies and inner-city agencies.

ASG Boxing Club

The ASG Boxing Club is a low cost gym and provides fitness and boxing sessions which are facilitated by an experienced and dedicated team of volunteers.

ASG has a fully equipped gym located in our head office at 182-190 Wakefield Street, Adelaide. Full sessions are held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Female only sessions are also held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

The ASG Boxing Club is a member of the ASG Boxing Club is member of the South Australian Boxing Club and Club members regularly compete at state and national events.





Sober Walk 2013

ASG held the annual Sober Walk on 29th November 2013. The aim of this event is to encourage people who are affected by drugs and alcohol to seek help and to provide information on what assistance is available from ASG. It is also an opportunity to increase awareness of the harmful impact drug use and alcohol inflicts on families, individuals and the community.

This year there was a change in venue for the Sober Walk with it being held at Whitmore Square. The move was due to being more central to the city and the close proximity to the many community services located around Whitmore Square.

The event began with walk around Whitmore Square with assistance from SAPOL. This was followed by some speeches and sharing personal stories of overcoming life's challenges to overcome the negative influence of alcohol and drugs. A BBQ expertly cooked by staff members of Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal was then enjoyed by everyone.

ASG would like to thank Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council and the Australian Institute of Business for their generous sponsorship.



Community BBQ

ASG held a community BBQ at Rogers Park in Tailem Bend on 25th October 2013. The aim was to engage with community members in the area as Lakalinjery Tumbetin Waal (LTW) is located nearby at Monarto.

Staff and clients at LTW prepared and cooked a healthy BBQ using their newly gained skills through the Healthy Life Style Program facilitated by the Murray Mallee Health Service.

The afternoon was attended by Tailem Bend community members, LTW staff and clients, ASG staff members based in Adelaide and ASG Board members.

Everyone enjoyed the pleasant weather, great company and delicious food.



ASG Rebrand

ASG IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE A NEW LOOK WEBSITE AND LOGO.

ASG is fortunate enough to have an employee who is also a skilled artist! Ian Sansbury, the current Program Manager of Homelessness Programs, generously gave his time to create a painting that represents the services that ASG provides. This artwork was used as a basis for ASG's new image.

ASG felt it was important to retain as much of the original style of the ASG insignia that was hand sewn many years ago. The new modern look was achieved by inverting the colours making the lettering stand out against the background disc which was given a bold yellow colour. The new disc also ties in well with the coloured dots that now feature predominantly on our website and stationery which were based on a feature from Ian's artwork.

Joseph DeMaria from ReflectCreativity.com worked closely with ASG staff members to ensure the new logo and brand reflected the character of ASG, successfully creating a new modern look without removing too much from the original. Joseph was assisted by Jon Barratt at Krolyn.com who created the new website to be adaptable to all devices eg smartphones, tablets etc.

IAN SANSBURY PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION OF THIS ARTWORK:

The painting is split up into 3 parts and represents PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE.

The first section represents clients walking alone through life with no direction/purpose. As you can see the footprints walk alone and the painting has little life to it.

The second section represents clients coming into the Aboriginal Sobriety Group and throughout this time ASG workers supporting the clients.

The third section represents clients going back into the community stronger/educated/drug free etc. and helping others to overcome the struggles and hopelessness. As you can see in the third section the footprints are bigger and the picture is brighter and more colourful. By clients coming into our service they move onto a better life and become Strong Aboriginal men and women of the community. This transition would not have been possible without the hard work ASG workers do on a daily basis.

ASG would like to thank Ian for the many hours that he dedicated to this artwork.



