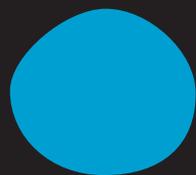
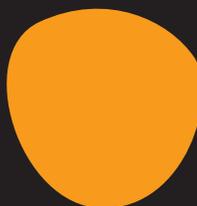
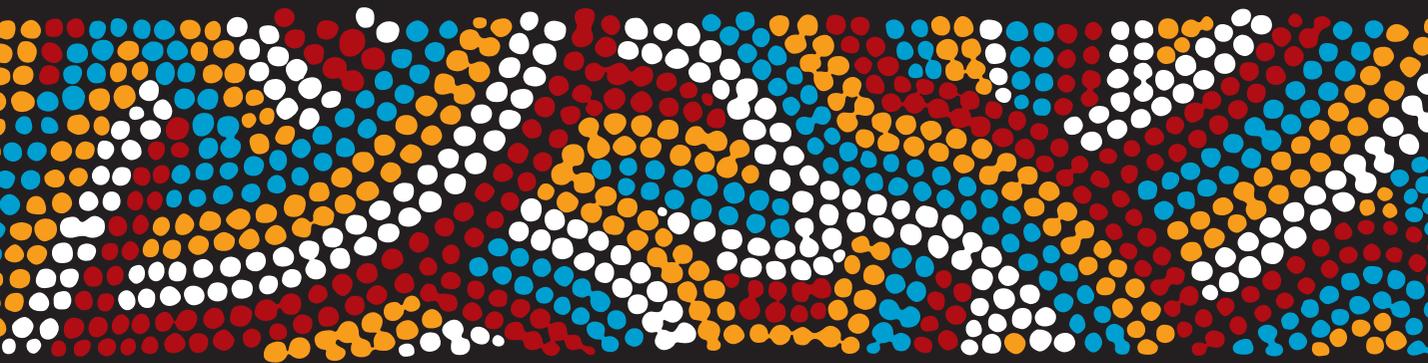
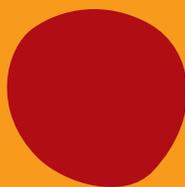




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## From the Chairman

### GARY R PAYNTER CHAIRPERSON

Another year over bringing the organisation to where we are now.

The Auditors report is in and all the pounds and pennies counted and accounted for. It is always goo when you see the Auditor smiling as the report is presented.

Program reports show good results for the year 2014-2015 to date.

It is fair to state ASG is now well consolidated as an organisation delivering programs to the community. This can be attributed to the dedication of all the staff who put in the extra effort to ensure the people we are here for, the individuals seeking a better life without hindrance from past mistakes, have the services delivered to them in a professional manner with empathy and genuine concern for the client's safety, recover, and future well-being.

There are always challenges to be met in this industry.

Governments change, politics change with it, and this has a ripple effect through to governance and policy changes within funding bodies and down the line to cause change within organisations reliant on current and future funding allocations.

I have every confidence that the Management Team of ASG will meet the challenges coming into the next year as ASG will no longer be governed by the South Australian Incorporations Act (1985).

The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet fund numerous ASG programs and require ASG to be registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI Act).

We are currently being reviewed by the Accreditation Council, to ensure our continued status as an accredited organisation.

There have been some supporters of ASG over the year and I thank each and every one for their support.

In particular though, Hope Church (South Terrace, Adelaide) requires mention. The Hope team have supported the Sober Walk each year and carried out some improvement to the Woodville property in the past. The Hope Team also successfully applied for funding through the yoursay community funding program (SA Department of Premier and Cabinet) to renovate a derelict house on the LTW property.

The property has been given a complete renovation, including furniture by the Hope Building Team who supplied all the skilled labour to bring the house to the standard it now is. The objective of the partnership with Hope and ASG is to use the facility as a program for women. On behalf of the Board I congratulate and thank Hope Church and ASG's CEO for their support and practical application toward the future of ASG and the Community.

ASG has a great team of people working together with commitment to the success of the organisation.

Our Auditors Report shows that the Aboriginal Sobriety Group is healthy. This reflects of good Executive and fiscal Management.

It makes the board's job so much easier knowing there is a team of people leading the organisation within all departments ensuring they function well.

I thank the Management team for their commitment and leadership in ensuring the programmes deliver the quality of service to the community. And to the workers delivering the service to individuals and groups using the program supports, thank you all for the great efforts you put in.

The ground level workers are the backbone of any organisation.

On behalf of the Board, I thank and congratulate every member of staff (and Board) for their continued commitment and strength you bring to the organisation.

To all who contribute to our funding of the organisation, Government, and private sector, thank you for your continued support and encouragement over the past year and in to the future.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary R. Paynter', written in a cursive style.

**Gary R. Paynter**

**Chairperson**



## Executive Officer's Report

**JOE SILVESTRI**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

I am pleased to report on another successful year of service provision by the Aboriginal Sobriety Group Inc. (ASG).

The year that was, has been an eventful and challenging year. The much talked about changes at a Commonwealth level became reality with the introduction of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy and a new procurement process was to be undertaken for continuation of services. Homelessness funding was rolled over for an additional two years ensuring a continuation of the Eastern and Western homelessness programs to June 2016, coinciding with the end of the Commonwealth and State National Affordable Housing Agreement in 2016. Many of these changes have, and will continue to, shape and change the way Organisations and services operate.

Amidst these changes ASG, its programs and staff have remained true to our mission, purpose and quality service provision to clients and Community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Executive Management, Program Managers, and staff, all of whom have been instrumental in remaining focused and ensuring that quality services continued to be delivered.

