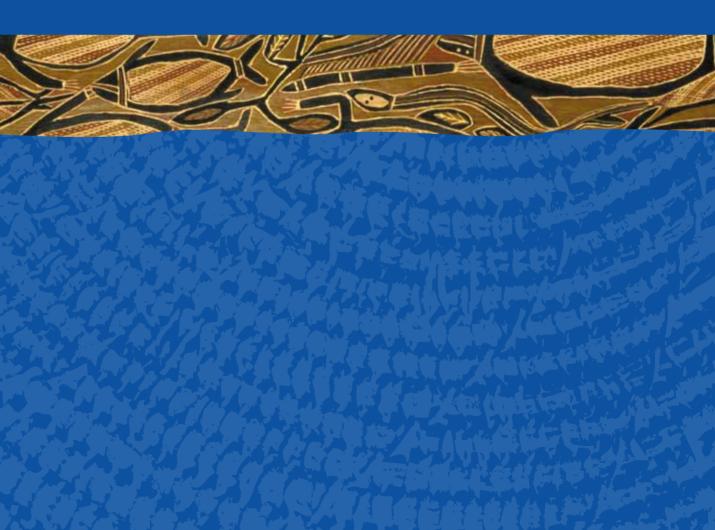


ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08





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From the Chairperson



Polly Sumner Chairperson

As Chairperson, I am pleased to present the Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc. (ASG) Annual Report for the 2007/2008 financial year.

The Board of Management congratulates Chief Executive Officer Mr Basil Sumner and his team for continuing to produce outstanding results.

This year, ASG purchased the Riverland property at 3 Wilson Street, Berri as the first stage of the capital works project for the ASG Riverland branch. Unfortunately, the South Terrace capital works project ceased as the structural repairs will cost more than the funding provided and, despite ASG's efforts, no further funding was provided.

I would like to thank our funding bodies who realised the need to provide assistance to reopen Annie Koolmatrie House (AKH) after it closed again this year due to lack of funds. They worked with ASG to find alternative ways to operate the hostel without compromising the stabilisation program and AKH will reopen later in 2008.

Other achievements this year included:

- Merger of the Assessment, Referral and Counselling team (ARC), the Aboriginal Primary Health Care Access Program (APHCAP) metro team and the Drug Court Worker to form the Substance Misuse (SM) team. The aim of this merger was to provide more consistency with assessments, referrals and program provision.
- Providing ASG clients who have successfully completed their rehabilitation with employment as MAP Field Officers. This transition for clients is proving highly successful and will be continued into the future.

- Transformation of the Shed program to provide more intensive hands on educational programs including commercial woodwork, furniture making and seed propagation to increase employment opportunities for clients.
- Provision of fitness programs by the Health and Fitness Centre (H&FC) to assist clients lead a healthy lifestyle in addition to an alcohol and drug-free lifestyle. This education and awareness is a vital component of ASG's Substance Misuse Recovery Pathway as it provides clients with healthier habit-forming activities.
- Election of the Cultural Advisor as one of two Australian representatives on the World Archaeological Congress Committee.
- Eleven clients successfully graduating from Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW).
- Increase in clients using the Northern Metropolitan and Riverland programs with client numbers at the Riverland ASG branch increasing by more than 350%.

In previous years, I have implored government leaders to formally recognise our history as it is central to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people enjoying a quality of life equal to that of other Australians.

The Apology given by Prime Minister Rudd in February 2008 was the start of a new era and will go down in history as one of the greatest days of our lives. It was particularly pleasing to note that the Prime Minister apologised to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in addition to the Stolen Generations. We have all, as a people, suffered some degree of unfair practise whether it be by the policies of government or racism from sections of the wider community and this has caused many mental, health, and social/emotional wellbeing issues including substance misuse.

It is already evident that the Apology has had an effect on increasing equal opportunity with a greater acceptance by the wider community of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as a respected member of Australia's population and the first descendants. This acceptance will grow in time and provide greater opportunities for future generations to lead a healthy and independent lifestyle.



The new federal government's response to equality for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with increased funding and services is also welcome as is their commitment to the Close the Gap Campaign and the signing of the Statement of Intent.

In addition, it is pleasing to see many private sector companies opening up opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment.

We now look forward to the future and to assisting our clients recover from substance misuse and capitalise on the opportunities now available to them.

In closing, I would like to thank our Board members who continue to support ASG and advocate for improved funding and resources.

I would also like to thank the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (Health and Ageing), Supported Accommodation Services Assistance Program (Health and Services), Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Adelaide City Council and the Department of Human Services for funding ASG's programs and services this year.

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Polly Sumner Chairperson

THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Basil Sumner Chief Executive Officer

As Chief Executive Officer, I am pleased to report on the activities of the Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc. (ASG) for the 2007/2008 financial year.

I would like to thank Chairperson Polly Sumner and the Board of Management for their continued guidance and support, and to congratulate my team led by Program Director Donna Robb for once again delivering an effective service to the community that is producing great results.

ASG continues to expand as demand increases for our successful Substance Misuse Recovery Pathway. Our newer branches in the Riverland and Northern Metropolitan are experiencing significant increases in the number of clients as is our new program, the Shed at Kudla.

ASG's services provide a holistic approach to substance misuse so that clients have the greatest opportunity to lead an independent lifestyle. Counselling, health and fitness education, employment training, social and hobby activities, and cultural education are all part of the rehabilitation process and intrinsically linked to our clients' ability to confidently lead a lifestyle free from substance misuse.

We are providing clients who graduate with the opportunity to work with MAP as Field Officers to help them back into the community. This initiative is proving successful for both graduates and clients, as graduates can see where they've come from and where they are today and are able to communicate on an equal level with new clients and provide them with hope.

2008 was an historic year with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd apologising to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and making a commitment to Close the Gap through signing the Statement of Intent. The Apology was a crucial act to give recognition to our people for without such any attempt at health equality is almost impossible. I have always maintained that

'you can't put a bandaid on the wound, without treating the cause'.

Now, and only now, can the clean-up process begin! Government policies, both state and federal, need to be reviewed in light of the Apology. The intent of past government policies which caused the Stolen Generations fiasco, Aboriginal Deaths in Custody and many other criminal acts permeate through many other state and national policies still in effect or being passed as law today. Governments should seriously examine the consequences and potential consequences of such policies and laws.

