

Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Inc

"Educating the community about Substance misuse"

**Information Dissemination and Support to Improve the Understanding of
the Aboriginal Community through Research, Education, Prevention and
Treatment.**

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Abbreviations used

ADAC-	Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Inc
ADCA-	Alcohol and Drug Council of Australia
AHC-	Aboriginal Health Council
AHMAC-	Australian Health Minister's Advisory Council
ACTU-	Australian Council for Trade Unions
AJAC-	Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee
ALRM-	Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement
ASG-	Aboriginal Sobriety Group
ATSIC-	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission
A&TSIHW-	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker
DACUM-	Development for Curriculum
DASC-	Drug and Alcohol Services Council
DCS-	Department of Correctional Services
DEET-	Department for Employment, Education and Training
DETAFE-	Department of Technical and Further Education
DOSAA-	Department of State Aboriginal Affairs
FACS-	Family and Community Service
HERG-	Health Enhancement Research Group
ICAA-	International Council on Alcohol and Addictions
ILO-	International Labour Organisation
ITAB-	Industry Training Advisory Board
NACCHO-	National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations
NDS-	National Drug Strategy
NCETA-	National Centre for Education and Training in Addictions
NGO'S-	Non Government Organisations
OATSIHS-	Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service
RCIADIC-	Royal Commission Into Aboriginal Deaths In Custody
SAHC-	South Australian Health Commission
UNESCO-	United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organisation

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Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Inc.
The Vision, Mission Statement
and
Organisational Aims

The Vision

Aboriginal communities will be:

- living happy, healthy, high quality lives,
- free from the harmful effects of substance misuse, and in control of their community programs, by achieving:
- unity, respect, and self determination, through a process of education for re-empowerment and health, delivered by culturally appropriate programs and services, through community participation and individual commitment.

Mission Statement

To ensure the development of effective programs to reduce harm related to substance misuse in Aboriginal communities, in such a way as to:

- promote and foster pride, dignity, identity and achievement in Aboriginal society, and
- advocate and actively pursue the philosophy and principles of Aboriginal spiritual, cultural, social, economic and political re-empowerment, self-determination and self-management.

This mission will be carried out principally as an information and advisory centre for the Aboriginal community, the wider community and to relevant professionals and institutions, on substance misuse issues.

Organisational Aims

ADAC's broad organisational aims are to:

- have the expertise, credibility and resources to effectively support and represent South Australian Aboriginal communities in addressing substance misuse issues.

- have clear policies and strategic directions on Aboriginal substance misuse and related issues.
- secure adequate, ongoing resources, and use these effectively and efficiently, to achieve its organisational objectives on behalf of South Australian Aboriginal communities.

What is A D A C?

- ADAC stands for the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Inc.
- ADAC was established in response to the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC).
- ADAC was established to address the rising incidence of substance misuse.
- ADAC has been incorporated as an Aboriginal controlled, state based organisation to:
- develop and implement a statewide strategy to address Aboriginal alcohol and other drug misuse;
- review, monitor and provide support to Aboriginal substance misuse programs on an ongoing basis;
- assist in the integration of programs within existing community and agency services to ensure that Aboriginal interests are addressed and promoted;
- positively promote harm minimisation as an effective preventative measure.

ADAC 1996 - 1997**CHAIRPERSON**

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State Co-ordinator

Mr. Scott Wilson

Chairperson's Report

Since the inception of ADAC's operations, there has been a committed response to reviewing and developing new strategies to improve service delivery and maintain strong links with the Aboriginal community. ADAC strongly believes that the community needs should be the guide to development of services and that services should be community based and controlled. Throughout 1996/97 ADAC have continued to ensure that all its activities are community based and it has been a very hectic as well as fruitful year.

ADAC have continued to help community organisations become involved, for example as part of the South Australian Health Partnership one of grants, ADAC helped a number of organisations respond by developing submissions that were successfully funded in the Riverland and Port Pirie regions. ADAC have also managed to secure funding to try and help alleviate the devastating problems of petrol sniffing. Throughout the year ADAC also tried to develop strategies to address the rising incidences of injecting drug use and they went about this in a number of ways. Firstly by conducting research into the issue along with NCETA at Flinders University and secondly by direct consultation with the community. This was achieved by hosting workshops across South Australia to develop a rural IDU strategy. This strategy has been finalised and handed to the Aboriginal Health Division for action.

ADAC continued to show the way with health promotional campaigns directed at Hepatitis C, which was a particular exciting campaign in that it used cultural artforms to get across a health message and ADAC was forced to do a reprint as the first initial copies of 7,500 were distributed across the state using a variety of means including direct mail. This campaign proved highly successful in that organisations across Australia were also requesting copies and ADAC was able to ensure that the reprint included relevant interstate phone contacts.

The highlight of the year was when ADAC was awarded NAIDOC Community Organisation of the Year 1997 Award. This was a ringing endorsement that the work that ADAC have been involved in was appreciated by the community and also set a benchmark for ADAC to continue to ensure that its activities are of a high standard. ADAC throughout the year also continued to be represented at a number of National forums and was invited to directly lobby the Federal Minister for Health, Minister Woodridge as a result of the Health Worker Conference. ADAC received special mention in this report with the National conference overwhelmingly supporting the creation of a National Substance Misuse Council along with endorsing ADAC's Prison Project as Best Practice and calling for its expansion across Australia. We look forward to 1997/98 and staying in touch with the community.

