



OUR FIRST SAFE SEX STICKER, 1985



MARK SAWYER: VOLUNTEER SINCE 2012

Then & Now

In 1983 not much was known about HIV. No one was certain how it was transmitted. There was no test you could take to determine if you had the virus. Concerned members of the gay community were mobilised to prevent HIV and the Victorian AIDS Council came into being.

In 2013, HIV prevention has come a long way. Condoms, clean needles and safe sex, safer, better treatments, undetectable viral load, pre and post exposure prophylaxis and rapid testing mean that for the first time in the history of the epidemic we can all work toward ending HIV.



CANDLELIGHT VIGIL, 1986



WORLD AIDS DAY, 2012

Then & Now

OUR VISION: A FUTURE WITHOUT HIV.

A WORLD WHERE ALL **SEXUALLY AND GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLE** LIVE WITH **DIGNITY AND EQUAL RIGHTS** AND **PARTICIPATE FULLY** IN OUR SOCIETY.

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VICTORIAN AIDS COUNCIL / GAY MEN'S HEALTH CENTRE **ESTABLISHED IN 1983**

Statement of Purpose

The Victorian AIDS Council was formed in 1983 as the central part of the Victorian gay and community's response to HIV/AIDS. In 1986 the Gay Men's Health Centre was formed to address the broader health needs of the gay community. Together, the Victorian AIDS Council and the Gay Men's Health Centre work to confront the continuing challenges of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and, increasingly, the gay community's broader health concerns. Our core work aims to preserve the independence, dignity and health of people living with HIV/AIDS and to reduce the transmission of HIV. We are committed to social justice and social change. Since our inception we have been a strategic partner of government, hospitals and other service providers. Our effectiveness and inspiration comes from the hard work and dedication of our volunteers, and paid staff, who are men and women of many backgrounds, and from the ongoing support of the communities we serve.



PHIL CARSWELL VAC PRESIDENT 1985 MICHAEL WILLIAMS: PRESIDENT 2012

Then & Now

In 1983 Phil Carswell became the first President of VAC. 'Basically we were able to draw together very quickly a nucleus of very intelligent, articulate and committed, passionate people, men and women who had experience in the law, in health, in social marketing, political activism, community organisation, psychology and medicine. That nucleus went on to become the AIDS Council.'

In 2012 Michael Williams became the 18th President of VAC/GMHC. In 2013 the organisation has a new strategic plan and a new organisational vision and although 2012 saw a significant drop in the number of new notifications in Victoria, we remain committed to using every prevention tool available to end HIV in the foreseeable future.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT **MICHAEL WILLIAMS**

It has been an immensely important year for VAC/GMHC.

2013 was the first year of our new five year strategic plan and central to this is an emphasis on promoting the full range of HIV prevention approaches. VAC/GMHC signed the Melbourne Declaration which calls for a 50% reduction in HIV by 2015: HIV testing must be made easier to ensure that people know their status and, if positive, people can start treatment earlier for their own health benefits. If there is a far broader, and earlier, uptake of HIV treatment we now believe that we will be able to reduce new infections significantly.

July 12 2013 marked 30 years since the Victorian AIDS Action Committee was founded in an effort to respond to the HIV epidemic. This year the Board decided on a number of events to commemorate this important milestone. These included a series of lectures by our second President, Adam Carr, former CEO, Bernard Gardiner and long time employee, Tex McKenzie. In front of almost 200 members and supporters at our launch party on July 28, The Minister for Health, the Hon. David Davis MLC, and former Minister for Health, the Hon. Caroline Hogg, along with our first President, Phil Carswell, launched our official history, *Under the Red Ribbon*, a website and publication written

and developed by historians Way Back When Consultancy. It is a testament to the high regard in which VAC/GMHC is held that our work has been supported right across the political spectrum.

The Board passed important changes to the Rules of VAC and GMHC following a governance review in 2012. These changes included removing the Executive Director (now Chief Executive Officer) and staff representative from being voting members of the Board. This is to ensure that governance boundaries are clear for both roles.

