



AODCCC

Alcohol and Other Drug
Consumer & Community Coalition

...beyond stigma

2018/2019
Annual Report

Acknowledgement

AODCCC acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians of this country and its waters. We pay our respect to Elders past and present, and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



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Introduction from our Chair

It is my privilege to present the first Alcohol and Other Drug Consumer and Community Coalition (AODCCC) annual report on behalf of the AODCCC Management Committee.

It is an exciting time for consumers and families as our knowledge and expertise is being recognised and finding its way to the tables where changes are made. The establishment of the AODCC is a dream that has been held by the alcohol and other drug sector for many years, and we are privileged to be contributing toward its realisation.

We have had a dynamic and productive first year with significant progress toward laying the foundation of the organisation, achieved since our inaugural AGM held in November 2018.

We held two community consultations and a member survey in February 2019 to inform a submission to the parliamentary inquiry titled, "Alternate approaches to reducing illicit drug use and its effects on the community".

In June 2019, we received a two-year Delivering Community Services in Partnership grant from the WA Mental Health Commission to establish the organisation and further our mission.

Highlights since the end of the financial year include, the development of our Vision and Values informed by the 2018 consumer 'think-tank', along with a draft Strategic Plan.

Our next steps are to operationalise the Strategic Plan which include:

- continuing to develop a solid organisational foundation, ensuring sound governance and decision making
- strengthening communication through the development of a digital presence

- expanding our membership, and better understanding our members needs, experiences and interests
- supporting our members to be part of progressing the AODCCC vision and mission
- developing partnerships that further our mission
- working toward the provision of consumer and evidence informed policy recommendations to inform decision makers

We would like to thank our membership for their ongoing support and commitment.

We thank the WA Mental Health Commission (MHC), the WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA), and the Western Australian Council of Social Service (WACOSS) and Lotterywest for their contribution to the development and continuing work of the AODCCC.

We acknowledge the support and guidance we continue to receive from experienced sector leaders and peak bodies, along with the recognition for the support provided by the Health Consumers Council WA (HCC) and the Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (WANADA).

Yours in service,

Shannon Dixon
Chairperson, AODCCC

Mission, Vision & Values

Mission

To promote the interests, education and welfare of those affected by alcohol and other drug use.

Vision

Community understanding shaped by the voice of people and families with lived experience of Alcohol and Other Drugs.

Values

The following set of values were developed utilising consultation inputs from the consumer and community think tank held in 2018:



Inclusion

We acknowledge the legitimacy of everyone's experience and provide a safe space for diverse views to be shared.



Collaboration

We look for opportunities to bring consumers, family, community, policy makers and providers together for real change.



Accountability

We consult broadly and are open about our intent, activities and outcomes.



Leadership

We share bold visions and take courageous steps towards what is needed in the community.



Integrity

We respect and value the different perspectives and experiences of alcohol and other drug use.

Membership

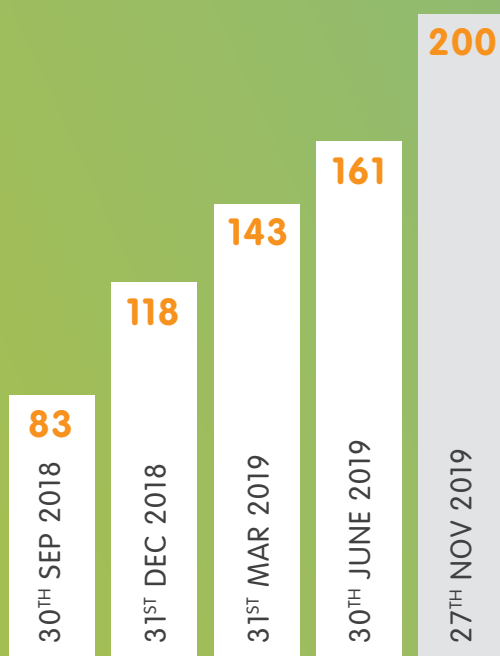


145 | Individual Members

16 | Associate Members

161 | Total Members

As at 30 June 2019



Membership increase over the year
Incorporated on 22nd June 2018

A Brief History...

