



AODCCC

Alcohol and Other Drug
Consumer & Community Coalition

...beyond stigma

**2019-2020
Annual Report**

Acknowledgment

The Alcohol and Other Drug Consumer & Community Coalition 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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Chair's Reflection

On behalf of the Alcohol and Other Drug Consumer & Community Coalition (AODCCC) Management Committee, it is my pleasure to present the 19-20 annual report, to you, the members, stakeholders, supporters and advocates.

This year has been one of challenges and unique opportunities to adapt, work collectively, and maintain a shared vision to continue to promote the interests, education and welfare of those affected by alcohol and other drug use. While much of that work on behalf of the AODCCC membership has been in the background, we mark it with a sense of gratitude and achievement.

In June 2019 our purpose was clear, to continue to strengthen the organisations governance and move into the next phase of organisational development and delivery.

In 2020 COVID -19 came crashing into our world, impacting on peoples of every community. We were all tasked to adapt and persevere through a significant period of unknown and hardship both personally and professionally.

In spite of this, the AODCCC Management Committee continued to take steady steps forward. Recruitment was a focus over this period, with development of a JDF for a 12-month, part time Development Coordinator role. With the assistance of the Health Consumers Council, recruitment commenced in June 2020.

Although the period has had its disruptions, we continued to ensure the members were up to date with participation, representation and training opportunities in the sector, and we will continue to do so as we develop further.

Also, over the 19-20 financial year, a portion of our budget was allocated to upskilling the Management

Committee and AODCCC members, with a number of training sessions made available, including customised governance training. It was great to see our members take up these opportunities and the AODCCC team enjoyed the opportunities to meet and connect with the people we are working for.

As an organization and a board, we have much work ahead to create the societal changes necessary to move beyond the current stigmas associated with alcohol and other drug consumers, their families and communities.

It is important work and while it could at times seem overwhelming, we as a collective know through lived experiences that one person can make a difference. We are grateful for the 'ones' who have reached out in person and/or via email to encourage the board to stay strong and solid in our steps forward. It really helps. We are also grateful for all the 'ones' who have signed up to become part of the membership involved in this important work.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as a board member and then Chair, I look forward to serving alongside the new Chair and a mix of the new and old team.

Kind Regards,

Christine Richardson
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



205 | Individual
Members

16 | Associate
Members

221 | Total
Members

As of June 30th 2020

AODCCC membership
continued to grow throughout
2019 – 20 by 27%.



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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 developed to progress this project.

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 towards 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 formed and 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, resulting in the name "Consumer and 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 WA Council of Social Services 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 February 2019. Soon after this the AODCCC began funding negotiations with the MHC, and have since received funding toward establishment to June 2021.

The delivery of the AODCCC Mission, Vision and Values marks the achievement of successfully meeting the first funding deliverables. June 2020 saw the commencement of recruiting a Development Coordinator and initiated the next stage of operational development for the AODCCC.

Operational Report

In the 19-20 reporting period, two positions held oversight of the operations of the AODCCC, a Project Lead and then Administrator. Key initiatives undertaken and achieved by these positions included:

- Development of Mental Health Commission deliverables including the quarterly progress report, strategic plan, operational plan, marketing plan and evaluation plan. Purchase and set up of various IT and communications infrastructure, monitoring of communications, provision of member notices and updates to the AODCCC membership.
- The Project Lead in collaboration with the AODCCC Management Committee developed a JDF for a part time Development Coordinator role, with recruitment to commence in late June 2020.
- AODCCC become a consortium member of the WA Recovery College Alliance in December 2019, to support AOD consumer and family/carer input in the establishment of Recovery Colleges in WA.
- Ongoing contribution to the 2021 Western Australian Alcohol and other Drug Conference Steering Committee, ensuring the AOD consumer voice is present in the development of this important conference.
- Development of a formal Memorandum of Understanding between the Health Consumers Council (HCC) and the AODCCC was signed in July 2019. HCC has provided administrative support in the form of utilisation of the premises for business registration and mailing purposes, use for meeting space and printing requirements, and assistance in policy development during this reporting period.
- Continued AODCCC representation at the WACOSS Peaks Forum.
- Continued participation by AODCCC Administrator at the COVID-19 Taskforce Advisory Group.
- Promotion of and attendance at cross sector events to support engagement by AOD consumers and family/carer members in Health and Mental Health.
- Assistance in sourcing training opportunities for the AODCCC Management Committee and Membership, the following training was facilitated during this fiscal period:
 - Governance Training
 - Resilience in Times of Change
 - De-escalating Conflict & Aggression
 - Aboriginal Mental Health First Aid.

“Security is mostly a superstition. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing.”
– Helen Keller

Financial Report

The Management Committee are pleased to present the financial statement of the Alcohol and Other Drug Consumer & Community Coalition, for the year ended 30th June 2020.

AODCCC's finances are audited annually. The audited financial statements, including the auditors report are presented to members at the Annual General Meeting and submitted to funders as part of the acquittal process.

Robert Campbell of Australian Audit reported on the 29th October 2020, to the best of his knowledge and belief, there have been:

- a) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not for- profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- b) No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 in relation to the audit; and
- c) No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

“Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny.”
– C.S. Lewis

Annual Financial Statements

Profit and Loss and Other Comprehensive Income for the Year ended 30 June 2020

for the 12 months ended 30
June 2020

	Jun-20	Jun-19
Income		
Grant Income	88,767	19,016
Member Contribution	-	1,164
Total Income	88,767	20,180
Gross Profit	88,767	20,180
Less Operating Expenses		
Accounting Fees	14,345	63
Administration Services	11,830	-
Advertising	350	-
Audit Fees	-	1,000
Board Expenses	2,749	-
Catering Expense	-	842
Consultancy Fees	1,200	4,920
Consumer Fees	-	7,630
Depreciation	379	-
General Insurance	1,137	-
IT Expenses	2,515	403
Legal expenses	-	118
Memberships & Subscriptions	672	-
Printing & Stationery	4,398	323
Superannuation	3,227	262
Telephone & Internet	95	-
Training	8,673	-
Travel Expenses	195	-
Venue Hire	-	538
Wages and Salaries	36,533	2,761
Workers Compensation Insurance	470	-
Total Operating Expenses	88,767	18,860
Net Profit	-	1,320



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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.