Government also need to consult more with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people about policies and laws which limit our peoples' ability to lead an independent lifestyle. The Northern Territory Intervention is still attracting much criticism from our people. It had to happen but not in the manner in which it is being carried out. The welfare card, as a case in point, will put Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people back into a welfare state as it is disempowering and doesn't encourage any form of self-financial management. Programs need to be introduced that help the community move away from child abuse and other damaging behaviours.

The 'so called' Bikie Bill in South Australia has and will continue to disrupt Aboriginal people, families and communities. I question who the Bill is aimed at. It is, in fact, called the 'Serious and Organised Crime (Control) Bill 2007' and does not mention bikies anywhere. Who is excempt from the Bill — anyone?

This Bill has serious consequences for ASG, our clients and our community as a control order can be placed on any member of an organisation, former member, someone who has committed a crime in the past or anyone who associates with a former member or a person with a criminal history. The penalty can be up to five year's jail for associating with a person under a control order and the Bill strictly limits judicial review of declarations and control orders so there is limited opportunity to appeal.

Many of ASG's clients have a criminal past, so how will this Bill affect our organisation and staff? Will we be issued with a control order for 'consorting'? One past government policy prevented white people from associating with Aboriginal people so many of our community members have a criminal record. I was convicted

for consorting with my own father, so does that mean my entire organisation is at risk?

Whilst the Rudd Government provides hope of a new beginning for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the Crime Bill will tear our community apart and provide little hope of restoring our lives and achieving equality.

As Chief Executive Officer of ASG, I attended the enquiry into the Crime Bill and put forward my case on behalf of our organisation, community and families. My submission was recorded in Hansard. I sincerely hope the state government makes the changes required to this Bill soon before it has severe consequences.

Another issue emerging as needing attention in the near future is the lack of a pre-release centre for youth. Whilst there is such a centre for adults, there is no facility for youth and so they continue to reoffend. The Gang of 49 is central to my argument as the core group needs to be stopped so others don't get involved. ASG is currently negotiating with the relevant organisations to provide funding for a pre-release centre for youth and is hoping to commence this project in the new year. Our increased focus on practical skills programs at the Shed that provide clients with more opportunity to gain employment is extremely successful and will be used as a basis for the pre-release centre for youth.

In 2007/08, our Program Director lodged a funding application for capacity building in co-morbidity and it looks positive that this will be successful in the new year. The program will assist ASG staff to appropriately service the many clients who present with a combination of substance misuse and mental health issues.

In closing, I would again encourage governments to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities to ensure services and policies adequately address needs and reflect the intention of the Apology. As our Substance Misuse Pathway identifies, we need prevention and rehabilitation programs in addition to intervention to make any change have a lasting effect

With thanks to ASG's funding organisations including the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (Health and Ageing), the Supported Accommodation Services Assistance Program (Health and Services), Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Adelaide City Council and

the Department of Human Services. I also wish to acknowledge the ongoing organisational support provided by Nunkuwarrin Yunti of South Australia Inc.

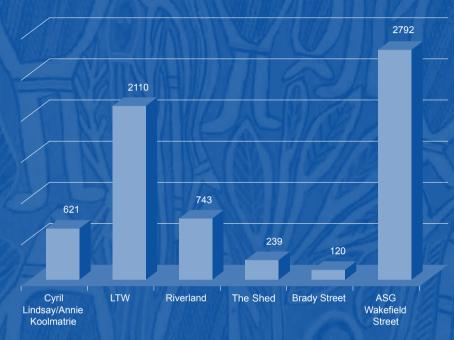
Basil SumnerChief Executive Officer

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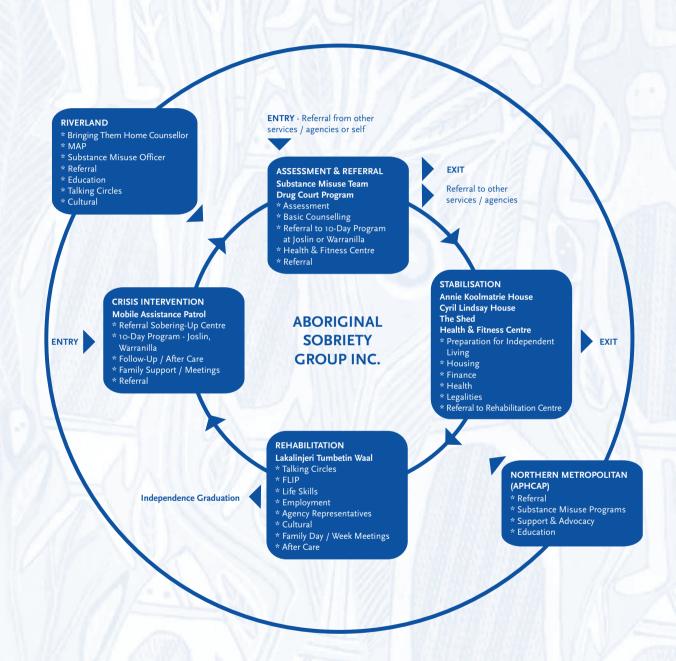
STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

The following graph shows the number of services provided by each program area.

Services by Encounter Place 2007-2008



Substance Misuse Recovery Pathway



Organisational Performance



Donna Ngulbiltjik Robb Program Director

The 2007/2008 year has been quite productive for our newly established Shed Program. This program which is situated in Kudla has mainly focused on health and fitness, with the Men's Group utilising it in 2008 for various cultural and art activities. A horticultural and woodworking program are both in their infancy and ASG received a small amount of funding to assist the Shed Program. We look forward to developing both programs further in 2008/2009 and potentially adding a mechanics program as well. ASG's aim is to develop these programs so that they open pathways for training, education and employment. The Drug Court Program has been running very successfully with the greatest retention rate to date.

This year, ASG purchased the Riverland property at 3 Wilson Street, Berri as the first stage of the capital works project. In the second half of 2008, the existing building will be demolished to make way for the new purpose built facility. The South Terrace capital works project has come to a standstill as it is believed the structural repairs for the building will cost more than the funding provided. Further funding was sought but was unsuccessful so the fate of the building is yet to be determined.

