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STRATEGIC PLAN

2017 – 2019

Vision

A truly inclusive society where all voices are heard, people are treated fairly and have equitable opportunities regardless of their choice to use drugs.

Mission

The Western Australian Substance Users Association (WASUA) works to advance the health, dignity and social justice of people who use drugs in Western Australia

Our Role

WASUA is the primary harm reduction organisation for the state of Western Australia (WA). We are a peer-based drug user organisation and are a vital part of the national network of drug user organisations, facilitated by Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL), the national peak body representing drug user organisations in Australia.

About

WASUA is the only peer based, not for profit, community-based harm reduction organisation that represents the needs and concerns of people who use or have used drugs, in WA. WASUA is in a unique position to provide the consumer voice in advocating for drug users. Our aim is to bring drug users' perspectives into all our harm reduction initiatives as well as to our partnerships with other organisations and to our advice and advocacy to governments.

Our Priority Communities

People who use drugs are vulnerable to a wide range of harms – to their health, to their rights, to their dignity, and to their ability to realise their potential and enjoy a full and productive life. WASUA has considerable experience in delivering targeted peer-based services that can reduce the level of drug-related harm in the community.

WASUA maintains a priority focus on the most marginalised and disadvantaged sections of the drug using community and as such offers important advantages in engaging 'hard-to-reach' individuals who do not typically access mainstream health services. WASUA also has a strong focus on people who inject drugs, due to the increased risks associated with injecting drug use, including transmission of blood borne viruses including HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C and B. WASUA is committed to overcoming stigma and discrimination experienced by drug users by promoting social inclusion and participation across all areas of our work.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Community Ownership and Accountability

WASUA exists for our communities, to identify and serve their needs. We have a commitment to constantly review ways to enhance representation and ownership by the community.

Respect Diversity and Be Socially Inclusive

WASUA strives to represent and respect all people who use drugs, their families and significant others, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, culture, ethnicity, spirituality or socio-economic status.

Participation and “Nothing about Us without Us”

WASUA continues to emphasise the rights of people who use drugs to be directly involved in the response to drug use and associated harms in WA, as declared in the Goa Declaration 2008.

Human Rights

WASUA rejects all forms of discrimination against people who use drugs, and is committed to working towards the elimination of stigma associated with the use of drugs. Furthermore, WASUA is committed to delivering culturally secure programs and actively support Aboriginal ways of working.

Health and Well-Being Promotion

WASUA seeks to advance the health and well-being of people who use drugs by creating an enabling environment in which individuals are empowered to realise their aspirations and participate fully in society.

Partnerships and Collaboration

WASUA is committed to forming partnerships built on shared goals and trust, in order to respond more effectively to the needs and reduce the harms for people who use or have used drugs

Continuous Improvement

WASUA maintains its commitment to its status as an accredited agency and implements a program of continuous quality improvement across all aspects of the organisation.

WASUA Committee of Management

The role of WASUA's Committee of Management (COM) is to govern the organisation in accordance with its broader strategic objectives, its legal and financial responsibilities and specific policies and procedures. COM members responsibilities include, representing WASUA, aiding strong membership and community support as well as ensuring WASUA remains a strong and viable organisation.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERS

Jill Rundle - **Chairperson**

Liz Wilson-Taylor

Roanna Lobo

Jane Harwood

Michelle Coster

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Nexia

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Westpac Banking Corp

IR Consultancy

Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Insurance Brokers

Reliance Partners

IT Consultants

Computing Australia

Printers

Minutemen Press

Cleaner

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Chairpersons Report

It is my privilege to present the Chairperson's report on behalf of the Western Australian Substance Users Association (WASUA) Committee of Management (COM).

The 2015/16 year has again seen significant change at WASUA, most notably the relocation of the Perth office from 519 Murray Street to 22, 7 Aberdeen Street in Perth. The new premises have been refurbished to meet the needs of the service and consumers in a way that has not been possible in previous premises. In addition to improved work areas for all staff, the fixed site NSEP fit out, the inclusion of a training room and the purpose built health clinic facilities are all great improvements to the way that WASUA provides its services to consumers. A move of this scale can be stressful for all concerned and on behalf of the COM I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their work to ensure the move was a smooth transition from the old to the new.

WASUA has continued to offer a diverse range of harm reduction services to support access and better outcomes for people who choose to use alcohol and other drugs. Again this year we would like to thank the State Government Departments; the Health Department, the Mental Health Commission and the Department of Local Government and Communities for their funding support and also Lotterywest for grant funding to support the Perth site relocation.

Angela Corry was officially appointed to the position of CEO in this report period, having acted in the position the previous year. As such she has overseen the many changes, ensuring their smooth transition and supporting the cohesion of the team. On behalf of the COM I would like to sincerely thank Angela for her evident commitment to WASUA, ensuring the service not just continues but also develops. On behalf of the COM I would also like to thank the WASUA staff, including those who have left the service this year, for their professional and dedicated work providing unique and vital services to the Western Australian community.

I would also like to thank fellow COM members for their commitment over what has been a busy year. We look forward to another year of consolidation of WASUA's strengths and to supporting increased community awareness of the important and significant service WASUA provides.

Jill Rundle
Chairperson

Treasurer's Report

We would like to express our thanks to the State Government departments (the Health Department Communicable Diseases Directorate, the Mental Health Commission and Local Government and Communities) and Lotterywest for their support of WASUA through funding grants over the past financial year. The grant funds received for 2015 - 2016 were \$1,549,872.

The audited financial statements are contained in this annual report from page 27 onwards. The financial statements outline income statements and balance sheets for the 2015- 2016 year. As is reflected in the Statement of Financial Position WASUA completes the year with a profit of \$50,171. It is therefore with pleasure that I present to the Members the 2015-16 audited accounts.

Again during this financial year WASUA's financial services were outsourced to Hope Community Services. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Hope team.

We look forward to another successful year ahead.

Jane Harwood
Treasurer

Chief Executive Officers Report

The last 12 months has seen significant changes at WASUA, most notably relocating our Perth office from 519 Murray Street Perth to our current premises at 22, 7 Aberdeen Street Perth. Thanks to the hard work of staff the transition was smooth with minimal impact to service provision. WASUA opened its doors at the new site on Monday 20th June 2016.