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

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

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

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

**Joe Silvestri**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

# ASG Mission Statement

## VISION

Sobriety and healing for Aboriginal people

## PURPOSE

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

## VALUES

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

# ASG Strategic Goals

## **STRATEGIC GOAL 1: PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITY**

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

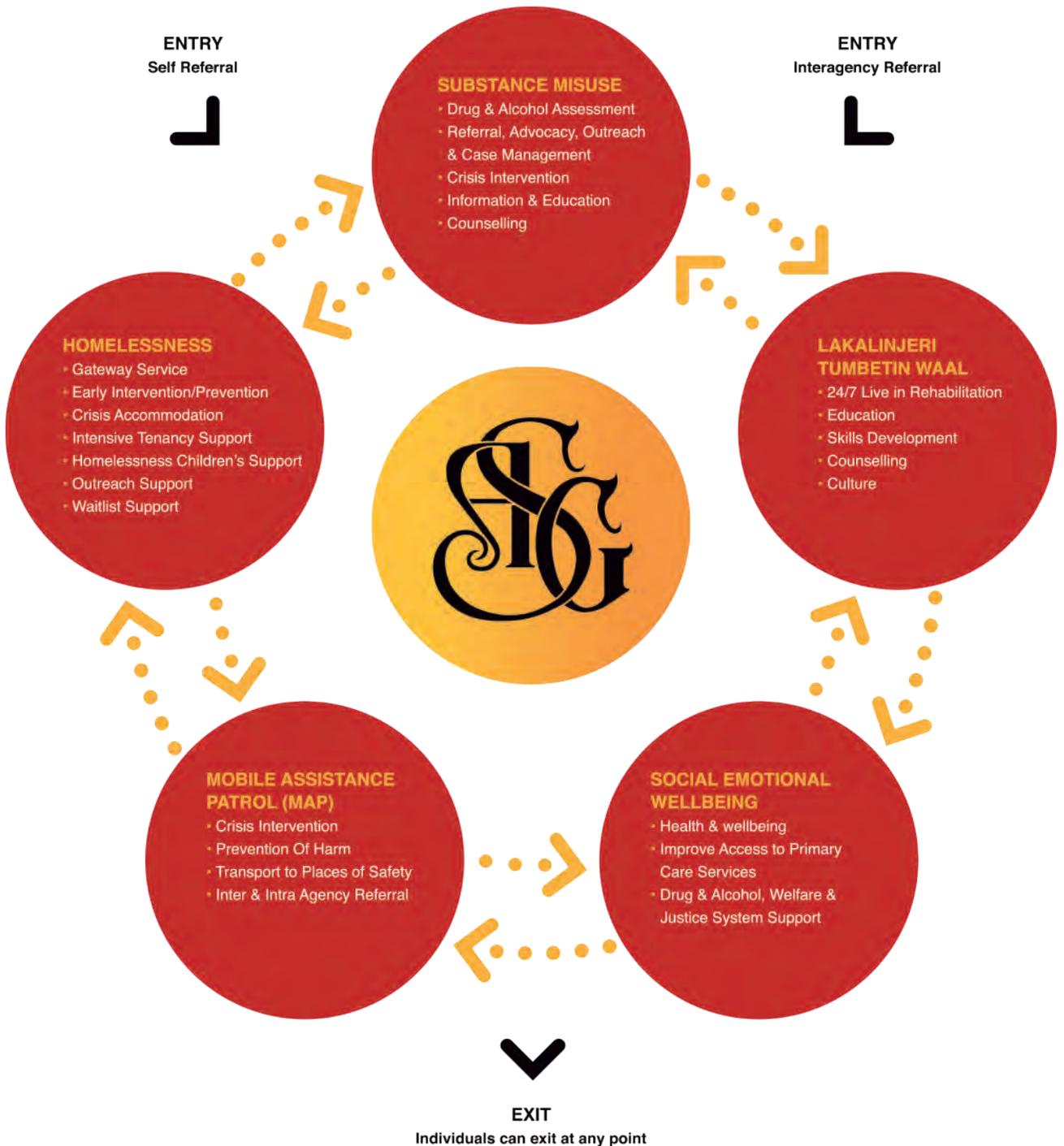
## **STRATEGIC GOAL 2: PROVIDE EFFECTIVE SYSTEMS, STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT EMPLOYEES AND PROGRAMS**

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

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

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

# Service Delivery Model



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

## QIP Accreditation

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

In August 2013 the Quality Improvement Council (QIC) accredited ASG under the Quality Improvement Council Health and Community Services Standards.

ASG continues to review standard, policies and procedures to ensure we are providing quality services that meet the changing needs of the community.



**Quality  
Improvement  
Council**

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





## The Substance Misuse Team (SMT)

The Substance Misuse Team (SMT) is a foundational and core component of ASG services. SMT provide alcohol and other drug (AOD) services including assessment, referral, case management support and counselling focused on early intervention, prevention, and rehabilitation services to the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

SMT staff provide a culturally appropriate, holistic and unique service delivery response that promotes and supports a broader social and emotional wellbeing framework into intensive casework and community support. The team also provide and promote AOD education and awareness to a broad range of stakeholders including clients, Government and non-Government services, and staff.

The broadness of the client group and complexity of client issues ensures that service delivery is rarely constant rather it continuously grows and evolves to meet the changing needs of clients and community. SMT staff support clients across a broad range of arena's including legal, financial, housing, family, health, and loss and grief, all of which impacts client's daily health and wellbeing. The ongoing achievement of positive client outcomes is testimony to the dedication, commitment and skills of SMT staff working on the ground. Well done team.

