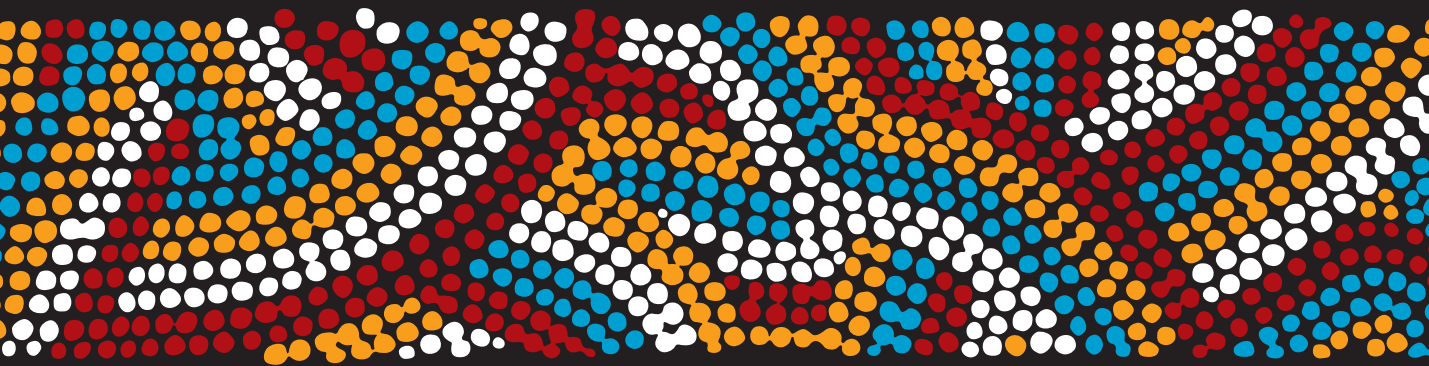


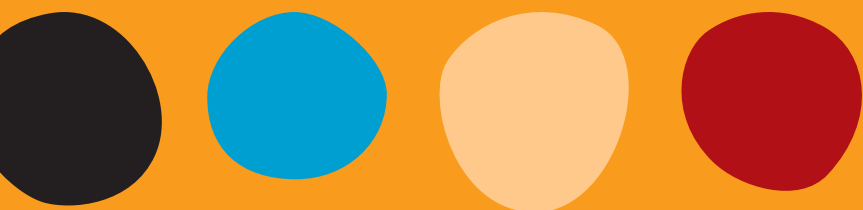


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Chairperson Report

Gary R. Paynter,
Chairperson

It is that time of year again. Annual Report time seems to come around sooner each year. It seems that everything moves at a faster pace than it did in time past. I was asked a question some weeks ago by a young staff member. It was during a break on day two of A.S.G's Strategic Management Plan review.

"Has ASG. changed much over the years, or is it still much the same as it was in the beginning?"

It is a question that caused me to reflect. I am not sure of my response & not sure that I was able to respond with any accuracy right then either.

The answer is; Yes! The answer is; No!

ASG began with the realization that substance abuse was impacting on Aboriginal life in such a way that it needed to be seriously addressed at the community and individual level before anything would change to improve standards of life for those suffering the negative effects.

The substance problem was then primarily alcohol, with marijuana and some prescription drugs contributing. And the "Aboriginal problem" wasn't being addressed for any positive outcomes to happen at a noticeable level by mainstream society. A group of Elders got together and formed ASG out of an idea & vision for the future, and began to make noise promoting abstinence & annoying government to get recognition for their cause.

ASG was incorporated and began with a budget of about \$300.00, a broken suitcase and 3 legged chair.

The vision is still the same. Aboriginal Sobriety Group still has its vision set in the future, to enhance the life of Aboriginal Australia, by addressing issues important today to bring about positive change for future generations as well as today.

The determination is still the same. We will make noise, protest, and annoy Governments to get things done and improve programmes, and introduce new programmes at the organisation level to enhance what we do, to bring about change and positive outcomes for community.

The dedication is unchanged. When I speak with anyone connected to ASG I hear (and see) the determination & dedication to change. It is a driving force throughout the organisation. ASG no longer has a budget of \$300.00. Feel free to read the Financial Statement in this report. But there is always a need for more to better enhance delivery of services and programmes. This has not changed, & I believe it won't change until we have an Aboriginal Prime Minister of this country.

The commitment to sobriety (within ASG) has not altered. You are either part of the problem, or part of the solution. There is no middle road. Where many have fallen over, ASG still leads the way in addressing substance use recovery programmes in S.A.

Although on the surface programmes appear much the same, there have been changes. Changes brought about by necessity and changing environmental influence.

Alcohol is still statistically recognised as the primary substance of abuse in this country. (& the world) Prescription drugs and marijuana, much the same also. But illicit drugs (including some marijuana product) have become much more complex and impact more dramatically to the detriment of those caught in the cycle of abuse & addiction. (And too often death)

Aboriginal Sobriety Group has needed to change to be effective at all programme delivery levels & management.

M.A.P. was introduced to Australia through A.S.G. when it was brought back to Adelaide from San Francisco by Elders who visited America, and funded as a result of the Muirhead Report in to Aboriginal Deaths in Custody recommendations. (It was running before it was funded) The programme has changed to meet the need of participants & stake holders of the programme. The workers now have better training and qualifications, needed to better understand and deal with the service delivery requirement they face each day on the job. The work is (I believe) more complicated as a result of the diversity & effects of different drugs in society today and other negative shifts in attitudes and perceptions within society today.

This has been reflected though all levels of the organisation. Where staff (managers, & grass roots workers) learned "on the job" through experience, general knowledge & wisdom, all staff are now qualified and have certification to back up their acquired skills in their work. The process to education began years ago as it was recognised as a requirement before it was a requirement.

Programmes now deal with mental health issues, primary health, environmental health, violence & unresolved anger, sexual abuse, Stolen Generation, prisons & incarceration, the list continues to grow, as well as & in conjunction with substance use issues.

Yes! Aboriginal Sobriety Group has changed.

Some of the original Elders are still with us. Most have passed away. Every one of them deserves our respect and honour. Some of the original workers are still here and working or as board member. Respect.

It is very different from when it began. The people of ASG have changed, the environment has changed, and ASG has needed to change with it. Some drugs are more dangerous and mood altering, racism has a new and more ugly and violent face (result of political correctness perhaps?), incarceration levels for Aboriginal peoples has no longer decreased but reached preposterous proportions when compared to the rest of the country. A blackfulla is many times more likely to be locked up than any other person for the same offence. Violent arrests are increasing as people protest about treatment, & flows on from this. Society has changed.

So, to answer the question!

No! Aboriginal Sobriety Group has not changed. The core business, the vision, dedication, determination & projected outcomes are still the same as they always have been.