SUBSTANCE MISUSE PROGRAMS

MOBILE ASSISTANCE PATROL

The Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) continues to work closely with many agencies including SA Police (SAPol), public hospitals, detox and rehabilitation centres, hostels, city councils, welfare and health agencies and looks forward to maintaining these positive links and developing new relationships in an effort to serve the community even more effectively.

Feedback from clients and other services that access MAP remains positive. MAP also works with Nunkuwarrin Yunti's No Pulgi Program and this collaboration is proving successful.

The MAP office has moved from ASG's main building in Adelaide to the stabilisation program office at Woodville. MAP continues to service a large number of clients in both the inner and outer metropolitan areas. It is pleasing to note that there has been a reduction of pick-ups in certain areas with many clients being transported to sobering-up and detox units to commence a new pathway.

The MAP Program Manager has spent considerable time this year developing and maintaining relationships and connections with other agencies including attending the Inner City Assistance Network Meeting with many of the agency representatives that MAP works with. The information received from these relationships and meetings is relayed to MAP staff to assist them with identifying possible hot spots and problem areas.

Overall, MAP has had another successful year with several clients gaining employment with ASG.

SUBSTANCE MISUSE TEAM

In 2008, the Assessment, Referral and Counselling team (ARC), the Aboriginal Primary Health Care Access Program (APHCAP) metro team and the Drug Court Worker merged to form the Substance Misuse (SM) team. All now report to the same Program Manager to provide more consistency with assessments, referrals and program provision, however, maintain their separate roles and responsibilities.

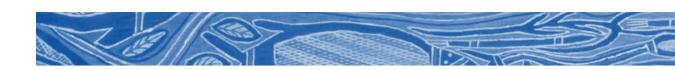
The SM team continues to experience a steady increase in the number of clients presenting with acute mental health disorders. To assist with addressing this issue, ASG lodged a funding application for capacity building in comorbidity and it is looking positive that this will be secured in the 2008/2009 year.

The APHCAP workers have been responsible for the Shed's cultural activities, which have been well attended by participants who appreciate the safe and supportive environment.

The Drug Court program has been very successful with ASG being credited with having one of the best retention rates.

STABILISATION

Unfortunately, Annie Koolmatrie House (AKH) was once again closed due to lack of funding. However, after discussions with two of ASG's funding bodies, some alternative ways to operate the hostel without compromising the stabilisation program were identified and AKH will reopen later in 2008.



Cyril Lindsay House (CLH) has been operating smoothly considering staff and program changes. Two senior staff members retired during this period and some new programs commenced. One of these programs involves woodwork and toy making and was developed by the SM team. It has enabled hostel residents to learn basic woodworking skills in preparation for the woodwork program at the Shed. The toys made were given away to children at promotional events. Another new program offered through CLH initially for Drug Court clients is Moral Reconation Therapy. This program is offered once a week and has been enthusiastically attended by participants. It is currently being extended to other hostel residents as part of the recovery pathway.

REHABILITATION

ASG changed Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW) into a male only facility this year. Clients continue to have access to various workshops and information sessions offered by external agencies such as Gambling and Hep C, and are offered services from ASG including counselling, Talking Circles, and the Health and Fitness program which includes swimming sessions on Tuesdays, and the Men's Group on Thursdays at the Shed.

This year, the foundations for a native bush food/medicine propagation project were developed in partnership with the Aboriginal Lands Trust. The program should be in operation next year.

RIVERLAND

The capital works project in the Riverland to construct a purpose built facility was delayed slightly due to a budget item oversight. This was reviewed and the project is continuing. The site at 3 Wilson Street, Berri, was purchased and the existing building will be demolished at the end of 2008 once a contractor has been selected from the tender.

The Riverland office operates several programs including a new group for young women that focuses on self development and grooming. The men's and women's groups are very popular and Talking Circles are held on a regular basis. The Riverland MAP service is now also providing health service transport in association with the Riverland Health Service. This new arrangement will operate for the next year and then be evaluated for effectiveness with the possibility of renewing the agreement at the end of the financial year.

Drug Action Week and NAIDOC events were organised in conjunction with other service

providers and both experienced a high community attendance.

The Riverland program has also contributed to the establishment and operation of the HEARING (Holistic Empowerment Aboriginal Riverland Incorporated Network Gathering) Forum which is bringing many service providers in the region together to focus on integrated service provision.

ADMINISTRATION

ASG met regularly with key agencies on the issues of homelessness, dry zones, social and emotional well being, substance misuse, policing and legal issues.

We remain involved in several committees and groups including:

- National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO)
- Aboriginal Health Council of SA Inc. (AHCSA)
- Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative Reference Group
- HEARING Forum Riverland
- Aboriginal Prisoners and Offenders Support Service (APOSS) Board of Management
- Dry Zone Steering Committee
- Inner City Homeless Services Integrated Network
- Prevention of Aboriginal Deaths In Custody
- West End Reference Group
- APHCAP Advisory Group
- Healthy for Life
- Nunkuwarrin Yunti's Course Advisory Group
- Magistrates Court Diversion Program Service Providers Meeting
- Aboriginal Police Liaison Committee





Kirsten Scudds Executive Assistant
Brent Carraill Finance Officer

Substance Misuse Programs

CRISIS INTERVENTION

MOBILE ASSISTANCE PATROL

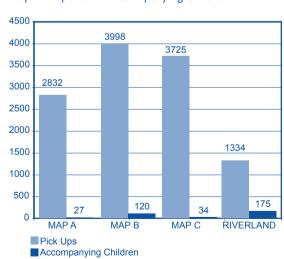
The Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) is the frontline service for ASG's crisis intervention programs. MAP provides transport to Aboriginal people as well as members of the wider community who are in a crisis situation and need assistance. This intervention aims to reduce incarceration and deaths in custody by eliminating police involvement.

Service Delivery

This year, MAP provided 11,889 instances of transport compared with 12,215 in the previous year. Of the total number, 356 were children, which is a significant reduction on last year's number of 560. The reductions are a reflection of the effective work MAP has been doing in education and awareness to reduce the number of people frequenting public places, in particular children being brought to public places by their parents or family members.

All MAP staff are highly skilled and motivated to deliver a quality service in an often difficult environment, and are highly praised by SAPoL, hospitals, detox centres and other agencies for their work.

