

+ WA AIDS Council Annual Report

2010 - 2011



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+ Annual Report Key Facts

The Western Australian AIDS Council was officially incorporated in October 1985 under the Associations Incorporation Act in response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in WA. The two primary objectives are prevention and education of people at risk of acquiring HIV and the provision of care and support to people living with HIV.

The WA AIDS Council is a community based, not-for-profit organisation underpinned by core values of excellence, community, accountability, commitment and access and equity. A volunteer Board of Management governs the Council which has 36 staff members and 150 volunteers who work in a variety of roles throughout the organisation. Over half of the current staff started their association with the Council as volunteers.

During 2010 and 2011, the Council received funds from Western Australian Department of Health – Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Program; the Mental Health Commission; the Coalition of Australian Governments (COAG); Lotterywest; Healthway; Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing; Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and many Local Government Authorities. It also generates its own funds and receives financial and product support from many local sponsors and businesses.

+ Vision

Strengthening our community's health and quality of life.

+ Mission

To minimise the impact and further transmission of HIV, other blood borne viruses and sexually transmissible infections

To demonstrate leadership and excellence in education, advocacy, support and health enhancement services.

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+ The Epidemiology of HIV/AIDS in WA

At the end of 2009, 1666 people had been diagnosed with HIV in Western Australian with 331 deaths. Of those diagnosed approximately 1400 were male and 260 were female with a small number of people reporting being transgendered.¹

In the 2010 to 2011 financial year there were 96 new HIV diagnoses compared with 111 newly diagnosed HIV infections in the 2009 to 2010 period and 82 in the 2008 to 2009 period. Of those diagnosed in 2010 to 2011, 41.4% were homosexually active men and 58% were heterosexual males and females most of whom had acquired HIV overseas.²

+ HIV and AIDS

AIDS stands for 'acquired immunodeficiency syndrome' (a syndrome means a cluster of medical conditions). It is caused by the slow-acting human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) which targets and weakens the body's immune system.

HIV is passed on through certain body fluids (blood, semen, menstrual fluids, vaginal fluids, breast milk). The virus must pass directly into the blood stream of another person through activities such as anal, vaginal and oral sex without a condom, sharing injecting/ piercing and tattooing equipment and from a HIV positive woman to her baby during pregnancy, childbirth and breastfeeding.

A person with HIV can look and feel well for many years, without knowing they have the virus. A blood test is the only certain way to determine whether an individual is infected. Since 1996, highly active antiretroviral therapies have been available which have dramatically improved the outlook for people living with HIV.

1. HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis and sexually transmissible infections in Australia Annual Surveillance Report 2010 National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research (NCHECR) and Department of Health Surveillance reports.

2. Department of Health Communicable Disease Control Directorate.

+ The Board of Management 2010 - 2011

Samantha Dowling BA UWA – Chairperson

Samantha has been involved and committed to many community groups in the GLBTI community of WA for some twenty years. Samantha was an adviser in the office of the Attorney General during Gay and Lesbian Law Reform in 2001 and 2002 and is now a senior policy officer at the WA GP Network.

Jonathan Hallett BA Murdoch, Post Grad Dip Int Hlth Curtin – Deputy Chairperson

Jonathan works at the WA Centre for Health Promotion Research at Curtin University and is currently completing his PhD in Public Health. He has worked and volunteered at the WA AIDS Council in a number of education and health promotion programs as well as being involved in planning and coordination of the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations Making Links Conference.

Samuel Cutt LLB (Hons), BA Murdoch – Treasurer

Sam is employed with the law firm Blake Dawson Waldron. He volunteered at the WA AIDS Council assisting with fundraising and events from 2001 until 2005 and has been on the Board of Management since then.

Mark Woodman – Secretary

Mark trained in neuropsychology and worked in that area for some years before moving to his current position as Ethics Coordinator at RPH. Mark is a former Chairperson of Gay and Lesbian Community Services and has volunteered in a number of WA AIDS Council programs.

Darren Vernede – Openly HIV Positive Representative

Darren acquired HIV and hepatitis C in the early 1980s through blood products. He has served on the Haemophilia Foundation of WA for 12 years and represented WA in national forums. He has a Medical Technology Certificate IV (TAFE), a degree in Mediation from Curtin University and is currently studying Psychology and Counselling at the College of Advanced Psychology. He has worked in senior management roles and operated his own commercial cleaning business. Darren is married with 3 children.

(Peter) Willie Rowe BA, BCom UWA – Community Representative

Willie has been on the Board since 1997 and has previously served as Chairperson and Treasurer. He has extensive experience in government, political and lobbying processes and currently works as a consultant to businesses and government.

Daniel McAullay PhD, MAE, BSc – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community representative

Daniel is a member of the Nyoongar community of the South West of Western Australia. He is the inaugural Bellberry Senior Research Fellow at Edith Cowan University after working at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, the WA Department of Health as a senior policy officer, Derbarl Yerrigan as a community nurse and Royal Perth Hospital as a registered nurse.

Steve Fragomeni BA Curtin, Grad Dip English (Journalism) and Grad Dip (Education) – non-voting Staff Representative

Steve has been employed at WAAC since 2006 as a Peer Educator in the Diverse Sexuality Health Promotion Services Team after a career in education and film and television.

Trish Langdon BCom, BSW, Grad Dip Pub Hlth UWA – Ex Officio Executive Director

Trish has worked at the WA AIDS Council since 2000 having worked in hospital settings and disability services in WA and NSW. She was the previous Chairperson of the WA AIDS Council.

+ Chairperson's Report

It is with great pleasure that I present the WA AIDS Council Annual Report for 2010-2011.

In my first year as the WA AIDS Council Chairperson I have seen the organisation go through many changes with the addition of new services that continue to deliver on the strategic intent of WAAC by reducing the incidence of HIV whilst assisting in the treatment and care of those living with HIV/AIDS in Western Australia.

Some such services include WAAC embarking on the development of the Fremantle Needle Exchange and Clinic, which sees the organisation continue to work deep within communities, by establishing a presence that aims to reduce harm and improve awareness of the risks of blood borne viruses and STIs.

The establishment of the M Clinic in West Leederville is another new service to come online this year which has again shown the WA AIDS Council as a national leader in community based HIV testing, by increasing access and providing a safe peer/clinician co-lead environment for men who have sex with men in WA to be tested for the virus.

And of course, this would not be a report of the WAAC Chairperson without making clear reference to the fantastic work of the Freedom Centre, which continues to be the virtual sole service provider of health promotion services to same sex attracted and gender diverse young people in WA.

Globally we also saw a shifting of the sands in the response to HIV, with the announcement of the Political Declaration on HIV and AIDS; Intensifying Our Efforts to Eliminate HIV and AIDS. This statement by States and Governments of the United Nations commits members to guiding and intensifying the response to HIV and AIDS at community, local, national, regional and international levels to halt and reverse the HIV epidemic and mitigate its impact. The WAAC Board of Management has welcomed this news and congratulates all that worked towards its achievement and furthermore commit to driving the agenda here in WA.

WAAC has also contributed to raising awareness in the WA community in the months leading up to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). Commonwealth nations are disproportionately affected by HIV. Only 30% of the world's population live in Commonwealth countries and yet have 60% of the world's population living with HIV. In many of these countries, discriminatory laws exist for marginalised and vulnerable groups, thereby making access to information, education and health services very difficult and which exacerbates HIV infection. CHOGM provides a great opportunity to highlight these issues and push for change in these countries.

Nationally WAAC has continued to contribute to the work of the LGBTI Health Alliance, by not only resourcing the work of the Alliance but by also driving the Wear it with Pride campaign here in WA. Wear it with Pride focused the spotlight on the changes to 85 federal laws that discriminated against same-sex couple and their families in areas such as Immigration, social security and parenting.

