



ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

Annual Report 2011/2012





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ANNUAL REPORT 2011/2012

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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



Gary R Paynter
Chairperson

I consider it an honour and privilege to hold the position of Chairperson of the Aboriginal Sobriety Group (ASG) as it allows me contribute to and interact with a dedicated and well skilled group of people all working to a common cause.

This year has not been without challenges from an organisational viewpoint. As a result of our Auditors Report for 2010/2011 and a recognised financial deficit, ASG needed to review its fiscal management and how things were done and consider our alternatives. Given the economy under this current Government, and rampant price increases impacting the running costs of all program for our organisation, our options were limited.

ASG has a commitment to provide a high quality service to our community through and across all of its programs. The Board recognised that the staffing levels and costs at the service delivery level was running (and still is running) at its minimal level and therefore committed to not reducing staff levels which would have impacted our work teams, service delivery and community negatively.

After serious consideration, the decision was to re-structure the Executive Management positions, reducing costs through redundancy of one position and re-writing the position of Chief Executive Officer to Executive Officer and making some positive change to the management structure across the organisation. This gave Program Managers and supervisors greater responsibility in managing their programs and delivery of services and an opportunity to improve efficiency at the delivery level.

As it happened, the position Executive Officer also became vacant and was filled internally. Mr Joe Silvestri, previously the Substance Misuse Team Project Manager, stepped up to the position and is now the Executive Officer.

The end result of the implemented changes has consolidated the financial structure and management structure of the organisation. This action resulted in ASG having a financial surplus which demonstrates that with the correct management strategies in place ASG can provide quality programs within the current funding levels.

The ASG constitution is under review and should be finalised in the near future. There has been a greater emphasis directed toward youth and young adult needs within our communities and there is some constitutional change written to reflect this organisationally. The changes will allow greater involvement from a younger generation, bringing their experience and knowledge to the negotiation table at Board of Management level and the opportunity for their influence to flow into programs, Government funding bodies and how things are done. The ASG Board of Management believes now is the time for preparing our next generation of leaders to begin taking charge of our Aboriginal Organisations.

The Quality Improvement process, although at times seeming to wane, is progressing steadily with new direction toward implementation.

The major funding body O.A.T.S.I.H. under the direction of the Federal Government performed a review of ASG at every level within the organisation this year with an emphasis on financial accountability and program delivery/performance. Although it is never comfortable to be reviewed and placed under close (extreme) scrutiny, ASG continues to be funded as a result and will use the reports to improve where possible its services to the community.

The highlight of the report for ASG is the very obvious recognition (by ASG) that our organisation continues to deliver a high standard of services and programs even though the organisation is obviously in great need of more substantial funding.

To quote Mr Basil Sumner (ASG CEO - retired).

“As an organisation and people, we continue to be forced into a position of justification. The recent media coverage on the Strategic Review of Indigenous Expenditure from the Commonwealth Government is disappointing. The report outlined waste on a scale hard to imagine from spending on programs that were aimed at benefiting Aboriginal people in the areas of health, education, employment and economic participation.



Three years (now four) on from the National Apology, this report is shameful and my question is who has wasted this money and why does the government continue to avoid involving Aboriginal people in the process of decision-making and promoting accountability for the outcomes of these resources. This report runs the risk of labelling all money spent in Aboriginal affairs as 'doomed to be wasted' and this is both disheartening and dishonest.

While the landscape of Aboriginal affairs may, at times, give the impression that little has changed and that the challenges and range of issues are too many and too hard to change, this view is defeatist. It does not recognise the advances that organisations like ASG have made day by day in improving health and wellbeing outcomes in the community.

The positive aspect of this report is that it asks the important question that needs to be on the minds and lips of all people involved in Aboriginal programs which is - what has changed for Aboriginal people? Why else are we here but to make positive changes that address the many hardships and struggles that so many Aboriginal people still have to endure.

Organisations like ASG have been providing services to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people for many more years than the Government's Closing the Gap programs. Often we have found the money ourselves to provide such services, however, our success is not taken into consideration in reviews such as that completed on the Commonwealth Government expenditure. In order to assess true progress, a review would need to go back over 40 years when Aboriginal community controlled organisations were first established, and I make particular note, with only a few dollars from sponsorship and the support of volunteers.

There are many good people within ASG who are there for the right reasons and many outside who are strong in their support. There will always be those who are negative or seek to 'tear down' any progress and try to bring the situation back to an era of hostility, conflict and dependence on handouts. We have and will continue to find ways to improve the service offering of ASG via non-government funded means as the level of funding relative to need is still the largest gap that needs to be closed. It is hoped that the prosperity gained through the lands of Aboriginal people is shared with the First Peoples in a more equal manner.

Aboriginal people are a resilient people and we will continue to fight the injustice caused by those who do not understand nor care about our history and the impact of colonisation. Our hope is that one day, through education and support, that non-Indigenous and Aboriginal people alike can live in harmony with respect for the past and good intentions for the future."

Thank you to all Board of Management Members for your time and contribution of expertise in your fields at the governance level.

As Chair, I congratulate all staff and volunteers in their dedication to the organisation and the community we serve. I thank you on behalf of the Board for your dedication, loyalty and willingness to "go the extra mile" in performing your work. Admiration for what you do every day in placing yourself on the line to assist others.

Thank you to our supporters, ASG appreciates you.

Thank you to our funding bodies for your continued support to ASG and its programs.

Finally, and sadly, ASG lost a great supporter, volunteer, mentor, and friend recently. Mr Colin Betty, who for over 30 years (1986) has supported ASG at organisation level, supported individuals in the Aboriginal community and trained anyone with a desire to succeed in the ASG Boxing Club, producing sporting champions as a result of his dedication and always had a smile and hand shake, passed away.