A review of client outcomes identified a gap in clients not accessing or engaging with counselling services. In response to this a dedicated counselling position was established within the team for SMT clients. At present 15 counselling sessions are available each week for clients who experience substance misuse and associated mental health problems. This has proved successful and as a result we are now seeing an increased interest in counselling by the client group, an increased number of clients engaging in counselling, and clients remaining engaged over longer periods of time.

A lesser known priority of the SMT program is working towards reducing the rates of incarceration or client engagement with Justice settings. Established strategies are the continuation of close working relationships with the Department for Correctional Services (DCS) facilities and staff. SMT staff regularly visit and work with State Prison settings, Community Correctional services and Courts with the objective of reducing engagement or re-offending. In this arena staff undertake assessments, develop case management plans and supports, facilitate entry to pre-employment and job readiness training (access to job networks), source accommodation and support, and mentor reintegration back into Community. SMT staff are regular attendees at Nunga Court and in 9C conferencing processes and are often sourced by both legal representatives and the Judiciary to support clients during and after processes. This has led to ASG being highly recommended and identified as strong service providers within and across these arenas.

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

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

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

SMT carry out extensive work with the Justice system including prisons and courts to try to minimise incarceration, and also engage with Community events promoting healthy lifestyle and resilience. Workers visit prisoners at South Australian facilities prior to their release with the objective of reducing re-offending.

Prisoners are assessed prior to release and case management plans are designed to address drug and alcohol issues, facilitate entry to pre-employment and job readiness training (access to job networks), source accommodation and support, and mentor reintegration back into Community.

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

Workers from the substance misuse team provide regular presentations to community groups and other community workers; providing information about drugs and alcohol, health effects of substance misuse and sharing networks that can offer support to families affected by substance misuse.

Recent collaborations incorporated 26 schools in the Northern area of Adelaide as part of the Orion project. The role of the workers from the Substance misuse team is to educate Aboriginal school assistants and truancy officers so they can better recognise substance misuse in families, we also provide information regarding the support agencies and treatment options that are available.

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Homeless Program Team Members

## Homelessness Program

The Western Adelaide Aboriginal and Eastern Homeless team provide high quality care and support to clients who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The Homelessness team are resilient and dedicated to the provision of culturally appropriate service provision to the client group.

The number of clients who present to the service with chronic health issues, dual diagnosis, and exceptional needs is high. Maintaining strong links with health, mental health, and drug and alcohol service providers is important to meet the complex needs of clients. Homelessness Program accept many referrals from Correctional and Community Correction agencies. The team at Woodville continue to provide high quality culturally accountable care and support to clients irrelevant of the client situation, need, or level of care required.

The Arts program has enabled clients to explore personal issues through the use of different art mediums. This has been led by several staff and overseen by Program Manager Ian Sansbury who is a renowned artist and whose artwork

adorns the new ASG website.

The homelessness clients also have direct access to other ASG Programs, particularly the Substance Misuse Program and our Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal residential rehabilitation program. This is a great benefit to this cohort of clients as transitions between programs are seamless, and enable clients to access this type of service within ASG.

Creating new and maintaining collaborative relationships between ASG Homelessness and other similar services is important as it ensures easy client transition and assistance when needed. The ASG Homelessness team work particularly closely with other services located within the West which are, Western Adelaide Generic Homeless Service and the Aboriginal Transitional Housing Outreach Service. Homelessness services in the West are also supported and work in conjunction with Port Adelaide and Croydon Housing SA. Regional offices have been very supportive of both the client group and the service which has seen an increased level of satisfaction from the client group.

Housing options for our particular client group has always been problematic and with the limited housing options available this is becoming more difficult. The service has developed very good working partnerships with a number of Community Housing groups who go over and above on regards to

supporting clients in their tenancies. The service would like to extend its gratitude to all those who have assisted and supported clients to sustain their tenancies.

The alliance between Baptist Care and ASG continues to be maintained by the Eastern caseworkers who provide intake assessment, homelessness advocacy and support services, case management, and outreach support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Eastern caseworkers provide homelessness support to clients from both the Westcare facility located in Wright Street and ASG head office in Wakefield Street. The Baptist Care men's group continues to be attended by ASG clients. This partnership is will continue into the 2015-2016 period as a result of the recent rollover of funding to homelessness services across South Australia.

There have been many Services/Programs available to our clients this year and just some close partnerships throughout 2015 have been,

- ASG are grateful to Nunkuwarrin Yunti not only for medical/dental appointments for our clients but also as a positive training environment for workers of ASG, a place for workers to study and develop skills and experience in various Certificates and Diplomas which will enable them to put these skills into practice back in the community.
- The Homeless Support Program HSP which is a program under the Exceptional Needs Unit ENU. This partnership has enabled ASG and ENU to work closely together in collaboration with MIND Australia for better service delivery supporting clients with Mental Health.
- Hepatitis Council of SA attends on a regular basis to speak with clients about the risks and prevention of communicable diseases. This day consists of arts/ painting, group discussions, quiz's and a volunteer who speaks to the group about what it's like to live with Hepatitis.
- Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement ALRM has been a huge help throughout 2015 with clients attending financial counselling and seeking legal advice.

ALRM has also been useful throughout the year representing some of our clients in the judicial system, all achieving positive outcomes.