Looking towards the future, the National Health Reform agenda provides WAAC with a unique opportunity to focus our resources more pointedly on discreet populations and areas and will assist us in working with our partners across the healthcare and non-government sector to improve the health outcomes for all Western Australians. With the review of Positive Services being embraced by WAAC we are about to see a new database system come on line that assists the organisation to better provide care and support for people who are living with HIV/AIDS.

In Western Australia the HIV epidemic is unique, with our community facing challenges different to the rest of the nation in fighting the incidence and awareness of HIV/AIDS. These differences means that we must step up and be leaders in areas where others may avoid, one example is that in 2010-11 WAAC contributed to the debate on Sex Work Law Reform here in WA which proposes changes to the current laws that may push the industry further underground which could in turn result in a spike of HIV transmissions. The Board of Management is acutely aware of this uniqueness and continues to work with the staff and volunteers in addressing the needs of those at risk and equally of those living with the virus.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Management, the Executive Director, management, staff, and volunteers for all of their good work over the past year. Additionally I would like to pay tribute to all our supporters for their commitment in assisting WAAC in its outstanding work of keeping awareness and prevention at its core, and also by assisting us to support those living with HIV in WA.

Samantha Dowling
Chairperson

+ Executive Director's Report

The 5th June 2011 marked 30 years since the first official HIV/AIDS case report by the U.S.A. Centre for Disease Control (CDC). It was one year later before the first Australian HIV case was reported in Sydney. However communities had started mobilising throughout Australia, including in WA. The WA AIDS Council was officially incorporated on 11th October 1985 and marked its 25th anniversary this year.

Over the years the Council has been part of an ever changing epidemic shaped by disparate factors ranging from the increasing availability of effective HIV treatments, government policy and legislation, migration and travel patterns, community expectations, workforce availability, health system reform and changing sexual behaviour. All of these factors must be taken into consideration in order to respond with appropriate prevention strategies targeting a broadening range of people who potentially may be at risk of acquiring HIV.

The WA AIDS Council has also evolved to meet the ever growing and changing health, social and psychological needs of people living with HIV. A number of long term survivors who managed to weather the early storm to take advantage of emergence of antiretroviral therapy in 1996 have moved forward in their lives. However there are some people with HIV who are now facing different challenges such as ageing with HIV, complex side effects from treatments and the impact of co-morbidities.

The WA AIDS Council has responded by employing a Policy Officer who is responsible for policy development to meet the needs of the internal environment as well as the capacity to respond to external policy debates. The Community Development Officer responsible for building capacity in culturally and linguistically diverse communities has made significant progress in establishing meaningful relationships with these communities.

Financially, the organisation is in a robust financial position which provides a degree of certainty for its future endeavours. The funding boost from the WA Government will ensure that the Council is able to attract and retain employees. In terms of physical infrastructure, the West Perth building's bathrooms and kitchens have been renovated, the M Clinic in West Leederville was opened and plans are well advanced for the Fremantle Needle and Syringe site to open in the coming year.

I would like to thank the management team of Peter Kift, Mark Reid, Sally Rowell and Lisa Tomney for their ongoing contribution and commitment to the work of the WA AIDS Council. I would also like to commend the dedicated staff of the Council who continue to provide innovative services for the people and communities we serve. During the year, the Council has welcomed former staff members who bring back to the Council their wisdom and skills, as well as new staff members who bring a range of new skills and experience to the sector.

I would also like to thank the Board of Management for their guidance, support and counsel throughout the year. The WA AIDS Council is very fortunate to have a Board of Management which provides outstanding leadership and governance to the work of the Council. It should be remembered that the members of the Board are volunteers, who like all the volunteers of the agency, provide an invaluable service to the agency as well as to the broader community.

Trish Langdon
Executive Director

**With the
Community
for 25 years**

**WA AIDS Council wishes you
a safe and happy Pride.**

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+ Positive Services Department

The Positive Services department was staffed by Ben Bradstreet, Amanda Crow, Kale Dyer, Claire Lawrie, Cipri Martinez, Grace Oh, and Judy Walls throughout the year. Other staff members who left the department during the year were Kim Brooklyn, Kelly Marlow and Bree van de Zuidwind.

In April 2011, the Department welcomed Lisa Tomney back to the WA AIDS Council into the Positive Services Manager's role. Lisa has previously volunteered and worked at the Council in a number of roles in Positive Services and brings great enthusiasm and knowledge with her.

During the year the independent review of the Positive Services department was completed and the comprehensive recommendations are now in the process of being implemented by the department. This includes the development and implementation of an appropriate data management system and a revamp of the service model to include goal setting and reviews for and with the clients of the department in conjunction with other service providers. The integrated social and wellbeing program will be further developed to reduce people's feelings of social isolation.

The department continues to have ongoing close working relationships with clinical and allied service providers from the tertiary hospital system, general practitioners and other non-government organisations in order to offer a holistic service. In the coming year the Positive Services department will consolidate new services, links and partnerships. This is in keeping with the increasing number of heterosexual men and women being diagnosed with HIV, most of which is acquired overseas, including people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) backgrounds. Judy Walls, the Community Development Officer has provided training to community leaders and other people working with people from diverse backgrounds, providing information via community radio programs and initiating social support, particularly for women.

The Support Officers, Amanda Crow, Claire Lawrie and Grace Oh (until December) provide practical assistance such as housing advocacy, budgetary assistance and debt negotiation, organising assistance with household activities, access to emergency financial assistance and food parcels. The bequest program provides funds for items such as white goods, dental work or course fees to assist people to get back to work. Information on treatments, dealing with a new diagnosis and sexuality issues are provided by Cipri Martinez, a HIV+ peer educator.

Positive Services continues to have a very productive partnership with ReLink which enables people living with HIV the opportunity to participate in a range of recreational activities such as swimming or light exercise. These activities are designed to enhance people's health and wellbeing whilst having fun and socialising with other people. The department also offers complementary therapies such as relaxing massages, reiki, acupuncture and reflexology with volunteer practitioners.

The Positive Services department also offers a range of services which are designed to help people overcome isolation or loneliness. Retreats are held each year which are a mix of skill building, information sharing and just plain fun. Participants often make life changing breakthroughs when they attend retreats as they are able to conquer difficult issues in a safe and supportive environment. Other social events are organised to cater to different needs. Each year, the Positive Services department holds a Christmas party for families affected by HIV along with barbecues, dinners and picnics for people to get together to discuss common issues in a supportive environment.

+ Counselling

Ben Bradstreet, Kale Dyer, Kim Brooklyn (until September 2010) and Bree van de Zuidwind (until December) provided counselling services to people living with and/or affected by HIV/AIDS, people in situations of risk and people wishing to explore their sexuality, gender identity or relationship issues.

739 face to face counselling sessions were offered to 475 clients of whom 158 were HIV+. A further 456 contacts were made by phone. Issues addressed included depression and anxiety, HIV/AIDS, diverse sexuality and gender, substance use, relationships, suicidal ideation, trauma and sexual abuse.

+ The Watson-Browne and Phyllis Hill Bequest Program 2010-2011

The WA AIDS Council administers two bequests used to provide direct assistance to HIV positive people in WA. The Watson-Browne Bequest provides financial assistance for gay men with HIV (as per the terms of the will). The Phyllis Hill Bequest provides general financial assistance to people living with HIV including women, children and heterosexual men. Both bequests are held in high interest bearing accounts with the interest being re-invested in the accounts.

There were 15 recipients of the Watson Brown Bequest totalling \$11,738 and 11 recipients of the Phyllis Hill Bequest totalling \$7,539 for dental work, household goods, course fees, optical equipment and mobility vehicles.

HAPAN received \$5,205 to fund social networking dinners for HIV+ people.