R.I.P. Colin. You will be greatly missed.

Gary R. Paynter
Chairperson.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



Joe Silvestri
Executive Officer

As the new Executive Officer I am pleased to present the Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc Annual Report for 2011/2012.

ASG management and staff overcame many challenges to successfully provide a wide range of services to the community. I would like to thank the staff for their dedication and professionalism in carrying out their roles, without them the valuable services ASG provides would not exist.

The Substance Misuse Team continued to provide quality prevention and rehabilitation, homelessness and maternal health services to the community. The team focused on ensuring each contact with clients was comprehensive; this enabled the client to receive the correct services as soon as possible. New Women's programs were developed and are run at the Parks Community Centre. The Eastern Adelaide Aboriginal Specific Homelessness Program worked closely with Baptist Care SA in providing advice and guidance to clients regarding obtaining and retaining housing.

Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal has been providing culturally appropriate rehabilitation services for 10 years. This program is unique being the only Aboriginal specific rehabilitation centre in South Australia. Improvements were made in furnishings to make the centre more comfortable for the 53 clients of 2011/2012. Programs continue to be developed to engage the clients in learning new skills and to discover new interests to focus on.

The Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) provided 15950 episodes of care to 5488 clients. The MAP is well known and respected within the community and other agencies. The MAP Field Officers are dedicated to providing a service to help prevent harm and incarceration due to intoxication and drug use as well as transportation to medical appointments.

Cyril Lindsay House and Annie Koolmatrie House provided accommodation and housing services funded through the Western Adelaide Aboriginal Homelessness Service.

Referrals were received from many agencies which illustrates the need for this service and the quality of the service provided. Going forward there will be a focus on developing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with other agencies with the aim of improving client outcomes by implementing a coordinated response throughout the State and across borders.

ASG Riverland team which is located in Berri have made a great effort in developing effective programs for clients. The Riverland office is becoming a one-stop-shop and they now have medical services and a psychologist in their building. The Riverland team are also connecting and collaborating with other service providers to enhance the quality and diversity of programs available for clients. I would like to thank the Riverland team and particularly the Program Manager Don Scordo for their dedication in serving the Riverland Community.

ASG continued to work towards accreditation through our Improved Services Program. A Quality Management Services (QMS) Quality Portal was introduced this year which includes a Quality Journal for recording and monitoring progress made and what is required. This tool will assist ASG work more efficiently towards achieving accreditation.

This year the Health and Fitness Community Gym and ASG Boxing Club lost a great supporter and volunteer. Colin Betty had been a volunteer trainer for over 30 years. He was well respected by ASG staff and the Boxing Club members, being a great example, coach and mentor to many young people. His quiet consistent presence will be greatly missed.

The ASG Board of Management reviewed the ASG Constitution and one major change is the inclusion of youth. This will enable ASG to design specific programs to assist Aboriginal youth who are at risk. These programs will be designed to empower youth to take control of their lives by providing counselling, rehabilitation and skill development.

ASG recognises the importance of developing strong relationships between agencies that provide similar services and will continue to strengthen current relationships and build new ones.

Without the support from our funders ASG would not exist, so I thank them for their continuing support. ASG funders include Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Health (Health SA), Aboriginal Primary Health Care Service (APHCAP), National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA), Adelaide City Council, Department of Social Inclusion and Department for Families and Communities through Baptist Care.