- Relationships Australia has various programs within their organisation available to our clients. Programs such as financial counselling, budgeting, and reconnecting with their children have been some of the many programs accessed by our client group this year.
- Steve Cain (Empathy not Sympathy) has been a great influence to our clients this year running programs at LTW and the Cyril Lindsay House. Steve's ability to capture the attention of our clients and change their mind sets from a negative one to a more positive one. Steve has given our clients strategies to implement in times of stress, strategies which have been instrumental in helping clients to "stop and think before reacting"

There have been a couple client success stories throughout the year which has been an exciting time for ASG. Two of these clients also spoke on the ABC News in regards to their Sobriety and also about how important it is to have a Women's Rehabilitation facility up and running at Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal LTW at Manarto.

Service provision to clients is being improved through the training and development of the Eastern and Western workers which includes training in Diploma of Narrative Therapy, Cert IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs, Certificate III in Community Services.

This year has been more challenging as homelessness is once again on the agenda of both the Commonwealth and State Governments, and although a rollover of funding has ensured the continuation of services until June 2016 there is still a level of unpredictability about the future going forward.

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



LTW Main Building

## Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal

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

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

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

### SERVICE DELIVERY

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

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

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

## PROGRAMS

Daily programs have been put in place to teach, educate and support each client as they strive to create a better future for themselves. Through strong working relationships with external providers in our local community we are able to improve our service delivery and provide the following programs:

### ***Finding Workable Solutions (FWS)***

Finding Workable Solutions is a not-for-profit community organisation that delivers high quality employment services. They have been facilitating their Salvage and Save program at LTW for over one year. Making use of our fully-equipped carpentry workshop, Salvage and Save recycles donated or salvaged goods, allowing our clients to transform them into usable objects which are then sold back into the community.

This program has been of great benefit to the LTW clients, however unfortunately due to funding, the program finished up at the start of this year. It is hoped that new

funding can be sourced in the near future so we can see this program up and running again at LTW.

We have however been fortunate enough to be able to employ Mark the Wood Working instructor from FWS one day a week so we are able to continue to provide our clients with a wood working program.

### ***Empathy Not Sympathy – Stephen Cain***

Stephen Cain is a motivational speaker who shares his personal story and provides the clients of LTW with strategical tasks and challenges that aim to show that it is possible to make beneficial changes to their lives.

The program focuses on:

- Respect and Safety in the workplace
- Motivation
- Nothing is impossible
- Value of employment
- Honesty
- Integrity
- Family Values
- Low Self-Esteem
- Accountability



Gutter to Glory Program - Stephen Cain

### **Murray Mallee Community Health Service**

The Murray Mallee Community Health Service provided the following in-house services for LTW clients up until late last year:

- Healthy cooking instruction
- Gardening
- Quit Smoking
- Regular health checks for all residents

### **Hepatitis SA**

Hepatitis SA visits LTW fortnightly providing education on preventing and living with Hepatitis, as well as facilitating art workshops which are very popular with the LTW clients.

### **Relationships Australia**

Relationships Australia provides drug and alcohol counselling once a week and financial counselling fortnightly to our clients on site at LTW.

### **Nairne Medical Clinic**

After building a strong repour with Dr Lasath & Dr Marcus at the Nairne Medical Clinic late last year, we were able to set up an arrangement early this year that sees Dr Lasath consulting and providing full health checks for clients up to two times a week, and Dr Marcus providing mental health assessment and plans for clients weekly, both on site at LTW.

### **NETWORKING**

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

- Hepatitis SA
- Relationships Australia
- Aboriginal Family Support Services
- Nunkuwarrin Yunti
- Centrelink
- Alcohol Anonymous
- Nairne Medical Clinic



LTW Client with their artwork



ASG Riverland Team Members

## Riverland Report

ASG in the Riverland administers a range of services which provide a complete alcohol & other drug recovery pathway including a substance misuse program, social and emotional wellbeing (SEWB), Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) and a visiting Psychology service.

### **SERVICE DELIVERY**

The past twelve months have been positive for the Riverland branch because of a strong working relationship amongst our own focussed, dedicated staff and perseverance to build solid partnerships with other compliant organisations and service providers. We did not and will continue to not waste our time and our client's time with the agencies that are not in it for the client or community.

Staff members engaged in relevant training to best suit their positions for better client outcomes and personal knowledge and are frequently present at relevant community events, meetings and forums. We have a learning but ever growing experienced and efficient team capable and confident in providing the services expected by our community, ASG, Board of Management and our funding body.

The importance of complying to the services we are funded to provide were again stressed and adhered to, although staff were always obliging to go over and

above for their clients and community members. This means that we ensure we have the right people for the right positions to provide an outcomes driven focus which in turn shows our priority is our clients and community members.

### **ADMINISTRATION & INTAKE**

The Administration and Intake program is the first point of contact for visitors and clients to our office. This informed new clients, community and other agencies of the intake, assessment and registration procedure and ensured the needs of the individual were met so they are referred to the relevant worker. It provided a provision of initial needs identification, information and referral of individuals, families and carers including providing the client or referrer with information on procedure and range of services that ASG provides.

### **SUBSTANCE MISUSE**

The purpose of the Substance Misuse Caseworker was to improve access for Aboriginal Community Members to effective, comprehensive primary care services and to encourage Aboriginal people to lead a substance free lifestyle. To ensure complete flexibility, clients could enter and exit the Substance Misuse pathway at various points of need which also included counselling, outreach and referral to other relevant agencies and LTW, our live in rehabilitation centre located at Monarto near Murray Bridge.

## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

The Social Emotional Wellbeing program contributed to the delivery of culturally appropriate targeted programs with the aim of promoting improved health and wellbeing for Aboriginal people through a reduction of incidents of substance misuse. It provided personal and social support to Aboriginal people participating in Substance Misuse Programs and worked closely with the client and liaised with the health, welfare and justice system to achieve improved health and wellbeing. It also provided information and referrals for Bringing Them Home (BTH) members of the community if required. This was a referral service to Link Up or referral to our Psychologist.