State Co-ordinators Report

Purpose:

ADAC is funded to carry out a range of tasks crucial to the development and ongoing implementation of an effective, integrated and co-ordinated substance misuse strategy for Aboriginal people and communities in South Australia. These tasks are reported on below:

During the 1996/97 financial year ADAC assisted the communities concerns in the area of substance misuse in the following area:

Youth Conference

After an initial approach by Mr Robin Walker from Umoona, the ADAC Executive agreed to allocate some monies to help host this conference. We have had discussions with other agencies and Mr Neville Highfold from FACS is keen to be involved. The Youth Substance Issues Conference will be held in October and will be a three day residential Conference titled "Reclaiming our Destiny through Health awareness".

ADAC Drug Issues Conference

ADAC has secured funding through Living Health once again to hold our annual Drug Issues Conference. This year will see many exciting topics and guest speakers coming along to inform ADAC Rep[resentatives and community people on drug related issues. It will be held along with the AGM beginning on Monday 26th October, 1997
People wanting to present at the conference should contact ADAC soon.

Internet Web Page

ADAC is soon to be on the World Wide Web! It is in construction at the present time and I must brag it is looking great we are trying to get the address ADAC org but approvals and all that stuff is being worked out. We have been extremely fortunate to have Marc Dimmick from Melbourne setting it up and lots of the things that cost are being donated by his employers. We hope to officially launch our web home page in August.

Senior Project Officer

Carl Kinsella BA, Grad.Dip.App.Psych.

The past year has been extremely as ADAC continues to develop more programs for the community and establish itself as the peak body in South Australia on substance misuse and gain more recognition and credibility on a National level. It has been personally satisfying to be a part of ADAC over the past three years and see it develop to the organisation it is today.

My primary role is submission writing and representing ADAC members on various committees. However, this year has also seen ADAC venture into the new territory of Gambling research and development. Working in a collaborative project with Relationships Australia (SA) we are conducting research and development in the Riverland region. I must thank France Day, Coordinator of the Riverland Aboriginal Alcohol Program who we have worked with closely and the people from the Riverland region. The gambling project will be entering its second phase of development from July to December 1997, with a final report then available for all communities. We hope to be able to attract more funding to develop a Statewide initiative to stop the gambling related problems, especially as they relate to 'Pokies'. Once again I have been able to assist Frances at the Riverland Aboriginal Alcohol Program on completing a number of projects and I look forward to being able to assist the program in the future. I was particularly pleased to receive a Certificate of Appreciation at RAAP's Annual General Meeting last year.

I have also been involved extensively in the Coober Pedy Dry Area Review Panel and have been working closely with Robin Walker, Umoona Substance Misuse Officer for the best part of the year on a number of projects.

One of the tasks that I have been handed is to develop an ADAC Policy Handbook and to develop an Occupational Health & Safety Policy. Kalparrin Farm, Aboriginal Sobriety Group and the Riverland Aboriginal Alcohol Program have expressed a need to do likewise and have asked ADAC to guide them in doing this.

Like the other staff at ADAC I am undergoing the Workplace Assessor Training Category 2 and I am completing my Graduate Diploma in Psychological Practice at the University of South Australia.

I look forward to continuing to work with our Members in the forthcoming year and being a part of ADAC continual development to be able to genuinely help our members.

Education and Training Officer's Report

ADAC Accredited Training Provider!

Its official, the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) inc has finally received notification that it is now a Nartionally recognised Training Provider and can offer and deliver Accredited Training to workers and community members. Training to be offered by the Aboriginal Drug ad Alcohol Council (SA) Inc from February 1998 are listed below and are for credit towards the award for Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Misuse Workers (a National Drug Strategy initiative) and with credit in the Aboriginal Primary Health Care Award (SA). The modules being offered are those identified from the Training Needs analysis, conducted in the 2nd half of 1996. They also are components in the Aboriginal Primary Health Care Award, developed by the Aboriginal Health Council, SA and the Department of Employment, Training and Further Education (DETAFE). The modules will normally be delivered over 3 days, with a project, demonstrating competency, to be developed and presented 4 to 5 weeks after the 3 day course.

What's on Offer

- Alcohol and Other Drug Studies Advanced 1, Alcohol and Other Drug Studies Advanced 2
3. Dealing with Difficult Clients and Conflict Resolution
 4. Counselling Skills for Aboriginal Health Workers, incorporating Grief and Loss.
 5. Managing Effective Working Relationships, incorporating Leadership and Managing and Developing Teams.
 6. Managing Projects incorporating Needs Assessment and Community Education Groups.
 7. Government Policy and Politics incorporating Managing Information and Confidentiality.
 8. Manager People-Training and Development incorporating Community Participation in Aboriginal Primary Health Care.
 9. Strategic Planning and Review incorporating Community Development
 10. Managing Human Resource Development incorporating Management Principles in Aboriginal Primary Health Care.