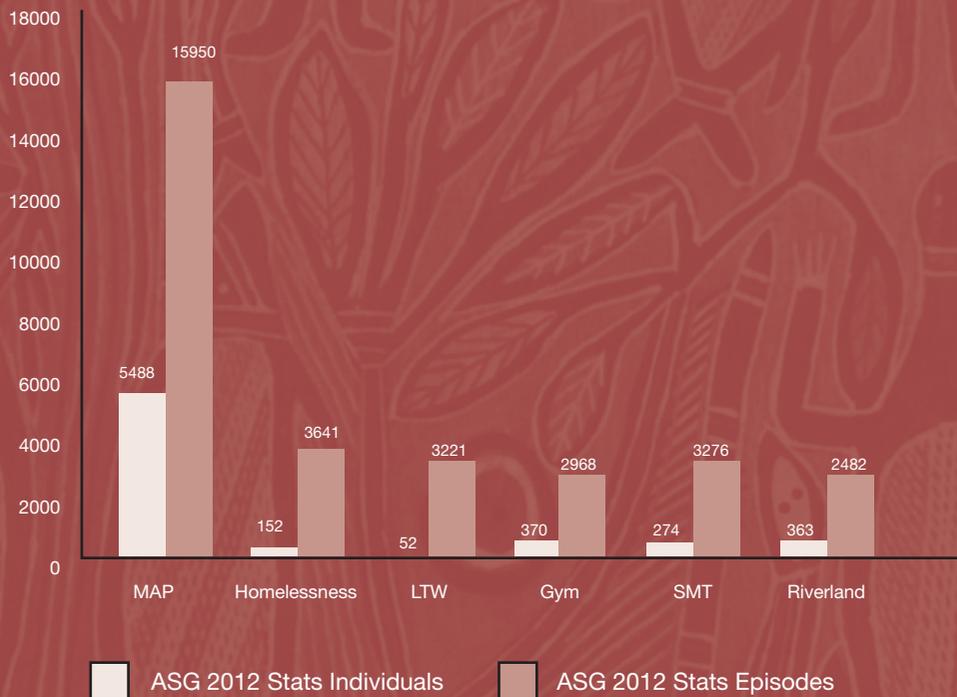
Joe Silvestri
Executive Officer

STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

Statistical Overview

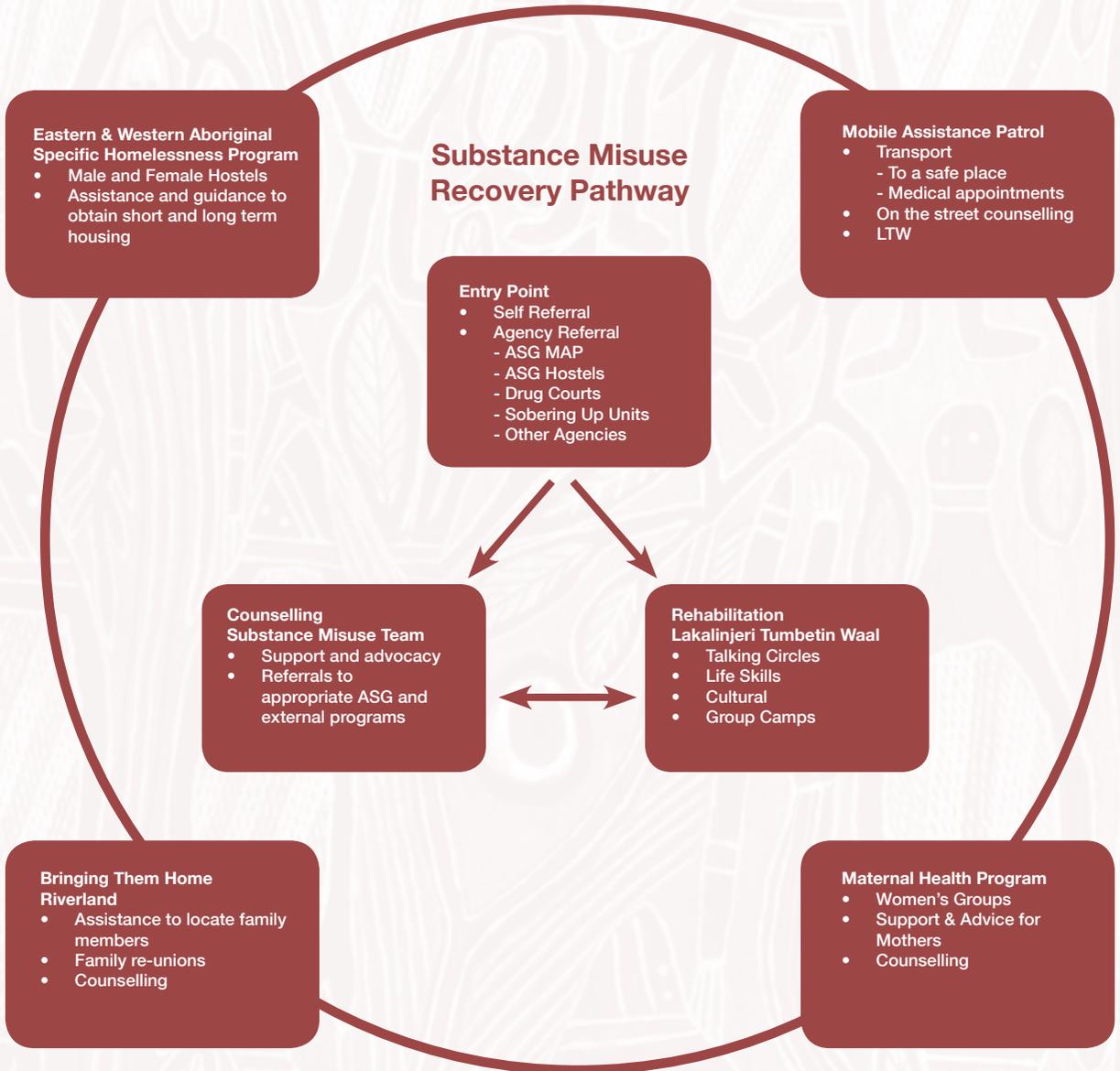
During 2011/12, ASG provided services for 6,699 clients and provided 31,538 episodes of care.

The following graph shows the number of individual clients and episodes of care by program.



ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INC SERVICES

Supporting Programs





ASG ADMINISTRATION



Administration Team

The Administration team has supported ASG's programs by providing professional Finance, IT, Executive Support and Receptionist services.

Some new employees joined the Administration team, Mital Patel is the new Receptionist and Accounts Assistant, Rachel Neumann is the new Executive Assistant and Candice Dodson joined the Berri Team as Receptionist. Together with Ramla Molligoda (Finance Officer) and Michael Barron (Information Systems Manager) the Administration team provided a valuable support service to ASG Programs.

ASG thanks the Administration Team for their dedication and willingness to go that extra mile.

SUBSTANCE MISUSE PROGRAMS



Substance Misuse Team

OVERVIEW

The Substance Misuse Team (SMT) provides preventative education, stabilisation, counselling and rehabilitation services to members of the Aboriginal community who are experiencing substance misuse issues and who also may be homeless. Substance Misuse Team workers also manage the Maternal Infant Care program which supports the social and emotional well being and health needs of women and children in our community. The Eastern Adelaide Aboriginal Specific Homelessness Service (EAASH) team supports those that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. All of these services are delivered in a holistic way and presented in a culturally appropriate manner. All services include assessment, referral and case management and focus on building a strong Aboriginal community that is healthy and free from drugs and alcohol.