## MOBILE ASSISTANCE PATROL (MAP)

MAP provided transport to Aboriginal community members under the influence of alcohol, other substances or situational crisis from public places to places of care, safety and support.

The main aim of MAP was:

- Prevention of harm
- Transport to places of safety
- Inter & intra agency referral

Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) has been running successfully in the Riverland region since 2004 and over this period of time we have operated a quality service that has been both responsive and flexible to the needs of clients and referring services but under limitations.

There have been multiple discussions with key service providers and community for increased requests for service provision from clients and service providers to adequately meet the needs of the client group and the wide logistical area that the service has to operate within.

Because of this we were able to extend our current hours from three days a week to five days a week to fulfil community demand. This has resulted in an increase in client provision and ability to run a much more manageable MAP service.



## PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

A qualified Psychologist practiced at ASG Riverland for two days every two weeks providing a culturally appropriate psychology service for Aboriginal community members. The precedence was for Aboriginal patients but they also worked with non-Aboriginal community members. Due to a long waiting list and demand, we are currently negotiating for an extra day a fortnight. This program has filled a void and demand long needed in the Riverland region. The psychologist is an Aboriginal man who provided a culturally safe and appropriate service to both male and female clients from the age of eight and up. Response from the community holds him in high regard and as well respected.

## STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

All Riverland staff was encouraged to progress their roles and personal development by having the opportunity for further training in order to improve their skill set enabling better outcomes for clients. Training in which staff are currently personally engaged in includes Diploma of Counselling, Diploma of Community Services - AOD and Mental Health, Certificate 2 in Community Services. Workers are regularly advised of training opportunities and are encouraged and supported by management to attend. Other training and events undertaken by staff this past year includes:

- SANDAS/ NCETA Methamphetamine Forum
- Road map to recovery
- Social Emotional Wellbeing state-wide forum
- Rising Spirits forum
- Domestic violence response training
- Support at Cadell training facility for Aboriginal inmates
- Relationships Australia gambling training
- State-wide Gambling Therapy Service
- IPS mental health assessment – Tracey Westerman
- Crossing the River suicide bereavement workshop
- Pathways to care suicide bereavement workshop

- Recognise and respond appropriately to domestic and family violence
- Connecting Schools/Communities Workshop
- State-wide Counsellors Forum at Nunk

## SERVICE AGREEMENTS/ MOU'S/ PARTNERSHIPS

- Uniting Communities – (Aboriginal Community Connect) Provides clients with information on the services available from each agency partner to enhance accessibility to services. Both agencies fostered an environment of open communication and exchange of information (verbal and / or written) between services to enhance client access and care. The Aboriginal Community Connect program and worker is based in the ASG building.
- Riverland and Mallee Domestic Violence Unit – Provided Family violence risk assessments for female clients. ASG provided timely referral of female clients who are experiencing family violence to the MDVS with an emphasis on priority referral timeframes for those classified as high risk. Working collaboratively with joint clients for a period of no less than three months and flexibility of case management support time frame for clients jointly identified as high risk and complex. Participation in regular case conferencing and case review processes for all joint clients.
- Centacare (PDDI Program) - facilitate the "Police Drug Diversion Initiative" out of the ASG building. The "Police Drug Diversion Initiative" (PDDI) diverts people detected by the police for simple possession drug offences to a health intervention instead of the justice system.
- Kym Schellen (Psychologist) - A qualified and registered psychologist practices at ASG Riverland for two days every two weeks providing a culturally safe and appropriate psychology service for our Aboriginal community members. The precedence was for Aboriginal patients but he also worked with non-Aboriginal Community Members, both male and female for the age of eight and up.

- Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) - A field officer or solicitor continued consulting on a monthly basis from our office in which we have secured a strong relationship and regularly refer clients to each other.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

- NAIDOC Week
- Reconciliation Week
- Riverland Aboriginal Men's Support Group
- Closing the Gap Day event
- Sober Walk
- Gambling Awareness Week
- Mental Health Week activities
- White Ribbon Day
- Drug & Alcohol awareness week
- Uniting Communities official opening (Riverland & Adelaide)
- Aboriginal Wellbeing Centre official opening
- Life Without Barriers official opening

### REFERRALS

This year again saw an increase in referrals due to additional promotion of our services through interagency meetings with community organisations and the presence of our workers at relevant events.

There was also a big increase in referrals from Berri Community Corrections for substance misuse services including SEWB, detoxification, psychology and rehabilitation which saw a slight increase of community members attend LTW our rehabilitation centre located at Monarto near Murray Bridge plus outreach and counselling services.

While most of the client's needs were met within ASG, some were referred to other relevant agencies for further support and guided through the process. The addition of Kym Schellen (Psychologist) aided in increasing the number of referrals as well as solid relationships and strong networking with the organisations following:

### NETWORKS

- Berri Community Correctional Centre
- Uniting Communities (Aboriginal Community Connect)
- Kym Schellen (Psychologist)
- Riverland Aboriginal Men's Support Group
- Life without Barriers (LWB)
- Riverland Division of General Practice (RDGP)
- Aboriginal Family Support Services (AFSS)
- Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM)
- Ac Care
- Riverland Community Services Alliance (RCSA)
- Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia (DASSA)
- Barmera Medical Centre
- Berri Medical Centre
- Housing SA
- SA Police
- Centacare (PDDI)
- Relationships Australia (RASA)
- Salvation Army
- Centrelink
- Mission Australia
- Offenders Aid and Rehabilitation Services (OARS)
- MADEC
- Riverland Mental Health Services

### SUCCESS STORIES & AWARDS

Cross Fit is strength and conditioning program with the aim of improving, among other things, cardiovascular/respiratory endurance, stamina, strength, flexibility, power, speed, coordination, agility, balance, and accuracy. It advocates a perpetually varied mix of aerobic exercise, gymnastics (body weight exercises), and Olympic weight lifting. Daniel our substance misuse caseworker gathered a group of 18—25 year old clients and together with Cross Fit had the pleasure of running a 12 week fitness and health program with the local Aboriginal boys. They worked hard, were very quick learners and are graced with amazing talents.