The Education Training Officer Paul Elliott and Ms mandy watson were also involved in an Aboriginal Road Safety Research Program funded by the Department of Road safety. The community consultations were to be carried out in the Far West of the state due to this area having recorded one of the highest road fatality per population than other areas of Australia.

This project will consists of a number of components including the following:

ADAC will conduct a Best practice review (literature review Aboriginal community road safety) with reference to the Road Accident Research Centre , Road Safety Researchers Register . ADAC will hold workshops by visiting and talking to community members at Yalata and look at visiting similar projects interstate. Survey Community wants and try and summarise top 10 road safety issues ADAC will conduct a needs analysis and hold discussions with all the relevant stakeholders.

Throughout the year we continued to conduct substance misuse workshops and earlier in the year ADAC, ASG and the Alziemher's Association hosted Dementia awareness workshops and BBQ's in Victoria Square for people who frequent this area.. I was also involved with the Health workers Conference Organising Committee and was invited to present a workshop at the conference on behalf of ADAC. I am currently undertaking further studies at Flinders University in the Graduate Certificate In Addiction Studies.

Prison Peer Education Report

Acting Project Leader

Kim Hargreaves BA (Criminology)

Well we are now half way through the Prison Project and the time seems to have flown by. It was only when developing the strategic plan for the second year of the project that I realised just how much time has passed. After the initial alarm I examined what we have achieved to date and must admit that we have done well, especially given that for most of the time there has only been two staff.

The original team has changed with our Port Augusta worker, Frank Jackson, leaving us at the beginning of the year. Unfortunately we were unable to find a suitable replacement for Frank after months of searching, so it was decided that my position as a Peer Educator should be made full-time and a replacement .6 worker be employed. Moyna Kane joined the project just over three months ago in this position and has recently started visiting the prisons for 'on site' training. We are almost at the stage of advertising for an Outreach Worker to join the team which means we will be able to provide much needed support for those who have been released from custody. It will also enable us to provide ongoing education for these people either as a condition of their parole or to simply allow for the completion of any course that they commenced whilst in custody.

I mentioned earlier that we have developed a strategic plan for the next twelve months, and I would like to thank Carl for his assistance in the development of this plan. This has allowed us to outline the work assignments for five members of staff for the period 1/9/97 to 1/7/98. These five members are Geoff Roberts (Project Leader), Kim Hargreaves (Peer Educator Trainer), Moyna Kane (Peer Educator Trainer), Paul Elliott (Education & Training Officer will be assisting the project for one week per month especially for trips to prisons intrastate) and the Outreach Worker. It is envisaged that the Outreach Worker will be based predominantly at the Remand Centre, with Moyna at the Women's Prison and the rest of the staff fluctuating between the remaining institutions.

The institutions covered in this plan are:

- Northfield Women's Prison
- Yatla Labour Prison
- Adelaide Remand Centre
- Mobilong Prison
- Cadell Training Centre
- Port Augusta Gaol (Men's Section)
- Port Lincoln Prison

To date we have run courses in all of the above, including Port Augusta (Women's Section), with the exception of Port Lincoln and Cadell. The General Manager of each institution has been advised of our intended course dates for their institution and all members of the Steering Committee have received a summary of the plan.

There's not much left to say except I can't wait until all staff are on board and the plan can be fully implemented because I think it will be very exciting for the project. It will also look good as far as the evaluation goes if things go according to plan. Probably the most important thing will be that our consumers, the very reason that this project exists, will receive a highly organised, highly successful program that they will feel glad to have been a part of.

Grief and Trauma Project

Introduction

This project evolved from the recognition by community leaders in the Lower Murray area of the severe strains placed on the community by grief and trauma due to high rates of suicide, premature death, imprisonment, substance abuse and a history of stolen land, stolen culture and stolen children. The project commenced in mid 1996 with a series of workshops conducted by Dr John Bouilly at the Lower Murray Nungas Club involving about 20 community members which resulted in the production of the **“In Search of the Rainbow”** document. In March 1997 two Project Officers were appointed to implement the recommendations from the Rainbow document. Ms Isabella Norvill is an elder of the Ngarrindjeri people, former FACS social worker and until the recently, Program Director of the Lower Murray Nungas Club. Mr Andrew Biven has extensive experience in drug and alcohol treatment and project management.

From the first workshops on the project it was recognised that short-term efforts with a lack of on-going support had not worked and had left the community feeling cynical about the governments' intentions. The effect of the continuing anguish which is the Hindmarsh Island debacle has made deep inroads into the stability and unity of the Ngarrindjeri people. Recent cuts to ATSIC's budget resulted in the loss of funding to the Lower Murray Nungas Club, a focus of community support in recent years. On top of these are the long-standing issues facing this community, which has endured maximum dislocation over the last 160 years. Severe strain is also felt by community workers who support individuals and families facing grief and trauma.

Rationale

The overall thrust of the project is to strengthen the Aboriginal community of the Lower Murray region by:-

- a) supporting existing community workers.
- b) fostering the development of a community carer group(s) available to assist families/individuals in conjunction with health and welfare workers.
- c) implementing specific recommendations of the Rainbow document such as information brochures, grief and loss training, healing activities and networking.
- d) fostering closer communication and developing greater unity in the community.