SERVICE DELIVERY SUMMARY

This year a total of 6243 episodes of care (565 less than 2010 -2011) were provided to 1245 different clients (an increase on 2010-2011); these figures reflect the quality of support given to the community; in terms of more intensive intervention, counselling for example, rather than brief interventions such as provision of transport. Referrals from external agencies continue to increase (up to 832 this year) this highlights the need for the provision of more substance misuse counselling and rehabilitation within our community.

REFERRALS

The Nunga Court, Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM), Nunakuwarrin Yunti of SA Inc, Aboriginal Offenders Support Services (APOSS), Uniting Care Wesley Inc, Community Corrections and Prison Social Work Services continue to refer people to our service with the knowledge and confidence Aboriginal clients will receive a culturally appropriate service from the SMT team. SMT workers regularly visit clients in Goal and network with social workers and Aboriginal Liaison Officers.

External Agencies regularly referring to SMT include:

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- Nunakuwarrin Yunti

 - Courts and Legal Services

 - Department for Correctional Services

 - The Salvation Army

 - Drug and Alcohol Services SA

 - Street To Home Service

 - Baptist Care SA

 - Centacare



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- Anglicare
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- Hutt St Centre
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- Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement
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- Brady St Clinic
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- Department for Community and Social Inclusion
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- The Nunga Courts
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- GP Plus
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- St Vincent De Paul
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- Mobile Assistance Patrol
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- Royal Adelaide Hospital
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- Parks Community Centre
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- Women and Children's Hospital

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS

The Eastern Adelaide Aboriginal Specific Homelessness Service (EAASH)

EAASH commenced in January 2011 in collaboration with Baptist Care SA and has built on this partnership and has been able to expand its service delivery. It is now an established and effective program providing services to the Aboriginal Community who are homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless. SMT dedicates two workers to this program, they have worked hard, developed their skills and have created a deadly relationship with Baptist Care SA – who praise the quality and quantity of their work.

ABORIGINAL MATERNAL AND INFANT CARE PROGRAM

We have one worker dedicated to this program; over the last twelve months existing services have continued at an increased rate. The service continues to run Women's Groups at the Parks Centre where Art Therapy is used as a tool to engage women in discussion about other complex issues. A further women's group to service the northern suburbs is planned to start in the near future; this group will be based at the Brady St Clinic. Maternal and Infant care continues to provide a service to clients of Annie Koolmatrie House.

The maternal and infant worker has also recognised the need in the community for more counselling to be provided to clients. From January 2012 Maternal and Infant Care will provide individual counselling sessions on a weekly basis.

SUBSTANCE MISUSE TEAM

The three SMT workers focus on substance misuse issues in the community and provide an assessment, counselling, case management and referral interventions to those families impacted by alcohol and other drug misuse. The team offer direct counselling interventions and also facilitate men's groups in collaboration with APOSS and Anglicare SA. The team facilitate two groups each week, these groups allow the opportunity for individuals attending the group to approach SMT workers so they may discuss their issues in confidence and receive regular case management. The team are planning another men's group to meet the needs of the clients at Cyril Lindsay House, this group is due to start by 1st November 2012. Clients that are referred to Lakalinerji Tumbetin Waal (LTW) for rehabilitation are supported by regular weekly visits by the workers in the SMT team.

STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

All SMT staff progress their training in order to improve their skills set, enabling better outcomes for clients. All SMT workers are currently attending ongoing study/training; three workers are studying towards their Certificate IV in Aboriginal Primary Health Care, one worker is about to complete the Diploma in Narrative Therapy.

Workers are regularly advised of training opportunities as they become available and are actively encouraged and supported by management to attend. Training needs and courses available are discussed at team meetings and in regular management supervision sessions.

NETWORKING

All team members are aware of the value to their clients of networking and collaborating with other external agencies. The SMT team has developed sound working relationships with external agencies and referring organisations (many of which have already been listed).

SUBSTANCE MISUSE PROGRAMS

Regular contacts are maintained and various agency meetings attended, ensuring everyone is kept informed of client progress, particularly when more than one agency is involved in the case management of a person. The SMT team is represented at meetings of Family Alcohol and Drug Network, H2H housing, Baptist Care SA and the Women's Well Being Group. This networking also enables all workers to keep up to date with any new developments in the sector which may advantage their clients.

FOR THE FUTURE

In order to deliver a more effective service in the future SMT management will work to seek funding to provide and develop the service as follows:

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- Seeking more funding to increase staff levels at EAASH.
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- Source emergency relief funding for SMT crisis care interventions including phone cards, bus tickets, taxi vouchers and emergency food and clothing vouchers.
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- Seek contingency funding to provide a budget to transport elders to interagency and support meetings and catering for meetings hosted by SMT. This contingency fund would also provide art and craft materials for the current women's groups.
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- Seek funding to provide an additional youth worker for the SMT team who will target the relationship between substance misuse/criminal activities amongst the young people in our community.



LAKALINJERI TUMBETIN WAAL



LTW Team

Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal (LTW) is a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program which provides holistic support to clients using a cultural social and emotional wellbeing framework.

SERVICE DELIVERY

This year marks the 10th year that the Healing Program of LTW has been in operation. During this year we have had 53 clients of our three month healing program with 3,591 episodes care given.

Our grounds maintenance staff Allison Toft and Max Paech continue to keep the farm in excellent condition.

Our program opened up further networks with the many Aboriginal agencies in and around South Australia. Some of the organisations we liaise with are; Murray Bridge Council, Umoona Health, Port Augusta, Mildura Co Op, Aboriginal Corporation, Whyalla, Yalata, Swan Hill Corrections, Port Lincoln Health Services to name but a few.