VAC/GMHC remains in a strong financial position and this is complemented by a robust and cohesive Board. I thank all of them for their stellar service throughout the past year. Additionally, thank you to Matt Dixon, our CEO, for his work – the establishment of the rapid testing site one of the significant achievements during the year. I also wish to express my gratitude to our dedicated staff who continue to provide excellent programs and services of which VAC/GMHC and all our members can be proud.

This is my final report as I am leaving the Board in November. Contributing to this organisation has been one of the most rewarding things I have done. I hope you see the passion with which everyone at VAC/GMHC carries out our work in this annual report. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the amazing work, dedication, creativity and commitment of our volunteers. They are our foundation and we simply would not be able to exist without their tireless efforts. Thank you!



AIDS CANDLELIGHT VIGIL, 1990

OUR MISSION: VAC/GMHC LEADS THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS IN VICTORIA BY PROVIDING CARE AND SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH HIV, HEALTH PROMOTION AND ADVOCACY.

BOARD REPORT

The October 2012 election by Members saw David Mejia-Canales join the Board. Following the decision by Living Positive Victoria, Sam Venning resigned from the Board as the LPV representative. This Board position is now no longer required, however under the new Constitution, the Board is now able to appoint a member to ensure we have a positive perspective on Board deliberations. After an expression of interest process, the Board appointed John Manwaring to the Board.

We thank Sam Venning and Dominic Smith, who finished as Directors since the last annual report, for their work on the Board during 2012.

Strategic Plan

Much of the focus for the Board is around its Strategic Plan 2012-2017; translating the objectives into plans taken up by the organisation, monitoring progress against our targets and ensuring engagement with the community, our members and

other organisations within the sector. Many of the outcomes, for which we are very proud, are discussed in greater detail elsewhere in this annual report.

Finance, Risk and Audit Committee (FRAC)

The FRAC has continued to meet monthly. This year's financial audit was undertaken by our new auditors, Pitcher Partners, following the tender for audit services conducted in 2012. FRAC is currently working with the organisation to put in place an operational risk policy and risk register. At the same time, we are running a tender for a consultant to assist us with the development of our Finance Strategy, a plan which will provide direction for long term financial planning, investment and income diversity.

Governance Committee

The Governance Committee has undertaken work to streamline Board induction, documenting work plans for the Board



EL SALVADORIAN STAMP, 1948



DAVID MEJIA-CANALES, VOLUNTEER

Then & Now

"I was born in El Salvador in Central America. My cousin was an active guy, very sporty, then he suddenly passed away. It was a big secret that he died of AIDS, it was very shameful. In El Salvador, if you got HIV, then you deserved it. If you died of AIDS, no one mentioned you again, it was as if you had never existed."

"Now, in El Salvador, things are changing, but very slowly. Here, I'm an active member of the Board of VAC/GMHC, and I am very proud to be part of a determined, passionate and incredibly motivated group of people who are working to make a difference in the lives of people infected and affected by HIV."

and CEO, monitoring progress against our Strategic Plan and an investigation as to whether the dual VAC and GMHC organisational structure remains the best model to serve the organisation into the future.

Research Advice and Promotion Committee

The Research Advice and Promotion Committee continues to monitor and where appropriate, endorse research where VAC/GMHC has been asked to support the research undertaking in some way.

History Project Task Group

The work of the History Project Task Group is evident in the excellent book, *Under The Red Ribbon* and the website celebrating the 30 year anniversary of VAC/GMHC. The event is discussed more fully in other sections of the annual report.

Centre Clinic Task Group

The Board established the Centre Clinic Task Group to address the ongoing budget issues at the Centre Clinic. This remains a work in progress.

The Constitution Task Group

The Constitution Task Group worked at length to change our Rules into Constitutions for both VAC and GMHC. At the same time, the document was updated to comply with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Vic) 2012. The constitutions were accepted by Members on 21 August 2013 and were endorsed by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

The Board thanks CEO, Matt Dixon and Executive Officer, Rowena Doo for their ongoing support during 2012/13.