Progress to 30 June 1997

During the year the Project Officers were involved in:-

- Community consultation and development of the basic document - “In Search of the Rainbow”.
- Community consultation to establish priorities in grief and trauma project.
- Resource collection for training packages on grief and loss, suicide prevention, cultural awareness, etc.
- Developing training packages.
- Establishing a support network for community workers.
- Information collection for development of brochures.
- Support for individuals facing grief and loss.
- Networking with aboriginal and mainstream services to develop awareness of grief and trauma project and collect information on other services.
- Involvement in community issues such as future of the Lower Murray Nungas Club, youth forum, heritage and housing issues.

The Future

In addition to continuing with the initiatives commenced in the past year the following activities are planned for 1997/98:-

- Maintaining support group for community workers.
- Recruiting, training and co-ordinating community carers group.
- Producing information brochures.
- Networking with mainstream services and providing cultural awareness training.
- Providing support for individuals facing grief and loss.
- Developing and running training modules for community workers, community members, mainstream professionals in grief and loss, cultural awareness, suicide prevention, etc.
- Arranging special events such as a healing weekend at Camp Coorong and a healing fair.

Alcohol Related Brain Damage - Dementia

Dementia Training for Indigenous Communities is an innovative joint initiative between the Alzheimer's Association (SA) and ADAC. This project represents mainstream and Indigenous organisations working together in order to achieve the goals of this project. Sonya is currently based at the Alzheimer's Association to gain the benefits of resources and support from staff in the field of dementia. The Dementia training for Indigenous Communities evolved from the "Meet Dementia - The Bad hawk That Steals" book which was written by Aboriginal storyteller Brian Lampton. This book will go hand-in-hand with the training package that will be developed as a resource. The project was launched by the Federal Minister Ms Judi Moylan at the National Alziemhers Conference. The Project Officer, Ms Sonya Rankine will be based initially at the Alziemhers Association to work with the training unit

The aims and objectives of this project are as follows:

Aim:

To reduce the damage associated with alcohol abuse in Aboriginal communities.

Objectives:

- To raise community awareness of Dementia in Aboriginal communities.
- To train key workers in the field of dementia.
- To develop a culturally appropriate train the trainer package.
- To empower the community to access available services and supports.
- To encourage Aboriginal communities to establish their own culturally appropriate support services.

In the first six months of the project will be developing the train the trainer package and the final six months will be delivering the package nationally. It is anticipated that eighteen locations nationally will be identified and training programs delivered.

For more information on the project contact Sonya on 08 8372 2100 at the Alziemer's Association.

Petrol Sniffing

The ADAC in partnership with Indulkana Community and Ngamanpa Health Council have begun a 12 month project in the Pitjantjatjarra Lands looking at the issues of Petrol Sniffing. The project is being funded by the Aboriginal Health Division of the South Australian Health Commission.

The goal of the project is to reduce the levels of petrol sniffing amongst youth at Indulkana through the development of Training programs to be established as well as involving the community and other interested parties in jointly developing sustainable strategies that can be community owned.

The goal of the project is:

- To reduce the incidence of petrol sniffing amongst Aboriginal people in Indulkana.

Objectives

The objectives of the project are:

- Maintain a Station owned by the community by teaching young petrol sniffers the skills in which to do so eg. carpentry, horse husbandry.
- Provide community workshops on the effects of petrol sniffing and develop initiatives to address the problem as a community.

Mr Douglas Walker has been successfully appointed to the position of Project Officer and after initial problems surrounding accomadation Doug has know begun the project with the hosting of a community workshop in early November the start point of the project. ADAC along with Doug will be looking at ways of involving all participants and also trying to encourage all governments to consider cross border issues and to come up with strategies aimed at getting all agencies to understand the devastation caused by petrol sniffing and ensure that resources allocated are long term and sustainable.

ADAC Activities 1996 - 1997

Funding ADAC has secured in 1996 - 1997

Programs

National Drug Strategy	Prison Peer Education 2 year project
National Drug Strategy	Design and Develop Accredited Education Courses for Aboriginal Substance Misuse Workers 2 year project
Family Services and Health (Commonwealth)	Grief and Trauma (Self medication pilot project)
Aboriginal Health Division (SA Health Commission)	Rural IDU Strategy

Research Projects

South Australian Health Commission (HERG)	Prevalence of Injecting Drug Use amongst Aboriginal people in a rural area.
Family and Community Services	Gambling Research and Community Development
Office of Road Safety	Aboriginal Road Safety Needs

Campaigns

Living Health	Youth Substance Misuse
Living Health	Hepatitis C

Publications

ADAC	Drug Issues Conference Proceedings 1996
ADAC	IDU Rural Strategy 1997
ADAC	Annual Report

Other

Living Health	Drug Issues Conference
ATSIC	Inwork Scheme
Family Services and Health (Commonwealth)	Capital
Aboriginal Sobriety Group	Consultancy

ADAC has also written funding submission to the following organisation;