Map Transport with Accompanying Children





Kaz Awad MAP Program Manager

MAP operates from Woodville with a Program Manager, eight full time staff and two casuals. Employment as a MAP Field Officer has become a path for some ASG clients who have successfully completed their rehabilitation at CLH or LTW and this opportunity will continue into the future.

A new bus significantly contributed to the effectiveness of the service.

The relocation of the MAP base to CLH resulted in increased security for the hostels.

Education & Networking

MAP engaged in various Aboriginal community events this year which promote abstinence from alcohol and drugs use including Drug Action Week, NAIDOC Week, and BBQs.

Effective working relationships were also maintained with SAPol, Hospitals, Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia (DASSA), and other rehabilitation centres.



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Assessment, Referral & Counselling

SUBSTANCE MISUSE TEAM

This year, the Assessment, Referral and Counselling team (ARC), the Aboriginal Primary Health Care Access Program (APHCAP) metro team and the Drug Court Worker merged to form the Substance Misuse (SM) team to provide more consistency with assessments, referrals and program provision.

A new Program Manager was appointed for the team as well as additional Counsellors.



Matthew Graham Program Manager Substance Misuse Team

Service Delivery

The SM team experienced a steady flow of referrals, clients and enquiries about ASG services from a range of locations including Coober Pedy, Mildura and as far away as Victoria. A total of 9,200 episodes of care were provided by the team this year.

In June 2008, a structured six week Cottage Craft and Toy Making Program was launched at CLH. The program incorporates a number of different activities to assist with counselling, lifestyle and the transition to sober living or further rehabilitation.

Cottage Craft and Toy Making provides CLH clients with access to the workshop in the Shed for the purpose of making wooden toys and craft activities. The aim of this program is to foster and develop an environment where clients are kept physically and mentally active during their stay at CLH. Whilst making toys, clients gain an understanding of health and safety principles, communication and problem solving skills.

Health and fitness is also an important aspect of stabilisation and, therefore, clients are encouraged to participate in fitness sessions at the ASG Health and Fitness Centre (H&FC)



Don Anderson Drug Court Program

and in daily walking circuits around Woodville

The Men's group activities conducted by the ASG SM team include cultural learning sessions at the Coorong, visits to Tandanya Art Gallery, collection of wood for producing artefacts and visits to the South Australian Museum.

During the summer months, the main focus of the group's activities were based on health, fitness and new experiences. Sessions included snorkelling off the jetty at Port Noarlunga which for a number of clients often meant an entirely new experience leading to recollections of their youth and experiences growing up.

Education & Networking

The team was involved in various events during Reconciliation Week, Drug Action Week and NAIDOC Week to raise awareness about ASG services. Activities were held and promotional materials given to community members.

Relationships with various external agencies were maintained and extended this year to assist Aboriginal people through the recovery process.



Substance Misuse Team

Substance Misuse Programs

STABILISATION



Alfredo Russo Stabilisation Program Manager

Annie Koolmatrie House (AKH) was again closed this year due to lack of funding, however, will reopen on 15 September 2008 following discussions with two of ASG's funding bodies. The hostel will provide safety and accommodation for women and their dependents who come from situations of domestic violence, and will be staffed 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

Cyril Lindsay House (CLH) continued to operate this year as an alcohol and non-medical drug free stabilisation unit for Aboriginal people who have attended a detoxification program and made a conscious decision to stay sober/drug free.

Service Delivery

A total of 1,841 instances of care were provided by AKH and CLH this year. CLH accommodates up to 10 men at one time and is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by an experienced and dedicated team to maintain the safety and security of residents and staff.

This year, CLH staff assisted many residents to access ASG's Substance Misuse Recovery Pathway and worked closely with clients to achieve total sobriety and work towards an independent lifestyle.

Various programs, services and intensive counselling/case management were delivered to assist residents in leading a substance free lifestyle

In June 2008, a formalised stabilisation program was introduced consisting of the following modules:

- Counselling/Case Management
- Toy and Craft Making (including introductions to health and safety and logical development practices)

- Health and Fitness
- Cultural/Life Skills Development
- Agency Visits/Networking

It has been demonstrated that residents who successfully complete the Stabilisation Program lead a healthier lifestyle, are able to seek employment and progress into independent living without drugs or alcohol. If required ongoing support is provided.



Cyril Lindsay & Annie Koolmatrie House Team

As part of the Drug Court initiative, CLH houses residents on home detention. This links the resident to additional services such as Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) training and workshop facilities at the Shed. CLH provides residents on home detention with the opportunity to stabilise in a drug and alcohol free environment, providing additional stability and assistance to enable them to successfully complete the Drug Court program.

THE SHED

The Shed program commenced in 2007 as a fitness centre and to provide other men's group activities for the northern region. During the past year, the program was transformed to provide more intensive hands on educational programs and ASG executive actioned a strategic plan.



The Shed

Service Delivery

This year, 239 people attended the Shed's programs. In line with the new approach, the fitness equipment was relocated to LTW and the vacant space renovated to accommodate a workshop with various commercial woodwork and furniture making machines. This workshop has become a vital component to the Drug Court program. Clients are trained to use the tools and make furniture two days a week under the guidance of qualified instructor Mr Eugene Marias. It is hoped that this training will lead clients into apprenticeships.



Drug Court Program

A seed propagation program also commenced in consultation with Mr Brian Pledger from the Salisbury Council to grow plants for revegetation projects in the northern region. ASG clients will manage the labour force to further increase hands on learning.



Drug Court Program

A mechanics program is currently being negotiated and should be in operation by the end of 2008.

Education & Networking

The Shed has established strong working relationships with the Salisbury Council, TAFE SA, and the Drug Court.

HEALTH & FITNESS CENTRE

ASG's Health and Fitness Centre (H&FC) has continued to be a valuable asset to clients and the community. The centre maintains its unique friendly street level atmosphere, evident through the different types of users which vary from ASG clients to local business personnel and the general public.



Fitness equipment at H&FC

Service Delivery

This year, 2,087 people attended the H&FC, an average of 174 people on a monthly basis. Services provided include school fitness programs, CLH clients' fitness program, Drug Court fitness program, other ASG fitness programs, individual tailored programs and the ASG boxing club.

The boxing club has a new senior trainer Mr Nermin Sabanovic who has achieved a number 1 world ranking in the light heavy weight division and who competed in two world title fights. Use of the club has increased and ASG is planning to modify the gym to cater for more boxers by the end of 2008.