Over the past 12 months and corresponding with the implementation of the amalgamation of the DAO and the MHC WASUA has been asked to have an increasing presence at meetings, steering committees, consultations, forums and workshops to represent the consumer perspective. Through all these consultation processes, WASUA has consolidated its position within the AOD and Mental Health Sector as the agency that is able to provide the consumer voice and is best placed to identify and support consumers to participate in these processes.

Requests for information, education and training for workers and communities around responding to methamphetamine use in the community have also significantly increased during this 12 months period. This has coincided with an increase in the number of people accessing WASUA services identifying Methamphetamine as their primary drug of choice. Of note this increase has been marked particularly in the South West through our Bunbury fixed site and mobile services.

As you will see in this report, all programs and services have developed and strengthened during the year. With the advent of the new Hepatitis C treatments, we have, under the guidance of Royal Perth Hospital established a community based model of Hepatitis C treatment for our consumers. We have distributed more than 1,900,000 pieces of equipment through more than 13,000 interactions with consumers. Satisfaction with the service remains very high with more than 96% of consumers surveyed indicating they were satisfied or very satisfied with the service provided to them. This is a testament to the responsiveness and dedication of our staff in ensuring we are meeting the needs of our consumers.

I would like to thank all WASUA staff, volunteers, and students, the COM, the agencies we work with and most importantly, the consumers.

WASUA continues to increase its credibility and expertise as a peer based service and leader of harm reduction services in WA.

Angela Corry
Chief Executive Office

WASUA Staff

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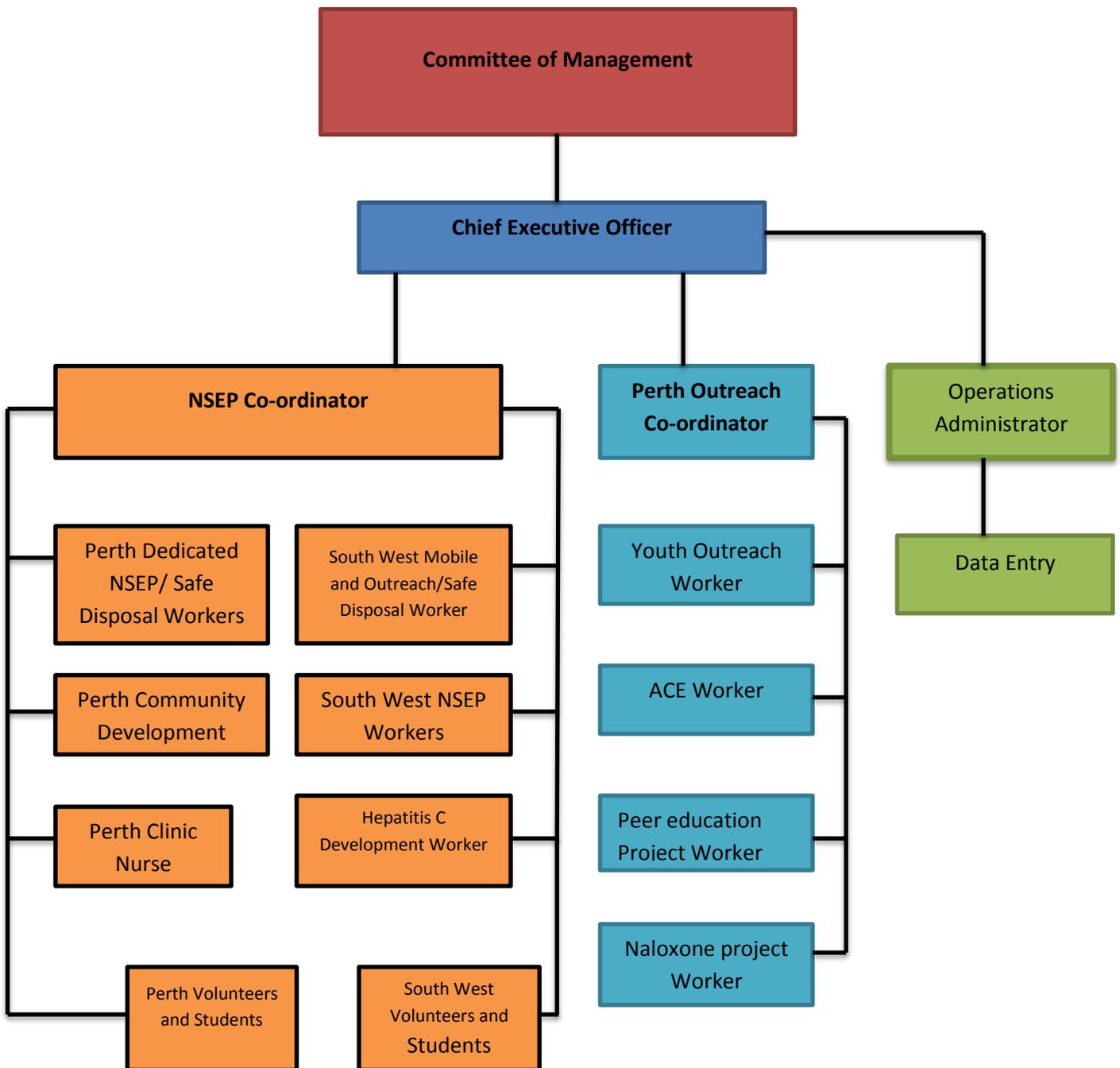
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ACE Worker
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NSEP Worker
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Community Development

Organisational Structure



Needle Syringe Exchange Program

The aim of WASUA's Needle & Syringe Exchange Program is to minimise the spread of Blood Borne Viruses (BBV's) and reduce the harms associated with injecting drug use. Needles and syringes are exchanged on a 'one for one' basis. Clients are charged a small cost for equipment if there are no needles or syringes exchanged; however, no client is refused equipment.

NSEP staff provides consumers with education, intervention and referrals regarding Safer Injecting including; vein care, filtering, swabbing and wheel filter use. NSEP staff distributes resources on these topics and they are amongst the most popular resources handed out, including the Australian Drug Foundation resources regarding different types of drugs.