+ Key statistics

- There were 1,210 direct occasions of practical, financial and emotional support to approximately 274 people living with HIV and their families. 75% were men, 50% were heterosexual, 45% gay/msm and 51% were from an Aboriginal or culturally and linguistically diverse background. Nearly 65% were aged over 37 years of age with the vast majority living in the metropolitan area;
- Assistance was provided to 2 people in WA prisons;
- 450 volunteer hours (187 occasions of service) were provided to assist people who were unwell or physically unable to manage within the home and required practical or emotional support;
- 971 referrals were made for financial assistance including negotiation with Centrelink, medical concerns, welfare assistance, accommodation, counselling, employment and volunteering;
- 657 contacts were made by the peer educator;
- 32 applications were made to the Watson-Browne and Phyllis Hill bequests;
- 76 applications to the HIV assistance fund to assist with payments for essential services such as power, gas, rent and telephone;
- 126 food parcels were provided to people who were unable to purchase the basic food required to maintain adequate nutrition;
- 2 Genesis workshops were run for 9 newly diagnosed people;
- 278 HIV+ people made enquiries regarding HIV treatments, post exposure prophylaxis, side effects and access to clinical services;
- 40 people living with HIV attended the annual Treatments Forum and dinner in September 2010;
- 5 HIV+ women were pampered for World AIDS Day by MAC;
- 34 women, men and children attended the annual Christmas family day at Rosemount Bowls;
- 42 HIV+ adults attended the annual Christmas lunch;
- 41 Christmas hampers were distributed;
- 33 people attended a social BBQ for HIV+ people in February 2011;
- 15 men and 2 women attended the Positive Retreat in March 2011;
- Weekly ReLink sessions were attended by an average of 5 HIV+ people for swimming, gym, kayaking and ten pin bowling;
- 2 'STR8 Up' dinners for HIV+ heterosexual people were conducted with 18 people attending;
- A support group for HIV+ African Women was formed;
- 6 HIV+ women attended an International Women's Day function;
- 2 HIV+ women attended cooking sessions through ReLink;
- 14 volunteer practitioners provided 318 complementary therapy sessions for 187 clients.

Volunteer Practitioners Needed

Living Well offers free complementary therapies to people living with HIV.

Volunteers make this programme possible

If you have 2 to 3 hours a week to spare we need you.

For more information contact Claire Lawrie at the WA AIDS Council

on 9482 0000 or email clawrie@waaids.com



www.waaids.com



+ Community Health Promotion Services

The Community Health Promotion Services Department was managed by Sally Rowell during the year. The role of the department is to provide HIV and STI education, awareness and health hardware in the general community particularly young people, travellers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people who inject drugs.

+ General community - AIDSline

AIDSline, an anonymous telephone service, received 162 calls in the year regarding specific information about HIV/AIDS, testing, safe sex, drug information and hepatitis.

+ Young People

Keep It Safe Summer (KISS)

The Office of Crime Prevention provides funds for a multi agency response to reduce health issues such as excessive drinking, substance use or unsafe sexual activity aimed at school leavers' celebrations.

Coordinated by Asha Singh, the Keep it Safe Summer Program used outreach peer educators to provide education to school leavers' celebrating at Rottneest Island and Dunsborough. Over 1300 Leavers' accessed the outreach services and over 200 participated in the Pitstop program. Written resources and over 1600 safe sex packs were distributed.

School and community program

Reena D'Souza coordinated 94 talks to 2,990 community members in WA. Nearly half of the talks were personal perspectives delivered by a person living with HIV/AIDS presenting a human face of HIV, promoting awareness and understanding. 12 school talks were also conducted prior to Leavers' Celebrations (KISS) to 1,275 Year 12 students.

Sexual Health Expos were held at Carine, Mindarie and Wanneroo Senior High Schools. The WA AIDS Council participated at O'Days (Orientation days) held at Murdoch, Edith Cowan, Curtin and the University of WA, distributing 623 condom packs. The Council also provided outreach services at the Big Day Out, distributing 250 condom packs.

WA Sexual Health Week – February 2011

Sexual Health Week aims to create an enabling environment for young people aged between 15 and 24 years to improve their sexual health through community engagement and collaborative partnerships. The theme was Safety Pleasure and Respect with resources produced and distributed to a number of different communities. The WA AIDS Council facilitated a small grants program to ten community groups to design and deliver local events.

+ Travellers

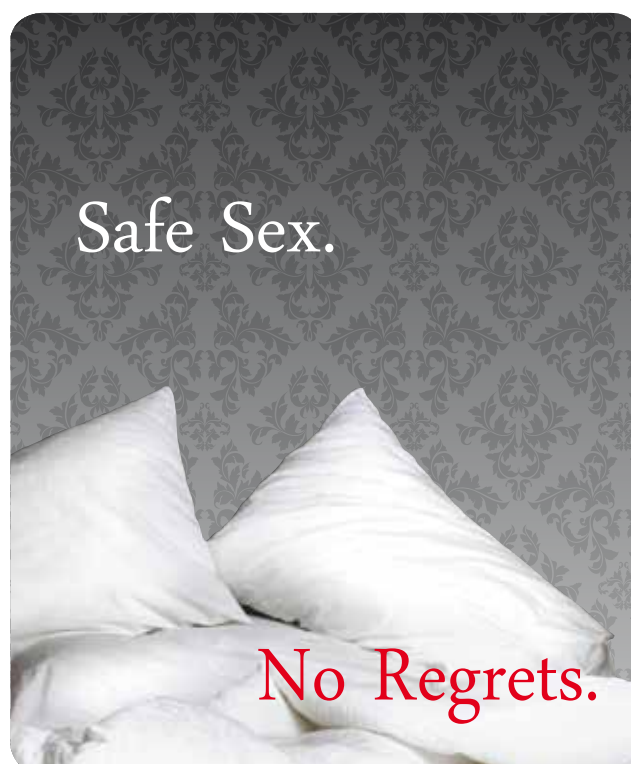
Sex in Other Cities Project

A team of people contribute to this project including Kristen Knox, Trish Langdon, Sally Rowell and Nadine Toussaint which aims to increase HIV awareness for people who travel to and from high prevalence areas for holidays or work or are fly in fly out workers working in the resource sector in WA.

An innovative on-line training package has been developed for employees of Barrick Gold who are travelling overseas for work purposes. The training package covers a number of safety issues with comprehensive information regarding HIV and sexually transmissible infections. Awareness raising and information has been provided to Occupational Safety and Health Officers employed in different resource companies.

A presentation to the National Minerals Council of Australia meeting in October 2010 highlighted the connection between the resource sector, potential HIV acquisition and general sexual health matters. Advocacy has been done with Rio Tinto, BHP Billiton and Newmont. Further information and advocacy has been provided to the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Blood Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmissible Infections.

The WA AIDS Council has advertised and provided editorial in in-flight magazines and specialised magazines targeting fly in fly out workers employed in the resource sector in Western Australia. A website – www.sexinothercities.com.au is also available.



+ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

Gail Jones of Nyoongar and the Palyku people was the Aboriginal Community Development officer until November 2010. The WA AIDS Council again provided significant support to NAIDOC (National Australian Indigenous Day of Observance Committee) Celebration for their annual ball and other awareness raising activities. HIV/AIDS and sexual health issues were highlighted at the WA AIDS Council stall at the FPWA Indigenous Health Workers' Conference held in Perth. A person living with HIV spoke at World AIDS Day awareness and fundraising events held by Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Corporation in Broome including a number of media engagements. 6,620 condom packs and specially designed resources including posters were distributed to Aboriginal community controlled health organisations and public health units accessed by metropolitan and rural and regional areas.

+ People who Inject Drugs – Needle and Syringe Exchange Program

The Needle and Syringe Exchange Program (NSEP) was staffed by Gavin Brunini, Reno Furfaro, Sam Gibbings, Grace Oh and Don Strahan along with dedicated volunteers. Graham Andrew, Matthew Armstrong and Kelly Marlow also worked on the NSEP during the year. Mobile outreach services are provided at ten different sites in the metropolitan and outer metropolitan area as well as a fixed site in the West Perth office.