While most LTW residents are from South Australia we also had residents from Queensland, New South Wales and Northern Territory. Increasingly residents are being referred through Drug Courts, Aboriginal Corporation in Dareton NSW, Broken Hill Community and Swan Hill Corrections Victoria.

The smoking ceremony / prayer and talking circle are continuing on a regular basis.

The vegetable garden at LTW is now taking shape thanks to the residents who have put a tremendous amount of time into shaping and nurturing it.

All staff continue to work at a high and professional level caring for the residents, farm and its clients as well as the facilities

NETWORKING

The following organisations provide valuable in-house programs which LTW clients are benefiting greatly from.

- Aboriginal Family Support Services Inc.
- Hepatitis C Council
- Murray Mallee Community Health
- Healthier Lifestyles
- Stronger Fathers
- Spirited Mens Group
- Aboriginal Primary Health Care Unit
- Alcohol Anonymous.

Going forward the the Counsellors from ASG's Substance Misuse Team visit the farm on a regular basis to provide counselling and support to residents.

TRAINING

The Program Manager and staff have continued their training and education in Case Management, First Aid, Narrative Approach, Alcohol and Other Drugs Certificate III and Primary Health Certificate IV.



LTW Main Building

HOMELESSNESS

WESTERN ADELAIDE ABORIGINAL HOMELESSNESS SERVICE

ANNIE KOOLMATHRIE & CYRIL LINDSAY HOUSE



Gary R Paynter Chairperson

This year has seen the recently established Western Adelaide Aboriginal Homelessness Service (WAAHS) exceed service agreement targets. In the 2011-2012 year the service responded to 202 clients and provided 1146 service responses including accommodation, brokerage, early intervention, gateway response, children's support, in-centre support, outreach support, supportive housing packages and waitlist support. Data collected through Homeless to Home (H2H) has not been a true representation as it had not previously recorded statistics where clients have accessed the service but the service has been unable to respond to longer term client needs. Had this type of data been collected WAAHS would have tripled the number of clients outlined in our National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) service agreement. In response to this issue Homeless Strategy (Department of Communities and Social Inclusion) has incorporated additions into their data collection system which will provide a clearer representation of client statistics in our next 12 month data collection period.

The flexible style of service response and cultural competency provided by staff has seen an increase in referrals and long waitlists all of which identify that the service is moving forward in the right direction. High increases in referrals for clients with mental health needs, dual diagnosis, co-morbidity and/or requiring Home Detention or Bail is an indicator of the quality of work provided by staff and the proactive networking currently being undertaken with Mental Health Services, hospital staff, and Correctional Services to better meet the needs of clients.

WAAHS is presently establishing strong relationships with Youth Justice to provide efficient and effective service responses to adolescents exiting these systems.

In the past twelve months WAAHS has received referrals from:

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- Street to Home
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- Nunga Mi:Minar
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- Umoona
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- Western Assessment and Crisis Intervention Service
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- Uniting Care Wesley
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- Port Lincoln Allied Health Service
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- Kooniba Health Service
-
- Pika Wiya Health Service
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- Murray Bridge Hospital
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- Queen Elizabeth Hospital
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- Lyell McEwin Hospital
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- Port Augusta Hospital
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- SA Health (Aboriginal Maternal and Infant Care Program)

- Woolshed

- Catherine House

- Housing SA

- Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia (DASSA)

- Aboriginal Legal Rights

- Families SA

- Mobilong Prison

- Yatala Prison

- Port Augusta Prison

- Women's Prison

- Correctional Services

- Youth Justice

- Nunkuwarrin Yunti

- Crisis Care

- Homelessness Assessment Response Team (HART)

- Aboriginal Hostels

- Aboriginal Transitional Housing Outreach Service (ATHOS)

- Baptist Care

- Aboriginal Prisoners Offenders Support Service (APOSS)

- Offenders Aid and Rehabilitation Service (OARS)

- Mining Energy and Engineering Academy

- Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal

- Third Party referrals

- Self referrals

Services that were unable to be delivered internally were sourced via external service providers. This included access to financial, legal, health and accommodation services (if unable to house internally). In the 2011-2012 year clients were referred to:

- Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia

- Aboriginal Legal Rights

- Legal Aid

- Families SA

- Crisis Care

- Nunkuwarrin Yunti

- Housing SA

- Nindee

- Luprina

- Gladys Elphink

- Katherine House

- Unity Housing

- Women's Housing

- Lutheran Community

- Adelaide Day Centre

- Magdalene Centre

- Vincentian Centre

- Centacare

- Uniting Care Wesley

- Aboriginal Transitional Housing Outreach Service

- Aboriginal Family Support Services

- Common Ground

- Northern Domestic Violence Service

- Southern Domestic Violence Service

- Louise Place

- Aboriginal Prisoner and Offenders Support Service

- Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal

HOMELESSNESS

WESTERN ADELAIDE ABORIGINAL HOMELESSNESS SERVICE
ANNIE KOOLMATRIE & CYRIL LINDSAY HOUSE

EDUCATION & NETWORKING

Throughout the year there has been a strong focus on up-skilling, staff have undertaken and completing training in areas of Domestic Violence, Alcohol and Other Drugs and Mental Health. A recent move towards regionalisation has enabled mechanisms for developing stronger relationships with service providers in the Western regions of Adelaide and across the state. The development of an Aboriginal Homelessness Sector Group by Homelessness Strategy has brought together a range of stakeholders with aims of identifying and developing initiatives to close the gaps in service delivery statewide to better respond to the diversity of clients requiring assistance, this will ensure continuity of care for clients moving through these systems and for information and knowledge sharing.