During this financial year WASUA has distributed more than 1,900,000 individual pieces of sterile injecting equipment to almost 13,000 client interactions with an average exchange rate of 98%.

Jan to June 2016

WASUA Service	Client Interaction	Equipment Distributed	Returns	Return Rate
Perth fixed & Outreach Metro	5,196	779,629	754,398	97%
Postal Service	19	1,767	0	0%
Bunbury fixed site	868	150,913	147,377	97.5%
SWMNSEP	395	61,089	67,345	110%
Outreach Regional	103	34,265	23,350	68%
TOTALS	6,581	1,027,663	992,470	96.5%

July to December 2015

WASUA Service	Client Interaction	Equipment Distributed	Returns	Return Rate
Perth fixed site & Outreach Metro	4,902	692,139	666,934	96.5%
Postal Service	15	2545	0	0%
Bunbury fixed site	855	101,631	120,569	119%
SWMNSEP	340	51,788	59,241	114%
Outreach Regional	283	43,682	40,635	93%
TOTALS	6,395	891,785	887,379	99.5%

SAFE DISPOSAL

NSEP workers undertake regular patrols of the local area, collecting discarded syringes and other drug related paraphernalia. This gives us the opportunity to engage with neighbouring businesses and manage our locality. This improves our relationship with local businesses and enables us to educate business owners about Harm Reduction in order to tackle any judgement and discrimination towards NSEP's and consumers.

WASUA receives calls from residents and business from around Perth regarding safe disposal issues in their area. When we receive these calls, two NSEP workers aim to go out and assess the problem within a week. The workers collect the equipment, identify which agency is responsible for the problem area and then support, and educate the agency responsible on how to address the problem going forward.

NSEP POSTAL SERVICE

Demand continues to increase for the WASUA's Postal Service. The Postal Service enables WASUA to reach parts of the drug using community that would not be able to access NSEP/NSP provision.

The Postal Service serves two main functions:

1. Distribute sterile injecting equipment to consumers in remote and regional areas where there is no access to suitable equipment and to provide them with harm reduction and safe disposal advice over the phone.
2. Provide filtering equipment to other agencies on a cost recovery basis to promote safer injecting and reduce associated harms to consumers that access other regional NSEP/NSP services.

In the last 10 months demand for the Postal Service has increased steadily with 52 postal orders processed. 36 consumers and agencies have ordered over 9500 pieces of sterile filtering and injecting equipment.

- 2,124 pieces were filters
- 21 of the orders processed were from other agencies
- 15 were regular PIED consumers

Within the last 6 months WASUA introduced a Perth metro outreach postal service, increasing the outreach team's capacity. Regular outreach consumers are offered the option of delivering their items via express post. Outreach workers will still head out to the consumers on a regular basis for education, referral, brief interventions and other concerns.

- 9 metro outreach orders processed
- 1860 pieces of sterile filtering and injecting equipment

Please note that the Perth metro outreach figures are included in the overall totals mentioned above



CONSUMER SATISFACTION SURVEY 2016

WASUA's Annual Consumer Satisfaction Survey, was conducted through both WASUA fixed sites and the South West mobile service, on the first week of August 2016.

There was an overall increase in responses from 190 in 2015 to 195 in 2016, with a major increase in South West, having 5 participants last year (2015), 46 in 2016.

The average age of respondents in 2016 was 42 years; this is an increase from last year's average age of 38 years and 2014's average of 40 years.

52% of respondents indicated Heroin and other Opiates as their usual drug of choice, 41% indicated Methamphetamine and 14% Steroids.

49% of respondents indicated that their last drug injected was Methamphetamine, 48% indicated Heroin and other Opiates, and 11% indicated Steroids. Please note that this equates to over 100% because some consumers ticked more than one option.

Steroid use and the use of peptides have increased with 12% of people using the Perth fixed site being PIED users up 4% from the previous year. WASUA has introduced a new recording system this year, to better capture the percentage of the PIED users accessing the NSEP.

Methamphetamine use has increased 14% from last year, with a higher percentage of consumers reporting it to be their preferred drug of choice. Opioid use still make up more than half of WASUA consumers in the Perth Metro area. The increase in Methamphetamine use is predominantly reported through the South West Mobile service, of which 57% of service users were methamphetamine users.

33% of respondents reported that they had re-used their own needle, which is a 15% decrease from last year. 13% of respondents indicated that they had shared injecting equipment in the last six months, which was a 16% decrease from last year's 29%. 42% of consumers reported sharing needles also reported sharing; tourniquet's, waters, spoons and filters, which is decrease from last year's 70%.

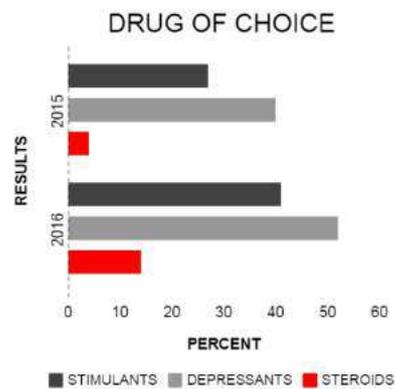
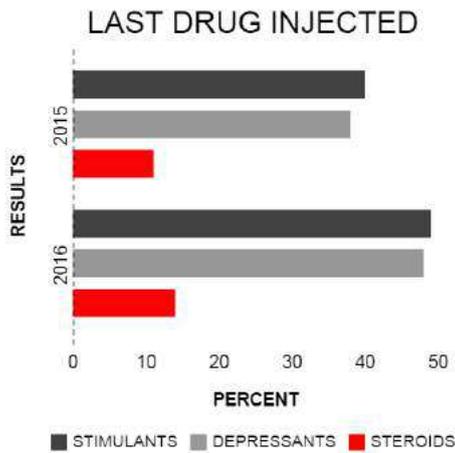
96.1% of respondents reported they were satisfied or very satisfied with the service, while 4% indicated Neutral. WASUA has reviewed the layout and design of the survey and will be making amendments for next year to simplify the format.