During the 2010 -2011 financial year there was a 4.83% increase in the volume of equipment distributed with a 2.32% reduction in the number of people accessing the service. There were 6,935 client contacts compared with 7,100 contacts in the previous year. The amount of equipment distributed increased from 1,298,783 units to 1,361,460. The return rate for equipment remains at extremely high levels.

The program continues to enjoy excellent working relationships with HepatitisWA and WASUA. The planned Fremantle fixed-site will open in September 2011 with both agencies contributing joint services as well as professional in-services, resources, information and training.

The annual prevalence survey of HIV, HCV and injecting and sexual behaviour among people who inject drugs was conducted in October of 2010. 120 (72 male and 48 female) NSEP clients took part in this survey with 95% aged over 25 years. Consistent with national patterns, participants reported injecting either heroin or methamphetamine. 52% reported they had not injected in a public place in the previous month, which is an improvement from the previous 12 months. HIV prevalence was low (less than 2%) but hepatitis C prevalence at 60% was slightly higher than the previous year.

The following table shows the occasions of service and equipment distributed in the Perth metropolitan and outer metropolitan area.

SITE	Occasions of service		% change	Equipment distributed		% change
	09/10	10/11		09/10	10/11	
Fremantle	1,810	1,900	+4.97%	240,571	293,151	+21.8%
Mirrabooka	1,133	602	-46.87%	170,109	113,171	-33.47%
Mandurah	764	1,248	+63.35%	215,996	265,545	+22.93%
Gosnells	1,074	928	-13.59%	187,628	164,671	-12.23%
Rockingham	463	579	+25.05%	133,307	130,271	-2.27%
West Perth	590	748	+26.78%	95,963	122,681	+27.84%
Midland	228	361	+58.33%	53,811	64,874	+20.55%
Armadale	401	638	+59.1%	80,872	87,104	+7.7%
Joondalup	290	375	+29.31%	75,539	76,681	+1.51%
Forrestfield	125	194	+55.2%	35,086	36,579	+4.25%
Northbridge	222	72	-67.57%	9,901	6,732	-32%
TOTAL	7,100	6,935	-2.32%	1,298,783	1,361,460	+4.82%

+ Diverse Sexuality Health Promotion Services

The Diverse Sexuality Health Promotion Services Department incorporates education, prevention and clinical services for gay men and men who have sex with men, as well as the Freedom Centre service.

The department is managed by Mark Reid and staffed by Aaron Agnew, Michael Atkinson, David Bright, Tony Bober, Ben Bradstreet (until March 2011), Clyde DuBois (until December 2010), Steven Fragomeni, Garry Kuchel, Gavin Tsai as well as Drs Ben Dessauvagie, Paul Effler, Glen Lo, Lewis Marshall, Kevin O'Connor, Toby Nichols and Terry Pitsikis at the M Clinic and SOPV clinic. Dani Wright and Terri Garnett staff the Freedom Centre and Nadine Toussaint undertakes the advertising and design work for the department.

+ Community Involvement

The Diverse Sexuality Health Promotion Services team continues to have ongoing contact with a number of community groups, including Bears, Pride, Gay and Lesbian Community Services (GLCS), Loton Park Tennis Club, Gay and Lesbian Retirement Association Incorporated (GRAI) and Woof Club and esoteric sex clubs. The department was actively involved in Pride, participating in Fairday and the Pride parade and other Pride events such as quiz nights.

The WA AIDS Council has also established a new group for sexually adventurous men and started 'Harness' a social/ educational group for these guys. To date, over 50 guys have attended 'Harness' events and some have expressed interest in becoming 'Harness' masters, to provide peer based information.

Over 25,380 condom packs were distributed to clubs and venues and print resources and posters were made available. The 'Safe Sex Angels' distributed condoms at various community events and gay and lesbian hotels and nightclubs.

The WA AIDS Council continues to work with Local Government Authorities in the metropolitan area to provide training and support with regard to sexuality, gender diversity and beat culture.

+ Peer support

The WA AIDS Council provides peer based support to men who have sex with men in order to build skills, make referrals and provide appropriate information.

The following courses were held:

- 2 x 'Men on Men' (6 week course) with 16 men completing;
- 1 x 'Nitty Gritties' (5 week course) – 15 men completing;
- 1 x 'Cruising workshops' (5 week course) – 9 men completing;
- 1 x Loving Our Way (5 week course) – 12 men completing;
- 1 x reunion/ Christmas party
- 1 Men on Men weekend retreat – 12 attending; and
- 1 Workshop Co-facilitators Training yielding 12 workshop facilitators.

Other peer support activities:

- 293 men, of whom 249 were new callers, contacted Mensline, an anonymous telephone education service for men in the metropolitan and rural and remote areas. The service is aimed at men who are attracted to, or seek to have sex with, other men. 45% of the callers were in primary relationships with women and 33% reported having sex with women. Callers are referred to a variety of services including the M Clinic for testing.
- There were 46 men online interactions lasting an average of 10 minutes through CyberReach which provides sexual health information, support and referrals to gay men in popular chat room settings.
- One on one peer support was provided to an additional 43 men at WAAC, ClubX and BiHouse.

+ The Perth Gay Community Periodic Survey 2010

The Perth Gay Community Periodic Survey¹ was conducted during Pride month in 2010 with 917 men recruited from Fairday, Steamworks, the M Clinic and the Court Hotel. There was significant increase in the proportion of respondents aged less than 25 years which influenced some of the findings, including awareness about post exposure prophylaxis.

Those surveyed reported finding sexual partners via the internet (39.2%), gay bars (32.2%) and gay saunas (20.5%) which impacts on the educational strategies. Condom use remains more common with casual partners rather than regular partners, but there has been an upward trend of men reporting unprotected anal intercourse with casual partners between 2002 and 2010. Between 2004 and 2010, there has been significant increase in the number of men who have had testing for STIs, including HIV+ men. The survey also showed there was a good awareness about syphilis, how it is transmitted and that it can be asymptomatic.

1. Hull, Holt, Mao et al National Centre in HIV Social Research; 'Gay Community Periodic Survey: Perth 2010'

+ Sexual Health Clinical Services

During 2010 and 2011, the program expanded to include a new stand-alone community based sexual health service – the M Clinic funded by the Department of Health. This sexual health service for men who have sex with men was officially launched in July 2010. It is a combination of a peer-based, population health and clinical model which is integrated with other health promotion activities in the department. The overall aim is to improve sexual health literacy amongst gay men and men who have sex with men in order to reduce HIV and STI transmission through early diagnosis and treatment.

The men who attend the M Clinic are seen as 'sexual beings', rather than 'an infection' and are actively empowered and proactive in the testing process rather than as passive recipients of services. The extended hours of the service, along with its accessible location and approachable staff make this is a unique service in Australia. It also provides a blue print for the potential introduction of community based rapid HIV testing in Australia.

The implementation of this model followed a high uptake of screening and testing services provided by peer educators at the WA AIDS Council office in West Perth since 2007 and complements the anonymous clinic available at Perth Steamworks every Monday. The service continues to work in partnership with two pathology providers, Clinipath and Pathwest.


Promotion for the service was done via websites such as the WA AIDS Council, ProjectX and Same Same, social media, advertising and editorial in Out in Perth, Xpress magazine, Pride Fairday, Mr Leather competition, community newspapers, and wallet cards. Direct referrals were received from WAAC programs, gay social groups and service based community groups, contact tracers, tertiary hospitals and GPs and drug and alcohol agencies.

During 2010 and 2011, 776 men attended the M Clinic, 250 attended the Steamworks clinic and 44 attended the WA AIDS Council clinic until it was phased out. The combined clinics undertook 12,543 tests which yielded 7 HIV diagnoses, 18 infectious syphilis cases, 2 hepatitis B cases, 1 hepatitis C case, 59 gonorrhoea and 78 chlamydia cases. Hepatitis A and B and HPV vaccinations are also provided.