Yes! Aboriginal Sobriety Group has changed. The management, programmes, workers and service delivery have all changed to better meet the needs of the people engaged by the organisation.

Whether it be government requirements & constitutional change, or service delivery. ASG continues to meet the needs of all of its stakeholders, all the time seeking to improve what the organisation does. Growing to meet further needs of our community as we are able, and changing to meet those needs without compromising its core direction as set down by Elders who gave birth to the Aboriginal Sobriety Group.

With respect and honour I acknowledge and recognise the ones who had the original vision, the people involved in growing the vision and the organisation over the years. And the present day workers (all levels) who continue to fulfil the functions of the organisation and increase its capacity for success. Thank you to my fellow board members for your input and dedication. Thank you to the various funding bodies for your continued support through this past year and continued support in the future. Thank you to all other organisations who work with and support ASG in various ways.

It is with pride that I hold the position as Chair of this great organisation, not for the title "Chair" but because I have the opportunity to be a part of this great organisation called ASG.



Yours respectfully

Gary R. Paynter,
Chairperson



Chief Executive Report

Joe Silvestri,
Chief Executive Officer

I am pleased to report on another successful year of service provision and a year of growth in our service by the Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation (ASG).

We have had another eventful and challenging year. Homelessness funding was rolled over for an additional year ensuring the Western homelessness program continues to June 2018, we have secured funding for a Women's non-clinical residential rehabilitation centre located at the farm at Monarto. Clients are assisted through a number of programs to recover from alcohol or other substance misuse addictions to support them to lead to a better quality of life through sobriety.

In partnership with the Exception Needs Unit (ENU) of DCSI we have worked tirelessly over the past 12 months to obtain a suitable property in Ottoway to run our program for Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Women's Supported Accommodation which has now fully commenced. This program is a 12 month pilot program with the view to expanding in line with the National Disability Insurance Scheme. The Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Women's Supported Accommodation provides a safe, stable, long term, culturally appropriate facility for female clients with high and complex needs including mental health support.

We will continue to shape and change the way our Organisation and services operate in our ever changing environment to respond to the needs of individual clients and communities to enable us to deliver efficient and effective services.

Amidst these changes ASG, its programs and staff have remained true to our mission, purpose and quality service provision to clients and Community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank, The Program Director, Program Managers, and staff, all of whom have been instrumental in remaining focused and ensuring that quality services continued to be delivered.

ASG, throughout the year, has assisted many clients to achieve positive and beneficial 'life changing' outcomes in a multitude of areas including drug and alcohol support, counselling and rehabilitation, homelessness, safe transport, health and fitness, and reducing incarceration rates.

We will continue to deliver important and vital services to individuals, families and community, many of whom are highly vulnerable. It is critical that ASG ensures not only the continuation of programs and services that we are currently funded to provide, but that we also remain focused on ensuring the identification, establishment and implementation of new and innovative programs that respond to, and meet the needs, of our client group.

I would like to thank funding bodies, both Federal and State, for their continuing support and respect for the good work that ASG continues to do on a daily basis. I would also like to thank all the Organisations that work in partnership with ASG to ensure that clients' needs are met and outcomes are achieved.

Yours respectfully

Joe Silvestri,
Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary

The Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation (ASG) is a not-for profit organisation providing care and support to individual's families and the communities who wish to have better quality of life away from drug and alcohol substance misuse through our harm minimisation strategies. We provide culturally appropriate pathways away from grief loss trauma and abusive lives. ASG values engagement with our clients and community members.

Our Values of **Respect - Cultural Diversity - Dedication - Transparency - Integrity** highlight the level of importance engagement has to us.

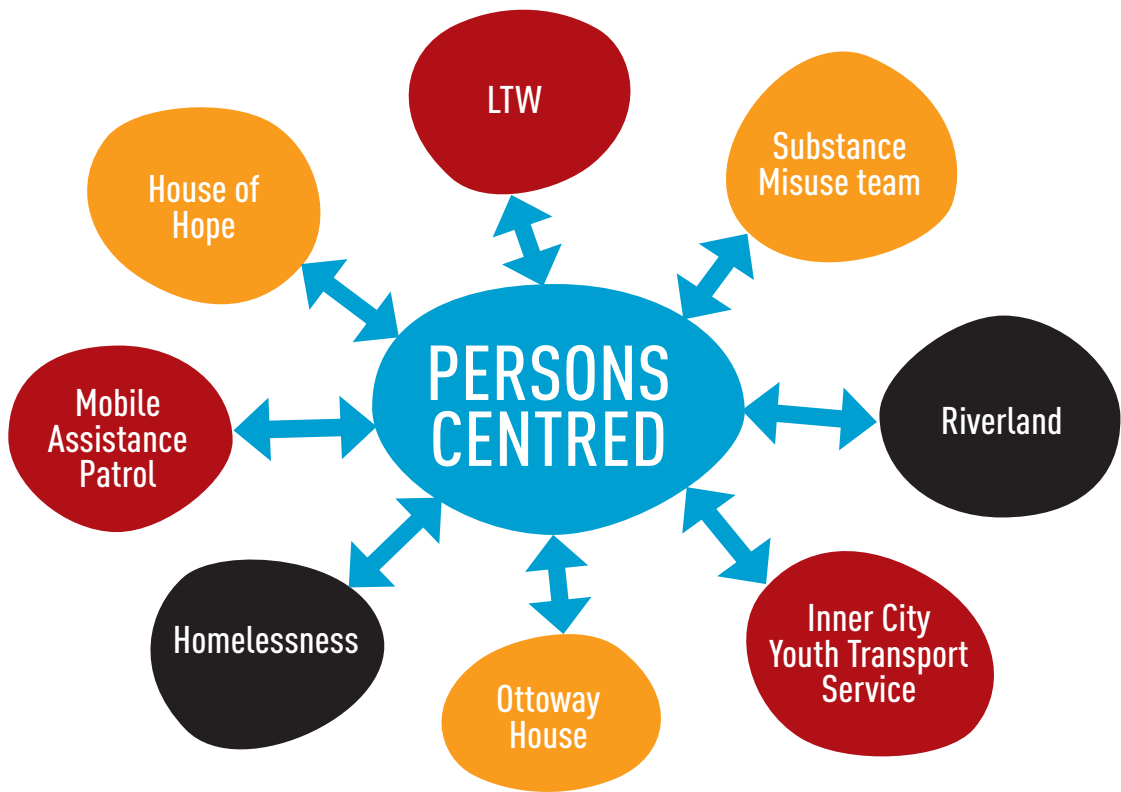
Engagement can take many forms and occur at many levels across ASG. It includes informing our clients about what is happening in ASG, consulting with them about service provision, including them in key planning activities, collaborating with them about service design and empowering them to make decisions. Engagement activities at ASG happens with individual clients, community groups, at a service or Individual team level, at the Executive Team and The Board level of our organisation. Engagement helps us to fulfil our vision of Sobriety and Healing for Aboriginal people and provides the foundation for us to deliver Person Centred Care.