The addition of Psychologist Kym Schellen needs to be noted as a success story. This service filled a huge gap which was identified. Kym is an Aboriginal man and the clients and community members are comfortable to see him where they are not judged in a culturally safe and appropriate setting. He works with twelve clients a fortnight with a waiting list.

**Candice Dodson** – Female Community Member of the year (NAIDOC Week)

**Daniel Matthews** – nominated for male Community Member of the year (NAIDOC Week)

**Jason Russell** - nominated for male Community Member of the year (NAIDOC Week)

**Tom Mason** - nominated for male youth of the year (NAIDOC Week)

### CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

We have continued to work towards our strategic plan including standard operating procedures, MOU'S, risk management, WHS standards, performance reviews & appraisals with staff. There was a continuation to ensure the Riverland branch has formalised service agreements and documentation to maintain and satisfy accreditation and quality assurance standards. In order to deliver a more effective service for the future, we ensured that networking between agencies continued to be strong for our staff, clients, community members, other compliant organisations and service providers.

In order to keep up with the times, we set up a popular Facebook page and monthly newsletter based from Berri which continues to complement our new website. These are great for promoting our services and showcasing what programs, services and events we have and continue to

provide.

We were able to have our outdoor back area renovated with a paved area, veranda and garden. This will be utilised as a culturally safe, appropriate and friendly area and enable us to host more small functions or community events and host the Riverland Aboriginal Men's Support Group. It is also utilised as a counselling area.

### THE FUTURE

The future is bright at ASG in The Riverland as we continue to slowly blossom. We are strong advocates for doing what we are funded for although we do go over and above on most occasions for the community. All staff is involved in appropriate training and will always continue to be to better themselves and in turn benefit our community members.

There are many plans and ideas for programs and projects within the whole of ASG including male camps with survival skills and cultural aspects and art projects which will encompass mainly canvas painting but other activities as requested all based around a SEWB framework.

In the meantime we will continue to do what we do well which is to serve our client, community and other compliant organisations to ensure ASG continues to be the number one community services organisation in The Riverland.



ASG Riverland office located at 3 Wilson Street, Berri

## Mobile Assistance Patrol

ASG has been providing the transport service, Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP), since 1975. Originally this service was run by volunteers. As demand for the service increased and the recognition of how important this service is funding grants were received. Since then the MAP service has grown and developed into what we have today, a quality service facilitated by skilled and experienced field officers.

During 2014-2015, MAP was jointly funded through Health SA (DASSA), Adelaide City Council and Department of Communities and Social Inclusion.

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

The main aim of this program is to reduce harm, improve the safety and well-being and maximise the wellbeing of individuals who have been affected by the misuse of alcohol and other substances.

MAP works closely with and gives priority to:

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

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



The MAP Team

## ASG Boxing Club

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

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

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





## Sober Walk 2014

This year our Annual Sober Walk was held in Whitmore Square on 31st October 2014.

Along with all ASG staff we had many participants from the community, including Hon Ian Hunter – MLC Minister for Aboriginal Affairs & Reconciliation. We also had in attendance David Brown – Chief Executive, Dept for Correctional Services and Richard King – Director for Aboriginal Services.

Throughout the day we had many activities and information stalls available to help engage the community in living and maintaining a sober lifestyle, some of which included:

- Alistair Black, Didgeridoo Musician
- Leon Hower, Singer / Acoustic Guitar
- Face painter
- Balloon Animals
- Free BBQ

This was a great day had by all and as predicted, the event was a major success and this was made possible by our sponsors, many of which attended on the day with their own information stalls.

### Sober Walk 2014 Sponsors

- Nunkawarrin Yunti Inc
- Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Council
- Hepatitis SA
- Towards Independence
- Disability SA
- Relationships Australia
- Finding Workable Solutions
- Uniting Communities – Aboriginal Hub Centre
- Community Baptist SA
- Hope Church
- AHCSA
- ANZ Banking Group Ltd



## ASG Rebrand

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

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

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

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

### IAN SANSBURY PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION OF THIS ARTWORK:

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

The first section represents clients walking alone through life with no direction/purpose. As you can see the footprints walk alone and the painting has little life to it. The second section represents clients coming into the Aboriginal Sobriety Group and throughout this time ASG workers supporting the clients.