In 2015, the Health Consumers' Council (HCC) was funded by the Mental Health Commission (MHC) to co-ordinate a project to build on the recommendations from the November 2014 Forum, Improving Consumer Involvement in the Alcohol and Other Drug Sector.

An Alcohol and Other Drug Advisory Group (AODAG) comprised of government agencies, not for profit organisations, and consumers was set up to oversee progress.

Over time, this group imposed a 50% consumer quorum to ensure the group maintained consumer led focus and leadership.

The project specifically addressed the following recommendations:

1. to develop a common set of principles for engagement.
2. outline best practice engagement strategies for the sector.

As a result, a consumer consultant was hired to undertake this work and, the 'Principles and Best Practice Strategies for Consumer Engagement in the Alcohol and Other Drug Sector in Western Australia' was delivered to the MHC in January 2017.

In March 2017 the WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) funded the HCC to support the ongoing work of the AODAG to progress toward incorporation and the development of consumer training. With this funding, the group became the Transitional AODAG.

Additional funding was received from the Western Australian Network of Alcohol and Drug Agencies (WANADA) and broad consultation in relation to these deliverables was undertaken.

In June 2018 the Alcohol and Other Drug Consumer & Community Coalition (AODCCC)

was Incorporated, the constitutional purpose being, "to promote the interests, education and welfare of those affected by alcohol and other drug use". It was decided that family and significant others were to be recognised as equal consumer members and that an avenue for broader community inclusion was necessary, hence the name "Consumer & Community Coalition".

Following the establishment of the AODCCC an interim committee was formed. This committee began to build a membership base and progressed to the 1st Annual General Meeting where a Board of 12 were elected. In January 2019 a small capacity building grant from WACOSS was received to hold community consultations in order to submit to the parliamentary inquiry "Alternate approaches to reducing illicit drug use and its effects on the community".

This document was written on the basis of feedback from 80 participants and submitted to the Inquiry Committee in Feb 2019. Soon after this the AODCCC began funding negotiations with the MHC and have since received funding toward establishment the next two years. The delivery of the AODCCC Mission, Vision and Values marks the achievement of successfully meeting the first funding deliverables.

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Timeline of Establishment

The following timeline is a visual portrayal of the the previous page.