The principle of engagement is at the heart of ASG and is embedded through the Values: Respect – Cultural Diversity – Dedication – Transparency – Integrity is very important to us as it increases transparency and accountability as well as supporting clients and our community to have a greater say in what their healthcare looks like. Clients are individuals who use or might use the service as a, client, family member or carer. Communities are the groups that use, link, connect and contribute to the healthcare process.

Examples of communities may include, but are not limited to:

ASG'S clients and communities are diverse in nature. Not only do we provide service to a variety of locations including metropolitan regional, rural and remote, we also have people from a wide range of backgrounds, age groups, educational levels and economic situations.

As a healing pathway service we embrace this diversity and aim to meet the challenge of engaging and partnering with all these diverse groups. This supports us to deliver care that is responsive, appropriate, and effective and person centred to all the people in our community.





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 Indigenous Corporation (ASG) has been successful in obtaining their accreditation for a further 3 years. ASG is committed in providing quality programs and procedures for our clients and staff members.

In December 2016, 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 celebrated with a lunch on Friday, 2nd June 2017 at the Buckingham Arms and would like to thank all who attended.



**Quality
Improvement
Council**

**'Yes ... we are
a QIC accredited
organisation'**

Western Adelaide Aboriginal Specific Homelessness Service



Our team continues to provide high quality care and support to our clients who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The last twelve months like the previous years have 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 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 Lakalineri 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.

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.

There have been many Services and Programs available to our clients this year some of our partnerships have been:-

- ASG are grateful to Nunkuwarrin Yunti not only for medical / dental appointments for our clients but also as a positive training environment for workers of ASG, a place for workers to study and develop skills and experience in various Certificates and Diplomas which will enable them to put these skills into practice back in the community.
- Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) has been of huge assistance with clients attending financial counselling and being represented by ALRM lawyers.
- Relationships Australia has various programs within their organisation available to our clients, programs such as financial counselling, budgeting, and reconnecting with their children have been some of the many programs accessed by our client group this year. A big thank you to Beth Turner who facilitates the Foodies.
- Kornar Winmil Yunti (KWY) for all their support around training and development and also counselling for many of our clients.
- Day Centre for all their food parcels, financial assistance, Christmas hampers and presents.
- Dr Meads, Burdekin Clinic

Four clients from the Cyril Lindsay House played local football and were also involved in the Aboriginal State Carnival which was held at the Kilburn oval this year.



Some of these clients have not played football for years. With the support provided by staff at the Cyril Lindsay House this has enabled clients to not only sustain from Drugs and Alcohol, but an opportunity to play football once again.

Service provision to clients is being improved through the training and development of the Western Homelessness staff which includes training in Diploma of Narrative Therapy, Cert IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs, Certificate III in Community Services. The use of the 'cultural stress yarn' and 'acculturation scale' in exploring Aboriginal mental health and well-being 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 plans are developed in conjunction with these types of assessments.

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

Ian Sansbury
Program Manager



Ottoway House

Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation (ASG) and the Exceptional Needs Unit (ENU) have worked tirelessly over the past 12 months to sustain a suitable property in Ottoway to run our program. Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Women's Supported Accommodation which has now commenced. This program is a 12 month pilot program with the view of expanding in line with the National Disability Insurance Scheme. This Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Women's Supported Accommodation provides a safe, stable, long term, culturally appropriate facility for female clients with high and complex needs including mental health support. This pilot program has been developed to meet the unmet needs of a select cohort of service users who are Aboriginal women with a disability. A particular need is those women with high to exceptional and complex needs and risks for whom there is currently no appropriate accommodation or adequate support services available. The women identified have high and complex needs which bring them under notice of the Criminal Justice system.

Collaboration with the Exceptional Needs Unit determines the referral process for this service. It is intended that the program expand to include additional women with the opportunity to link into culturally appropriate sustainable accommodation that is able to provide the high level of support needs required for long term successful outcomes.

ASG has strong working partnerships with the Exceptional Needs Unit and other stakeholders involved in the high level care and support of the identified client cohort e.g. Public Advocate, Public Trustee, Forensic Mental Health (James Nash House), RDNS, Burdekin Clinic and SAPOL.

The beneficial outcomes as a result of developing a unique model of care accommodation and support has identified that the model is successful and will have benefits for other clients who are accommodated and supported through this model.

We wish to acknowledge the Exceptional Needs Unit of DCSI for their support in the development of this much needed service and their ongoing support in the management of this pilot program.

Michelle Merrick
Program Director





Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal

Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW) is a non-medical 'dry' rehabilitation centre located on a farm at Monarto. Clients are assisted through a number of programs to recover from alcohol or other substance misuse lifestyles over a 12 – 24 week 'live-in' period.

With Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal meaning 'clan, family, community healing place', we adopt a holistic approach by treating the underlying grief as well as the disorder, and provide education, opportunity for skills development and counselling.

It is important that we provide these services in order to strengthen the ability of Aboriginal individuals, families and communities to establish and maintain healthy lifestyle choices and reduce the burden of problems associated with substance misuse.

Service Delivery

Our vision is to enhance our client's opportunity to transition back into the community more successfully offering new directions and pathways of support.



Our 12 – 24 week residential program for each individual client includes a comprehensive case plan, with regular case conferences and assistance from external agencies. . We also ensure that we provide our clients with support once they exit the rehabilitation centre. By providing transitional housing and programs such as career advice counselling, training and assistance in obtaining ongoing independent accommodation for clients who have graduated but do not want to return to their old environment, we can ensure we are providing a supported pathway as they endeavour to make positive change.

The Aboriginal culture plays a vital role in the rehabilitation process, so it is important that throughout our daily programs we incorporate such things like smoking ceremonies and talking circles.



LTW Programs

Relationships Australia

Relationship Australia provides drug and alcohol, grief and gambling counselling once a week and financial counselling fortnightly to our clients on site at LTW.

Bridgeview Medical Clinic

We have built up a good repour with Doctor Garimi at Bridgeview Medical Clinic who provides a service to our clients once a week at LTW.

Psychologist

We have a registered Psychologist that provides a service to our clients at LTW on a weekly basis.

Tafe Course

We have Tafe providing a woodwork course at LTW 2 days a week where clients construct a variety of items that they build with the woodwork lecture.

Murray Mallee Mental Health

Murray Mallee Mental Health visit LTW to do mental health checks on the clients when required.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous visit LTW on a fortnightly basis and run the program with the clients in a group environment.

Corrections

Corrections and LTW work very close together helping with the clients.