+ Social Marketing

The WA AIDS Council has a strong presence in Out in Perth, the local community newspaper targeting gay men and men who have sex with men. However, the Council also advertises in a number of other community newspapers and street magazines and online publications. A range of complementary booklets, postcards and condom packs provide information regarding HIV and sexual health testing. During the year, there was an emphasis on increasing testing, particularly at the M Clinic, among the target group. The ProjectX website also provides a range of useful information.

The Drama Down Under campaign, including the website services and material developed by AFAO continues to be an important addition to our locally produced resources.



When stripped down to our undies we are all the same.

We have pride.

We have fun.

We have sex...

...and we are all welcome at the M Clinic.

FREE, confidential and non-judgemental STI testing.
No appointment needed. Bring Medicare card for pathology.

Clinic Hours
Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am - 3.30pm | Tues: 7am - 2.30pm
Wed: 1pm - 7.30pm | Sat: 9am-12.30pm

Thank you to all the guys who participated in our photo shoot at City of Perth Pride Fairday
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+ The Freedom Centre

The Freedom Centre in Brisbane Street Northbridge is a unique service initiated some 18 years ago by the WA AIDS Council and funded by the Mental Health Commission. It is a vibrant drop-in space coordinated by Dani Wright with Terri Garnett and Aaron Agnew providing staff support along with 18 trained peer volunteers. The Freedom Centre is open to people aged between 18 and 26 years with same sex attraction, diverse sexuality and/or gender. Its aim is to increase resilience, a sense of self worth, self esteem and health-seeking skills in order to prevent self harm and suicide.

In addition to the drop-in space, the Freedom Centre has a strong online presence. There are 434 registered users of the Freedom Centre forum, participating in online discussion groups, particularly helpful for people living outside the metropolitan area or those who are shy about attending the drop-in centre. A growing trend is for young people to access the online service prior to attending the drop-in space in order to explore how safe they feel and whether the service is appropriate to their particular needs. Another pleasing trend is that an increasing number of parents have confidence in what the Freedom Centre provides and are encouraging their sons and daughters to attend.

There were 155 drop-in sessions held at the Freedom Centre including 'Freespace' which uses arts based activity to engage young people, 'Outspace', Skill Share, 'GenderQ' which provides a safe space for gender diverse young people and 'ATSI-Qspace' a specific session for young people from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background in partnership with YouthLink. 193 young people attended the Freedom Centre for a total of 1,555 visits. In addition 'sleepover' retreats are held with an emphasis on skill-building activities.

The Freedom Centre also provides work force development and training to tertiary students, other agencies and organisations and specific written resources are available. Currently staff from the Freedom Centre are involved with the WA Equal Opportunities Commission in planning how to make schools a safe space for young people. Dani Wright is also the WA director for the National LGBTI Health Alliance which provides policy and advocacy to the Federal government.

The Freedom Centre has developed and implemented a best practice evaluation model which is used in debriefing after each session and is a clear and meaningful approach to monitoring and evaluation of the service.

+ ExSIGHT

Earlier in 2011, funding was obtained to undertake an arts-based project called ExSIGHT, culminating in a collection of original works created by young people at the Freedom Centre during a series of community art workshops with local artists, Martin Wills and Peter Farmer. The ExSIGHT exhibition showcased the art created by these talented young people during the course of the project and provided a great opportunity for the larger community to support the young people's inspirational achievements.

A wonderful mural now covers 2 walls of the Freedom Centre, representing a 'utopian' setting using red and yellow of the Aboriginal Flag, blue and green of the Torres Strait Islander flag

and purple and orange of the Freedom Centre. All of these colours make up the six colours of the Pride flag which represent life, healing, sunlight, nature, harmony and spirit.

The exhibition was launched in April 2011 and attended by Freedom Centre visitors, volunteers, community members and a number of very proud parents and family members. Young people who participated in the project reported a greater sense of social connectedness and community engagement. The Freedom Centre's visitors' mental and physical wellbeing improved because they had access to new experiences, opportunities and skills.



ExSIGHT Art Exhibition - April 14 - 16

A collection of original works created by young people at the Freedom Centre during a series of community art workshops with local artists Martin Wills and Peter Farmer.

Join us to celebrate National Youth Week at the ExSIGHT exhibition launch on Thursday April 14th, 5-8pm, at the Freedom Centre, 93 Brisbane St Perth.

The ExSIGHT exhibition will also be open for viewing on Friday 15th & Saturday 16th, 12pm - 5pm.

For more info about ExSIGHT and FC visit www.freedom.org.au Freedom Centre supports the health and diversity of young people's sexuality, sex and gender.

ExSIGHT is proudly supported by Propel Youth Arts WA and Healthway to promote the Drug Aware message.



+ Organisational Services

The Organisational Services department provides the infrastructure for the WA AIDS Council and its associated programs, including financial, physical, information and communication support. With two busy locations in Northbridge and West Leederville, the mobile needle and syringe exchange service and the planned introduction of a Fremantle site, along with the existing West Perth site, the demands placed on Organisational Services is rapidly increasing and will require careful planning in the future. Peter Kift managed the department which was staffed by Gavin Brunini, Jordan Burnham, Reno Furfaro, Kelly Marlow, Tania McGuinness and Stephanie Patriotis throughout the year.

In the March 2011 WA government budget, there was a commitment to a significant funding boost to the non-government sector with the aim of providing improved wages and professional development for staff in the sector in order to recruit and retain staff. This funding boost will be implemented in the forthcoming year.

Some of the highlights of the year include the complete upgrade of the kitchens and bathrooms at the West Perth site funded by Lotterywest, the opening of the M Clinic at West Leederville, the upgrade of the sauna clinic with new equipment and the purchase of a new car to replace the small sedan. The information technology system is regularly upgraded including the purchase of a new server and the telephone system has been renewed with funding from the Department of Health.

+ Donations

The WA AIDS Council has been fortunate to receive the following donations:

- M.A.C (Makeup Artists of Canada), stocked at Myer and David Jones, donated \$27,238 through the sales of Viva Glam lipglass and Christmas cards. On World AIDS Day 2010, a group of HIV positive women were treated to a day of pampering generously donated by the Perth M.A.C team.
- Chrissie Catling from S2 generously donated \$10,000 to the WA AIDS Council from a unique collaboration between S2 and the highly regarded street artist Stormie Mills.
- The AIDS Trust of Australia provided over \$5,600 to be used for the WA AIDS Council welfare relief fund.
- The Kimberley Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation raised over \$4,500 from a series of events raising HIV/AIDS awareness for World AIDS Day in 2010.
- The Freedom Centre was thrilled to be the beneficiaries of a generous donation from guests attending the wedding of Heather Meredith and Liz Humphrey in lieu of gifts.
- Bears Perth donated \$1,000 to the Freedom Centre.
- There has been a significant increase in the number of on-line donations with an average donation of \$158.



+ STYLEAID

'tribe' was the theme of the thirteenth year of STYLEAID held at the Burswood Entertainment Complex in July 2010. With the outstanding support of our major sponsors; Burswood Entertainment Complex, Betts and M.A.C along with fantastic support from many other companies and organisations, STYLEAID 'tribe' was a glittering event attended by 750 people. Taking nearly a year to organise by the volunteers on the STYLEAID committee, 'tribe' was testimony to the remarkable artistic vision of Aly May and her fantastic team.

The photographic exhibition for STYLEAID Opulent was held at the Fremantle Arts Centre in April 2011. Despite competing with the royal nuptials, the exhibition was a great success with most pieces selling on the night. The 2011 Sponsor's night was held at (A)LURE restaurant at the Burswood Entertainment Complex and gave all the sponsors an opportunity to network and celebrate their involvement with STYLEAID.

+ World AIDS Day Awards 2010

Individual Award – Tim Brown

For an individual who has made a significant personal contribution in the WA HIV/AIDS response.

Tim Brown has been involved in the WA LGBTI community for many years in a professional and personal capacity. As owner of Connections nightclub, the longest running gay nightclub in Australia, Tim has supported the LGBTI community, people living with HIV and the WA AIDS Council through fundraising and providing venue space for health promotion initiatives.