MOBILE ASSISTANCE PATROL



MAP Team

The Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) continues to deliver prompt crisis intervention services. Transport is provided to Aboriginal people and the wider community who are in a crisis situation and need assistance. These interventions aim to reduce incarceration and by collaborative work with SA Police (SAPOL) and other agencies.

SERVICE DELIVERY

This year has seen an increase in services provided across the MAP shifts. There were 15950 episodes of care given to 5488 clients. The episodes of care increased by 2772 compared to the previous financial year. This can be attributed to an increase need and awareness of the services provided by the Mobile Assistance Patrol. MAP worked with and assisted SAPOL on preventing clients being incarcerated by removing clients from public places to safe location.

Of the total number of clients 350 were children which is a slight increase to the previous year's number of 343.

NETWORKING

MAP works closely with over 50 organisations including Government Agencies as well as working closely with other ASG Programs. These organisations include SAPOL, City Watch House, Sobering Up Unit - Byron Place, West Care - Hutt St and the Adelaide Day Care Centre to name just a few. The MAP team value the excellent working relationship with all the organisations.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

MAP field officers attend training whenever possible including First Aid, Diploma in Narrative Therapy and Certificate IV in Aboriginal Primary Health Care.

RIVERLAND



ASG Riverland Team

The Riverland ASG branch provides care and support to Aboriginal Community members who wish to lead an alcohol and drug free lifestyle through programs and culturally appropriate support.

SERVICE DELIVERY

The past twelve months at ASG in the Riverland has been a challenging yet a rewarding time with numerous but positive changes taking place. The team maintains strong relationships with Riverland Corrections, SA Police, Riverland Division of General Practice (RDGP), Centrelink, Riverland Councils, Hospitals, Anglican Community Care; Life Without Barriers, Drug and Alcohol Services SA, Mildura and District Employment Services (MADEC), Aboriginal Family Support Services, Department of Education and Child Development, Mission Australia and these organisations provide incoming referrals. We have a connection with Nunkuwarrin Yunti for staff training.

To add to our growing team, ASG in the Riverland provides Aboriginal Health checks from our office every second Thursday in conjunction with Aboriginal Primary Health Care with an average of 22 patients per session. Many referrals have come out of this. Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement is here weekly and Kym Schellen (Psychologist) consults from ASG fortnightly with a full load of ASG patients and a waiting list from other organisations. We are currently negotiating with Kym to consult weekly due to demand. All programs are run in a safe, culturally appropriate setting.

The Riverland office runs similar to a doctor's surgery with all appointments for various workers booked in through reception. This ensures any follow up appointments are made and clients are also contacted the day before their appointments as a reminder and transport can be arranged if required. Our spacious conference room is being utilised by outside organisations for meetings and presentations as well as for our own programs and training.

BUDDY BAG PROGRAM

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation has introduced a much needed program – Buddy Bags – developed in response to continued demands to support the many children in emergency care and their foster carers.

Buddy Bags provide children with a backpack containing essential and personal items, all of which are brand new. It is theirs to keep, providing them with belongings of their very own and will help begin the process of restoring a sense of safety and security into their lives.

We determined the contents of our Buddy Bags through discussions with foster care and refuge workers and each Buddy Bag is age and gender appropriate.

Buddy Bags are backpacks filled with age-appropriate toys and clothing.



ASG Riverland Office



Aaron Johnson

ASG & DESTINY FARM JOIN FORCES

Aaron Johnson was the first participant in ASG and Destiny Farm's Breaking The Cycle Pathway. This program is structured to give young offenders an opportunity for work experience at a culturally safe and appropriate environment in conjunction with Corrections. Aaron was supplied his uniform by MADEC and is nursing a bottle fed Joey, one of many interesting creatures at Destiny farm. Participants are involved in all aspects of running a zoo and are offered mentoring and support from ASG workers and Steven, the farms manager.

FOODBANK – AN AUSTRALIA WITHOUT HUNGER

We have joined up with our local Foodbank where we are able to obtain free and inexpensive non-perishable foods to make up into small basic food packs and parcels to distribute to our extreme case clients. MAP is able to distribute basic food parcels to individuals and families including bottled water. Fresh fruits and vegetables are also available at a small cost.

CLOSING THE GAP DAY

ASG hosted a BBQ lunch for Closing the Gap Day for Indigenous health equality with over 30 community members attending. Organisations that provided information stands included ac care, RDGP, Podiatrist, Relationships Australia, Quit SA and Anti-Cancer Council. The Community Members were provided with education and information in a safe, culturally appropriate setting which led to referrals coming to ASG.

TRAINING

Members of the team took and continue to take various training and development courses throughout the year to ensure a continued high quality of service delivery. These include: Case Management, Mental Health First Aid and Quit Smoking Skills. Candice Dodson attended the Alcohol and Other Drugs Forum and Leslie Carley attended the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Forum. Daniel Matthews our new SMT Worker is currently enrolled in Certificate IV in SEWB at Nunkuwarrin Yunti and will continue to gain his Diploma in Narrative Therapy.

HEALTH AND FITNESS CENTRE



Johan Linde and Colin Betty

ASG COMMUNITY HEALTH AND FITNESS GYM / BOXING CLUB

The ASG Community Health and Fitness Gym provides a low cost fitness venue which is open to all the community.

The ASG Boxing Club is run by volunteers and holds training sessions on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 5-7pm. The members are both young and old with some attending for the fitness and friendly atmosphere and others who are serious about boxing and who compete regularly. The youngest member is 12 years old and one of our most successful members, Johan Linde, qualified to represent Australia in the 2012 London Olympics in the super heavy weight category.

