

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 'thinktank', 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



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



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

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November 2014

Forum: Improving Consumer Involvement in the AOD Sector, hosted by DAO and WANADA

April 2015

HCC funded by DAO to form an initial working group to progress forum recommendations, including the development of a set of principles to guide services in consumer participation

July 2015

DAO amalgamation into MHC

June 2016

Alcohol and other Drug Advisory Group (AODAG) is formed, comprising of consumers, not-forprofit and government representatives

August 2016

AODAG hire consultant to develop principles for consumer participation

Jan 2017

Document delivered to MHC: Principles and Best Practice Strategies for Consumer Engagement in AOD in WA

March 2017

HCC funded by WAPHA to continue the AODAG to December 2017 to progress establishment of an AOD consumer peak and AOD consumer training

October 2017

Progression of a consumer peak funding extended by WAPHA to June 2018

December 2017

WANADA contribute funding toward consumer event

February 2018

Think-Tank to inform the development of an AOD consumer peak in WA and determine AOD consumer needs for training

July 2018

Interim Committee formed

November 2018

1st AGM, Board of 12 elected

Jan 2019

WACOSS Peaks capacity building grant recieved in order to deliver a consumer led submission to the WA parlimentary inquiry: "Alternate approaches to reducing illicit drug use and its effects on the community"

Consultation partnership formed with WANADA

June 2019

Additional funding for 2020/21 received

Part-time, fixed term Project Lead position established

August 2019

Governance training for the Board members completed

Invitation extended to other related organisations to build capacity and relationships across the AOD sector

September 2019

Mission, Vision & Values developed

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March 2018

Transitional AODAG comprising consumer representatives was formed, hosted by HCC

April 2018

Survey 1 to inform incorporation

May 2018

Survey 2 to inform incorporation

June 2018

Incorporated as the Alcohol and Other Drug Consumer & Community Coalition

February 2019

Two community consultations and survey for regional members conducted

Submission to parliamentary enquiry written based on feedback from 80 participants

March 2019

Commenced funding negotiations with MHC. Budget proposal committee formed. Funding report delivered to WACOSS

May 2019

Funding for 2019/20 received from MHC. Presented evidence to parliamentary inquiry committee

October 2019

1st Progress Report to MHC Including the publishing of the Mission, Vision and Values and Terms of Reference for the Management Committee

November 2019

Strategic Planning

December 2019

2nd AGM

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	-
	20,180	-
Expenses		
Operational expenses	-15,086	-
Administration expenses	-751	-
Employee Benefits	-3,023	-
	-18,860	-
Profit for the year before interest, tax, depreciation,	-1,320	
amortisation and impairment		
Total Profit / Loss for the year	-1,320	



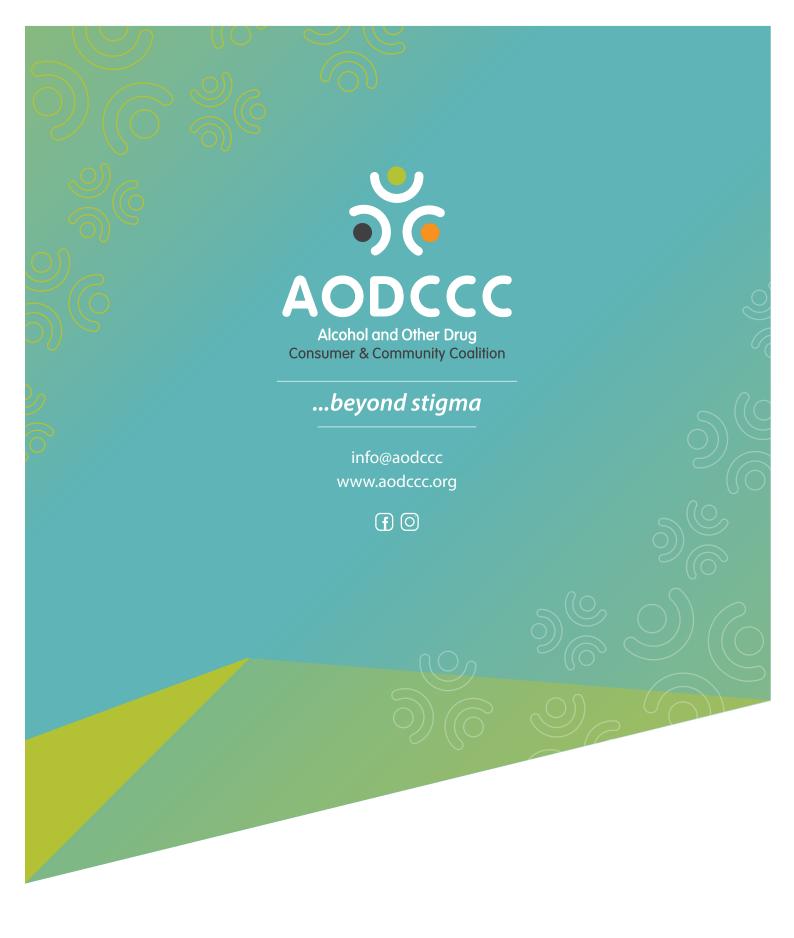


Financial Position For the Year ended 30 June 2019

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







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.