Networking

At LTW we work closely with the following organisations and would like to thank them for their support

- Relationship Australia
- DASSA
- Bridgeview Medical Clinic
- Centrelink
- Tafe Port Adelaide
- Department Child Protections
- Corrections

James Aulich
Centre Supervisor

House of Hope

We are delighted to welcome Robyn Lines as Centre Supervisor of House of Hope. Robyn started with us on 25 September 2017. We are currently finalising the renovations to the building which will be complete in the very near future.

We are currently commencing recruitment for these positions which include Case worker, Residential Support worker-week and weekend staff.

The vision of the House of Hope is that we walk together with the client on their journey of discovery in reclaiming their lives to overcome the issues they have with AOD addictions/control. Walking this journey side by side with the women and also recognising that this is a very much individual one. Their time spent at House of Hope offers a time of real healing for the women as well as dealing with the problems they are facing in the area of addictions and leading to a better quality of life through sobriety.



Service Delivery

House of Hope will mirror LTW program with flexibility that is needed due to any cultural differences that is needed regarding working with women. Together with the team each client will have a strong case plan developed in assisting them with moving forward with their lives. It is also recognised that over time this can be changed with regular reviews.

Our 12 – 24 week residential program for each individual client includes a comprehensive case plan, with regular case reviews with the added assistance from agencies located in and around Adelaide metro and the local vicinity.

Clients will also be linked in and be provided with support/outreach once they exit the House of Hope program. We will provide this support to clients which will enable them to continue with the positive changes that have begun and sustainability can occur. This will include service such as housing; financial counselling; mental health / well-being counselling and whatever the individual client would be have benefit.

The Centre Supervisor has also taken the opportunity to source information from other services that were gathered at the Murry Bridge mental health expo including local networks.

Programs

- Relationships Australia
- Bridgeview Medical Clinic
- Psychologist
- Tafe Course
- Murray Mallee Mental Health
- Narcotics Anonymous
- Corrections

Networking

House of Hope will continue to network with organisations throughout the region and metro to provide clients the services that will assist their journey towards sobriety and positively moving forward with their lives. We would like to acknowledge the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet for their support in the development of this project and their funding commitment to address an unmet need for our women in community. We would also like to thank Big Sunday for their support and collaboration in the renovation and restoration of the House of Hope.

Robyn Lines Centre Supervisor



Riverland Office

Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation Riverland is based in Berri and administers a range of services to provide a complete recovery pathway for people who wish to live an alcohol and drug free lifestyle including:

- Social & Emotional Well-being
- Substance Misuse Support
- Aboriginal Mental Health
- Men Accessing Services - Community Transition
- Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP)
- Psychology Services
- Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM)
- Riverland Aboriginal Men's Support Group

We continue to advocate for our community around the increased demand in service.

A critical part of our work is to build and maintain networks and relationships with other agencies to provide services that respond to client needs.

We have seen an increase of incoming referrals as a result of ongoing promotion and networking of our services through the presence of workers at events and engagement in interagency meetings, with community and other community organisations.

We have had the opportunity to refer clients to our rehab centres in Monarto at their request.

Our Newsletter is collated and our Facebook page is monitored from the Riverland office and both continue to be strong marketing tools. We have received positive feedback from many clients, staff and funding bodies and in today's modern world we must ensure we keep up with social media.

Social & Emotional Well-being

The primary role of this program is to contribute to the delivery of culturally safe targeted programs with the aim of promoting improved social and emotional well-being for Aboriginal (and other) community members.



This is achieved through the reduction of incidents of substance misuse, mental health and to provide clients with access to holistic services that take into account the context of Aboriginal community members' lives and implications of cultural separation on their health and well-being. It also includes identifying individuals who were removed either through forcible administrations and institutionalised, fostered or adopted (Stolen Generations) and to provide these clients with access to culturally safe and holistic services including SA Link Up, other counsellors and appropriate services.

Substance Misuse Support

The Substance Misuse Support program aims to improve the health status of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander (and other) people through the delivery of effective, holistic and culturally safe drug and alcohol interventions.

Our goals are to provide a range of substance misuse services to meet the needs of community and to improve client access to Alcohol & Other Drug treatment, detoxification and rehabilitation services and support including drug and alcohol assessment; referral; advocacy; outreach; case management; crisis intervention; information; education & counselling.



Aboriginal Mental Health

The fundamental role of the Aboriginal Mental Health program is to contribute to the delivery of programs and supports and promoting positive mental health and social and emotional well-being for Aboriginal community members.

The service provides personal and social support to community members to improve mental health around well-being and to provide clients with access to culturally safe & holistic services.

These take into account the context of Aboriginal community member's lives and implications of cultural separation on their mental health and well-being.

This is a new program which was identified as a gap in our region and is funded by Country South Australia Primary Health Network (CSAPHN)

Men Accessing Services – Community Transition

MAS is the provision of a localised and coordinated response to brokering and bridging service supports for Aboriginal men exiting correctional settings or who are engaged with correctional services in the community.

It aims to reduce the incidents of recidivism by providing a dedicated point of contact within the community to coordinate and support individual client case plans and through-care to access and receive suitable services.

This program is supported by strong collaboration with Berri Correctional Services.

Men Accessing Services is also a new program funded by Department for Correctional Services (DCS)

Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP)

Mobile Assistance Patrol provides transport to community members under the influence of alcohol, other substances or situational crisis from public places to places of care, safety and support.

The MAP Program aims are to:

- Reduce harm arising from the use of alcohol and other substances.
- Improve the safety and well-being of individuals who have been affected by the misuse of alcohol and other substances.
- Maximise the well-being of individuals affected by drugs and alcohol by taking them to places of safety including hospitals.

Psychology Service

A registered Psychologist practises out of our premises for two days on a fortnightly basis. They engaged with male, female and family clients from the ages eight and up with an average of fifteen a fortnight. Aboriginal community members took priority, but the service is open to anyone accessing a GP mental health care plan. There is currently a short waiting list but clients are assessed by priority of access. The Psychologist 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.

This service was sourced locally because of an identified gap.

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 with and regularly refer clients to each other. There is also a strong connection with the Berri Court house.

Riverland Aboriginal Men's Support Group (RAMSG)

The Riverland Aboriginal Men's Support Group was established in 2004. The group meets on a fortnightly basis to address the social & emotional well-being needs of Riverland Aboriginal men aged 16 years and over.

The group are not funded and rely on donations and sponsorship and are currently unable to access their own building so we have offered our premises to the men for as long as required. Over the years the group has grown and is the only one of its kind in the Riverland region.

Activities are generally kept locally and include such things as fishing, art and culture. Other events the group attend regularly are White Ribbon, Reconciliation Week, NAIDOC Week, Drug & Alcohol Action Week, Mental Health Week and many other events where the men can provide support to the Aboriginal and wider community.

Community Events

NAIDOC Week, Mental Health Week, Reconciliation Week, White Ribbon Day, AOD Awareness Week, Gambling Awareness Week, Closing the Gap Events, headspace day, Community Ice Forums, SANDAS Forums, Other service provider events, Relevant Council Meetings, Indigenous Research Advisory Group, National Sorry Day, Purple in the park (World Elder Abuse Awareness Day) amongst many others.