National Drug Strategy	IDU Prevalence Research
National Drug Strategy	National Train the Trainer
National Drug Strategy	Community Smoking Cessation Project

ADAC Committee Membership

ADAC has gained membership on the following Committees/Boards;

State Based

Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee
 Aboriginal Sobriety Group Board of Management
 Aboriginal Health Council Ethics Research Committee
 Adelaide City Council Behavioural Concerns in the City
 Alcohol, Drugs, Crime Working Party - Attorney Generals Dept
 Cooper Pedy Dry Area Review Panel
 Davenport Health Action Committee
 Drug and Alcohol Services Council (DASC) Education Link
 DASC Aboriginal Advisory Group
 DASC Youth Training Committee
 DASC Drug and Alcohol Clinical Supervisors Group
 DETAFE/AHC Primary Health Certificate Course Advisory Group
 DOSAA Victoria Square Committee
 Education and Training Steering Group
 Equal Opportunity Outreach Project
 Family Training, Education, Awareness and Resource Centre Board of Management
 Hepatitis C Hepline Advisory Committee
 Hepatitis C Strategic Implementation Group
 HIV/Aids Injecting Drug Use Consultative Committee
 SAHC Hepatitis C Implementation Reference Group
 Far North Rehabilitation Working Party

National

Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) Education and Prevention Committee
 Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) Policy and Legislation Committee
 Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee
 Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Service National Substance Misuse Sub Committee

International

International Council of Alcohol and Addictions

Advocacy and Representation to Government and Key Policy Making Bodies

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Royal Commission Report

ADAC provided a written submission to ALRM detailing what we believed had been achieved in over 30 recommendations on the Royal Commission and what impact this action or inaction has had since 1995.

Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee Community Consultation Report

ADAC provided a written submission to AJAC detailing what we believed had been achieved in recommendations on the Royal Commission and what impact this has had since 1995
ADAC was also visited by AJAC as part of their community consultation report and response to the Royal Commission

National OATSIHS Substance Misuse Review

ADAC provided a written submission and also had a site visit from the evaluation team into the review into OATSIHS funded Aboriginal substance misuse programs

National Drug Strategy Review

ADAC provided verbal and written submissions to the evaluation team looking into National Drug Strategy Review.

National Health and Medical Research Council Draft Report on a Strategy for the Detection and Management of Hepatitis C in Australia

ADAC submitted a report with proposals to the NHRMC regarding the Draft Guidelines on the Management and Detection of Hepatitis C in Australia.

HIV/AIDS South Australian State Strategy 1995-2000

ADAC provided a written submission into drafting up a new state strategy to help combat the HIV/AIDS issue.

South Australian Liquor Licensing ACT Review

ADAC have been a member of the Attorney General's Liquor Licensing Act (1985) working party that have been looking at the Anderson Report and coming up with new Legislation and

Regulations for Liquor Licensing in South Australia. There were many areas in which we submitted needed changing, but in particular, we have pushed, and will continue to push the idea of a small excise on alcohol to pay for programs and resources for the community attempting to deal with the harms that result from the use and misuse of various drugs, including alcohol. In essence, we are looking to develop a system similar to the Northern Territory's Living With Alcohol program. ADAC also pushed the issues of sly grogging and credit availability to mention a few.

Cooper Pedy Substance Misuse Review

At a meeting attended by the Health Partnership, DASC, DOSAA, the District Council of Cooper Pedy and Members of the Umoona Community Council and Health Service it was agreed that ADAC would help develop strategies to help overcome the substance misuse issues in the community.

Conferences, Seminars and Other Forums

National Methadone Conference, Melbourne

This conference was attended by Carl Kinsella and Kim Hargreaves were the theme for the conference was 'Methadone in the Community'. The conference provided valuable information and contacts in relation to Methadone and other related issues. A copy of the conference proceedings is available from ADAC's Library. Kim has had extensive experience in working with Methadone clients and has become ADAC's resident 'expert' in the area. People wanting further information should not hesitate to contact Kim.

1st Australasian Hepatitis C Conference, Sydney

This conference in March of this year was attended Geoff Roberts and Helen Wilson and was the first Hepatitis conference in Australia to recognise the potential for the explosion of Hepatitis infections like Hepatitis C to have a major impact on society. It was discussed that people who inject drugs have a 100% certainty of contracting Hepatitis C the longer that they engage in this practice. Prisoners were also identified as a discreet population that have a high potential for infection.

ADAC was pleased to attend this conference and share with others the resources that we had developed and it turned out that our resources were the first colour educational materials on Hepatitis C in Australia at the time.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Conference, Sydney

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander National Health Workers Conference 1997 - Sydney. This conference, the first for some nineteen years, was held in Sydney this year and attended by approximately 600 participants. ADAC presented a plenary session, conducted 5 workshops and assisted in the presentation of a number of other workshops over the 3 day conference. Scott presented a plenary session as well as 3 other workshops. Paul conducted a workshop entitled 'Education and Training' and Geoff conducted a workshop titled 'Substance Misuse/Peer Education'. This workshop was based on the ADAC Aboriginal Peer Education project of which Geoff is the project leader.