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Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2014

ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Grants Revenue		3,288,038	3,139,497
Other Revenue		263,491	216,676
Employee benefits expense		(2,528,433)	(2,491,040)
Goods and Services Expenses		(982,206)	(811,645)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(69,297)	(67,177)
Current year surplus (deficit) before income tax		(28,407)	(13,689)
Income tax expense		-	-
Current year surplus (deficit) for the year		(28,407)	(13,689)
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
		-	-
		-	-
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
		-	-
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		(28,407)	(13,689)
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity		(28,407)	(13,689)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	354,935	183,448
Accounts receivable and other debtors	5	18,136	90,379
Other current assets	6	20,884	20,343
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		393,955	294,170
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	7	1,365,094	1,396,685
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		1,365,094	1,396,685
TOTAL ASSETS		1,759,049	1,690,855
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other payables	8	268,733	237,772
Income in Advance		29,900	13,636
Provisions	9	215,794	178,863
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		514,427	430,271
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	9	53,410	40,965
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		53,410	40,965
TOTAL LIABILITIES		567,837	471,236
NET ASSETS		1,191,212	1,219,619
EQUITY			
Reserves	10	11,274	36,000
Retained surplus		1,179,938	1,183,619
TOTAL EQUITY		1,191,212	1,219,619

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	Note	Retained Surplus \$	Asset Replacement Reserve \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2012		1,197,308	36,000	1,233,308
Comprehensive income				
Net surplus for the year		(13,689)	-	(13,689)
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity for the year		1,183,619	36,000	1,219,619
Balance at 30 June 2013		1,183,619	36,000	1,219,619
Balance at 1 July 2013		1,183,619	36,000	1,219,619
Comprehensive income				
Net surplus (deficit) for the year		(28,407)	-	(28,407)
Other comprehensive income for the year:				
— net fair value gains on available-for-sale financial assets		-	-	-
Total other comprehensive income		(28,407)	-	(28,407)
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity for the year		1,155,212	36,000	1,191,212
Transfer from Reserve		24,726	(24,726)	-
Balance at 30 June 2014		1,179,938	11,274	1,191,212

For a description of each reserve, refer to Note 10.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash receipts from operations		3,621,137	3,384,355
Payments to suppliers and employees		(3,414,579)	(3,233,885)
Interest (unrestricted) received		2,635	86
Net cash generated from operating activities		209,193	150,556
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(37,706)	(40,144)
Net cash used in investing activities		(37,706)	(40,144)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		-	-
Net increase in cash held		171,487	110,412
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		183,448	73,036
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	4	354,935	183,448

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated applies Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements as set out in AASB 1053: *Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards* and AASB 2010–2: *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements* and other applicable Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements.

Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated has elected to early adopt the Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements as set out in AASB 1053: *Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards* and AASB 2010–2: *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements*. Accordingly, the association has also early adopted AASB 2011–2: *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Trans-Tasman Convergence Project – Reduced Disclosure Requirements* and AASB 2012–7: *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements* in respect of AASB 2010–6: *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosures on Transfers of Financial Assets* and AASB 2011–9: *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income*.

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

Accounting Policies

a. Income Tax

The Association is not subject to Income Tax and therefore no income tax expense or income tax payable is shown in the financial statements.

b. Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to its estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses recognised either in profit or loss or as a revaluation decrease if the impairment losses relate to a revalued asset. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to Note 1(f) for details of impairment).

The cost of fixed assets constructed within the association includes the cost of materials, direct labour, borrowing costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

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Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the association and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are recognised as expenses in profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, including buildings and capitalised lease assets, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Leasehold improvements	0% - 10%
Buildings	2.5%
Office equipment	10% – 40%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they occur. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation relating to that asset are transferred to retained surplus.

c. Leases

Leases of fixed assets, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset (but not the legal ownership) are transferred to the association, are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recognising an asset and a liability at the lower of the amount equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for the period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives where it is likely that the association will obtain ownership of the asset or ownership over the term of the lease.

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as expenses on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

d. Financial instruments

Initial recognition and measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the association commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (ie trade date accounting is adopted).

Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs, except where the instrument is classified "at fair value through profit or loss" in which case

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

transaction costs are recognised immediately as expenses in profit or loss.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest method, or cost. Where available, quoted prices in an active market are used to determine fair value. In other circumstances, valuation techniques are adopted.

Amortised cost is calculated as the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments and any reduction for impairment, and adjusted for any cumulative amortisation of the difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount calculated using the *effective interest method*.