Acronyms

AOD – alcohol and other drug

AODAG – Alcohol and other Drug Advisory Group

AODCCC – Alcohol and other Drug Consumer and Community Coalition

DAO – Drug and Alcohol Office

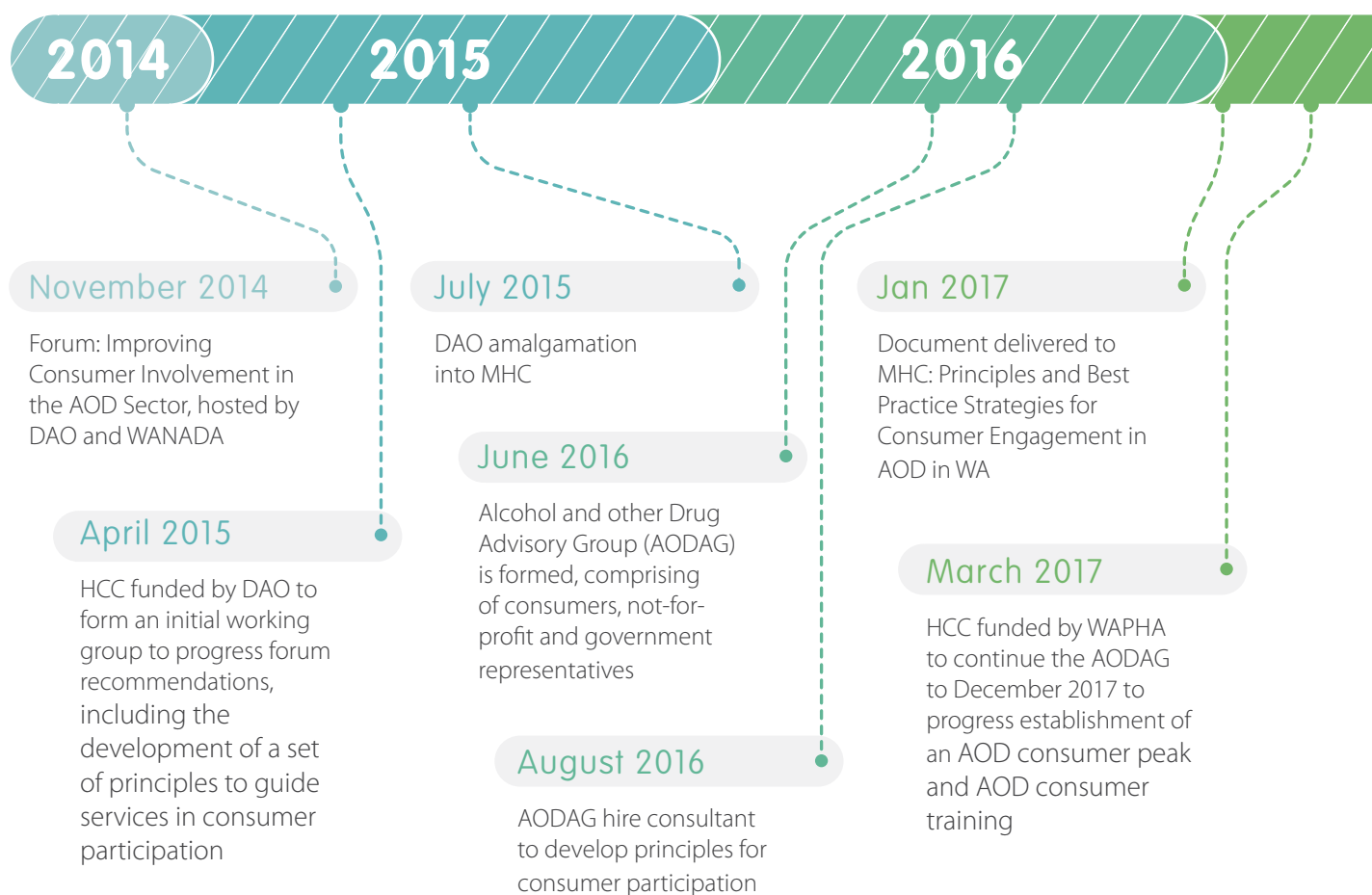
HCC – Health Consumers Council

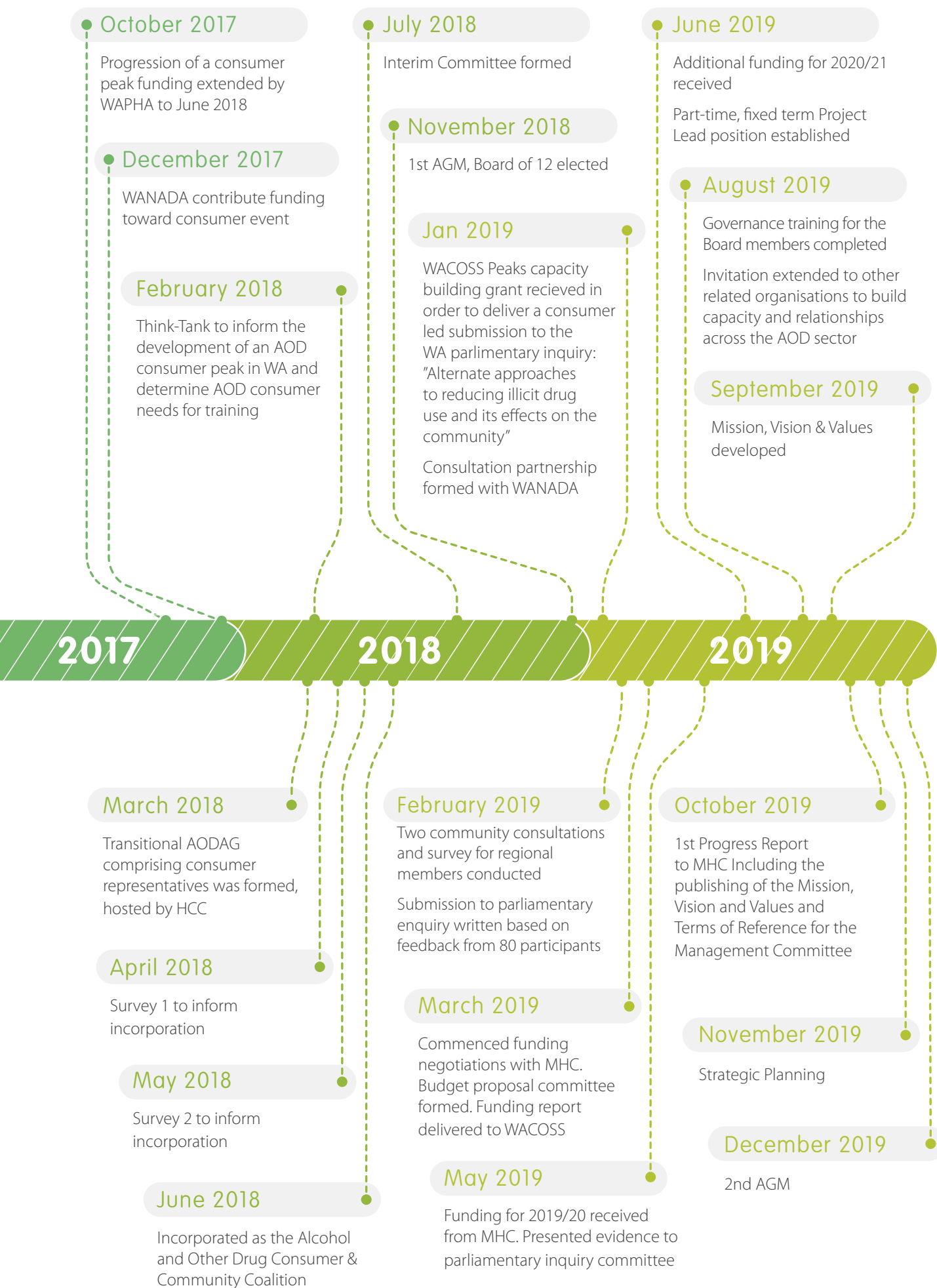
MHC – Mental Health Commission

WANADA – Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies

WACOSS – Western Australian Council of Social Service

WAPHA – WA Primary Health Alliance





Annual Financial Statements

Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year ended 30 June 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Revenue		
Revenue from ordinary activities	1,164	-
Grant funding	- 19,016	-
	<u>20,180</u>	<u>-</u>
Expenses		
Operational expenses	-15,086	-
Administration expenses	-751	-
Employee Benefits	-3,023	-
	<u>-18,860</u>	<u>-</u>
Profit for the year before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation and impairment	<u>-1,320</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Profit / Loss for the year	<u>-1,320</u>	<u>-</u>



Financial Position For the Year ended 30 June 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash assets	279,488	-
Trade & other receivables	-	-
Total Current Assets	<u>279,488</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Assets	<u>279,488</u>	<u>-</u>
Current Liabilities		
Trade & other receivables	<u>278,168</u>	-
Total Current Liabilities	<u>278,168</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>278,168</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>1,320</u>	<u>-</u>
Equity		
Retained profits	<u>1,320</u>	-
Total Equity	<u>1,320</u>	<u>-</u>



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Thank You

The AODCCC Management Committee wish to thank the ongoing support and encouragement received from our members, advocates and the many people across sectors that have enabled our progress to date. We simply couldn't have done it without you.