Group training sessions with schools are run regularly during the school term. The students learn about health, fitness and boxing skills and these activities are incorporated into their school curriculum.

Sadly, the ASG Boxing Club lost its greatest supporter, Colin Betty. Colin was a volunteer trainer at the Boxing Club for over 27 years. He trained Nermin Sabanovic who won an Oriental Pacific Boxing Federation title in 2006 and is the current MAP Program Manager and Johan Linde to name just a few.

Colin was not only a patient trainer but a mentor to many young people. Colin was always ready for a chat and more often than not left the ASG Boxing Club sessions late because of these conversations.

Colin is a true example of serving others and will be greatly missed by ASG staff and the ASG Boxing Club members.





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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012**

	2012	2011
RECURRENT INCOME		
Operational Grants	3,445,480	3,321,586
Interest Received	1,250	7,509
Rent Received	55,041	61,848
Workcover Claims	-	52,597
Sundry Income	34,790	39,034
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TOTAL RECURRENT INCOME	3,536,561	3,482,574
RECURRENT EXPENDITURE		
Administration & Data Processing Charges	20,228	35,876
Advertising, Sponsorship & Promotions	14,272	30,616
Audit & Accounting Fees	22,103	24,685
Bank & Centrepay Fees	4,570	907
Cleaning & Rubbish Removal	6,283	10,670
Clinical Supervision Expenses	13,743	28,633
Computer Costs	32,259	26,153
Consultancy Fees	26,181	67,757
Donations	502	988
EAP Expenses	1,225	170
Electricity & Gas	30,795	20,769
Fines	-	559
Food & Catering	48,003	43,843
Fringe Benefits Tax	26,553	32,477
Gymnasium Expenses	10,390	10,557
Insurance	67,471	72,606
Legal Costs	-	21,420
Minor Equipment & Consumables	26,859	23,367
Motor Vehicle Expenses	243,822	220,650
Office & Sundry Expenses	3,216	2,514
Postage & Courier	1,999	3,222
Printing, Stationery & Office Requisites	44,851	38,784
Program Expenses	14,247	23,267
Provisions for:		
- Annual Leave	(110,981)	(12,139)
- Doubtful Debts	3,435	-
- Long Service Leave	(49,157)	(11,596)
- Sick Leave	(46,066)	46,066
- Retirement and Retention	(133,126)	133,126
- Vehicle Replacement	36,000	(39,042)

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012**

	2012	2011
RECURRENT EXPENDITURE (contd)		
Rates & Taxes	40,320	36,901
Rent	16,273	42,766
Repairs & Maintenance	21,786	34,975
Salaries & Wages	2,537,378	2,474,067
Security	1,019	516
Subscriptions & Licence Fees	2,473	3,315
Superannuation Contributions	186,113	239,310
Telephone	51,287	57,003
Training	42,068	26,081
Travel Allowances & Fares	2,444	4,911
Workcover	84,233	77,471
TOTAL RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	<u>3,345,071</u>	<u>3,854,221</u>
OPERATING RECURRENT SURPLUS (DEFICIT) BEFORE UNFUNDED CHARGES	191,490	(371,647)
Less Unfunded Charges		
Depreciation & Amortisation	79,663	102,533
(Profit) Loss on Sale of Non Current Assets	<u>(11,818)</u>	<u>(16,051)</u>
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	123,645	(458,129)
Add Non Recurrent Income		
Capital Grants Received	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ 123,645</u>	<u>\$ (458,129)</u>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	Retained Surpluses
Opening Balance, 1 July 2010	1,561,931
Net Surplus (Deficit) attributable to members	<u>(458,129)</u>
Closing Balance, 30 June 2011	1,103,802
Net Surplus (Deficit) attributable to members	<u>123,645</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	<u><u>1,227,447</u></u>

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT AS AT 30 JUNE 2012

	Note	2012	2011
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank	8	72,832	180,893
Cash on Hand		204	204
Accounts Receivable & Other Debtors	3	118,647	69,718
Prepayments		<u>20,065</u>	<u>24,073</u>
		<u>211,748</u>	<u>274,888</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant & Equipment at cost	2	2,160,741	2,211,999
Less Accumulated Depreciation		<u>736,690</u>	<u>703,044</u>
		<u>1,424,051</u>	<u>1,508,955</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>1,635,799</u>	<u>1,783,843</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable & Other Payables	4	193,024	140,222
Unexpended Grants	7	23,788	44,949
Employee Provisions	5	155,540	494,870
Other Provisions	6	<u>36,000</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>408,352</u>	<u>680,041</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>\$ 1,227,447</u>	<u>\$ 1,103,802</u>
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Retained Surpluses		<u>1,227,447</u>	<u>1,103,802</u>
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		<u>\$ 1,227,447</u>	<u>\$ 1,103,802</u>
Contingent Liability	9		

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

	Note	2012	2011
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Cash Receipts from Operations		3,479,204	3,637,081
Payments to Suppliers and Employees		(3,605,574)	(3,952,695)
Interest Received		1,250	7,509
Net Cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities	8(a)	<u>(125,120)</u>	<u>(308,105)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for Property, Plant & Equipment		5,241	(44,017)
Proceeds from Disposal of Property Plant & Equipment		11,818	73,256
Net Cash provided by (used in) Investing Activities		<u>17,059</u>	<u>29,239</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Net Cash provided by (used in) Financing Activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Increase in Cash Held		(108,061)	(278,866)
Cash at the Beginning of the Financial Year		181,097	459,963
Cash at the End of the Financial Year	8(b)	<u><u>73,036</u></u>	<u><u>181,097</u></u>

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ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

NOTE 1: SUMMARY 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 has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

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 significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial 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. As it is difficult to separate the value of buildings from the freehold land the committee does not consider it necessary or material to depreciate

The depreciable amount of all other Property, Plant and equipment is depreciated over the 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) Impairment of assets

At the end of each reporting period the association reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

(d) 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012**

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Contd)

(e) 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.