Recent times have been interesting on the NSEP. With the rise of steroid and peptide use, WASUA has responded to requests by Performance and Image Enhancing Drug (P&IED) service users by stocking pen needles and bacteriostatic water (BAC water) which has proved to be successful, with WASUA selling 36 10ml vials of BAC water in just over 4 weeks. The health clinic providing the new HEP C treatments has had a great response from

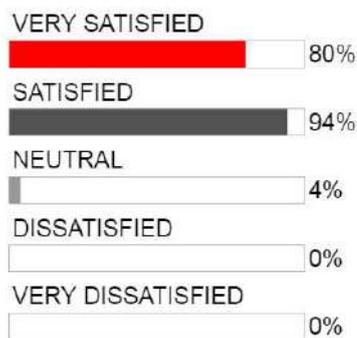
consumers. NSEP staff use health promotion and brief intervention to educate consumers and promote testing and treatment.

WASUA’s NSEP respond to current trends and the NSEP team are excited and enthused to facilitate consumers’ access to HEP C treatment and improve other health outcomes for NSEP clients.

Going forward, WASUA is looking at ways to better support Methamphetamine users throughout the South-west and metro areas.



SATISFACTION LEVELS 2015



SATISFACTION LEVELS 2016



South West Needle Syringe Exchange Program

The South West service is comprised of a fixed site NSEP in Bunbury which is open five days per week, and a mobile van service which provides NSEP at designated sites throughout the South West. In addition the South West provides an outreach service to consumers who are unable to access the fixed or mobile sites.

SOUTHWEST MOBILE SERVICE

The mobile van service provides NSEP at designated sites throughout the South West for consumers who are unable to access the fixed site in Bunbury or who don't live in the metro area.

The Mobile service sites are:

- Margaret River
- Manjimup
- Busselton
- Harvey (New site as of 16th November 2016)
- Collie (New site as of 16th November 2016)

The South-West mobile van service throughout the last financial year has proven successful, with 735 client interactions and 112,877 pieces of sterile filtering and injecting equipment distributed. Although a slight decrease from the previous year, with the recent additions of Collie and Harvey WASUA will be aiming to reach parts of the drug using community that may not have accessed the NSEP previously.

Southwest services at a glance - 2015/16

SOUTH WEST SERVICES	MOBILE / VAN	OUTREACH	FIXED SITE
CLIENT INTERACTIONS	735	386	1,723
EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTED	112,877	77,946	252,544
RETURN RATE	113%	79%	98.70%

SAFETY DISPOSAL

In this financial year the safe disposal program has been developed in the Southwest Region with a positive response from stakeholders. WASUA is supporting councils, environment officers, local authorities and other agencies in the Southwest to tackle safe disposal issues in the region.

THE YEAR TO COME IN THE SOUTH WEST

In the coming year the Hepatitis C Community Development worker (HCVCDW) in Bunbury will be conducting a survey of General Practitioners to see which Medical Centres offer hepatitis C treatment. While HCV treatment is available at St John of God Hospital there is a long waiting list and WASUA's consumers need to be able to access treatment as soon as possible once they have made a decision to do so. For GPs who do not currently offer HCV treatment WASUA hopes to be able to offer information sessions in conjunction with St John of God Hospital and relevant drug companies. This will ensure that WASUA has the ability to refer consumers for treatment and offer support to them through the treatment process.

The HCVCDW will also be liaising with relevant organisations in Bunbury and the South West Region to ensure they are aware of WASUA and its role in Harm Reduction with a view to providing information sessions of harm reduction and hepatitis C and forging links to increase the range of services to which we can refer consumers. Initial work has already been carried out with harm reduction presentations to Country Health and local Councils in Bunbury, Katanning, Donnybrook and Collie.

Health promotion activities which until this year have only been conducted in Perth will now be conducted in the Bunbury NSEP. These have so far included 'Injection Infection' week and World Hepatitis Day both of which were well received and successful.

Finally, there is no organisation in Bunbury from which our consumers can access free hepatitis B vaccinations. While the WA Country Health's nurse position was located on-site at WASUA this was not an issue. However, funding for that position has been discontinued which left Bunbury with no access to free vaccinations for at risk people. It is hoped that WASUA will be able to refer consumers to the local Community Drug Services team which is taking part in a six-month trial of the provision of HBV vaccinations organised by the Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus program within the WA Health Department.

Bunbury staff looks forward to a productive and busy year in 2016/2017.

Health Clinic Report

The WASUA health clinic was reopened on January 29th 2016. The approach underpinning the reopening of the clinic was to improve the service offered onsite at the health clinic located now at Aberdeen Street. The clinic operates on Tuesday and Thursday, with an outreach clinic conducted alternative Wednesday afternoons at Hepatitis WA.

A total of 197 new and returning client consultations were conducted between the months of January and June 2016. Sixty-four client consultations were conducted at the outreach clinic. To date a total of 5 positive Chlamydia Trachomatis and 1 Neisseria Gonorrhoea cases have been identified.

The WASUA Hepatitis C Treatment Program was developed by WASUA in conjunction with the Sexual Health and Liver Clinics at Royal Perth Hospital. A total of 7 patients have completed the treatment program. Four patients are currently on treatment with another 4 awaiting the supply of medications. WASUA has also been offered a place to participate in a patient familiarisation program of a new hepatitis C medication called 'Zepatier'. This program involves offering Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) approved but not Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme (PBS) listed medication free of charge to patients. Currently 5 patients have agreed to participate in this program.



Community Development Report

The WASUA Community Development Program promotes Harm Reduction, Safer Injecting and WASUA services by providing education and information to the wider community in both metro and regional areas.

WASUA's Community Development work aims to address some of the stigma and discrimination that exists in the wider community towards the drug using community and also to develop and maintain partnerships with key stakeholders including health agencies, community services, other AOD agencies, peer networks and community members.

WASUA receives regular requests from stakeholders and communities across the state to present and co facilitate training and education sessions from a peer perspective. WASUA staff are also frequently consulted by a range of AOD services, health agencies, consumers and members of the public for advice on specific issues.

WASUA has stalls at community events throughout the year to further promote Harm Reduction and to distribute AOD and Safer Injecting resources to the people who attend the events. The events that WASUA attends include Homeless Connect, Pride Fair Day, Hepatitis Day and NAIDOC Week. Events such as these are a great opportunity to network with other agencies, and to promote WASUA services.