Fitness equipment at H&FC

Education & Networking

The H&FC maintains working relationships with Boxing SA, TAFE sports and recreation, the Australian Institute of Fitness and local social and welfare groups.

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CULTURAL.

The Cultural Advisor continues to provide services to enhance clients' sense of self-determination and to foster understanding of Aboriginal culture within the wider population.



Major Sumner Cultural Advisor

Service Delivery

In the past year, the Cultural Advisor worked with ASG staff to provide training in how to run a talking circle and smoking ceremony.

Talking Circles were delivered to students from all over Australia, enabling them to take what they have learnt from Aboriginal culture back to their own workplace or home.

Cultural ceremonies, dancing ceremonies, and smoking ceremonies were performed at Pt Elliot, Camp Coorong, Victor Harbour and at the Millicent and Penola Hospitals.

Education & Networking

The Cultural Advisor attended various meetings in South Australian jails relating to cultural programs for inmates. Numerous workplaces throughout the city also expressed an interest in providing their employees with Aboriginal cultural awareness.

Mid year, the Cultural Advisor travelled to the United Kingdom to repatriate Aboriginal remains from London and Scotland. Several



Tal Kin Jeri Dancers

conferences were also attended including one in Canada at Edmonton, University College of Dublin.

Whilst in Dublin, the Cultural Advisor was elected as one of two Australian representatives on the World Archaeological Congress Committee and visited the Museum of Natural History in London, Oxford Museum, and Exeter Museum with Flinders University representatives.



Major Sumner Cultural Advisor

REHABILITATION

LAKALINJERI TUMBETIN WAAL

In 2007/08, Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW) provided accommodation to 39 people. Three of these came back to do a second term and eleven successfully graduated. One Graduate was offered part-time employment with the MAP Program.

LTW staff continue to provide guidance to clients with an open door policy that addresses their varied and changing needs. This policy encourages relaxed, casual, honest and open discussion between staff and clients.

Service Delivery

This year, LTW saw 119 clients, an increase of 7 from last year, and provided 2,359 episodes of care compared with 1,892 in 2006/07.



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John Bingapore Program Manager Lakalinieri Tumbetin Waal

The Men's Group focused more on domestic violence, anger management and cultural awareness issues. Unfortunately, the Safe Gambling Group had to cease due to the lack of funding.

The All Drugs Anonymous Program operated every Monday and the Swimming Program at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre was replaced with bush walks to provide more connection with land and culture.

Three camps held at Lyrup on the Murray River for three days, Marion Bay for five days and Pt Pearce for four days were enjoyed by all.

A LTW staff member who completed Narrative Therapy training is now practising this with clients. Following training by the Cultural Advisor, other staff are performing Smoking Ceremonies and prayer is also provided on a daily basis. Under the direction of the Cultural Advisor, LTW is collecting appropriate material to build a large wurly to be used for cultural ceremonies.

In the warmer months, LTW has been working with clients to maintain fruit trees and plant a vegetable garden.

OUTREACH SERVICES _

NORTHERN METROPOLITAN

The Northern Metropolitan Substance Misuse Program, funded by the Aboriginal Primary Health Care Access Program (APHCAP), continues to operate successfully from the Brady Street building at Elizabeth Downs.

Service Delivery

This year, Northern Metropolitan saw 110 clients compared with 92 in 2006/07 and provided 353 episodes of care, an increase of 29 over the previous year.

The program has been more involved with families who are dealing with Family SA, which is taking team members into Family Courts and Family Case Planning to provide clients with advocacy and support.

A range of different services were offered including ongoing transport to clients. An Aboriginal art component was added to give participants the opportunity to talk informally in a non-threatening safe, quiet and supportive environment. Most of the woodwork and carving is done with hand tools such as hatchets, files, planes, and sandpaper. Wood burning is another aspect to the craft where the wood is burned by a hot iron. Participants also have a place to paint their woodwork including didgeridoos and boomerangs as well as other pieces of artwork using traditional and contemporary styles.

ASG's Men's Group aims to offer a holistic approach to the health of Aboriginal men with a particular focus on alcohol and drug issues, family violence, parenting and living skills. The program operates every Thursday and offers the Aboriginal art component, allowing participants to maintain cultural links to their heritage and younger men the opportunity to learn traditional art.

Education & Networking

The Northern Metropolitan Substance Misuse Program has been expanding their networks this year and continuing to work with agencies to more effectively meet the needs of the Aboriginal community living in the north.



Riverland Team

RIVERLAND

Overall, the Riverland ASG branch continued to operate smoothly and efficiently this year and looks forward to assisting the community in the coming year. Client numbers increased from 216 in 2006/07 to 760, and 2,773 episodes of care were provided compared with 917 in the previous year.

The MAP program was again in high demand and is a much needed asset within the community. An agreement was reached with the Riverland Regional Health Service for MAP to pick up people who have hospital appointments on Mondays and Fridays.

A small grant was received through the Grannies Group to run sessions on a fortnightly basis for men and women with the Elders to discuss substance misuse. The groups have identified some strategies to address the issue.

The Grannies Group also met with Riverland staff on two separate occasions to discuss what they do and this formed part of a State strategy to address the negative impact of substance misuse in communities. This information was presented at a State conference at the Parks Community Centre in May.

Education & Networking

This year, the Bringing Them Home (BTH) Counsellor gave presentations to schools about the Stolen Generation and the meaning of Sorry Day. This Counsellor has also negotiated with Glossop and Renmark High Schools to provide sessions for the older girls to help them through changes whilst keeping focused on completing year 12. The BTH Counsellor will also provide drug and alcohol education and counselling to groups or individuals.



The Riverland ASG branch participated in Drug Action Week and NAIDOC Week. Activities included:

- NAIDOC Visited Cadell Prison for the flag raising ceremony and met with staff and Aboriginal prisoners, shared lunch with all prisoners and provided entertainment with singers and guitar players.
- NAIDOC Attended the Riverland Aboriginal Community Development Centre 'Kungun CDC' where there was a flag raising ceremony and various entertainers including Warren Milera, Ngarrindjeri Boys, and Eric Cook. Around 300 people shared the celebrations and a meal together.
- Drug Action Week was held at the Kungun Community Development Centre. DASSA and ASG provided information, resources, activities and a meal was shared with around 70 people.