Networking

- Aboriginal Community Connect (Uniting Communities)
- Aboriginal Family Support Services (AFSS)
- Aboriginal Health & Community Health
- Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM)
- Ac Care
- Berri Correctional Services (DCS)
- Cadell Training Centre
- Centacare
- Drug & Alcohol Services South Australia (DASSA)
- Headspace
- Housing SA
- Life Without Barriers (LWB)
- MDAS – Mildura & District Aboriginal Services
- Nunkawarrin Yunti (NUNK)
- OARS Community Transitions
- Relationships Australia (RASA)
- Riverland Domestic Violence Service (RDVS)
- Riverland Medical Centres
- Riverland Mental Health Services
- SAPOL

Don Scordo Program Manager



MEET THE TEAM

Tom Mason (MAP); Chris Bawden (MAP); Jason Russell (SEWB); Candice Dodson (Admin); Stefan Hirschi (Men Accessing Services); Jackie Vincent (Aboriginal Mental Health); Daniel Matthews (Substance Misuse); Don Scordo (Program Manager); Rodney Reid (MAP)

Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP)

The Mobile Assistance Patrol would like to acknowledge the original custodians of the land, The Kurna People. It is on their land in which we deliver our service. We respect their spiritual relationship with their country and their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.

The Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) program has had another successful year transporting individuals who are under the influence of alcohol and other drugs and at risk of harm or being involved in anti-social behaviour. MAP staff will continue to strive and advocate the needs of these individuals by working closely with SAPOL, SA Health services and other similar organisations/services in providing a safe transport alternative. When field officers have no transport requests they can be seen patrolling throughout the inner city. These routes circle the city and include the main streets of the CBD and the surrounding parklands.

The MAP Team consists of highly trained and skilled field officers who are experienced in operating in high risk areas of work.

These team members are equipped with Senior First Aid, Certificates in health promotion; traditional language interpreting; Mental Health First Aid and Child Safe Awareness Training. With these skills, field officers can and will react, to achieve the best possible outcome for the individual and for the community.

MAP works closely with and gives priority to:

- South Australian Police sites (Including the City Watch House)
- Royal Adelaide Hospital
- Women's and Children's Hospital
- Similar Government and community services located in the CBD

The Mobile Assistance Patrol would like to thank these services for working with ASG. We look forward to continuing our partnerships and also strengthening and building upon them.

ASG would like to thank our funding body, both SA Health and Adelaide City Council. It is through their generous contribution that our program delivers its exceptional service. We thank you for your continued support.

Clinton Bennell
MAP Supervisor

MEET THE TEAM



Substance Misuse Program

The Substance Misuse Team (SMT) is a foundational and core component of ASG services. SMT provide alcohol and other drug (AOD) services including assessment, referral, case management support and counselling focused on early intervention, prevention, and rehabilitation services to the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. SMT staff provide a culturally appropriate, holistic and unique service delivery response that promotes and supports a broader social and emotional well-being framework into intensive casework and community support. The team also provide and promote AOD education and awareness to a broad range of stakeholders including clients, Government and Non-Government services, and staff. The broadness of the client group and complexity of client issues ensures that service delivery is rarely constant rather it continuously grows and evolves to meet the changing needs of clients and community. SMT staff support clients across a broad range of arena's including legal, financial, housing, family, health, and loss and grief, all of which impacts client's daily health and well-being. The ongoing achievement of positive client outcomes is testimony to the dedication, commitment and skills of SMT staff working on the ground. Well done team.

SMT has well established relationships and partnerships with other services to work effectively with strategic partners to ensure client outcomes and to provide an extensive referral program.

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

Michelle Merrick Program Director

MEET THE TEAM



Inner City Youth Transport Service

The Inner City Youth Transport Service program has continued to provide a safe youth transport service to respond to the needs of children and young people who are vulnerable and frequenting the city streets late at night without adult supervision and protection, placing them and others at risk. Our dedicated and committed staff provides an assertive outreach through foot patrol in designated areas of the CBD to encourage young people to take up the service and be transported to a safe place.

Transportation pickups are coordinated and delivered from the Multicultural Youth SA (MYSA) HUB based at Miller Arcade on Friday and Saturday nights.

Other stakeholders involved in supporting this initiative and referring young people as a preventive measure are the SAPOL officers working through the Hindley Street Police Station.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank MYSA, SAPOL, and DCSI for the collaboration that is provided, in ensuring we get our young people off our city streets and transported to a safe place.

This year has seen a significant number of youth on the streets and I thank our responsive and dedicated team for their continued collaborative approach in delivering this service to our vulnerable youth on the city streets.

Michelle Merrick
Program Director

MEET THE INNER CITY YOUTH TRANSPORT SERVICE TEAM



Corporate Services

Head Office

Like any organisation Corporate Services support our operational staff through the following:-

- Being the first point of contact to clients and services
- Administration
- Marketing
- Promotion
- Support to departments
- Support to Program Managers, Executive Management and Board of Management
- Finance
- Payroll
- Human Resources
- Quality Improvement
- Policy development and review
- Information technology
- Asset management
- Training and development

Joe Silvestri

Chief Executive Officer



MEET THE TEAM

Ramla Molligoda, Senior Finance Officer

Bianca Kreft, Executive Assistant

Mital Patel, Finance Assistant

Michael Barron, Information Technology and Asset Support



Graduations At LTW

While at LTW, Tyson was committed to change and sobriety. Tyson engaged with all the support services on offer, making the most out of his rehabilitation journey. Tyson worked hard, making use of the psychological and counselling services, financial counselling, physical health and mental health services, education and programs. Tyson worked hard in the TAFE Construction Course, completing 6 wood work projects. Tyson showed strength,

commitment, and enthusiasm for learning. Tyson took control of his journey, thinking through his decisions and making positive choices and changes. The staff at LTW enjoyed working with Tyson due to his work ethic, willingness to talk through his issues, and clever sense of humour. Tyson left LTW with many supports in place, and moved into his own accommodation, and started a permanent full time job. Tyson has become a shining example of what can be accomplished at LTW through commitment and hard work.





CONGRATULATIONS!!

to our staff who graduated in August 2016

Eight ASG employees were engaged in the Certificate III in Community Services offered by Nunkuwarrin Yunti. The course was completed in four blocks over a period of four months. All participants worked hard, and as a result all graduated.

Unfortunately not everyone was able to make it to graduation. Congratulations to Barry Rigney, Janine Rankine, Mary Bennell, Mandy Rankine.