The WASUA training calendar will be revamped ready for the New Year. We are hoping to include video conferencing options.

This year WASUA's two staff member delegates for the Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL) are Diane Lloyd and Robbie Sleight. These two delegates, WASUA's CEO and the Outreach Coordinator attended AVILS 2016 AGM. Two representatives from each State and Territory attended AVIL's AGM, providing a great opportunity to liaise and network with others from organisations across Australia.

It has been an exciting year with the Community Development Worker working on a National level with the National Association of People with HIV Australia (NAPWHA), Femfatales and ViiV Health Care. Viiv has a new app titled My Life + for people with HIV. This was launched at the Australian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM) Conference.

Community Development will expand the programme in the New Year to visit other agencies to promote WASUA services.

Outreach Program Report

WASUA OUTREACH TEAM

- Provides mobile NSEP, harm-reduction education, case-management, and supported referral (to other WASUA services or to other health, youth, welfare, accommodation or treatment providers) for drug-using clients and their significant others in the Perth Metro area; (*see also Aboriginal Community Engagement report and Outreach Youth report*).
- Recruits, trains and supports opioid users to respond to drug overdoses as OPAM peer-educators and/or with naloxone prescribed for peer-administration; (*see Overdose Prevention and Management Program report and Peer-administered Naloxone Project report*).
- Provides training, education and consultation to AOD treatment or harm reduction providers and to a wide variety of health and other agencies and tertiary education and research institutions.
- Represents WASUA on several committees and reference groups.
- Provides education to drug users and service providers, and supports community and workforce development activities, in rural and regional WA.

SUMMARY OF WASUA OUTREACH PROGRAM ACTIVITIES – 2015/2016

Activities funded by WA Sexual Health/Blood-borne Virus Prevention Programs

During this year WASUA Outreach team delivered **403** episodes of mobile NSEP in the community, to **617** individuals.

During these episodes **173,827** needles and syringes were dispensed at homes or outreach locations, and **177,863** sharps were collected from NSEP clients or from public open spaces to be safely disposed. This is a **102.3%** return rate.

6% of all Outreach NSEP clients were new to the service, and many of these clients were on-referred to other WASUA projects, (most notably the Health Clinic Nurse, OPAM and/or Peer-administered Naloxone projects, and fixed-site NSEP).

56.6% of all Outreach NSEP client-contacts were female, **24.8%** identified as Aboriginal and **10.2%** of contacts were from CaLD backgrounds.

0.3% of all Outreach NSEP client contacts were under the age of 16, **15.4%** were 16 to 25 years old, **44.3%** were between the age of 26 and 40, while **40%** were over the age of 40.

Outreach Team Committee Representation

- *'Bulletin'* Editorial Reference Group, (Pennington Institute)
- Intravenous Drug-Use Initiatives, (IDU Initiatives, DAO/MHC)
- National Methamphetamine Working Group
- National Naloxone Reference Group
- NSP Design PhD Research Steering Group
- Opioid Pharmacotherapy Advisory Committee
- Overdose Strategy Group, (OSG, DAO/MHC)
- Revised DVD "Dropped" Resource Reference Group
- WA Methamphetamine Strategies *Expert Advisory Group*, (DAO/MHC)
- WA Peer-Naloxone Project Working Group (DAO/MHC)
- Youth "Ice" Campaign, *Expert Advisory Committee*, (Pennington Institute)

Outreach Team Training, Education, and Consultancy

During this year Outreach provided **50** formal training workshops and education seminars for staff of other agencies, (both in the Perth metro area and in rural and regional towns), or to students of tertiary institutions.

WASUA Outreach provided guest lectures for students of Notre Dame (School of Medicine), Edith Cowan (Addiction Studies, Clinical Psychology, and Nursing), Curtin (School of Pharmacy) and UWA (Population Health) and also provided training to staff of Graylands Hospital, King Edward Memorial Hospital, St John of God Hospital in Midland, and Holyoake.

WASUA Outreach provides a component of the annual training for NSP Coordinators throughout the state and of volunteer training for both WASUA and HepWA.

In collaboration with the Mental Health Commission, every year WASUA Outreach delivers "Key Worker in Comorbidity" training to staff of Graylands Hospital, the Frankland (Forensic) Centre, and to staff of all community mental health clinics in the metro area and (via video-conferencing) to Community Mental Health Teams throughout the state.

Outreach delivered 15 occasions of either training and education (for Aboriginal Health Workers, Mental Health workers, Aboriginal AOD workers, Police, and DCS staff), or yarning sessions and community education, in the Kimberley and Pilbara Regions. These sessions have been delivered at the request of local communities and service providers, to address concerns about methamphetamine use and to up skill workers and community members to respond appropriately to issues associated with "Ice" use. Travel and accommodation costs

were funded by KMHDS, KAMS, BRAMS, Millya Rumara and Cyrenian House (in the Kimberley) and by Yandina at Turner River (in the Pilbara).

WASUA Outreach presented two workshops at the Australian Professional Society of Alcohol and Drugs annual conference and at the Curtin “Winter School” on drug policy. Outreach also provided education or training sessions at the District Court Judges bi-annual Conference, Holyoake Annual National Conference, Rural Health West Annual Conference, Rural Health West Aboriginal Health Worker’s Conference, WANADA Methamphetamine Forum, WANADA Aboriginal AOD Worker’s Forum, and at the Kimberly Aboriginal Health Worker’s Conference in Broome. Aboriginal Community Engagement (ACE) and Outreach Youth both presented papers describing their unique projects at the SiREN Forum in 2016. Outreach delivered sessions for community members and agencies in Jurien Bay (funded by the local council) and in Esperance (funded by Rural Health West), and 5 sessions via video conferencing to Health Workers and Council members in remote and regional locations.

Outreach takes WASUA services to the community, going where our target populations are (geographically and philosophically), and listening to consumers. Outreach acts as a bridge between street-level users, mainstream drug treatment, allied health agencies, and policy makers. Programs are built ‘bottom up’ on evolutionary principles and continue to adapt to changing trends. This is largely due to our consumer focus and the client-directed nature of our services. These factors ensure we are responsive to the expressed needs of our consumers. The same principles ensure that consultancy and training offered to agencies is tailored to their specific requirements, relevant and up-to-date. The credibility of the education and consultancy we offer to other agencies is founded upon our flexible, adaptive, client-centred and client-directed model of service delivery.