Rewarding relationships were formed this year through building networks and partnerships which have aided the growth of community development, education, training and development resulting in employment and further education.

ASG Riverland has also been active in various community meetings held by: Riverland Community Development Board, Achieve SA, Commonwealth Disabilities SA, Riverland Regional Health Service, RRHS Men's Group & Women's who have merged with Riverland ASG's group, Elders Group, Riverland Development Corporation and Network, Holistic Empowerment Aboriginal Riverland Integrated Network Gathering Inc., Aboriginal Youth Groups, Aboriginal Education Department, Glossop High School, Gerard Council, SAPol, Police Aboriginal Liaison, Courts Administration Authority, Commonwealth Crime Investigators Unit, Families SA, Department for Families and Communities, Life Without Barriers, Drug and Alcohol Services, Centrelink, Madec, Indigenous Coordination Centre, Interwork, Natural Resource Management, Anglican Community Care, Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology, South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resource Management Board, Flinders University, Salvation Army, Aboriginal Health Council of SA Inc., Victim Support Services, Stolen Generation Alliance, Youth Court, Relationships Australia, Journey of Healing Truth and Justice, Country Arts SA,

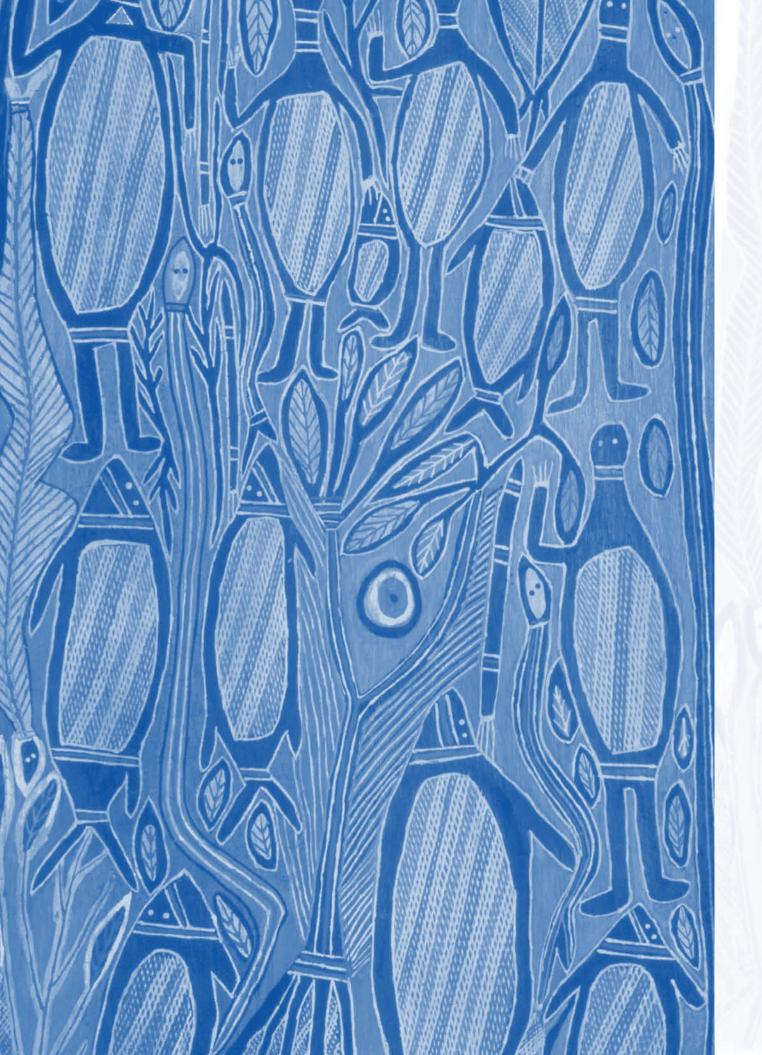
Family Relationships Centre, Chowilla Living Murray NRM, Legal Services Commission, Renmark Paringa Community Centre, Renmark Paringa Council, Berri Barmera Council, Waikerie Council, Loxton Council, Department of Health, Department of Correctional Services, Cadell Prison, Domestic Violence Action Group and others.

The outcomes of this networking has resulted in many benefits which will continue for the years to come.

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ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INC. FINANCIAL REPORT 2007/2008

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Income Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	Note	2008	2007
	THOIC .	2000	2007
Recurrent Income	120		W 1 1 1 1
Operational Grants		2,671,451	2,465,952
Interest Received		51,862	27,413
Rent Received		38,784	31,407
Sundry Income		22,005	45,089
Total Recurrent Income		2,784,102	2,569,862
Recurrent Expenditure			
Administration & Data Processing Charges	1971-1971	73,165	45,151
Advertising, Sponsorship & Promotions		16,510	11,538
Audit & Accounting Fees		25,095	15,695
Bank Charges		50	83
Camp Expenses		4,000	
Claim write off - Workcover		70,329	
Cleaning & Rubbish Removal		7,673	10,996
Client Participation Groups		1,105	1,322
Computer Costs		69,598	39,131
Conference & Courses		14,280	1,478
Consultancy Fees		47,887	12,115
Donations		2,700	209
EAP Expenses		6,390	1,686
Electricity & Gas		19,271	20,650
Food		26,531	31,492
Fringe Benefits Tax		14,198	16,406
General Expenses & Supplies		1,164	6,447
Gymnasium Expenses		8,877	9,787
Insurance		39,405	49,322
Legal Costs		1,126	25,900
Medical Prescriptions & Supplies		94	
Minor Equipment & Consumables		20,671	3,105
Motor Vehicle Expenses		189,671	157,672
Postage & Courier		312	468
Printing, Stationery & Office Requisites		23,892	25,023
Program Expenses:			
- Aboriginal Lands Trust		1,680	11/1/
- Canada Travel			22,851
Diversional TherapyDrug Action Week		129	1,015
- Forsyth Foundation		10,672 1,749	3,559 4,318
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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP OF SA INC.