(Absent: Tony Zotti, Loretta Sumner, Thomas Mason and Peter Hill)

ASG AND NUNKUWARRIN YUNTI OPEN DAY



RIVERLAND OFFICE COMMUNITY EVENTS



Reconciliation Week Event 2016



Ngangkari Traditional Aboriginal Healers



Rhythmic Drumming



NAIDOC Week March 2016



National Sorry Day event 2016

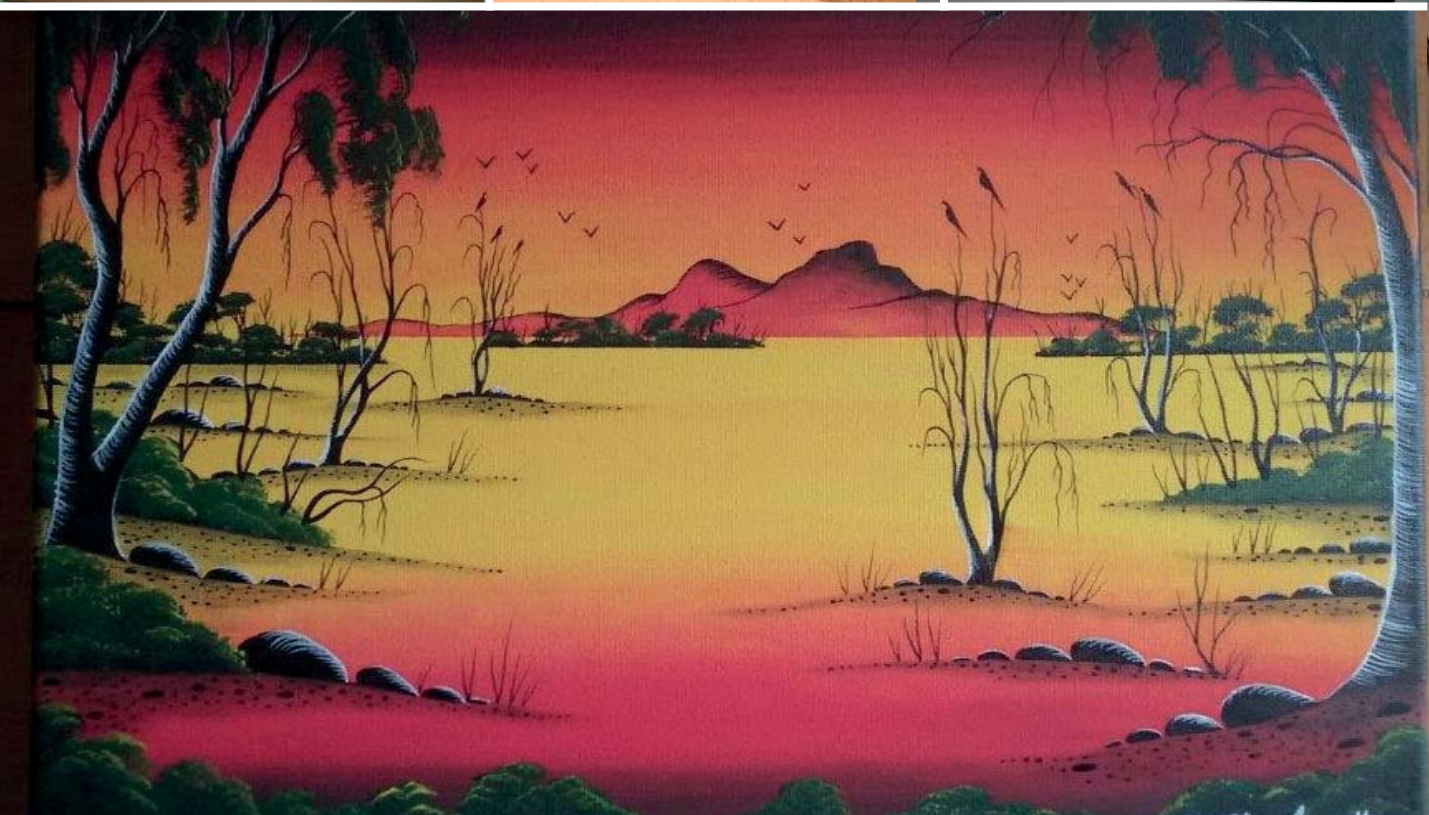
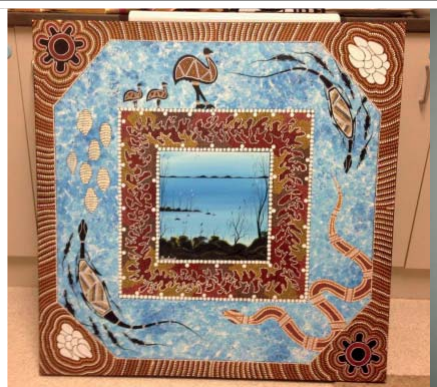


Riverland Aboriginal Men's Support Group

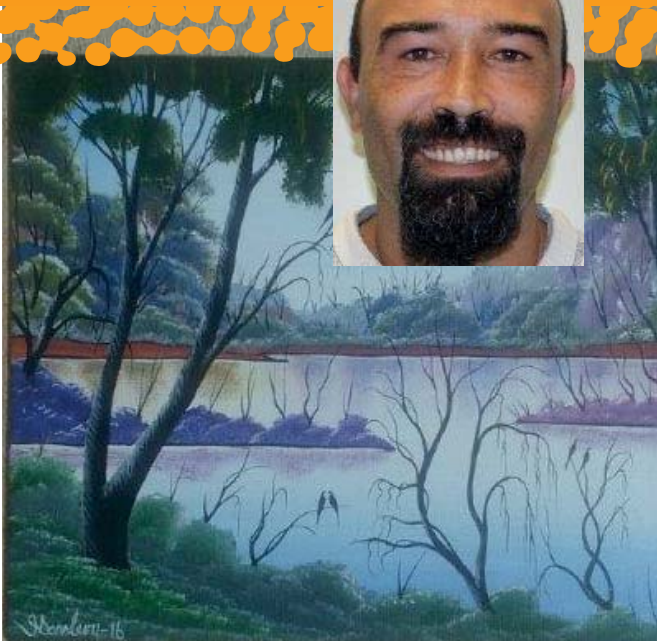


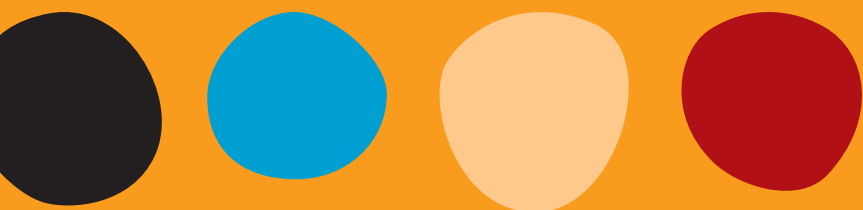
Joe Aylward, Craig Hendry (DP&C) Don Scordo