Youth Outreach Program Report

The youth outreach program primarily targets young people under 25 however we do not exclude based on age. Many locations are attended to promote harm reduction messages around sexually transmitted infection (STI) and blood borne virus (BBV) transmission, prevention, testing and treatment. Brief interventions are conducted in an outreach capacity and workshops have been developed around STI's/BBV's and substance use harm reduction messages. This has included workshops at Swan City Youth Service Midland, Mission Youth Beat Northbridge, Passages Resource Centre (Northbridge and Mandurah sites), Drug and Alcohol Youth Service (DAYS) (Carlisle and Perth sites) and Indigo Junction (formerly Swan Emergency Accommodation). Other key developments in the youth program this year include YOUR health and teSTing, teSTing ABC.

YOUR Health

“Young people Owning, Understanding and taking Responsibility for Health” (YOUR Health) is a collaborative program developed and facilitated by WASUA, Western Australian Aids Council (WAAC), Hepatitis WA (HepWA) and Sexual Health Quarters (SHQ). We identified that many of our areas overlapped and an integrative approach would assist young people to consolidate these messages. The program is targeted towards young people, disengaged from traditional education sources, aged less than 20 years.

All agencies attend initial icebreaker sessions, identifying current levels of knowledge and areas of interest. WASUA's session focuses on our services, the integrative model of substance use, classification of substances, general and specific harm reduction strategies around substance use. WAAC's focuses on HIV and respectful relationships, SHQ's focuses on STI's and contraception, HepWA's focuses on hepatitis, liver health and healthy lifestyles. As the program evolved we now include Headspace, who focuses on adolescent mental health. In response to requests from participating agencies we now include a wrap up session. An anonymous drop box is provided at each session so that young people can ask questions that they may have not felt comfortable asking aloud.

TESTIMONIAL:

The Youth outreach worker from WASUA attends the DAYS residential program once a month to facilitate a series of harm reduction workshops with the clients currently residing in the program. WASUA have been facilitating these groups for the past 18 months. The groups have become a valued asset to the day program bringing a personal perspective around the issues related to substance misuse. Mission Australia has policies regarding staff disclosing personal AOD use to clients so having WASUA's Youth Outreach worker being able to provide the personal perspective and journey for clients has been very beneficial. I very much appreciate the time and effort that goes into WASUA providing these groups and hope that they can continue coming out to DAYS in the future.

JacobDavis

ProgramManager

Drug and Alcohol Youth Service
Residential Rehabilitation

This program has been facilitated five (5) times at locations including; Cross Roads West in Kwinana, Comet in Clarkson and Anchor Point in Heathridge. The response from participating agencies has been positive and there have been multiple requests from other agencies requesting the service. Evaluations conducted by all participating agencies have been positive. Key outcomes from WASUA sessions include increased knowledge in WASUA services, ability to identify classifications of substances and risky behaviours around substance use. The success in multi-agency collaboration was presented upon at the Siren Symposium 2016.

teSTing, teSTing, ABC

WASUA applied to the Department of Local Government and Communities for funds to hold a youth testing day during Youth Week 2016. The aims of the event were to encourage people under 25 to access STI/BBV testing and to provide information on prevention, transmission and treatment of STI's/BBV's in a fun and friendly environment. The 2 day event targeted street present young people and those in crisis accommodation who may not have otherwise accessed testing.



The event was held at Mission Youth Beat Northbridge. Peers were involved in the development of advertising materials and show bags distributed on the days. Show bags are an effective means of distributing information to this demographic as it circumvents the embarrassment this group often feel over accessing information on sexual health.



Activities facilitated on the day included temporary tattooing from HepWA, condom and contraception activities provided by SHQ and WAAC and a special collaboration activity with Red Cross Save a Mate and WAAC which involved young people wearing the 'drunk goggles' then correctly placing a condom on a dildo. Food included roast chicken and beef, green and fruit salads, with juice and water available. Videos and music were also utilised to disseminate messages such as 'tea and consent' and 'the STI house'.

37 individuals attended with over 50 total presentations, with many attending both days. 5 attendees identified as ATSI, 5 identified as CaLD while 4 identified as transgendered. 14 young people accessed testing, 2 identified as ATSI while 4 identified as CaLD. 3 young people went on to receive vaccinations at WASUA, one was treated for chlamydia, one was referred to Midland for vaccinations and one young person was unable to be contacted further. Feedback and evaluations of the event were extremely positive and teSTing, teSTing ABC will become a regular part of the WASUA youth program.

Peer-Administered Naloxone Project

Between July 2015 and June 2016 the project delivered **16** sessions, training **110** individuals in how to recognise and respond to an opioid overdose. Due to a lack of funding it was unsustainable for the sessions to continue in Fremantle and Mandurah from 2016 onwards. Monthly sessions continue to be conducted in Perth, as well as sessions in Bunbury every three months, and regular sessions at the Ruah Centre.



During this reporting period the project conducted its first session with pre-release prisoners at Acacia Prison (SERCO). All three peer-participants were assessed as at high risk of experiencing and/or witnessing an Overdose on discharge, and all were due to be released within the next five days. Naloxone kits were provided to all inmates by the project, with SERCO providing the funds to purchase the naloxone. The kits were placed confidentially in the medical exit bags of the inmates who completed the training. As one inmate was being discharged to a regional location, it is extremely unlikely that he would have been able to access naloxone had it not been provided in his exit bag. This person has subsequently used naloxone to reverse an overdose, and has accessed a replacement script.



WASUA, the Mental Health Commission and Hepatitis WA collaborated to host a community meeting and BBQ/picnic at Hyde Park to recognise International Overdose Day in August 2015, which was well attended. Members of the public also had the opportunity to write a tribute to those lost to drug overdoses with a message on a silver leaf and these messages were hung in the Overdose Memorial Tree.