Following the conference proceedings, both Geoff and Scott were nominated to work on the 120 recommendations which arose throughout the 3 days. This involved identifying the duplication

of recommendations as well as refining statements so as to allow the production of a comprehensive document, reflective of the decision making which arose.

This report is now available after being forwarded to the Federal Health Minister, Dr. Wooldridge. Carl and others from around Australia had a meeting with the Minister where the report and recommendations were formally presented for comment/endorsement.

At The ministers request, a streamlined version of recommendations which require immediate attention were developed from the main core of recommendations. The most important of these was the urgent need for the creation of a National Aboriginal Substance Misuse body amongst who's tasks would be to direct issues relating to:

- program(s) funding
- resource allocations
- collecting and interpreting data
- best practice education strategies
- commonality in approach

3rd International AIDS Impact Conference, Melbourne

Kim Hargreaves (Peer Educator Trainer) attended the above conference held in Melbourne on behalf of the Council in late June. This years focus was on new combination or anti-retroviral therapies; the impact of HIV transmission on developing countries and their responses to the epidemic; and the issue of negotiated safety between homosexual partners.

Kim was disappointed with the attendance at the cultural topics of the conference as well as attendance relating to intravenous drug use and HIV. By the end of the conference she was wondering if anyone cared about these issues except for those of us who worked or lived with indigenous populations the world over.

Several controversial topics were raised by Mr Chris Puplick, the Chair of the Australian Council on AIDS and Related Diseases on the final day of proceedings where he indicated that the 'medicalisation' of HIV rather than reliance on 're-gaying' of the issues was necessary if national strategies were to be implemented and expanded upon. Needless to say the gay activists present at the conference did not agree with him. It made a lot of sense to Kim given the issue is now far bigger than the homosexual community.

National Health Promotion Conference, Darwin

Scott attended the Health Promotion Conference in Darwin and was able to pick up useful resources, in particular those relating to petrol sniffing that could be adapted or used in the Petrol Sniffing project.

National Reconciliation Convention, Melbourne

Scott was invited to attend the National Reconciliation Convention in Melbourne as a South Australian delegate. This conference was the culmination of over six years of Reconciliation progress and was to be a celebration to carry the work forward into the next millennium. It drew considerable media attention and I was proud to be a participant. The highlights were the release of the Stolen Generation Inquiry report by the Human Rights Commission which was also a very moving session.

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alcohol and Drug Workers Education Forum, Adelaide

Earlier in the year Scott attended a National workshop along with representatives from around Australia to look at the Educational and Training opportunities available in Australia for Substance Misuse workers. It was a three day workshop that was held in Adelaide and all recommendations as well as the report will be included as part of the review into Substance Misuse by OATSIHS.

Australians For Reconciliation, Adelaide

The ADAC Co-ordinator is a member of the South Australian For Reconciliation Eminent Persons group. Scott co-chaired along with Julia Lester (ABC announcer) the Adelaide forum that was conducted prior to the Convention in Melbourne. These forums were held right across Australia with the Adelaide Forum being attended by over 1,000 people.

Winter Sun in The School, Brisbane

The Australian Drug Foundation-Queensland theme for this year's Winter Sun in The School was "Drugs - Policies, Programs and People" was the umbrella theme for addressing the diversity of issues associated with alcohol and other drug problems within the context of health and well being of people. Scott along with Jodie Shoebridge from NCETA presented a seminar session about the IDU project that had been carried out in Murray Bridge. Scott also was a Plenary speaker at this conference on Educational needs for substance misuse workers which was well received.

Drink Driving Recidivism Summit, Adelaide

Carl attended the above Summit held by the Australian Advisory Committee on Road Trauma. The Summit was organised to focus attention on the problem of 'recidivist' drinking drivers. These are drivers who offend against drink-driving laws, or who are involved in drink-related crashes time and time again. A national perspective was retained, covering approaches to the problem through all administrations in Australia. The general aim of the Summit was to assess the issues, consider possible countermeasures and develop a set of recommendations for Governments in all jurisdictions in Australia.

A copy of the proceedings and recommendations is available for loan from ADAC's Library.

"Working Together" 1997 Rural Mental Health Conference, Broken Hill

Scott was invited by OATSIHS and the conference organisers to speak at a Plenary session at this conference and the topic chosen was Dual Diagnosis: Linkages Between Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Services. This topic is highly relevant as there is a linkage and it is necessary for organisations involved in this work to be more fully supportive of each other.

ADAC Audited Annual Financial Report

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 1996

Assets

Current Assets

General Cheque Account	\$113,080.57
NDS Account	\$113,325.56
Payroll Account	(\$851.34)
Cash on Hand	\$103.90

Total Current Assets **\$243,658.69**

Non Current Assets

Capital Equipment	\$33,523.68
Motor Vehicles	\$42,768.00

Total Non Current Assets **\$76,291.68**

Total Assets **\$319,950.37**

Liabilities

Default/Tax Deductions/Expenses

Group Tax Clearance Account	(\$74.91)
Workcover Clearing Account	(\$20.65)
STA Super Levy	(\$93.25)
SGIC Super Levy	\$321.32
Norwich Super Levy	\$37.86
Child Support Agency	\$20.00
Annual Leave & LSL Provision	(29,900.88)
Creditors	\$39,008.68