THE AMAZING ARTWORK BY IAN SANSBURY



Ian Sansbury is the current Program Manager for Homelessness Programs





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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Revenue			
Grant revenue	2	4,086,701	3,890,238
Other revenues	2	254,246	224,085
Employee benefits expenses		(3,151,535)	(3,037,876)
Goods and Services expenses		(946,612)	(912,142)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses	6	<u>(38,017)</u>	<u>(60,753)</u>
Current year surplus (deficit) before income tax		204,783	103,552
Income tax expense		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Current year surplus (deficit)		<u>204,783</u>	<u>103,552</u>
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Fair value writedown on revaluation of land and buildings	6	<u>(214,293)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other comprehensive income for the year		<u>(214,293)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>(9,510)</u>	<u>103,552</u>
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity		<u>(9,510)</u>	<u>103,552</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 JUNE 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	1,150,251	520,386
Accounts receivable and other debtors	4	74,432	80,591
Other current assets	5	21,531	12,868
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,246,214</u>	<u>613,845</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	6	1,068,737	1,273,794
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,068,737</u>	<u>1,273,794</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>2,314,951</u>	<u>1,887,639</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and other payables	7	283,520	154,484
Unexpended grants		293,232	14,838
Employee provisions	8	244,102	248,437
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>820,854</u>	<u>417,759</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee provisions	8	119,153	85,426
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>119,153</u>	<u>85,426</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>940,007</u>	<u>503,185</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>1,374,944</u>	<u>1,384,454</u>
EQUITY			
Retained surplus		1,357,423	1,381,933
Asset replacement reserve	9	17,521	2,521
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>1,374,944</u>	<u>1,384,454</u>

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	Retained Surplus	Asset Replacement Reserve	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2015	1,254,178	26,724	1,280,902
Comprehensive income			
Net surplus (deficit) for the year	103,552	-	103,552
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity for the year	103,552	-	103,552
Transfer to (from) Reserve	24,203	(24,203)	-
Balance at 30 June 2016	1,381,933	2,521	1,384,454
Balance at 1 July 2016	1,381,933	2,521	1,384,454
Comprehensive income			
Net surplus (deficit) for the year	204,783	-	204,783
Other Comprehensive income			
Fair value writedown on revaluation of land and buildings	(214,293)	-	(214,293)
Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity for the year	(9,510)	-	(9,510)
Transfer to (from) Reserve	(15,000)	15,000	-
Balance at 30 June 2017	1,357,423	17,521	1,374,944

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash receipts in the course of operations		4,343,672	4,176,705
Cash payments in the course of operations		(3,669,989)	(3,961,315)
Interest received		3,435	5,287
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		<u>677,118</u>	<u>220,677</u>
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for plant and equipment		(47,253)	(39,202)
Receipts from disposal of plant and equipment		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(47,253)</u>	<u>(39,202)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of Borrowings		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		629,865	181,475
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		<u>520,386</u>	<u>338,911</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	3	<u><u>1,150,251</u></u>	<u><u>520,386</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation applies Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements as set out in AASB 1053: *Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards*.

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), the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006. 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 Corporation is not subject to income tax and therefore no income tax expense or income tax payable is shown in the financial statements.

(b) Fair Value of Assets and Liabilities

The corporation measures some of its assets at fair value on a recurring basis.

Fair value is the price the corporation would receive to sell an asset or would have to pay to transfer a liability in an orderly (ie unforced) transaction between independent, knowledgeable and willing market participants at the measurement date.

As fair value is a market-based measure, the closest equivalent observable market pricing information is used to determine fair value. Adjustments to market values may be made having regard to the characteristics of the specific asset or liability. The fair values of assets and liabilities that are not traded in an active market are determined using one or more valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise, to the extent possible, the use of observable market data.

To the extent possible, market information is extracted from either the principal market for the asset or liability (ie the market with the greatest volume and level of activity for the asset or liability) or, in the absence of such a market, the most advantageous market available to the entity at reporting date (ie the market that maximises the receipts from the sale of the asset or minimises the payment made to transfer the liability, after taking into account transaction costs and transport costs).

For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement also takes into account a market participant's ability to use the asset in its highest and best use, or to sell it to another market participant that would use the asset in its highest and best use.

The fair value of liabilities and the entity's own equity instruments (excluding those related to share-based payment arrangements) may be valued, where there is no observable market price in relation to the transfer of such financial instrument, by reference to observable market information where such instruments are held as assets. Where this information is not available, other valuation techniques are adopted and, where significant, are detailed in the respective note to the financial statements.

(c) Property, Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment

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(g) 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 asset are:

Buildings	2.5%
Motor Vehicles	15%
Plant and Equipment	14% - 50%

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 net 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.

(d) 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.

(e) 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 corporation 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 transaction costs are expensed to profit or loss immediately.

Classification and subsequent measurement

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at either fair value, amortised cost using the effective interest rate method or cost.

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.

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(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*

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 not 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

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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(f) Impairment of Assets

At the end of each reporting period, the corporation 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 corporation 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.

(g) Employee Provisions

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 corporation'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.

(h) 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.

(i) 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(f) for further discussion on the determination of impairment losses.

(j) Revenue and Other Income

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income when the corporation obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the corporation 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.

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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 corporation 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.

(k) **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.

(l) **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).

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.

(m) **Comparative Figures**

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

(n) **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 corporation 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.

(o) **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.

NOTE 2: REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Grant Revenue:		
State & Federal Government Grant Revenue	4,086,701	3,890,238
Total Grant Revenue	4,086,701	3,890,238
Other Revenue:		
Interest	3,435	5,287
Rent received	188,383	169,591
Other	62,428	49,207
Total Other Revenue	254,246	224,085
TOTAL REVENUE	4,340,947	4,114,323

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NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENT ASSETS

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Cash at bank		1,149,751	520,177
Cash on hand		<u>500</u>	<u>209</u>
		<u><u>1,150,251</u></u>	<u><u>520,386</u></u>
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		<u><u>1,150,251</u></u>	<u><u>520,386</u></u>

NOTE 4 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER DEBTORS

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Accounts receivable and other debtors	91,582	97,741
Less: Provision for Doubtful Debts	<u>17,150</u>	<u>17,150</u>
	<u><u>74,432</u></u>	<u><u>80,591</u></u>

Financial assets classified as loans and receivables

As at 30 June 2017 receivables of \$91,532 were past due but not impaired. The ageing analysis of receivables is:

Within initial trade terms

< 30 days	41,295
31-60 days	25,049
61-90 days	9,671
> 90 days	<u>15,567</u>
	<u><u>91,582</u></u>

NOTE 5 - OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Prepayments	<u>21,531</u>	<u>12,868</u>
	<u><u>21,531</u></u>	<u><u>12,868</u></u>