Between July 2015 and June 2016 the project dispensed **162** doses of naloxone to people who are likely to witness overdose. Over the three years of the project, **479** people have been trained, **225** Naloxone Kits (**450** doses) have been dispensed to opioid users who have participated in training sessions, and a further **232** replacement doses have been dispensed.

The National Drug Research Institute's evaluation of the project recommends it be continued and expanded. The report can be accessed via the following link: https://ndri.curtin.edu.au/local/docs/pdf/publications/wa_peer_naloxone_project.p



Overdose Prevention & Management Program

The Overdose Prevention and Management (OPAM) peer-education project was developed in collaboration between the WASUA and the DAO (now the Mental Health Commission), in response to increase rates of opioid overdose, particularly amongst injecting drug users (IDU), in Western Australia. The project design was informed by recommendations from the Overdose Strategy Group. The project was initially funded from 1 July 2010, and been in operation for the last six years.

The aim of the OPAM project is to reduce the physical and psychological harms associated with illicit drug use, especially opioid overdoses. The project provides education, information and ongoing support designed to increase the confidence and competence of community members in preventing, recognising, and managing opioid overdose and poly-drug central-nervous-system (CNS) depressant overdose, and preventing and responding appropriately to episodes of amphetamine toxicity. Further, the project trains and supports participants to act as volunteer Peer-educators within their own social networks; increasing the ability of their peers to recognise and appropriately respond to drug overdoses in the community.



OPAM peer-educators have privileged access to cohorts of IDU who are at risk of, and/or who are frequent witnesses to, opioid overdose and other drug-related harm. As such OPAM Peer-educators are in an ideal position to respond to overdose incidents as first-aiders, and also to deliver relevant and timely harm-reduction education and health information to their drug-using peers. The project utilises existing peer-networks to deliver potentially life-saving brief interventions with many consumers who typically are not in contact with harm reduction and NSEP providers, or with drug treatment and other services. The project also functions as an informal point-of-referral for such consumers to other WASUA services and to broader drug treatment, health, and social welfare agencies. Finally, de-identified data collected from OPAM Peer-educators (past and present) represents a unique and invaluable source of anecdotal, but real-time, intelligence on fluctuations in heroin purity/availability and of other current drug trends. Qualitative data gathered in this way becomes more reliable (and informs us of trends in wider geographical areas and wider socio-cultural networks) as our pool of former OPAM participants continues to expand. To date, **100** OPAM peer educators have been trained and **97** have remained in contact with the project for at least six months. Collectively they report having responded successfully to more than **110** overdoses and having delivered more than **14,700** peer-to-peer education sessions.

Aboriginal Community Engagement Program

WASUA received twelve month pilot project funding in June 2013 for the Aboriginal Community Engagement (ACE) Project, and has been refunded in each subsequent financial year. ACE is now entering its fourth year of operation.

The ACE Project aims to:

- Address the higher prevalence of BBV transmission and drug-related harm amongst Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) people who inject drugs (PWID).
- Provide culturally appropriate BBV and harm reduction information/education, NSEP services, and appropriate supported referral to other services through outreach to ATSI PWID.
- Build working partnerships with allied health agencies whose clients include ATSI PWID, by providing training and presentations, consultation/ liaison and outreach services.
- The outreach component of the ACE program acts as a unique bridge between street-level drug users and WASUA'S fixed site services (taking our services to the community).

During this year ACE recorded **842** Outreach interactions with WASUA consumers.

These included **614** episodes of NSEP delivery, harm reduction education sessions, or interventions, and **228** instances of supported-referral to other WASUA services or to external agencies.

ACE delivered NSEP services to consumers' homes or to street-present people in public open spaces, dispensing a total of **74,706** 1ml syringes and a further **9,179** other pieces of injecting equipment, with a 99.7% return rate on all sharps distributed.

61.7% of all consumers serviced via ACE identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.



In Memory Of



Anthony 'Ajay' Spiterri

Trevor



It is sad to say goodbye to a friend.

The above people were WASUA consumers and will be missed by us.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SUBSTANCE USERS ASSOCIATION INC.

ABN: 90058632943

Financial Report

for the year ended 30 June 2016

To the Members of the Western Australian Substance Users Association Inc

Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of the Western Australian Substance Users Association Inc ('the Association'), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016, and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration of the Association.

Board's responsibility for the financial report

The Board of directors of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Notes 1 to 4 to the financial statements is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors responsibility also includes such internal controls as the directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and 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 entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report 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 entity's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board, 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.

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Independence

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

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion:

a) the financial report of the Western Australian Substance Users Association Inc is prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- i) giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2016 and of its performance for the year ended on that date;
- ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Notes 1 to 4 of the financial statements and Division 60 the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*,

Basis of Accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Notes 1 to 4 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the director's financial reporting responsibilities under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Other Matter

As part of our audit of the 30 June 2016 financial report, we also audited the adjustments described in Note 12 that were applied to amend the 30 June 2015 comparative financial information. In our opinion, such adjustments are appropriate and have been properly applied. We were not engaged to audit, review or apply any procedures to the 30 June 2015 financial report of the Association other than with respect to the adjustments disclosed in Note 12 and accordingly we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance on the 30 June 2015 financial report taken as a whole.

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Amar Nathwani

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Director

31 October 2016
Perth

Statement by the Members of the Board of Management

For the year ending 30 June 2016

The Members of the Board of Management have determined that the Association is not a reporting entity.

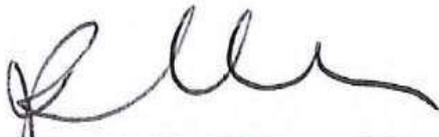
The Members of the Board of Management have determined that this Special Purpose Financial Report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Notes 1 -4 to the Financial Statements.

In the opinion of the Members of the Board of Management, the Financial Statements:

- (i) Present fairly the financial position of the Western Australian Substance Users Association Inc as at 30 June 2016 and its performance for the year ended on that date;
- (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent disclosed in Notes 1 - 4 to the Financial Statements.
- (iii) In the Board's opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of directors pursuant to Regulation 60.15 of the *ACNC Regulation 2013*.

President:



Treasurer:



Date:

31 October 2016

Western Australian Substance Users Association Inc.