(f) Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed.
Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument
Grant income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally when the grant is acquitted,

(g) Going Concern

The accounts of Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated 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 Incorporated will generate sufficient cash flow to be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

	2012	2011
NOTE 2: PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
(a) Freehold Land & Buildings (at cost)		
3 Wilson Street, Berri	1,236,941	1,244,342
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>77,103</u>	<u>51,194</u>
	<u>1,159,838</u>	<u>1,193,148</u>
(b) Leasehold Improvements		
At Cost	171,902	171,902
Less Accumulated Amortisation	<u>40,891</u>	<u>35,877</u>
	<u>131,011</u>	<u>136,025</u>
(c) Plant and Equipment		
At Cost	551,466	549,307
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>510,495</u>	<u>490,211</u>
	<u>40,971</u>	<u>59,096</u>
(d) Motor Vehicles		
At Cost	200,432	246,448
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>108,201</u>	<u>125,762</u>
	<u>92,231</u>	<u>120,686</u>
Total Property Plant & Equipment	<u>\$ 1,424,051</u>	<u>\$ 1,508,955</u>

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	2012	2011
NOTE 3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE & OTHER DEBTORS		
Trade Debtors	122,082	69,718
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts	3,435	-
	<u>\$ 118,647</u>	<u>\$ 69,718</u>
NOTE 4: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & OTHER PAYABLES		
Sundry Creditors	163,846	117,222
Accrued Expenses	29,178	23,000
	<u>\$ 193,024</u>	<u>\$ 140,222</u>
NOTE 5: EMPLOYEE PROVISIONS		
Provision for Annual Leave	135,682	246,663
Provision for Long Service Leave	19,858	69,015
Provision for Sick leave	-	46,066
Provision for Retirement and Retrenchment	-	133,126
	<u>\$ 155,540</u>	<u>\$ 494,870</u>
NOTE 6: OTHER PROVISIONS		
<p>The Association sets aside program monies to provide for replacement of assets. The amounts provided are based on a strategy of regular replacement and the provision ensures that funds are available to replace those assets when needed. That strategy is revised annually and program monies will only be set aside when programs have surplus funds. The provisions as at balance date are:</p>		
Provision for Vehicle Replacement	36,000	-
	<u>\$ 36,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
NOTE 7: UNEXPENDED GRANTS		
<p>At balance date the Association had not expended all of its grant funds. These unexpended funds have been carried forward into the next financial year. Details of the program unexpended grants are :</p>		
Community Benefits SA	-	16,260
Eastern Aboriginal Homelessness Program	-	4,663
Improved Services Program	22,379	-
OATSIH One Off Grants	-	6,445
South Terrace Capital Works Program	-	17,211
Substance Abuse Riverland Program	1,409	370
	<u>\$ 23,788</u>	<u>\$ 44,949</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

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NOTE 8: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(a) Reconciliation of Net Surplus to Net Cash Provided by

Net Surplus (Deficit) for the year	123,645	(458,129)
Non Cash Flows in Net Surplus (Deficit):		
(Profit) Loss on disposal of Non- Current Assets	(11,818)	(16,051)
Depreciation	79,663	102,533
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
(Increase)/ Decrease in Debtors & Prepayments	(48,356)	219,220
Increase/ (Decrease) in Provision for Doubtful Debts	3,435	
Increase/ (Decrease) in Payables	45,624	(64,975)
Increase/ (Decrease) in Provisions	(303,330)	116,415
Increase/ (Decrease) in Other Liabilities	(13,983)	(207,118)
Net Cash provided by (used in) Operating Activities	<u>\$ (125,120)</u>	<u>\$ (308,105)</u>

(b) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash at the end of the financial period as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the Assets and Liabilities Statement as follows:

Cash at Bank	72,832	180,893
Cash on Hand	204	204
	<u>\$ 73,036</u>	<u>\$ 181,097</u>

NOTE 9: CONTINGENT LIABILITY

funding bodies. It is the board's view that any surplus represents unexpended funds and will not be repayable to the funding bodies.

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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2012

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 assets and liabilities statement, income and expenditure statement, statement of cash flows, statement of changes in equity and notes to the financial statements:

- 1 Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated as at 30 June 2012 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- 2 In accordance with section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985, the committee hereby states that during the financial year ended 30th June 2012:
 - (a)
 - (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
 - (b) no officer of the association has received directly or indirectly association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value.
- 3 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:


.....
Board Member


.....
Board Member

Signed in Adelaide this 23rd day of October 2012

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

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated (the association), which comprises the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2012, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated is responsible for the preparation of the financial report and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated to maintain an effective system of internal control over cash receipts from activity generated income, rents received & other non-grant income until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to these activities was limited to the amounts recorded in the accounting records.

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

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of such adjustments, if any, as might have been determined to be necessary had the limitations in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated as of 30 June 2012 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describe the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



Trevor Basso - Partner

Basso Newman & Co

Chartered Accountants

Adelaide

Dated this 25th day of October 2012





ABBREVIATIONS

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



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ASG Philosophy
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