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Property, plant & equipment:		
Land & buildings - at valuation	847,630	1,236,940
Less: Accumulated Amortisation	<u>13,706</u>	<u>181,265</u>
	<u><u>833,924</u></u>	<u><u>1,055,675</u></u>
Plant and equipment at cost	211,603	206,353
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>202,576</u>	<u>192,614</u>
	<u><u>9,027</u></u>	<u><u>13,739</u></u>
Motor Vehicle at cost	306,997	282,861
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>208,419</u>	<u>189,533</u>
	<u><u>98,578</u></u>	<u><u>93,328</u></u>
Leasehold improvements at cost	178,920	161,052
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>51,712</u>	<u>50,000</u>
	<u><u>127,208</u></u>	<u><u>111,052</u></u>
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	<u><u>1,068,737</u></u>	<u><u>1,273,794</u></u>

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Movements in carrying amounts

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 \$	Leashold improvements \$	Plant & Equipment \$	Motor Vehicles \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2016	1,055,675	111,052	13,739	93,328	1,273,794
Revaluation adjustment	(214,294)	-	-	-	(214,294)
Additions	-	17,868	5,250	24,136	47,254
Disposals at book value	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(7,457)	(1,712)	(9,962)	(18,886)	(38,017)
Carrying amount at 30 June 2017	833,924	127,208	9,027	98,578	1,068,737

Asset Revaluation - Land & buildings

On 6 October 2016 the freehold land & buildings held by the Corporation was valued by an independent valuer. The fair value of the freehold land and building was determined to be \$610,000. The fair value of the freehold land & buildings decreased by \$214,294.

The revaluation decrease was debited directly against the income statement.

NOTE 7 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Current

Unsecured liabilities:

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Accounts payable	92,376	25,127
Accrued expenses & clearing accounts	84,274	57,642
GST payable	106,870	71,715
	<u>283,520</u>	<u>154,484</u>

Accounts payable and other payables:

- total current	283,520	154,484
- total non-current	-	-

	<u>283,520</u>	<u>154,484</u>
Less Accrued expenses & clearing accounts	<u>84,274</u>	<u>57,642</u>

Financial liabilities as accounts payable & other payables	<u>199,246</u>	<u>96,842</u>
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Collateral Pledged

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

NOTE 8 - EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS

Current

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Provision for annual leave entitlements	176,169	199,243
Provision for long service leave entitlements	67,933	49,194
	<u>244,102</u>	<u>248,437</u>

Non-current

Provision for long service leave entitlements	119,153	85,426
	<u>119,153</u>	<u>85,426</u>

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

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NOTE 9 - RESERVES

Asset replacement reserve

The asset replacement reserve represents funds set aside for future replacement of motor vehicles.

NOTE 10 - LEASE LIABILITIES

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Operating Lease Commitments		
Motor Vehicles	131,421	201,183
Total Operating Lease Commitments	131,421	201,183
Operating Lease Commitments are payable:		
- not later than 1 year	109,780	102,944
- later than 1 year but not later than 5 years	21,641	98,239
Total Operating Lease Commitments	131,421	201,183

Operating Lease commitments are shown at GST inclusive values.

NOTE 11 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Board of Management

No member of the Board received remuneration from the Corporation in their capacity as member. No other entity that the above members are associated with has received funds other than through dealings with the Corporation in the ordinary course of business and on normal commercial terms and conditions.

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Key Management Personnel Compensation		
Short Term Benefit	128,371	127,452
Post Employment Benefit	9,975	9,975
Total Compensation	138,346	137,427

NOTE 12 - AUDITOR REMUNERATION

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Auditor Remuneration		
Audit services	16,210	12,552
Non-audit services	440	400
	16,650	12,952

NOTE 13 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The Corporation is dependent on funding from the State and Federal Government to maintain its operations.

NOTE 14 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are no contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2017.

NOTE 15 - FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Corporation's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, accounts payable and receivable. The Association does not have any derivative financial instruments as at 30 June 2017.

The carrying amounts for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB139: Financial Instrument: Recognition and measurement are detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

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	2017 \$	2016 \$
Financial assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,150,251	520,386
Accounts receivable and other debtors	74,432	80,591
Total financial assets	<u>1,224,683</u>	<u>600,977</u>
Financial Liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortised costs		
- accounts payable and other payables	283,520	154,484
Total financial liabilities	<u>283,520</u>	<u>154,484</u>

NOTE 16 - CORPORATION DETAILS

The principal place of business for the Corporation is :

Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation
182-190 Wakefield Street, Adelaide SA 5000

NOTE 17 - EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

There have been no material events after the reporting date that have not been recognised in the financial report.

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The members of the committee declare that, in the committee's opinion:

The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 1 to 13, are in accordance with the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and:

- a. comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006; and
- b. give a true and fair view of the financial position of Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation as at 30 June 2017 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.

There are reasonable grounds to believe that Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is signed in accordance with subs 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.


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Committee Member


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Committee Member

Dated this 20 day of October 2017

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

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation ("the entity") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the statement by members of the committee.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation is in accordance with Div 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the entity's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards–Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* ("the Code") that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards–Reduced Disclosure Requirements, the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intend to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.



Trevor Basso - Director
Basso Newman Audit Pty Ltd
Chartered Accountants
286 Flinders Street, Adelaide
Dated this 23rd day of October 2017

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COMPILATION REPORT
TO ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INDIGENOUS CORPORATION



Scope

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial statement of Aboriginal Sobriety Group Indigenous Corporation 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.

T A Basso - Director
Basso Newman Audit Pty Ltd
Chartered Accountants
Adelaide

Dated this 23rd day of October 2017

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

- ABORIGINAL FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES
- ABORIGINAL LEGAL RIGHTS MOVEMENT SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- AC CARE RIVERLAND
- ADELAIDE CITY COUNCIL
- ANGLICARE
- BRIDGEWAY MEDICAL CENTRE
- BURDEKIN CLINIC
- CENTRECARE – RIVERLAND
- CENTRELINK
- COUNTRY HEALTH SA PRIMARY HEALTH NETWORK
- DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION
- DEPARTMENT FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
- DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET
- DISABILITY SA
- DRUG AND ALCOHOL SERVICES
- EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS UNITS OF DCSI
- HOUSING SA
- KORNA WINMIL YUNTI
- LIFE WITHOUT BARRIERS
- MULTICULTURAL YOUTH SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- MURRAY MALLEE MENTAL HEALTH
- NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
- NUNKUWARRIN YUNTI INC.
- OARS COMMUNITY TRANSITION
- PUBLIC HOSPITALS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA
- RIVERLAND ABORIGINAL MENS SUPPORT GROUP
- SOUTH AUSTRALIANN POLICE
- TAFE SA
- UNITING COMMUNITIES
- VOLUNTEERS AND SUPPORTERS WITHIN ASG

Thank you for all your continued support to ASG.

THANK YOU!

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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 Indigenous Corporation
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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