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Statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income For year ended 30 June 2016

	Notes	2016	(Restated) 2015
Income		\$	\$
Grant Funding - Current Year	8	1,549,872	2,019,934
Amount transferred to grant funding in advance	8	(46,082)	
Total Grant Income.		<u>1,503,790</u>	<u>2,019,934</u>
Other Income			
Donations		23,779	1,882
Other Income		8,672	47,361
Bank Interest		18,046	32,027
NSEP HDWA		22,498	24,816
NSEP WASUA		19,972	20,103
Profit on disposal of asset		5,000	-
		<u>97,967</u>	<u>126,189</u>
Total Income		<u>1,601,757</u>	<u>2,146,123</u>
Expenditure			
Cost of Sales		42,066	59,398
Administration & Management		142,320	60,104
Advertising/Promotion		464	925
Accounting & Audit Fees		105,944	17,625
Bank Charges		457	283
Catering		4,937	3,596
Cleaning & Rubbish Disposal		5,814	1,530
Clinic Stock		378	(3,778)
Community & Resource Development		9,042	28,345
Consumables		5,321	8,985
Depreciation		26,511	45,493
Equipment Lease		2,071	-
Immediate Asset Write Off		1,016	441
Information Technology		7,196	
Insurance		20,229	22,041
Legal Fees		5,402	-
Motor Vehicle		22,172	31,821
Office Purchases		933	808

This statement should be read in conjunction with the attached audit report.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Western Australian Substance Users Association Inc.

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Statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income

For year ended 30 June 2016

	Notes	\$ 2016	(Restated) \$ 2015
Parking		1,815	9,408
Postage, Printing & Stationery		16,350	20,834
Provision for Annual Leave		(28,854)	19,679
Provision for Long Service Leave		(12,349)	(74,275)
Recruitment		32	3,613
Repairs & Maintenance		7,243	6,688
Rent & Outgoings		147,156	137,703
Salaries, Benefits, Associated Expenses		849,088	1,137,838
Security		937	1,457
Staff Education & Development		5,737	3,297
Subscriptions		9,850	2,622
Superannuation		74,614	105,174
Sundry Expenses		14,722	8,183
Telephone, Fax and Mobile Phones		15,191	20,764
Training and Supervision		1,901	1,119
Travel & Accommodation		13,307	24,560
Venue Hire/Equipment		1,170	2,965
Volunteer Expenses		2,144	3,899
Workers Compensation Insurance		29,259	17,530
Total Ordinary Expenditure		<u>1,551,586</u>	<u>1,730,675</u>
Net Surplus		<u>50,171</u>	<u>415,448</u>
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Total Comprehensive Income		<u>50,171</u>	<u>415,448</u>

This statement should be read in conjunction with the attached audit report.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Western Australian Substance Users Association Inc.

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Statement of Financial Position

For year ended 30 June 2016

	Notes	2016 \$	(Restated) 2015 \$
Current Assets			
Cash	5	1,411,281	1,549,555
Account Receivable		4,201	6,410
Prepayments		2,084	
Inventory		17,065	14,176
Total Current Assets		1,434,631	1,570,141
Non Current Assets			
Rental Bond		24,259	24,259
Plant & Equipment	6	261,229	44,538
Total Non Current Assets		285,488	68,797
TOTAL ASSETS		1,720,119	1,638,938
Current Liabilities			
Grants received in advance	8	46,082	
Trade & Other Payables	9	105,375	72,829
Amounts Due To ATO	10	17,863	24,276
Provisions	11	55,258	95,290
Total Current Liabilities		224,578	192,395
Non Current Liabilities			
Provisions	11	4,155	5,328
Total Non Current Liabilities		4,155	5,328
TOTAL LIABILITIES		228,733	197,723
Net Assets		1,491,386	1,441,215
Represented by:			
Members Funds			
Retained Earnings		1,278,465	863,017
Reserves		162,750	162,750
Current Year Surplus/Deficit		50,171	415,448
Total Equity		1,491,386	1,441,215

Western Australian Substance Users Association Inc.

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Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year ended 30 June 2016

	Note	2016	Restated 2015
Retained Surplus			
Retained Surplus at 1 July		1,278,465	592,661
Effect of prior year restatement			270,356
Balance after restatement		<u>1,278,465</u>	<u>863,017</u>
Net Surplus for the year		50,171	542,543
Effect of prior year restatement	12		(127,095)
Balance after restatement		<u>50,171</u>	<u>415,448</u>
Total Retained Earnings 30 June		<u>1,328,636</u>	<u>1,278,465</u>
Reserves			
Other Reserves at 1 July		162,750	162,750
Total Reserves 30 June		<u>162,750</u>	<u>162,750</u>
Balance of Equity at 30 June		<u>1,491,386</u>	<u>1,441,215</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows For year ended 30 June 2016

	Notes	2016	2015
Cash flow from operating activities			
Grant Funding and Other Income		1,599,899	2,111,207
Cash payments to suppliers and employees		(1,540,149)	(1,705,750)
Interest Received		18,046	32,027
Net cash from operating activities	7	<u>77,796</u>	<u>437,484</u>
Cash flow from investing activities			
Payments for property plant and equipment		(221,070)	
Proceeds from sale of equipment		5,000	
Cash flow used in investing activities		<u>(216,070)</u>	
Net (decrease/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(138,274)	437,484
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		1,549,555	1,112,071
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	5	<u>1,411,281</u>	<u>1,549,555</u>

DRSABCD Action Plan

In an emergency **call triple zero (000)** and ask for an ambulance

D **DANGER**

Ensure the area is safe for your self, others and the patient



R **RESPONSE**

Check for response—ask name—squeeze shoulders

No response

Response

Make comfortable

Monitor response



S **SEND for help**

Call triple zero (000) for an ambulance
or ask another person to make the call



A **AIRWAY**

Open mouth—if foreign material present

Place in recovery position

Clear airway with fingers



B **BREATHING**

Check for breathing—look, listen, feel

Not normal breathing

Start CPR

Normal breathing

Place in recovery position

Monitor breathing



C **CPR**

Start CPR—30 chest compressions : 2 breaths

Continue CPR until help arrives
or patient recovers



D **DEFIBRILLATION**

Apply defibrillator if available
and follow voice prompts



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