HIV Positive Person Award – Frank Farmer

For a HIV positive individual who has made a significant contribution in HIV/AIDS awareness raising and service delivery.

Frank Farmer was diagnosed with HIV in 1986. Soon after he edited WAAC's newsletter in a voluntary capacity and delivered personal perspectives to schools and community groups.

Frank was employed at WAAC and realised a passion for services underpinned by principles of social justice. Between 2001 and 2005 Frank was employed at the Northern Territory AIDS Council as Executive Director. During this time, NTAC grew, incorporating hepatitis C service delivery as well as an ATSI program for gay men and sisters.

In 2005 Frank moved back to Perth and is currently the Executive Officer of Hepatitis WA.

Health Service Award – Clinipath

For an individual or group who have provided essential health or clinical services in the prevention and treatment of HIV.

In January 2007, Clinipath developed a unique partnership with the WAAC to provide innovative sexual health testing services for at-risk men prompted by an outbreak of syphilis in the metropolitan area. After a peer-based assessment interview at WAAC, men were tested at Clinipath for pathology services. This service expanded to include the development of the M Clinic in West Leederville. Since WAAC and Clinipath started its partnership, nearly 20 000 tests have been performed on over 1500 men and some women.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award – Michael Doyle

For an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person who has made a significant contribution in HIV prevention and/or care in WA for ATSI people

Michael Doyle has worked in the field of Aboriginal health for many years. After completing sexual health training at FPWA, Michael worked as a sexual health worker with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the north of Western Australia. He returned to Perth and worked at HepatitisWA, the Department of Health and the Aboriginal Health Council of WA before moving to his current position at the National Drug Research Institute.

Media Award – Joint recipients

For an individual or media group who contributed in a positive manner to the education and awareness of the general public through the media.

Wendy Walker

Wendy Walker has lived with HIV for 23 years. In 2009 Wendy publicly declared her HIV status to her employer, work colleagues and at World AIDS Day. Her story was featured in a major national women's magazine and contributed to raising awareness about living with HIV.

RTRFM 92.1

RTRFM has been very supportive of the WA AIDS Council, the HIV community, the LGBTI community through public interest stories, interviews and programs. Regular information is provided on the HIV epidemic and in one instance resulted in listeners seeking services at the M Clinic. RTRFM also produces 'All Things Queer' which caters to the LGBTI community with interesting stories and discussion.

Rural and Remote Award – Allison Cain

For an individual or group who has made a significant contribution to the HIV/AIDS response in rural and remote Western Australia.

Allison Cain has worked in the HIV/AIDS field for over 20 years, initially in the UK as an HIV Liaison Nurse. Allison then moved to Royal Perth Hospital in the clinical immunology department and has coordinated the state-wide rural and remote HIV Service for the past 12 years, including clinical services for nearly 200 HIV+ people, outreach clinics and education services and training of local health professionals.

Youth Award – YouthLink

An individual or group who have made a significant contribution to awareness, education and prevention efforts, particularly related to youth.

YouthLink works very closely with the Freedom Centre to provide a range of professional and clinical services for young people who may be at risk of mental illness. YouthLink has a special interest in issues relating to diverse sex, sexuality and gender and has also provided training for professionals who work with young people.

Group or Association Award – Communicable Disease Control Directorate Department of Health

For a group which has made a significant contribution to the HIV/AIDS response.

The Communicable Disease Control Directorate at the Department of Health provides exceptional leadership and services to the WA community through contract management, epidemiology and surveillance, strategy and policy development sexual health social marketing campaigns and HIV, STI and BBV population health services in rural and remote WA.

+ Volunteers

Volunteer Services were coordinated by Zoe Carter and Sarah Collins during the year. The WA AIDS Council has always relied heavily on the contribution of volunteers both to deliver frontline services and provide essential, behind the scenes support for these services. Some of our current volunteers have been with the WA AIDS Council from the start, even before there was a formal organisation.

During the year over 50 new volunteers were recruited and attended a 2 day training course. The WA AIDS Council also benefited from 50 corporate volunteers from GIO who packed condoms.

At the WA AIDS Council, volunteers work in a variety of roles such as:

- Distributing injecting equipment in the needle and syringe exchange program;
- Providing complementary therapies for HIV positive people;
- Providing information via the public speaking program delivered in the metropolitan and rural areas;
- Distributing condoms at community events with the Safe Sex Angels;
- Delivery of personal perspectives from HIV+ volunteers to schools and community groups;
- Practical in-house services and emotional support for people living with HIV/AIDS;
- Outreach to school leavers' at Rottneest and Dunsborough;
- Media monitoring;
- Peer-based prevention and education services delivered to at risk gay men through Mensline and CyberReach;
- Making red ribbons and packing condoms;
- Comprehensive peer-based support and information at the Freedom Centre and the online forum; and,
- assisting at fundraising events such as STYLEAID.

+ Volunteer Award Recipients 2010

The WA AIDS Council presented the following Volunteers Awards in December 2010 as recognition and acknowledgement of outstanding contribution and service to the Council.

Chairperson's Award

Grant Lamb

Executive Director's Award

Rick Darlow

Community Health Promotion Services, NSEP

Jeff Oliver & Moira Thomas

Diverse Sexuality Health Promotion Services

Rod Caton & Dr Toby Nichols

Freedom Centre

James Turner & Kate Reynolds

Positive Services

Michael Schmidt & Shaun McInnes

Events and Fundraising

David Gardiner

+ Training and Presentations

WA AIDS Council staff provides a range of training and development courses on a variety of subjects to agencies, students, community members and professionals. During the year, the Council also provided opportunities for 6 tertiary Health Promotion, Community Work, Womens' Studies and Youth Work students to undertake student placements at the agency. In addition, the Council is providing ongoing support to Tanya Millard, a PhD student.

- A three day Pre and Post Test Discussion training course was attended by 15 participants from health, prison and drug and alcohol workers;
- An 8 week course on HIV and related issues was attended by 10 African community leaders;
- Training sessions were held on the Needle and Syringe Exchange Services to the NSP Coordinators, prison officers and workers within the Peel region;
- 4 tours and presentations were conducted for 45 participants at Perth Steamworks;
- The Freedom Centre coordinator provided 14 training sessions on diverse sexuality and gender for 333 participants including Medical and Health Science students, Youth work students, Community health nurses and not for profit organisations;
- HIV, women and pregnancy was presented to midwives;
- A range of HIV awareness presentations to health and community organisations;
- Presentations on HIV and Migration, HIV and the Resource Sector, Diverse Sexuality and Gender, and the M Clinic were presented at the Department of Health quarterly forums;
- Presentations on HIV and Migration and Community-based HIV Testing were made at the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations;
- A presentation on HIV and the Resource Sector was made at the Minerals Council of Australia national conference;
- The Freedom Centre Evaluation Process and the M Clinic was presented at the SiREN (WA Sexual Health and Blood-borne Virus Applied Research and Evaluation Network) symposium; and,
- The Freedom Centre Forum evaluation framework was presented at the Making Links conference.

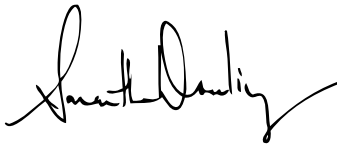
STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board of Management of the Western Australian AIDS Council Inc the financial report as set out on pages 15 to 20.

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Western Australian AIDS Council Inc as at 30 June 2011 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Western Australian AIDS Council Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



Samantha Dowling
Chairperson



Samuel Cutt
Treasurer

Dated at Perth this 21st day of August 2011

+ Financial Statements

NOTE 1: Statement of Accounting Policies

These financial statements are special purpose financial reports for distribution to the members in accordance with the constitution of the WA AIDS Council Inc and the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act 1987. No Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been used in the preparation of this financial report.