ROBERT SMITH, THE CURE 1983



MATT DIXON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Then & Now

"In 1983 I was a big fan of the *Eurythmics* and Robert Smith of *The Cure* was my fashion role model. I can't remember, then, even having heard of HIV. It was only really when I went into nursing, some years later that I understood the impacts of HIV on our community."

"These days, Leonard Cohen and *Daft Punk* are on high rotation on my iPhone, and now, after so many bends in the road on the journey of HIV, it seems amazing to be in a period where the end of the epidemic may soon come into view."



PRONTO!

PRONTO! HIV Rapid Testing

PRONTO! was developed and launched in record time, thanks to our partners Burnet Institute and Department of Health Victoria. We are very excited to add rapid testing to our suite of interventions to address HIV. There is evidence to suggest that up to 30% of HIV in Victoria is undiagnosed, and therefore hope PRONTO! will assist undiagnosed gay men to get tested, so they can consider their options to best maintain their health. We anticipate that there will be an increase in HIV notifications over the coming years, as rates of testing increase.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT MATT DIXON

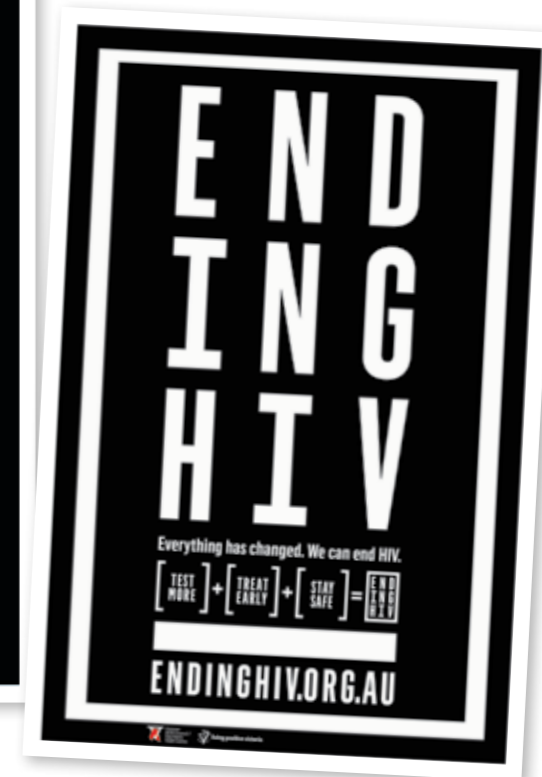
It has been another busy and productive year at VAC/GMHC – our 30th year!

Melbourne Declaration

Based on the 2011 United Nations Political Declaration on HIV, The Melbourne Declaration comprises four key action areas:

- Substantially increase access to and uptake of voluntary HIV testing in Australia;
- Enhance access to and uptake of antiretroviral treatment for HIV;
- Make HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) available;
- Strengthen the partnership response and enabling environment.

We have been involved in policy advocacy to progress all of these. We are particularly pleased to have assisted in building support for the introduction of rapid HIV testing and a PrEP trial in Victoria.



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Strategic Plan

Work progresses to implement our strategic plan. Whilst maintaining our strong focus on HIV, we are exploring with other communities our potential to support and assist their goals of better health. A couple of examples of this broader work is firstly our contribution to expunging old gay sex convictions and secondly supporting the *No to Homophobia* campaign. In order to best position ourselves to deliver on our strategic plan we implemented a management restructure which is now complete.

Partnerships

Relationships with both Department of Health and Minister for Health are extremely positive. This is particularly welcome at a time when, in some Australian jurisdictions, we see a cooling of these partnerships.

Together with Living Positive Victoria, we recently launched *Ending HIV* a successful campaign shared with us by ACON in NSW and supported by the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO).

We thank the many partner organisations, groups and sponsors who work alongside us towards our future without HIV in a world where all sexually and gender diverse people live with dignity and equal rights, and participate fully in our society.

Finally and most importantly, thank you to all of our wonderful staff and volunteers who are at the coalface every day. Your commitment is impressive and very much appreciated.

