



Annual Report 2021-22



Chairperson's report

This year has been a time of change for the Australian Alcohol and other Drugs Council (AADC). In May, we said goodbye to AADC's inaugural CEO, Jennifer Duncan. Jennifer's commitment to the alcohol and other drugs sector was displayed throughout her tenure as CEO. Jennifer has been integral in establishing the Council as the national peak for the alcohol and other drug sector in Australia and positioning AADC as central point of contact for both Commonwealth agencies as well as among state and territory peaks and key national organisations. Importantly, this work was undertaken through the challenging environment of the COVID-19 pandemic and throughout this time Jennifer was able to effectively represent the alcohol and other drugs sector and keep our voice at the national policy table.



On behalf of the AADC Board I'd like to thank Jennifer for her leadership of AADC and wish her all the best for the future. The Board would also like to thank Jemma Taylor Cross for continuing AADC's work while the Board completed the appointment of a new CEO.

Additionally, this year saw Alison Lai (ATDC) and Dr Adam Searby (DANA) step down from their director roles on the AADC Board. I thank them both for their time and commitment to AADC and to the alcohol and other drug sector in Australia. We also welcomed Jake Docker (AIVL) to the Board in January.

This year has also been a time of growth for AADC and the Council has continued the momentum established in previous years. This year saw the production of submissions to key policy processes, an issues paper on key sector challenges and member briefing papers. This year also saw a Federal Election. In the lead up to this, AADC produced a Pre-Election Statement document outlining the key issues for the alcohol and other drugs sector for the major parties and setting the agenda for national alcohol and other drug policy. These types of documents illustrate the role that a national peak can play in coordinating voices across states and territories, as well as across the alcohol and other drugs sector as whole. I look forward to AADC expanding on this work in 2022-23 and continuing to shape how alcohol and other drug use and harms are responded to at the national level.

A final highlight of the 2021-22 financial year was AADC securing funding through the Department of Health and Aged Care's *Health Peak and Advisory Bodies Program*. This secures funding for AADC for the next three years, enabling the Council to build on the successes of previous years and scale up the leadership role that AADC can play nationally. The funding also enabled the appointment of a new CEO and additional staffing capacity at AADC and I am pleased that the Board has been able to recruit Melanie Walker as the new AADC CEO. Melanie comes to AADC with a wealth of experience in the alcohol and other drugs sector, including a previous CEO role at AIVL, and most recent experience as Chief of Staff to the ACT's Deputy Chief Minister. Melanie's appointment, and her deep knowledge of the sector, are a significant asset for AADC.

As we enter into the 2022-23 financial year with our new CEO, the AADC Board is confident in our direction and excited about the opportunities that this additional funding security and capacity will provide. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the AADC Board for their ongoing and unwavering commitment to ensuring effective representation for the sector at the national level.

Jill Rundle, CEO, WANADA

Chief Executive Officer's report

Commencing in July 2022, I have come to AADC with a great sense of optimism and excitement about the year ahead. However, the position that AADC is currently in would not have been possible without the tireless work of its previous CEO, Jennifer Duncan, and State and Peaks Coordinator, Jemma Taylor Cross, who finished her role with AADC in August.

As such, I am largely reporting on the work of both Jennifer and Jemma in this 2021-22 Annual Report.

There are some clear highlights over the past financial year, achieved in spite of the continuing challenges provided by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Throughout 2021-22, AADC established itself as the representative voice for the alcohol and other drugs sector at the national level with submissions to the Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs Inquiry into Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence and National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction's consultation on a national alcohol and other drugs workforce strategy. These submissions provided clear recommendations for change but also highlighted the way the alcohol and other drugs sector, as well as our clients and priority populations, intersect with a range of other service systems and levels of government. They illustrated the critical role of a peak organisation as a representative voice – something that we will continue to expand on in 2022-23.

This external representation was complemented with the establishment of partnership infrastructure to enable the coordination of consensus positions on policy and embed the two-way communication with members that is critical for the success of a peak organisation. In 2021-22, AADC established the Membership Council. The Membership Council met five times over the course of the year and is designed as an inclusive forum to set AADC's policy direction. Emerging from this was a consensus position on a national governance structure for the alcohol and other drugs sector, published as an issues paper, and a Pre-election Statement document. This Pre-election Statement was a particular highlight as it outlined six key reforms which AADC believes have the capacity to transform Australia's response to alcohol and other drugs and dramatically reduce the prevalence of the harms that can be associated with their use. The partnership infrastructure facilitated through the Members Council and these outputs are key ways in which AADC has and will continue to support a united and coordinated voice for the alcohol and other drugs sector.

AADC's online presence and engagement continued to grow in 2021-2022. Over the course of the year, our Twitter posts had almost 10,000 views and our LinkedIn posts had almost 400 unique visitors. Our Twitter audience also grew over the year, with our audience currently at more than 300 followers. We will seek to expand this in 2022-23 with a new website and more opportunities for online engagement.