Total Default/Tax Deductions/Expenses **\$9,298.17**

Non Current Liabilities **\$9,298.17**

Net Assets **\$310,652.20**

Equity

Retained Earnings	\$154,111.14
Current Year Earnings	\$156,541.06

Total Equity **\$310,652.20**

Income and Expenditure for the Year Ended 30 June 1996

	Actual		Budgeted		Difference
Income					
FS&H - Recurrent	\$ 236,915.00	\$	236,915.00		
Staff Training Support	\$ 6,160.00			\$	6,160.00
Mental Health	\$ 46,546.00	\$	46,546.00		
ATSIC - Inwork	\$ 10,114.00	\$	5,223.00	\$	4,891.00
NDS - Education Project	\$ 114,486.00	\$	114,486.00		
NDS - Prison Project	\$ 87,608.00	\$	65,706.00	\$	21,902.00
FACS - GFR	\$ 25,000.00	\$	25,000.00		
SAHC Rural Sexual Health	\$ 29,617.00	\$	29,617.00		
SAHC Petrol Sniffing Project	\$ 20,000.00	\$	20,000.00		
Office of the Aged	\$ 65,745.00	\$	65,745.00		
Interest Received	\$ 5,111.10	\$	1,600.00	\$	3,511.10
Other	\$ 63,008.76	\$	9,500.00	\$	53,508.76
Total Income	\$ 710,310.86	\$	620,338.00	\$	89,972.86
Less Expenses					
FS&H - Recurrent					
Accounting	\$ 889.20	\$	600.00	\$	289.20
Auditing	\$ 800.68	\$	2,000.00	\$	(1,199.32)
Bank Fees	\$ 1,426.49	\$	1,000.00	\$	426.49
Cleaning	\$ 3,033.94	\$	3,500.00	\$	(466.06)
Legal fees		\$	650.00	\$	(650.00)
Insurance	\$ 2,320.89	\$	1,500.00	\$	820.89
Postage/Courier	\$ 1,589.38	\$	2,500.00	\$	(910.62)
Telephone	\$ 5,627.33	\$	6,000.00	\$	(372.67)
Electricity	\$ 2,271.25	\$	2,200.00	\$	71.25
Office Rental	\$ 17,565.10	\$	15,500.00	\$	2,065.10
Rubbish Removal	\$ 215.42	\$	400.00	\$	(184.58)
Stationery	\$ 8,428.97	\$	6,500.00	\$	1,928.97
Materials/Other Stores	\$ 2,643.43	\$	3,000.00	\$	(356.57)
Office Supplies/Consumables	\$ 1,324.30	\$	2,500.00	\$	(1,175.70)
Printing	\$ 3,000.00	\$	3,000.00		
Promotional Materials	\$ 2,000.00	\$	2,000.00		
Council Costs	\$ 14,658.17	\$	14,263.22	\$	394.95
Executive Costs	\$ 11,052.56	\$	12,028.60	\$	(976.04)
Secretariat Costs	\$ 17,917.43	\$	21,200.00	\$	(3,282.57)
Vehicle Costs	\$ 7,353.00	\$	6,270.18	\$	1,082.82
Salaries and Wages	\$ 113,420.84	\$	124,216.83	\$	(10,795.99)
On Costs	\$ 9,459.70	\$	12,246.17	\$	(2,786.47)
Total FS&H - Recurrent	\$ 226,998.08	\$	243,075.00	\$	(16,076.92)

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
ATSIC - Inwork			
Admin Assistant	\$ 4,266.34	\$ 3,510.00	\$ 756.34
On Costs	\$ 395.77	\$ 688.00	\$ (292.23)
Travel Fares		\$ 25.00	\$ (25.00)
Start Up		\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)
TAFE Fees		\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
Total ATSIC - Inwork	\$ 4,662.11	\$ 5,423.00	\$ (760.89)
Living Health			
Packaging	\$ 203.49		\$ 203.49
Conference	\$ 40.00		\$ 40.00
Drug Issues Conference	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	
Production of Posters	\$ 13,412.35	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 3,912.35
Total Living Health	\$ 16,155.84	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 4,155.84
SAHC - HERG	\$ 24,252.00	\$ 24,252.00	
NDS - Education Project			
Wages	\$ 54,218.27	\$ 88,781.67	\$ (34,563.40)
On Costs	\$ 2,803.61	\$ 9,429.88	\$ (6,626.27)
Administration		\$ 450.00	\$ (450.00)
Resource Development	\$ 3,625.61	\$ 12,000.00	\$ (8,374.39)
Overheads	\$ 8,819.98	\$ 16,274.00	\$ (7,454.02)
Total NDS - Education	\$ 69,467.47	\$ 126,935.55	\$ (57,468.08)
NDS - Prison Project			
Wages	\$ 77,459.45	\$ 89,080.40	\$ (11,620.95)
On Costs	\$ 7,240.72	\$ 11,379.56	\$ (4,138.84)
Travel	\$ 17,109.34	\$ 11,860.00	\$ 5,249.34
Resources	\$ 4,351.01	\$ 17,852.00	\$ (13,500.99)
Administration	\$ 2,034.36	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 784.36
Total NDS - Prison	\$ 108,194.88	\$ 131,421.96	\$ (23,227.08)
Grief and Trauma			
Wages	\$ 18,504.23	\$ 34,850.00	\$ (16,345.77)
On Costs	\$ 1,259.80	\$ 3,529.11	\$ (2,269.31)
Office Supplies & Materials	\$ 2,025.43	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (1,974.57)
Travel Costs	\$ 18.00	\$ 2,240.28	\$ (2,222.28)
Administration (ADAC)	\$ 1,016.15	\$ 1,900.00	\$ (883.85)
Safe Profit	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Community Workshop	\$ 5,252.60	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 752.60
Resource Development	\$ 2,454.90	\$ 7,300.00	\$ (4,845.10)
Vehicle Hire	\$ 3,620.00	\$ 4,712.00	\$ (1,092.00)
Workshop Facilitation	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	
Total Mental Health	\$ 37,151.11	\$ 66,031.39	\$ (28,880.28)