The *effective interest method* is used to allocate interest income or interest expense over the relevant period and is equivalent to the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts (including fees, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life (or when this cannot be reliably predicted, the contractual term) of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. Revisions to expected future net cash flows will necessitate an adjustment to the carrying amount with a consequential recognition of an income or expense item in profit or loss.

Fair value is determined based on current bid prices for all quoted investments. Valuation techniques are applied to determine the fair value for all unlisted securities, including recent arm's length transactions, reference to similar instruments and option pricing models.

(i) *Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss*

Financial assets are classified at "fair value through profit or loss" when they are held for trading for the purpose of short-term profit taking, derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid an accounting mismatch or to enable performance evaluation where a group of financial assets is managed by key management personnel on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying amount being included in profit or loss.

(ii) *Loans and receivables*

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

(iii) *Held-to-maturity investments*

Held-to-maturity investments are non-derivative financial assets that have fixed maturities and fixed or determinable payments, and it is the association's intention to hold these investments to maturity. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

(iv) *Available-for-sale investments*

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Available-for-sale investments are non-derivative financial assets that are either not capable of being classified into other categories of financial assets due to their nature or they are designated as such by management. They comprise investments in the equity of other entities where there is neither a fixed maturity nor fixed or determinable payments.

They are subsequently measured at fair value with any remeasurements other than impairment losses and foreign exchange gains and losses recognised in other comprehensive income. When the financial asset is derecognised, the cumulative gain or loss pertaining to that asset previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified into profit or loss.

Available-for-sale financial assets are classified as non-current assets when they are expected to be sold within 12 months after the end of the reporting period. All other available-for-sale financial assets are classified as current assets.

(v) *Financial liabilities*

Non-derivative financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial liability is derecognised.

Impairment

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset has been impaired. A financial asset (or a group of financial assets) is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events (a "loss event") having occurred, which has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset(s).

In the case of available-for-sale financial assets, a significant or prolonged decline in the market value of the instrument is considered to constitute a loss event. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss immediately. Also, any cumulative decline in fair value previously recognised in other comprehensive income is reclassified into profit or loss at this point.

In the case of financial assets carried at amortised cost, loss events may include: indications that the debtors or a group of debtors are experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; indications that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; and changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

When the terms of financial assets that would otherwise have been past due or impaired have been renegotiated, the association recognises the impairment for such financial assets by taking into account the original terms as if the terms have not been renegotiated so that the loss events that have occurred are duly considered.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual right to receipt of cash flows expires or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the entity no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the related obligations are discharged or cancelled, or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability extinguished or transferred to another party and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

e. **Impairment of Assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the association assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount in accordance with another Standard (eg in accordance with the revaluation model in AASB 116). Any impairment loss of a revalued asset is treated as a revaluation decrease in accordance with that other Standard.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the association estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where the future economic benefits of the asset are not primarily dependent upon the asset's ability to generate net cash inflows and when the entity would, if deprived of the asset, replace its remaining future economic benefits, value in use is determined as the depreciated replacement cost of an asset.

Where an impairment loss on a revalued asset is identified, this is recognised against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that class of asset.

f. **Employee Benefits**

Short-term employee benefits

Provision is made for the association's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The association's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the statement of financial position.

Other long-term employee benefits

Provision is made for employees' annual leave entitlements not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Other long-term employee benefits are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements of obligations for other long-term employee benefits for changes in assumptions are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur.

The association's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current provisions in its statement of financial position, except where the association does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting date, in which case the obligations are presented as current provisions.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

g. **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

h. **Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors**

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from customers for goods sold in the ordinary course of business. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Accounts receivable are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment. Refer to Note 1(e) for further discussion on the determination of impairment losses.

i. **Revenue and Other Income**

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the association obtains control of the grant, it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the association and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the association incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

The association receives non-reciprocal contributions of assets from the government and other parties for zero or a nominal value. These assets are recognised at fair value on the date of acquisition in the statement of financial position, with a corresponding amount of income recognised in profit or loss.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

j. **Borrowing Costs**

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to prepare for their intended use or sale are added to the cost of those assets, until such time as the assets are substantially ready for their intended use or sale.