Income Statement

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	Note	2008	2007
Recurrent Expenditure (cont'd)	1015		W9 / B
Program Expenses (cont'd):			
- Grannies Group Berri		1,700	200
- IMEC		100//	145
- Rehab Programs		1,797	48
 Sundry Community Programs Talking Circles 		5,000	1,676
- The Shed		25,241	26,944
Provisions for:			
- Annual Leave		22,277	32,242
- Computer & IT Replacement		(28,852)	28,852
- Long Service Leave		(2,734)	(13,392)
- Vehicle Replacement		(4,041)	
Rates & Taxes		29,256	28,669
Rent		57,187	65,774
Repairs & Maintenance		27,656	39,670
Resources		27	
Salaries & Wages		1,595,408	1,612,103
Security		429	736
Staff Expenses		2,527	5,125
Subscriptions & Licence Fees		1,406	1,315
Superannuation Contributions		156,741	146,183
Telephone		55,274	58,297
Training		21,178	3,574
Travel Allowances & Fares		10,161	5,900
Workcover		50,980	48,736
Total Recurrent Expenditure	1999	2,726,841	2,610,213
BENEFIT MANAGEMENT	17/10/8 4		
Operating Recurrent Surplus (Deficit) Before Unfunded Charges	17//A A	57,261	(40,351)
Less Unfunded Charges	1/201 18		
Depreciation & Amortisation		79 425	103,849
(Profit) Loss on Sale of Non Current Assets		78,435 6,698	2,535
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	7//A W	(27,872)	(146,736)
Add Non Recurrent Income			
Capital Grants Received	11/8	111,408	498,996
Net Surplus (Deficit)		\$83,536	\$352,260
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Aboriginal Sobriety Group of SA Inc.

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

to members Members' Funds at the End		83,536	352,260
Net Surplus (Deficit) attributable to members		83,536	352,260
Members' Funds at the beginning of the Financial Year		751,398	399,138
	Note	2008	2007

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Aboriginal Sobriety Group of SA Inc.

Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2008

	Note	2008	2007
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	6	1,126,164	980,449
Sundry Debtors		57,402	150,504
		1,183,566	1,130,953
Non Current Assets	111172		
Property, Plant & Equipment at cost	2	1,204,593	1,145,199
Less Accumulated Depreciation		510,711	477,593
		693,882	667,606
Total Assets		1,877,448	1,798,559
Current Liabilities		1182	
Creditors & Accrued Expenses	3	82,503	123,468
Unexpended Grants	4	613,108	563,440
Provisions	5	346,903	360,253
Total Liabilities		1,042,514	1,047,160
Net Assets	1111999	\$834,934	\$751,398
Members Funds			
Members' Funds	11/1/1/1/1/1	834,934	751,398
Total Equity	11///4	\$834,934	\$751,398
Contingent Liability	7		

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	Note	2008	2007
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	-/1		897 J S A
Cash Receipts		2,926,465	3,015,549
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(2,721,205)	(2,517,398)
Interest Received		51,862	27,413
Net Cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities	H	257,122	525,564
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	[A		QWIA
Payments for Property, Plant & Equipment		(121,693)	(514,496)
Proceeds from Disposal of Property Plant & Equipment		10,285	15,500
Net Cash provided by (used in) Investing Activities		(111,408)	(498,996)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Net Cash provided by (used in) Financing Activities			
Net Increase in Cash Held		145,714	26,568
Cash at the Beginning of the Financial Year		980,450	953,882
Cash at the End of the Financial Year	6	1,126,164	980,450

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP OF SA INC.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985. The Committee of Management has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985, and the following Accounting Standards:

AASB 1031: Materiality

AASB 110: Events after Balance Sheet Date

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuation of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report.

- (a) Income Tax
 - Under Section 50.5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 the income of the Association is exempt from income tax.
- (b) Property, Plant & Equipment

Freehold Land & Buildings are brought to account at cost or at independent valuation. The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated in the following manner:-

- (i) Buildings As it is difficult to separate the value of buildings from the freehold land the committee do not consider it necessary or material to depreciate buildings.
- (ii) Other depreciable assets A fixed annual charge over the estimated useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Profit and losses on disposal of property, plant & equipment are taken into account in determining the surplus for the year.

(c) Employee Benefits

Provision is made in respect of the Association's liability for annual leave at balance date. Long service leave is accrued in respect of employees with more than seven years employment with the Association.

Contributions are made by the Association to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred. The Association has no legal obligation to provide benefits to employees on retirement.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

(d) Goods & 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 Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense.

(e) Going Concerr

The accounts of Aboriginal Sobriety Group of SA Inc. have been prepared on the basis that it is a going concern and that the Association will continue to operate.

The Association's future as a going concern is dependant upon grants and subject to compliance with the conditions attached to grants received. On this basis Aboriginal Sobriety Group of SA Inc. will generate sufficient cash flow to be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

		2008	2007
Note 2:	Property, Plant & Equipment		
(a)	Freehold Land & Buildings (at cost)	1/1/2	13.11
	3 Wilson Street, Berri	281,746	247,684
(b)	Leasehold Improvements		
	At Cost	171,902	171,902
	Less Accumulated Amortisation	20,877	15,864
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(c)	Plant and Equipment		
	At Cost	479,514	472,740
	Less Accumulated Depreciation	402,185	369,393
	TANKS ZONNIE	77,329	103,346
(d)	Motor Vehicles		
	At Cost / Valuation	271,431	252,873
	Less Accumulated Depreciation	87,649	92,336
		183,782	160,537
	Total Property Plant & Equipment	\$693,882	\$667,606
Note 3:	Creditors & Accrued Expenses		
3/	Sundry Creditors	58,823	101,668
	Accrued Expenses	23,680	21,800
	5.700 MS (0 - 1777 - A (0 L/A HS)	\$82,503	\$123,468

ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP OF SA INC.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

		2008	2007
Note 4:	Unexpended Grants		W7/F
	At balance date the Association had not expended all ounexpended funds have been carried forward into the program unexpended grants are:		
	APHCAP Northern Program	41,805	28,78
	APHCAP Western Program		7,11.
	Building Program	265	13,24
	Business Management Training	7,248	
	City Watchhouse Program	44,549	50,42
	Community Benefits SA	5,119	21,00
	Dept of Homelessness	8,330	
	Drug Court Program	65,383	34,88
	Mobile Assistance Program	1 / 1 / 1 / S	16,04
	No Pulgi Program	58,247	58,64
	Riverland Transport Service	6,000	
	South Terrace Capital Works Program	17,211	24,04
	Substance Abuse Riverland Program	66,715	78,97
	Support Accommodation Assistance Program	118,982	22,98
	Wilson Street Berri Capital Program	173,254	207,31
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Note 5:	Provisions	2011-VH	
	Provision for Annual Leave	190,683	168,40
	Provision for Long Service Leave	66,699	69,43
	Provision for Computer & IT Replacement	1 15000	28,85
	Provision for Vehicle Replacement	89,521	93,56
	THE	\$346,903	\$360,25