21 STORIES FROM THE VICTORIAN AIDS COUNCIL / GAY MEN'S HEALTH CENTRE



THE AWARD WINNING CAST OF BEING BREND0

1 Being Brendo

In April of this year *Being Brendo*, our popular online health promotion series, concluded. We produced 84 episodes, had over 7,500 Facebook fans and the series garnered 5 awards at the LA Webfest 2013. It is yet another example of the Health Promotion, Policy and Communications Program breaking new ground with the Burnet Institute determining that our series is the most successful use of social media for health promotion in the world.

2 Top to Bottom

In 2012, the Health Promotion, Policy and Communications Program developed VAC/GMHC's first social marketing campaign addressing the increased complexity of HIV prevention and risk reduction. The *Top 2 Bottom* campaign examined issues relating to undetectable viral load, strategic position, serosorting and other strategies gay men employ to minimise their risk of infection. The risk reduction elements of the campaign sat alongside messages that reinforced the effectiveness of condoms and water-based lube in preventing HIV and other sexually transmitted infections.



THE TOP 2 BOTTOM CAMPAIGN



CHINESE NEW YEAR DRAGON



JESSIE WONG, VOLUNTEER

Then & Now

Jessie Wong is Chinese, but grew up in Malaysia. Her childhood memory was that HIV and AIDS was heavily stigmatised and that it was characterised as a disease that 'bad people' got. That attitude went throughout society, from the home, the schoolyard and the streets.

In 2013 Jessie Wong decided to become a volunteer with VAC/GMHC. Jessie works on the *Staying Negative* campaign. "It has been so great to read stories from gay men who have struggled to come out but now are free to live without hiding behind a mask."



3 Revolution or Evolution?

Treatment as Prevention (TasP) has once again dominated the prevention debate in 2012-13. In response we organised the first sector-wide forum on Treatment as Prevention, entitled *Revolution or Evolution*. The forum was a collaboration between Living Positive Victoria, ASHM, The Kirby Institute, and AFAO. The forum examined the bio-medical issues and the social dimension of TasP and was well attended by workers from across the spectrum of the HIV/AIDS sector.

4 Health Promotion, Policy & Communications

As part of the Senior Management Team restructure, the Health Promotion Program is now known as the Health Promotion, Policy and Communications Program. Combining health promotion with a strong, evidence-based policy component, together with an organisation-wide focus on communications means that our work will be better placed to effectively meet the strategic goals of the organisation into the future.



5 The Sexually Adventurous Men (SAM) Project

This year the SAM project increased its capacity to work in partnership with community groups and businesses to further the aims of the project. This has included enhancing the skills of community groups to develop their own health promotion initiatives. Our ongoing relationship with VicBears and the BearHART sexual health sub-committee resulted in a variety of initiatives including body image, depression, and HIV disclosure workshops in addition to sexual health campaigns and events.



7 Positive Living Centre Women's Event

The PLC again welcomed the opportunity to hold the annual Women's event. Popular activities included massage, makeovers and taking photographs. The PLC was decorated with candles and flowers creating a warm, inviting ambience and the tables were laden with a sumptuous afternoon tea. MAC Cosmetics again offered their services, providing a makeover to all participants and many commented that it was "magic." This is a truly collaborative effort with Straight Arrows and Positive Women - a wonderful feeling of camaraderie and generosity of spirit was exhibited by all involved.



ASHM PRESIDENT, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
EDWINA WRIGHT

6 World AIDS Day Memorial

The World AIDS Day 2012 memorial service, (held at the Positive Living Centre – PLC), was a very significant event, as we remembered and celebrated the lives of those we have loved and lost. Talented artists Jade Leonard, Jon Jackson and the Melbourne Gay and Lesbian Chorus provided inspirational entertainment. Keynote speaker, Associate Professor Edwina Wright, along with a variety of other speakers, eloquently highlighted issues relating to living with HIV whilst the ceremony – the nucleus of the event – was beautifully and respectfully led by Marg Hayes. Special thanks to Luke Gallagher, Master of Ceremonies, and the many staff and volunteers in making this, yet again, a wonderful success.