These statements are also prepared on an accrual basis. They are based on historic cost and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, that are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of the statements:

(a) Income Tax

No provision has been made for the payment of income tax, as the Association is exempt from payment of income tax under the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936.

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are included at cost or at valuation. All assets, excluding freehold land and buildings, are depreciated using the diminishing value method commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use at depreciation rates set by the Committee of Management.

(c) Grants

Where grant monies have been received but relate to services that will be provided in subsequent financial years, then these amounts are carried forward as "Grants Received in Advance". Any amounts received in excess of expenditure, but for services relating to the current reporting period, are treated as income or profits for that year.

(d) Fundraised Monies

All fundraising income is recognised when received. All related expenses are recognised when incurred.

(e) Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements, together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries, annual leave and superannuation have been calculated to meet the Association's legal obligations. Contributions are made by the Association to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

(f) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

WA AIDS Council Inc is registered for GST. All revenue and expenditure is stated net of GST.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the year ending 30th June 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
GOVERNMENT GRANTS INCOME	2	2,196,742	1,880,577
OTHER REVENUE			
Fundraising & Donations	3	260,942	255,587
Profit on Sale of Assets		457	3,294
Other Income		149,688	120,004
Sales		75,676	75,003
TOTAL REVENUE		2,683,505	2,334,465
EXPENDITURE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
Advertising	4	90,345	80,538
Assets Write Offs		340	1,287
Audit/ Accounting Fees		5,500	4,835
Bank/ Credit Fees		6,573	5,049
Bequest Expenditure		24,375	42,675
Building Expenses /Maintenance		26,561	24,006
Catering	5	78,109	74,400
Cleaning		18,066	17,616
Computer Expenses		25,040	23,563
Condoms, Dams, Lubricant		28,644	24,958
Conferences, Courses, Seminars	6	16,496	9,693
Consulting & Prof. Fees		64,485	51,731
Electricity & Gas		18,411	12,044
Emergency Relief Grants		9,509	15,383
Equipment Expenses		50,471	45,941
Insurance		47,077	47,103
Legal Fees		-	1,656
Medical/Pharmaceutical/Pathology	7	6,809	-
Motor Vehicle		11,686	10,851
Needles and Syringe Exchange Consumables		21,769	17,931
Postage, Courier & Freight		6,235	11,396
Printing Resources		41,137	52,737
Rates & Charges		6,174	4,050
Rent & Outgoings	8	68,466	43,737
Special Projects	9	22,328	20,000
Stationery		15,167	14,081
Subscriptions/ Memberships		7,440	5,764
Sundry Expenses	10	17,108	21,108
Telephone/Facsimile		28,436	32,132
Travel & Accommodation	11	23,379	44,016
Website & Internet Access		16,024	10,199
Volunteer/Speaker Fees		3,506	4,154
Depreciation	14	54,414	43,930
Employee Costs		1,755,672	1,529,112
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		2,615,752	2,347,676
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		67,753	(13,211)

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	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
NOTE 2:			
REVENUE - GOVERNMENT GRANTS			
Health Department WA Sexual Health Branch		1,929,804	1,568,797
Health Department WA IDD Initiative		88,708	91,734
Health Department WA Mental Health Branch		96,264	93,369
Health Department WA Travel Safe and Sex in Other Cities Evaluation		-	-
Lotterywest		50,000	-
REVENUE - GRANTS IN ADVANCE			
Department of Health - Media / Overseas Project (Phase 2)		-	14,177
Department of Health - Industry Development Pack		27,200	45,000
Department of Health - Men's Sexual Health Clinic		-	50,000
Department of Health - Mental Health Branch (Capacity Building)		2,700	-
Department of Health - Fremantle Fixed NSEP Site		2,066	-
AFAO - Sero-sorting Campaign		-	7,000
AFAO - Drama Downunder Phase II		-	10,500
TOTAL GRANT REVENUE		2,196,742	1,880,577
NOTE 3:			
STATEMENT OF FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES			
AIDS AWARENESS WEEK			
Event Revenue		4,909	7,155
Event Expenses		(820)	(1,312)
Event Surplus/ (Deficit)		4,089	5,843
STYLEAID			
Event Revenue		197,923	195,700
Event Expenses		(97,189)	(90,696)
Event Surplus / (Deficit)		100,734	105,004
ADMINISTRATION			
Administration Revenue		58,110	52,732
Administration Expenses			
General		(70)	(251)
Employee		(33,769)	(23,238)
Operational Surplus / (Deficit)		24,271	29,243
OVERALL FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES			
Overall Revenue		260,942	255,587
Overall Expenditure		(131,848)	(115,497)
Overall Net Surplus / (Deficit)		129,094	140,090
FUNDRAISING COMPARATIVE RATIOS			
Ratio of Expenditure to Gross Income		51%	45%
Ratio of Net Surplus / (Deficit)		49%	55%

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
NOTE 4:			
EXPENDITURE - ADVERTISING			
Advertising expenditure includes "Sex in Other Cities/Travel Safe" and the M Clinic which totalled \$69,495.			
NOTE 5:			
EXPENDITURE - CATERING			
Catering expenditure included StyleAID 2010 catering of \$54,662.			
NOTE 6:			
EXPENDITURE - CONFERENCES/COURSES/SEMINARS			
During the year all WA AIDS Council staff attended training in Cultural Competency as well as professional development opportunities provided for Workshop & Counselling staff to enhance the services provided to its increasingly diverse client base.			
NOTE 7:			
EXPENDITURE - MEDICAL/PHARMACEUTICAL/PATHOLOGY			
During the year the WA AIDS Council began full operations at the M Clinic which included Medical/Pharmaceutical & Pathology expenditure for the first time.			
NOTE 8:			
EXPENDITURE - RENT & OUTGOINGS			
During 2010/11 Rent & Outgoings reflected a full year's rental of the premises for the newly established M Clinic.			
NOTE 9:			
EXPENDITURE - SPECIAL PROJECTS			
During the year the WA AIDS Council once again used funds from its reserves to donate towards the annual operating costs of the National LGBTI Health Alliance, of which the Council is a Founding Member.			
NOTE 10:			
EXPENDITURE - SUNDRY			
Sundry expenditure included expenditure not easily categorised into existing categories.			
NOTE 11:			
EXPENDITURE - TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION			
Expenditure associated with Travel & Accommodation is offset by recouped revenue included in "Other Revenue - Other Income" category.			

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
NOTE 12: CURRENT ASSETS – CASH ASSETS			
ANZ Trading Account		25,765	63,738
ANZ Trust Account		1,716	1,746
ANZ Accounts (Other)		17,302	9,640
ING Cash Management (Watson/ Browne)	19	132,519	15,693
ING Cash Management (Phyllis Hill)	20	63,464	7,966
ING Cash Management Account		381,253	363,327
ING Cash Management (Fundraising)		272,098	656
ING Term Deposit (Watson/Browne)	19	-	120,000
ING Term Deposit (Phyllis Hill)	20	-	60,000
ING Term Deposit (Fundraising)		-	250,000
Deposits		10,800	5,600
Cash on Hand		700	700
Balance		905,617	899,066

NOTE 13:

The WA AIDS Council provided the AIDS Trust of Australia with a loan of \$20,000 for operational purposes in 2008. This loan is a non-interest bearing loan with no fixed term of repayment. This loan has been fully repaid.

NOTE 14:

PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

Land and Buildings (664 Murray Street)	2,701,941	2,625,642
Balance	2,701,941	2,625,642

During 2008/2009 the WA AIDS Council engaged Colliers International to provide a current valuation on its building. This resulted in an increase of \$1.7million in the value of the premises at 664 Murray Street. Also noted is a covenant held by Lotterywest who hold a beneficial interest in fifteen (15) undivided twenty-eighth shares in the building.