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

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





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# ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

**Financial Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2015**

## ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

### STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
Grants Revenue		3,521,089	3,288,038
Other Revenue		259,904	263,491
Employee benefits expense		(2,635,900)	(2,528,433)
Goods and Services Expenses		(985,654)	(982,206)
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		(69,749)	(69,297)
<b>Current year surplus (deficit) before income tax</b>		89,690	(28,407)
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Current year surplus (deficit) for the year</b>		89,690	(28,407)
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		89,690	(28,407)
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity</b>		89,690	(28,407)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	2015	2014
		\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	338,911	354,935
Accounts receivable and other debtors	5	148,260	18,136
Other current assets	6	17,971	20,884
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>505,142</b>	<b>393,955</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	7	1,295,346	1,365,094
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>1,295,346</b>	<b>1,365,094</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>1,800,488</b>	<b>1,759,049</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable and other payables	8	200,809	268,733
Income in Advance		-	29,900
Provisions	9	244,358	215,794
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>445,167</b>	<b>514,427</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provisions	9	74,419	53,410
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>74,419</b>	<b>53,410</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>519,586</b>	<b>567,837</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,280,902</b>	<b>1,191,212</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Reserves	10	26,724	11,274
Retained surplus		1,254,178	1,179,938
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>1,280,902</b>	<b>1,191,212</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Retained Surplus	Asset Replacement Reserve	Total
Note	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1 July 2013</b>	1,183,619	36,000	1,219,619
<b>Comprehensive income</b>			
Net surplus for the year	(28,407)	-	(28,407)
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity for the year</b>	(28,407)	-	(28,407)
Transfer from Reserve	24,726	(24,726)	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2014</b>	1,179,938	11,274	1,191,212
<b>Balance at 1 July 2014</b>	1,179,938	11,274	1,191,212
<b>Comprehensive income</b>			
Net surplus (deficit) for the year	89,690	-	89,690
Other comprehensive income for the year:	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity for the year</b>	89,690	-	89,690
Transfer to Reserve	(15,450)	15,450	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2015</b>	<b>1,254,178</b>	<b>26,724</b>	<b>1,280,902</b>

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

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Note	2015	2014
		\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Cash receipts from operations		3,645,770	3,621,137
Payments to suppliers and employees		(3,666,893)	(3,414,579)
Interest (unrestricted) received		5,099	2,635
Net cash generated from operating activities		(16,024)	209,193
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		-	(37,706)
Net cash used in investing activities		-	(37,706)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		-	-
Net increase in cash held		(16,024)	171,487
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		354,935	183,448
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	4	338,911	354,935

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

# ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Preparation**

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

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB), the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Act 1985. The association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

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

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

#### **Accounting Policies**

##### **a. Income Tax**

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

##### **b. Property, Plant and Equipment**

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

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

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

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

##### **Depreciation**

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

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

the improvements.

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

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

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

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

#### c. **Leases**

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

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

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

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

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

#### d. **Financial instruments**

##### **Initial recognition and measurement**

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

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

##### **Classification and subsequent measurement**

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

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

# ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

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

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

(ii) *Loans and receivables*

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

(iii) *Held-to-maturity investments*

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

(iv) *Available-for-sale investments*

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

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

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

(v) *Financial liabilities*

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

#### **Impairment**

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

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

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

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

#### **Derecognition**

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

e. **Impairment of Assets**

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

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

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

asset belongs.

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

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

#### f. **Employee Benefits**

##### **Short-term employee benefits**

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

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

##### **Other long-term employee benefits**

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

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

#### g. **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

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

#### h. **Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors**

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

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

# ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### i. **Revenue and Other Income**

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

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

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

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

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

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

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

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

#### j. **Borrowing Costs**

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### l. **Comparative Figures**

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

#### m. **Accounts Payable and Other Payables**

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

## ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

#### NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

n. **Provisions**

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

o. **Key Estimates**

(i) *Impairment*

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

#### NOTE 2: REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	\$	\$
Sales revenue:		
– Commonwealth and State Grants	3,521,089	3,288,038
Other revenue:		
– rent received	217,725	137,769
– other income	37,080	123,087
– interest (unrestricted) received (on financial assets not at fair value through profit or loss)	5,099	2,635
	259,904	263,491
Total revenue	3,780,993	3,356,173

#### NOTE 3: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

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

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	\$	\$
Key management personnel compensation	115,328	115,737

## ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

NOTE 4: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	Note	2015	2014
		\$	\$
Cash at bank – unrestricted		338,411	354,735
Cash on Hand		500	200
	13	338,911	354,935

The effective interest rate on short-term bank deposits was 1.5% (2014: 0.74%).

#### Reconciliation of cash

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

Cash and cash equivalents	338,911	354,935
	338,911	354,935

NOTE 5: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER DEBTORS	Note	2015	2014
		\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Other debtors		157,512	27,388
Less Provision for Doubtful Debts		(9,252)	(9,252)
Total current accounts receivable and other debtors	13	148,260	18,136

#### Financial assets classified as loans and receivables

Accounts receivable and other debtors:

– total current	13	148,260	18,136
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NOTE 6: OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Prepayments	17,971	20,884
	17,971	20,884

## ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

NOTE 7: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Property, Plant and equipment:		
Land & Buildings – at cost	1,236,940	1,236,940
Accumulated depreciation	(155,171)	(129,149)
	<u>1,081,769</u>	<u>1,107,791</u>
Plant and equipment - at cost	206,348	206,348
Accumulated depreciation	(179,723)	(161,890)
	<u>26,625</u>	<u>44,458</u>
Motor Vehicles	243,658	243,658
Accumulated depreciation	(172,716)	(151,823)
	<u>70,942</u>	<u>91,835</u>
Leasehold Improvements	161,052	161,052
Accumulated depreciation	(45,042)	(40,042)
	<u>116,010</u>	<u>121,010</u>
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<u><u>1,295,346</u></u>	<u><u>1,365,094</u></u>

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

	Land & Buildings	Leasehold Improvements	Motor Vehicles	Plant and Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2014	1,107,791	121,010	91,836	44,458	1,365,095
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation expense	(26,022)	(5,000)	(20,893)	(17,833)	(69,749)
<b>Carrying amount at 30 June 2015</b>	<u><u>1,081,768</u></u>	<u><u>116,010</u></u>	<u><u>70,943</u></u>	<u><u>26,625</u></u>	<u><u>1,295,346</u></u>

## ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

NOTE 8: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND OTHER PAYABLES	Note	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>CURRENT</b>			
Unsecured liabilities:			
Accounts payable		200,809	268,733
		200,809	268,733
Accounts payable and other payables:			
– total current		200,809	268,733
– total non-current		-	-
		200,809	268,733
Less Unexpended grants		42,730	79,201
Financial liabilities as accounts payable and other payables	13	158,079	189,532
<i>Collateral pledged</i>			
No collateral has been pledged for any of the accounts payable and other payable balances.			