	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Rural Sexual Health			
Wages	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 17,817.00	\$ (7,567.00)
Goods and Services	\$ 7,807.71	\$ 11,800.00	\$ (3,992.29)
Total Rural Sexual Health	\$ 18,057.71	\$ 29,617.00	\$ (11,559.29)
FACS - GFR			
ADAC Salary/Costs	\$ 6,098.71	\$ 17,610.00	\$ (11,511.29)
Relationships SA Costs	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ (8,000.00)
RAAP Costs	\$ 64.36	\$ 1,040.00	\$ (975.64)
Salaried Position		\$ 12,600.00	\$ (12,600.00)
Vehicle Hire	\$ 4,673.38	\$ 5,200.00	\$ (526.62)
Reports/Resources	\$ 12.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (2,988.00)
Admin (ADAC)	\$ 81.00	\$ 4,550.00	\$ (4,469.00)
Total FACS - GFR	\$ 18,929.45	\$ 60,000.00	\$ (41,070.55)
SAHC-Petrol Sniffing			
Wages		\$ 32,464.00	\$ (32,464.00)
On Costs		\$ 3,230.00	\$ (3,230.00)
Resources	\$ 1,046.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ (6,954.00)
Advertising		\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,000.00)
Admin Expenses		\$ 2,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)
Vehicle Hire		\$ 10,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)
Audit		\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)
Total Petrol Sniffing	\$ 1,046.00	\$ 57,194.00	\$ (56,148.00)
Other Expenditure			
Office of Road Safety	\$ 6,253.74	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (8,746.26)
Frahn's Farm Costs	\$ 15,493.94		\$ 15,493.94
SAHC-HIV/AIDS Study Grant	\$ 1,598.65		\$ 1,598.65
Cooper Pedy Project	\$ 5,508.00		\$ 5,508.00
Total Other Expenses	\$ 28,854.33	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 13,854.33
Total Expenses	\$ 553,768.98	\$ 770,949.90	\$ (217,180.92)
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$ 156,541.88	\$ (150,611.90)	\$ 307,153.78

Committee Report

Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council

In accordance with section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporation Act, 1985, the committee of Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Inc hereby states that during the financial year ended 1994;

- (a) (i) no officer of the association;
- (ii) no firm of which an officer is a member; and
- (iii) no body corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest,

has received or become entitled to receive benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and the association except for the following -

"Nil"

- (b) no officer of the association has received directly or indirectly from the association any payment or benefit of a pecuniary value except for the following -

"Nil"

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the committee and signed by (at least) two members of the committee.

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Date 27th October, 1997

ADAC Council Membership

Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands Council
Aboriginal Sobriety Group
Arabuna People's Committee
Ceduna/Kooniba Health Service
Davenport Community Council
Dunjiba Aboriginal Corporation
Gerard Reserve Council
Kalparrin Inc
Koonibba Aboriginal Community Council
Lower Murray Nungas Club
Nepabunna Council
Nganampa Health Council Inc
Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council.
Port Mcleay Aboriginal Community Council Inc
Pt. Pearce Aboriginal Community Council Inc
Port Pirie Aboriginal Centre
Port Lincoln Aboriginal Organisation
Port Lincoln Heath Service
Pika Wiya Health Service
Riverland Aboriginal Alcohol Program
South East Nungas Club Inc
Umoona Community Council
Whyalla Aboriginal Community Council
Yalata Aboriginal Community Council Inc

ADAC Staff 1995 - 1996

State Co-ordinator

Mr. Scott Wilson

Senior Project Officer

Mr. Carl Kinsella

Education Training Officer

Mr. Paul Elliott

Project Leader, Prison Peer Education Project

Mr. Geoff Roberts

Peer Educator Officers Prison Peer Education Project

Ms. Kim Hargreaves & Moyna Kane

Prison Outreach Worker

Vacant

Project Officer Alcohol Related Brain Damage - Dementia

Sonya Rankine

Project Officer Petrol Sniffing Project

Douglas Walker

Administration/Finance Officer

Ms. Helen Wilson

Administration Assistant

Ms. Sophia Riveria

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