All other borrowing costs are recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

k. **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

i. Comparative Figures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

m. Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liabilities outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

n. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

o. Key Estimates

(i) Impairment

The association assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluation of conditions and events specific to the association that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

p. Change in Accounting Policies

Employee benefits

During the year, the association adopted AASB 119: *Employee Benefits* (September 2011) and the relevant consequential amendments arising from the related Amending Standards. As a result, the association early adopted AASB 2011-11: *Amendments to AASB 119 (September 2011) arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements* because the association's financial statements are prepared under Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements. The association has applied AASB 119 (September 2011) and the relevant consequential amendments arising from the related Amending Standards from 1 January 2013.

For the purpose of measurement, AASB 119 (September 2011) defines obligations for short-term employee benefits as obligations expected to be settled *wholly* within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related services. In accordance with AASB 119 (September 2011), provisions for short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid to employees when the obligation is settled, whereas provisions that do not meet the criteria for classification as short-term (other long-term employee benefits) are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Previously, the association had separated provisions for benefits with similar characteristics, such as annual leave and sick leave, into short- and long-term portions,

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

and applied the relevant measurement approach under AASB 119 to the respective portions.

As the association expects that all of its employees would use all of their annual leave entitlements earned during a reporting period before 12 months after the end of the reporting period, adoption of AASB 119 (September 2011) did not have a material impact on the amounts recognised in respect of the association's employee provisions. Note also that adoption of AASB 119 (September 2011) did not impact the classification of leave entitlements between current and non-current liabilities in the association's financial statements.

AASB 119 (September 2011) also introduced changes to the recognition and measurement requirements applicable to termination benefits and defined benefit plans. As the association did not have any of these types of obligations in the current or previous reporting period, these changes did not impact the association's financial statements.

Fair value measurement

During the year, the association adopted AASB 13: *Fair Value Measurement* and the relevant consequential amendments arising from the related Amending Standards. As a result, the association early adopted AASB 2012-1: *Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Fair Value Measurement – Reduced Disclosure Requirements* because the association's financial statements are prepared under Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements. The association has applied AASB 13 and the relevant consequential amendments arising from the related Amending Standards from 1 January 2013.

No material adjustments to the carrying amounts of any of the association's assets or liabilities were required as a consequence of applying AASB 13. Nevertheless, AASB 13 requires enhanced disclosures regarding assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value and fair values disclosed in the association's financial statements. These enhanced disclosures are provided in Note 22.

The disclosure requirements in AASB 13 need not be applied by the association in the comparative information provided for periods before initial application of AASB 13 (that is, periods beginning before 1 January 2013). However, as some of the disclosures now required under AASB 13 were previously required under other Australian Accounting Standards, such as AASB 7: *Financial Instruments: Disclosures*, the association has provided this previously provided information as comparatives in the current reporting period.

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NOTE 2: REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Sales revenue:		
– Commonwealth and State Grants	3,288,038	3,139,497
Other revenue:		
– rent received	137,769	94,542
– other income	123,087	122,048
– interest (unrestricted) received (on financial assets not at fair value through profit or loss)	2,635	86
	263,491	216,676
Total revenue	3,551,529	3,356,173

NOTE 3: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

The totals of remuneration paid to key management personnel (KMP) of the association during the year are as follows:

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Key management personnel compensation	115,737	117,952

NOTE 4: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Cash at bank – unrestricted		354,735	183,098
Cash on Hand		200	350
	13	354,935	183,448

The effective interest rate on short-term bank deposits was 0.74% (2013: 0.19%).

Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to items in the statement of financial position as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	354,935	183,448
	354,935	183,448

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	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
NOTE 5: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER DEBTORS			
CURRENT			
Other debtors		27,388	99,632
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts		(9,252)	(9,253)
Total current accounts receivable and other debtors	13	18,136	90,379

Financial assets classified as loans and receivables

Accounts receivable and other debtors:

– total current	13	18,136	90,379
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NOTE 6: OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

	2014 \$	2013 \$
CURRENT		
Prepayments and Accrued Income	20,884	20,343
	20,884	20,343

NOTE 7: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	2014 \$	2013 \$
Property, Plant and equipment:		
Land & Buildings – at cost	1,236,940	1,236,940
Accumulated depreciation	(129,149)	(103,127)
	1,107,791	1,133,813
Plant and equipment - at cost	206,348	206,348
Accumulated depreciation	(161,890)	(143,661)
	44,458	62,687
Motor Vehicles	243,658	205,953
Accumulated depreciation	(151,823)	(131,778)
	91,835	74,175
Leasehold Improvements	161,052	161,052
Accumulated depreciation	(40,042)	(35,042)
	121,010	126,010
Total property, plant and equipment	1,365,094	1,396,685

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NOTE 7: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

2014
\$

2013
\$

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Land & Buildings	Leasehold Improvements	Motor Vehicles	Plant and Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2013	1,133,813	126,010	74,175	62,687	1,396,685
Additions	-	-	37,706	-	37,706
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(26,023)	(5,000)	(20,045)	(18,229)	(69,297)
Carrying amount at 30 June 2014	1,107,790	121,010	91,836	44,458	1,396,684

NOTE 8: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Note

2014
\$

2013
\$

CURRENT

Unsecured liabilities:

Accounts payable	268,733	237,772
Unexpended Grants	-	-
	<u>268,733</u>	<u>237,772</u>

Accounts payable and other payables:

- total current	268,733	237,772
- total non-current	-	-
	<u>268,733</u>	<u>237,772</u>

Less Unexpended grants

Financial liabilities as accounts payable and other payables	79,201	-
	<u>189,532</u>	<u>237,772</u>

Collateral pledged

No collateral has been pledged for any of the accounts payable and other payable balances.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
NOTE 9: PROVISIONS		
CURRENT		
Provision for annual leave entitlements	197,736	156,063
Provision for long service leave entitlements	18,058	22,800
	<u>215,794</u>	<u>178,863</u>
NON-CURRENT		
Provision for long service leave entitlements	53,410	40,965
	<u>53,410</u>	<u>40,965</u>

Provisions include the amount accrued for annual leave entitlements that have vested with the employees. Based on past experience, the association does not expect the full amount of annual leave balance, although classified as current, to be settled within the next 12 months. However, these amounts must be classified as current liabilities since the association does not have an unconditional right to defer the settlement of these amounts in the event employees wish to use their leave entitlement.

NOTE 10: RESERVES

Asset Replacement Reserve

The Asset Replacement Reserve represents funds set aside for future replacement of motor vehicles.

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
NOTE 11: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS		
a. Operating Lease Commitments		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not recognised in the financial statements		
Payable – minimum lease payments:		
– not later than 12 months	115,098	138,522
– between 12 months and five years	59,763	91,677
– later than five years	-	-
	<u>174,861</u>	<u>230,199</u>

NOTE 12: EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

The committee is not aware of any significant events since the end of the reporting period.

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NOTE 13: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The association's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, local money market instruments, short-term investments, accounts receivable and payable, and leases.

The carrying amounts for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	354,935	183,448
Accounts receivable and other debtors	5	18,136	90,379
Total financial assets		<u>373,071</u>	<u>273,827</u>
Financial liabilities			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost:			
– accounts payable and other payables	8	189,532	237,772
Total financial liabilities		<u>189,532</u>	<u>237,772</u>

NOTE 14: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The registered office of the association is:

Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated
182-190 Wakefield Street
Adelaide SA 5000

The principal place of business is:

Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated
182-190 Wakefield Street
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ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

In the opinion of the committee the financial report as set out on pages 3 to 19:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards;
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and is signed for and on behalf of the committee by:


Committee Member


Committee Member

Dated this 15th day of October 2014

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated (the association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2014, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by the members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED**

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2014 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements



Trevor Basso - Partner

Basso Newman & Co

Chartered Accountants

Adelaide

Dated this 17th day of October 2014

ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

COMPILATION REPORT
TO ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED



Scope

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statement of Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated which comprises the Income and Expenditure Statement.

The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial statement has been prepared is to provide information relating to the performance of the entity that satisfies the information needs of the committee.