NOTE 9: PROVISIONS	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Provision for annual leave entitlements	220,759	197,736
Provision for long service leave entitlements	23,599	18,058
	244,358	215,794
<b>NON-CURRENT</b>		
Provision for long service leave entitlements	74,419	53,410
	74,419	53,410

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

## ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

#### NOTE 10: RESERVES

##### **Asset Replacement Reserve**

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

#### NOTE 11: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	\$	\$
<b>a. Operating Lease Commitments</b>		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not recognised in the financial statements		
Payable – minimum lease payments:		
– not later than 12 months	118,792	115,098
– between 12 months and five years	125,965	59,763
– later than five years	-	-
	<b>244,757</b>	<b>174,861</b>

#### NOTE 12: EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

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

#### NOTE 13: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
		\$	\$
<b>Financial assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	338,911	354,935
Accounts receivable and other debtors	5	148,260	18,136
<b>Total financial assets</b>		<b>487,171</b>	<b>373,071</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost:			
– accounts payable and other payables	8	158,079	189,532
<b>Total financial liabilities</b>		<b>158,079</b>	<b>189,532</b>



## ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

#### NOTE 14: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The registered office of the association is:

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

The principal place of business is:

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

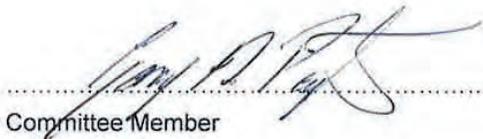
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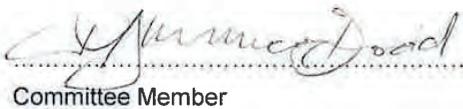
## STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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

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

This statement is made in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 and by resolution of the committee:

  
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Committee Member

  
.....  
Committee Member

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2015

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

### Report on the Financial Report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated (the association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the statement by the members of the committee.

### Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

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

### Independence

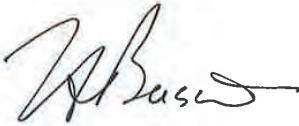
In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

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

**Auditor's Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report of Aboriginal Sobriety Group Incorporated is in accordance with Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013 and the Associations Incorporation Act 1985



**Trevor Basso - Partner  
Basso Newman & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
Adelaide**

**Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015**

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ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

COMPILATION REPORT  
TO ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

**Scope**

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

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

*The Responsibility of the Committee for the financial report*

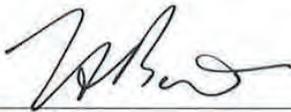
The committee is solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial statement and has determined that the basis of accounting is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial statement was prepared.

*Our responsibility*

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

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

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



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**T A Basso - Partner**  
**Basso Newman & Co**  
**Chartered Accountants**  
**Adelaide**  
**27<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

## ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Operating activities:		
– Operational grants	3,521,089	3,288,038
– Rent received	217,725	137,769
– Workcover claims	-	53,765
– Sundry income	37,080	69,322
Non-operating activities:		
– interest received	5,099	2,635
	3,780,993	3,551,529
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Administration & Data Processing Charges	8,213	8,121
Advertising, Sponsorship & Promotions	12,128	6,417
Audit & Accounting Fees	16,862	18,074
Bank & Centrepay Fees	3,096	2,812
Cleaning & Rubbish Removal	11,893	12,498
Clinical Supervision Fees	31,462	31,570
Computer Costs	27,593	18,231
Consultancy Fees	12,995	29,455
Depreciation – property, plant and equipment	69,749	69,297
Donations	3,912	1,372
Electricity & Gas	38,546	40,113
Food & Catering	55,120	49,592
Fringe Benefits Tax	18,243	24,863
Gymnasium Expenses	3,333	8,181
Insurance	66,384	70,166
Minor Equipment & Consumables	7,697	6,531
Motor Vehicle Expenses	195,511	230,382
Office & Sundry Expenses	3,751	4,918
Postage & Courier	1,390	1,006
Printing, Stationery & Office Requisites	35,448	23,781
Program Expenses	47,192	34,466
Property Management Plan	19,800	-
Provisions for:		
Annual Leave	23,023	41,673
Long Service Leave	26,550	7,703

## ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INCORPORATED

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Rates & Taxes	49,134	35,921
Rent	35,493	35,206
Repairs & Maintenance	36,156	48,787
Salaries & Wages	2,415,975	2,320,858
Security	362	301
Subscriptions & Licence Fees	1,956	2,393
Superannuation Contributions	219,925	207,575
Telephone	34,497	36,833
Training and development	6,030	7,348
Travel Allowances & Fares	4,730	6,468
Workcover	147,154	137,024
	<u>3,691,313</u>	<u>3,579,936</u>
Current year surplus (deficit) before income tax	89,690	(28,407)
Income tax expense	-	-
Current year surplus (deficit) after income tax	<u>89,690</u>	<u>(28,407)</u>

# ABORIGINAL SOBRIETY GROUP INC.

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### ABBREVIATIONS

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



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