These highlights provide a solid foundation to build on in the coming year and a platform to push for change on key issues affecting our sector, such as funding indexation and the need for a national governance structure for the alcohol and other drugs sector. I would like to thank the AADC Board for their continuing support for the work of AADC and look forward to working with them, the AADC membership and our key stakeholders over the next 12 months and beyond.



Melanie Walker, CEO, AADC

Our people

Board

Jill Rundle, Chair and Director

Rebecca Lang, Director

Robert Stirling, Director

Jake Docker, Director (from 24 January 2022)

Alison Lai, Director (to 8 February 2022)

Adam Searby, Director (to 12 April 2022)

Staff

Jennifer Duncan, Chief Executive Officer (to 17 May 2022)

Jemma Taylor Cross, State and Territory Peaks Network Coordinator

Our members

Organisational members

Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT (ATODA)

Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drugs Council Tasmania (ATDC)

Association of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies Northern Territory (AADANT)

Australasian Therapeutic Communities Association (ATCA)

Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug Users League Inc (AIVL)

Drug and Alcohol Nurses of Australasia Inc (DANA)

Family Drug Support - FADISS Ltd

National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Conference (NIDAC)*

Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (NADA)

Queensland Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (QNADA)

South Australian Network of Alcohol and Drug Services (SANDAS)

The Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs (APSAD)

Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association (VAADA)

Western Australian Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies (WANADA)

*NIDAC is formally defunded and represented in the AADC membership through the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council.

Associate members

Drug Policy Modelling Program (DPMP)

Management Report

Australian Alcohol and other Drugs Council Ltd
For the year ended 30 June 2022

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Profit and Loss

Australian Alcohol and other Drugs Council Ltd For the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
Income		
Trading Profit		
Revenue	101,835.66	72,170.09
Total Trading Profit	101,835.66	72,170.09
Total Income	101,835.66	72,170.09
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Expenses		
Advertising & Marketing	90.00	3,174.79
Annual Leave Expense	(7,076.34)	9,140.84
Assets under \$5000	-	89.09
Bank Fees	14.28	90.00
Consultancies	37,700.00	-
Consulting & Accounting	6,357.00	2,060.00
General Expenses	309.36	481.60
Insurance	1,600.62	-
Printing & Stationery	183.30	146.59
Project Expenses	1,518.78	4,332.72
Subscriptions	1,134.72	278.26
Superannuation	15,246.48	10,858.74
Travel - National	8,571.86	8,936.60
Wages and Salaries	148,188.74	114,362.58
Work Cover	1,807.37	1,960.10
Total Expenses	215,646.17	155,911.91
Profit/(Loss) before Taxation	(113,810.51)	(83,741.82)
Net Profit After Tax	(113,810.51)	(83,741.82)
Net Profit After Distributions/Dividends Paid	(113,810.51)	(83,741.82)

Balance Sheet

Australian Alcohol and other Drugs Council Ltd As at 30 June 2022

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Assets

Current Assets

GST	4,261.17
Bendigo Bank Everyday Account	48,868.10
Debit card account	1,155.07
Total Current Assets	54,284.34

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Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	1,536.00
EML - Salary Packaging	52,544.30
PAYG Withholdings Payable	3,308.00
Provision for Annual Leave	2,064.50
Sundry Creditor	2,809.82
Superannuation Payable	4,312.14
Wages Payable - Payroll	(52,544.27)
Total Current Liabilities	14,030.49

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Net Assets	40,253.85
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Equity

Retained Earnings	40,253.85
Total Equity	40,253.85

Statement of Cash Flows - Direct Method

Australian Alcohol and other Drugs Council Ltd
For the year ended 30 June 2022

2022

Operating Activities

GST	1,710.00
Cash receipts from other operating activities	102,017.67
Cash payments from other operating activities	(220,315.54)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	(116,587.87)

Investing Activities

Other cash items from investing activities	122,109.35
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	122,109.35

Financing Activities

Other cash items from financing activities	(5,521.48)
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	(5,521.48)

Net Cash Flows

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Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	-

Aged Payables Summary

Australian Alcohol and other Drugs Council Ltd

As at 30 June 2022

CONTACT	CURRENT	< 1 MONTH	1 MONTH	2 MONTHS	3 MONTHS	OLDER	TOTAL
Aged Payables							
Hudson Global Resources	-	1,440.00	-	-	-	-	1,440.00
One Advisory	48.00	48.00	-	-	-	-	96.00
Total Aged Payables	48.00	1,488.00	-	-	-	-	1,536.00
Total	48.00	1,488.00	-	-	-	-	1,536.00
Percentage of total	3.13%	96.88%	-	-	-	-	100.00%