The Responsibility of the Committee for the financial report

The committee is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statement and has determined that the basis of accounting is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statement was prepared.

Our responsibility

On the basis of information provided by the committee we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statement in accordance with the basis of accounting adopted and APES 315: Compilation of Financial Information.

Our procedures used accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which the committee provided, into compiling the financial statement. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

The special purpose financial report was compiled exclusively for the benefit of the committee. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial statement.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T A Basso'.

T A Basso - Partner
Basso Newman & Co
Chartered Accountants
Adelaide
17th October 2014

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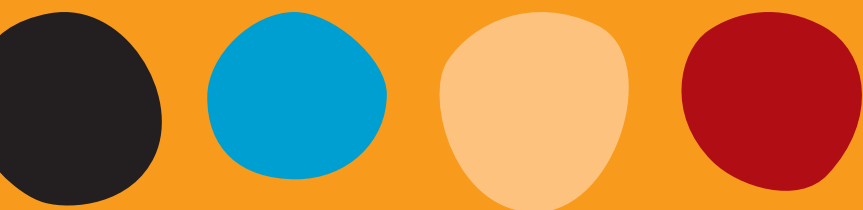
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Operating activities:		
– Operational grants	3,288,038	3,139,497
– Rent received	137,769	94,542
– Workcover claims	53,765	54,493
– Sundry income	69,322	67,555
Non-operating activities:		
– interest received	2,635	86
	<u>3,551,529</u>	<u>3,356,173</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Administration & Data Processing Charges	8,121	35,778
Advertising, Sponsorship & Promotions	6,417	3,391
Audit & Accounting Fees	18,074	11,286
Bank & Centrepay Fees	2,812	2,337
Cleaning & Rubbish Removal	12,498	18,022
Clinical Supervision Fees	31,570	2,360
Computer Costs	18,231	47,893
Consultancy Fees	29,455	7,841
Depreciation – property, plant and equipment	69,297	67,177
Donations	1,372	-
Electricity & Gas	40,113	42,476
Food & Catering	49,592	48,702
Fringe Benefits Tax	24,863	15,804
Gymnasium Expenses	8,181	8,634
Insurance	70,166	66,679
Legal Costs	-	8,000
Loss on Scrapping of Assets	-	333
Minor Equipment & Consumables	6,531	11,387
Motor Vehicle Expenses	230,382	222,339
Office & Sundry Expenses	4,918	4,944
Postage & Courier	1,006	1,101
Printing, Stationery & Office Requisites	23,781	30,747
Program Expenses	34,466	50,848
Provisions for:		
Annual Leave	41,673	20,382
Doubtful Debts	-	5,818
Long Service Leave	7,703	13,768

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Rates & Taxes	35,921	56,735
Rent	35,206	18,654
Repairs & Maintenance	48,787	32,255
Salaries & Wages	2,320,858	2,170,167
Security	301	346
Subscriptions & Licence Fees	2,393	2,483
Superannuation Contributions	207,575	185,519
Telephone	36,833	43,199
Training and development (staff)	7,348	5,656
Travel Allowances & Fares	6,468	5,597
Workcover	137,024	101,204
	<u>3,579,936</u>	<u>3,369,862</u>
Current year surplus (deficit) before income tax	(28,407)	(13,689)
Income tax expense	-	-
Current year surplus (deficit) after income tax	<u>(28,407)</u>	<u>(13,689)</u>



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ABBREVIATIONS

AHCSA	Aboriginal Health Council of SA Inc.
AKH	Annie Koolmatrie House
APHCAP	Aboriginal Primary Health Care Access Program
APOSS	Aboriginal Prisoners and Offenders Support Service
ASG	Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc.
BTH	Bringing Them Home
CLH	Cyril Lindsay House
COAG	Council of Australian Governments
DASSA	Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia
H&FC	Health and Fitness Centre
IT	Information Technology
LTW	Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal
MAP	Mobile Assistance Patrol
NACCHO	National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
NAIDOC	National Aboriginal Islander Day Observance Committee
QIC	Quality Improvement Council
RRG	Riverland Reference Group
SAPOL	South Australian Police
SMT	Substance Misuse Team



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