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

	Net Cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities	\$257,122	\$525,564
	Increase/ (Decrease) in Other Liabilities	49,667	124,090
	Increase/ (Decrease) in Provisions	(13,350)	47,702
	Increase/ (Decrease) in Payables	(40,965)	(94,478)
	(Increase)/ Decrease in Sundry Debtors	93,102	(10,395)
	Depreciation	78,435	103,849
	(Profit) Loss on disposal of Non- Current Assets	6,697	2,536
	Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the year	83,536	352,260
(a)	Reconciliation of Operating Surplus to Net Cash Provided	by Operating Acti	vities
Note 6:	Cash Flow Information		

Reconciliation of Cash (b)

Cash at the end of the financial period as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the Balance Sheet as follows:

Cash at Bank	\$1,126,164	\$980,450

Contingent Liability Note 7:

A contingent liability exists in relation to the potential repayment of surplus funds to funding bodies. It is the board's view that any surplus represents unexpended funds and will not be repayable to the funding bodies.

ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP OF SA INC.

Statement by Members of the Committee

For the Year Ended 30 June 2008

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The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the committee the financial report being the balance sheet, income statement, statement of cash flows, statement of changes in equity and notes to the financial statements:

- Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Aboriginal Sobriety Group of SA Inc. as at 30 June 2007 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- In accordance with section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985, the committee hereby states that during the financial year ended 30 June 2007:
 - (i) no officer of the association;
 - (ii) no firm of which an officer is a member, and
 - (iii) no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest, has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and the association
 - no officer of the association has received directly or indirectly from the association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value.
- At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association 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:

Agwilliams
Board Member 29/10/07

Board Member

Chris Riley

Signed in Adelaide this

day of October 2008

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of

ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP OF SA INC.

Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report comprising income statement, statement of changes in equity, balance sheet, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements of Aboriginal Sobriety Group of SA Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2008.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Committee of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also include establishing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These auditing 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 the 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 entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report 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. The 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.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to the members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting under the Associations Incorporation Act 1985. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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

Independence

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

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of the Aboriginal Sobriety Group of SA Inc. presents fairly, in all material respects the position of the Aboriginal Sobriety Group of SA Inc. as at 30 June 2008 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

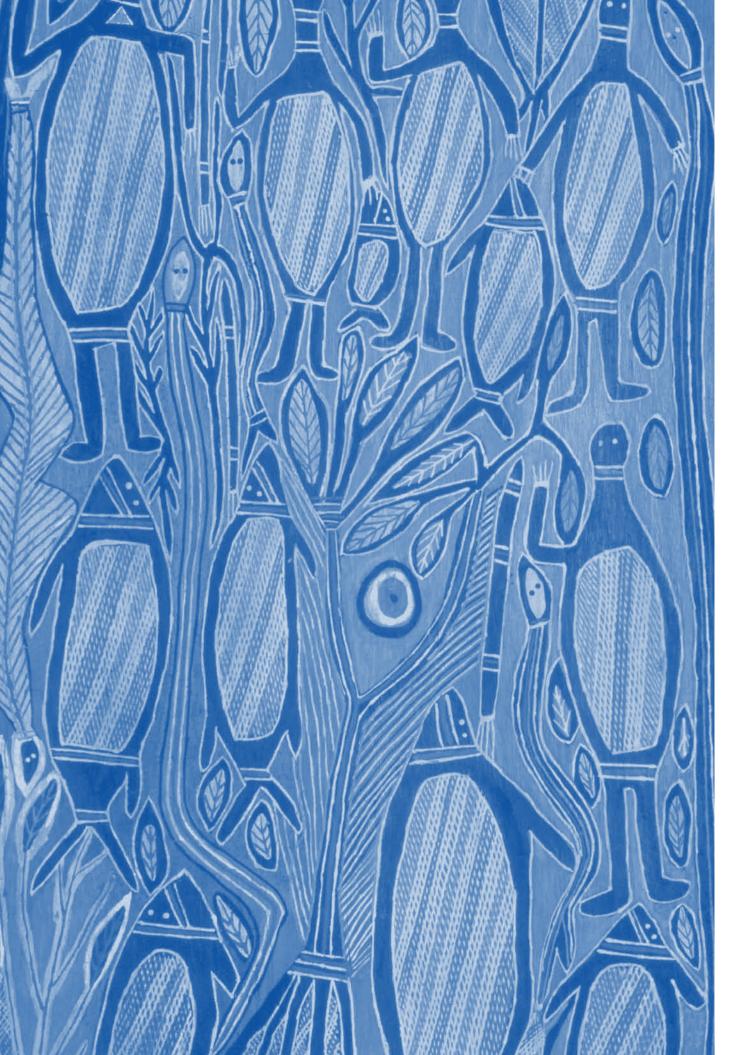
In our opinion the accounts on which the reports are based are considered adequate pursuant to Section 37(3) (d) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985, given the nature and scope of the activities of the association.

Trevor Basso - Partner Basso Newman & Co

Chartered Accountants Adelaide

30 October 2008





ABBREVIATIONS

AHCSA	Aboriginal Health Council of SA Inc.
AKH	Annie Koolmatrie House
АРНСАР	Aboriginal Primary Health Care Access Program
APOSS	Aboriginal Prisoners and Offenders Support Service
ARC	Assessment, Referral and Counselling team
ASG	Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc.
втн	Bringing Them Home
CLH	Cyril Lindsay House
DASSA	Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia
H&FC	Health and Fitness Centre
HEARING	Holistic Empowerment Aboriginal Riverland Incorporated Network Gathering
LTW	Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal
MAP	Mobile Assistance Patrol
MRT	Moral Reconation Therapy
NACCHO	National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
NAIDOC	National Aboriginal & Islander Day Observance Committee
SAPol	South Australian Police
SM	Substance Misuse

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WHEN THE FAMILY WINS
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ASG Philosophy (adopted from the Native Cree Canadians)



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