Motor Vehicles (at Cost)	89,886	84,297
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(25,775)	(24,914)
Balance	64,111	59,383

Furniture and Equipment (at Cost)	472,352	436,862
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(337,597)	(321,114)
Balance	134,755	115,748

Leasehold Improvements (At Cost)	17,134	14,995
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(9,404)	(3,762)
Balance	7,730	11,233

Total Written Down Value of Property Plant and Equipment	2,908,537	2,812,006
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NOTE 15:

CURRENT LIABILITIES - PAYABLES

Creditors	167,074	62,203
GST Payable	(303)	12,630
PAYG Payable	-	16,459
Visa Card	15,198	10,856
Balance	181,969	102,148

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
NOTE 16: CURRENT LIABILITIES - PROVISIONS			
Provision for Annual Leave		85,573	85,703
Provision for Long Service Leave		60,030	57,626
Balance		145,603	143,329

NOTE 17:

CURRENT LIABILITIES – GRANTS IN ADVANCE

Department of Health - Travel Safe Evaluation	3,823	3,823
Department of Health - NSEP Site	17,934	20,000
Department of Health - Industry Development Project	77,800	105,000
Department of Health - Men's Sexual Health Clinic	10,000	50,000
Department of Health - Freedom Centre Capacity Building Funds	35,300	-
AFAO - Syphilis, Stigma & Discrimination Campaign	5,000	-
AFAO - Drama Down Under Phase III	4,798	-
AFAO - Top Tips (translated booklets) Implementation Funds	1,316	-
Balance	155,971	178,823

NOTE 18:

CURRENT LIABILITIES – INCOME IN ADVANCE

Pre-sold Ticket Sales	92,775	109,555
Sponsorships in Advance	14,050	2,500
Other Income in Advance	500	-
Balance	107,325	112,055

NOTE 19:

WATSON – BROWNE BEQUEST FUNDS

Opening Balance	15,693	156,478
Bequest Disbursements	(14,239)	(24,919)
Interest Earned	11,065	4,134
Transferred from Term Deposit	120,000	(120,000)
Balance	132,519	15,693

NOTE 20:

PHYLLIS HILL BEQUEST FUNDS

Opening Balance	7,966	78,588
Bequest Disbursements	(10,039)	(12,704)
Interest Earned	5,537	2,082
Transferred from Term Deposit	60,000	(60,000)
Balance	63,464	7,966

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30th June 2011

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash Assets	12	905,617	899,066
Receivables		26,996	11,815
Inventory		22,594	12,418
Prepayments		39,914	36,088
Loans	13	-	10,000
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		995,121	969,387
NON – CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment	14	2,908,537	2,812,006
TOTAL NON – CURRENT ASSETS		2,908,537	2,812,006
TOTAL ASSETS		3,903,658	3,781,393
CURRENT LIABILITIES - PAYABLES			
Payables	15	181,969	102,148
Grants in Advance	17	155,971	178,823
Income in Advance	18	107,325	112,055
Balance		445,265	393,026
CURRENT LIABILITIES - PROVISIONS			
Annual / Long Service leave	16	145,603	143,329
Balance		145,603	143,329
TOTAL LIABILITIES		590,868	536,355
NET ASSETS		3,312,790	3,245,038
MEMBERS FUNDS			
Accumulated Funds		1,159,372	1,172,584
Asset Revaluation Reserve		2,085,665	2,085,665
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)		67,753	(13,211)
TOTAL MEMBERS FUNDS		3,312,790	3,245,038



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Independent Auditor's Report To the Members of Western Australia AIDS Council Inc

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of, Western Australia AIDS Council Inc (the 'Council'), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2011, the statement of comprehensive income, for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information to the financial report and the statement by the Board of Management of the Council.

Responsibility of the Board of Management for the financial report

The members of the Board of Management are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial report, which form part of the financial report, are appropriate to meet the requirements of the Constitution and the needs of the members in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations). This responsibility includes such internal controls as the Board of Management determine are necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report to be 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 which require us to 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 judgement, 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 Council'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 Council's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Council, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

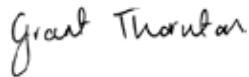
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence


In conducting our audit, we have complied with the applicable independence requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion the financial report of Western Australia AIDS Council Inc presents fairly, in all material respects, the Council's financial position as at 30 June 2011 and its performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 of the financial statements.



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C A Becker
Director – Audit & Assurance

Perth, 21 August 2011

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+ Companies and Associations

2Wink, 92.9, Abbott, ABSOLUT Vodka, ae'lkemi, AIDS Trust of Australia, Almond Tree, Angove Family Wine Merchants, Andrea Wolf Designs, Antipodium, Arj Selvam, Aurelio Costarella, Australia Post, Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, BACI, Barrick Gold, Bears Perth, Bendigo Bank, Betts Shoes, Billie & Rose, Boerhinger Ingleheim, Brazilliano, Burswood Entertainment Complex, Carly Hunter, Catering Essentials, Catherine Ruze Agency, C Restaurant, Central TAFE, Chadwick Models, CHEVRON, City of Fremantle, City of Stirling, Clinipath, cocos, Columbia Tri-Star Films, Connections Nightclub, Corporate Computers, Cosmax, Cottesloe Civic Centre, Court Hotel, Curtin University, Daniella Caputi, Daniels Printing Craftsmen, Department of Communities (WA), Department of Health (WA), Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Digital Artworks, Edith Cowan University, Estee Lauder, European Foods, Fitzgerald Photo Imaging, Flannel, Fremantle Arts Centre, Foote Francis, Funky Bunches, Gage Roads Brewing, Garth Cook, Gay and Lesbian Community Services, Gay and Lesbian Retirement Association (GRAI), Greater Union Gold Class Innaloo, Harbour Town Newsagency, Healthway, HepatitisWA, Heyder and Shears, Jurlique, KAILIS, Kimberly Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, Kirby Institute, Kooney, Kova Sound, Live Fitness, Lonely 8 – Bit Heroes, L'Oreal, Lotterywest, Loton Park Tennis Club, LUX Lighting, Luxe Bar, M.A.C, MINQ, Madden Holdings, Mirrabooka Multicultural Resource Centre, Must Wine Bar, National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS, National Centre in HIV Social Research, Network 10, New Edition Bookshop, Niche, Nicolas Feuillatte Champagne, Notre Dame University, Of Cabbages and Kings, Ogden IFC – Perth Theatre Trust, Office of Crime Prevention, OMG Events, One Fell Swoop, Ord Valley Aboriginal Health Service, PerthNow, Perth Steamworks, Pinch and Spoon, Power Music, Preservation Framers, RTR FM, S2, San Pellegrino, SCOOP Publishing, Scene Model Management, SONY Music, Spiers Model Management, Star Bistro, Stockman Paper Merchants, Sunday Times, The Butcher and the Crow, The Tanning Salon, Tony & Guy Central Park, Travelworld Inglewood, United Constructions, United International Pictures, University of WA, Vinaceous, Vintage Cellars, Vivien's Model Management, vmoto, West Australian Opera, West Australian Ballet, The West Australian, Town of Vincent, WA Association of Mental Health, WACOSS, WANADA, WA Centre in Health Promotion Research, WA Substance Users' Association, Western Force, YACWA, YouthLink, Zomp Shoez Claremont, Zonta Club Swan Hill, Zu

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+ Staff Transitions for 2010-2011

Departures

Asha Singh, Bree van der Zuidwind, Clyde DuBois, Gail Jones, Graham Andrew, Kelly Marlow, Kim Brooklyn, Matthew Armstrong, Michael Birch, Jordan Burnham, Zoe Carter.

Arrivals

Aaron Agnew, Anthony Bober, Claire Lawrie, David Bright, Garreth Durrant, Gavin Brunini, Kristen Knox, Lisa Tomney, Nicholas Bovell, Reena D'Souza, Sam Gibbings, Sarah Collins, Sebastian Leathersich, Stephanie Patniotis.

+ In Memoriam

The WA AIDS Council Board of Management, staff and volunteers dedicates this Annual Report to the memory of those people who lost their lives as a result of HIV over the past 12 months.



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