8 Positive Living Centre Kitchen

In the past year, approximately 6000 nutritious, creative and diverse meals were provided for the Positive Living Centre's clients, with great feedback. The kitchen was recognised by Stonnington Council "for achieving a high level of compliance in food safety", a standard not easily attained. All this reflects the hard work of the wonderful kitchen team, Ram and the volunteers, who produce wholesome meals with completely fresh produce.



THE GRIM REAPER CIRCA 1987



PAV ZABORSZCZYK, VOLUNTEER

Then & Now

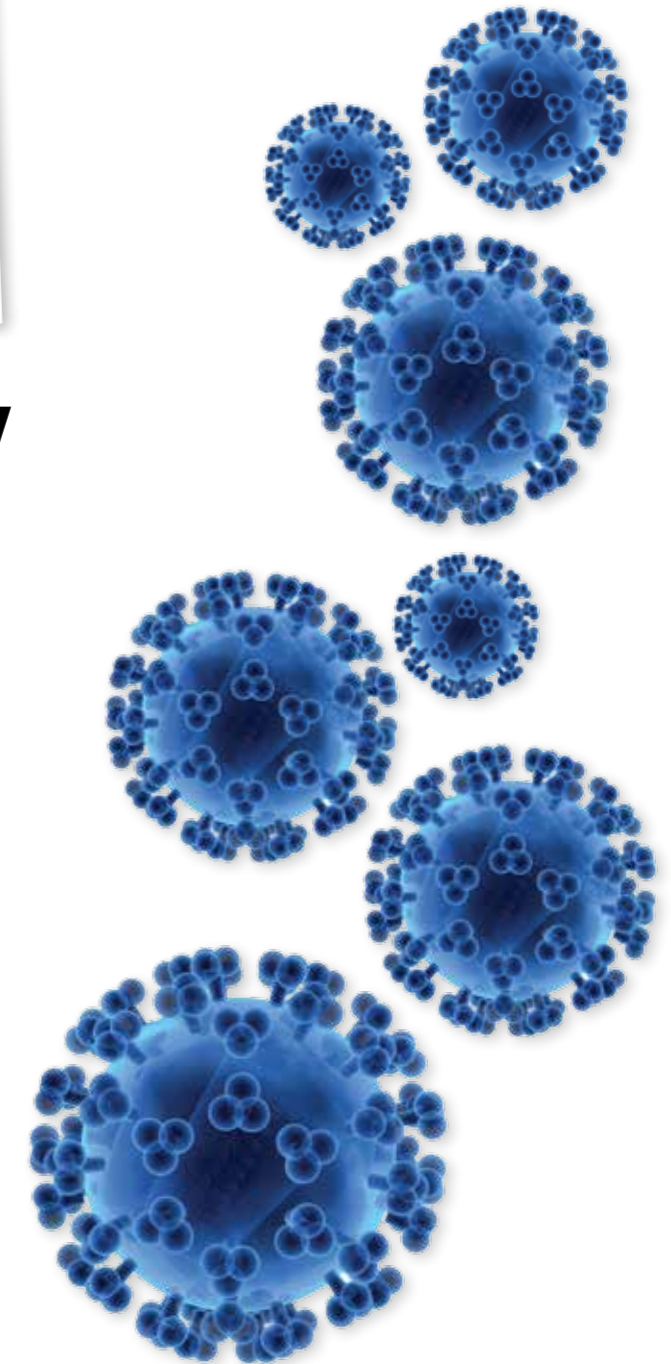
"The first I became aware of HIV was through the *Grim Reaper* campaign on TV. I was a 7 year old kid and it was very scary. I remember a spooky guy with a bowling ball killing people in a bowling alley, (what was with that bowling ball anyway)?"

"Today I have a much fuller understanding of what HIV is and how it's affected our community. Even though it has now become a chronic, manageable infection, I still think it's serious. I volunteer at VAC because I want to do my bit!"



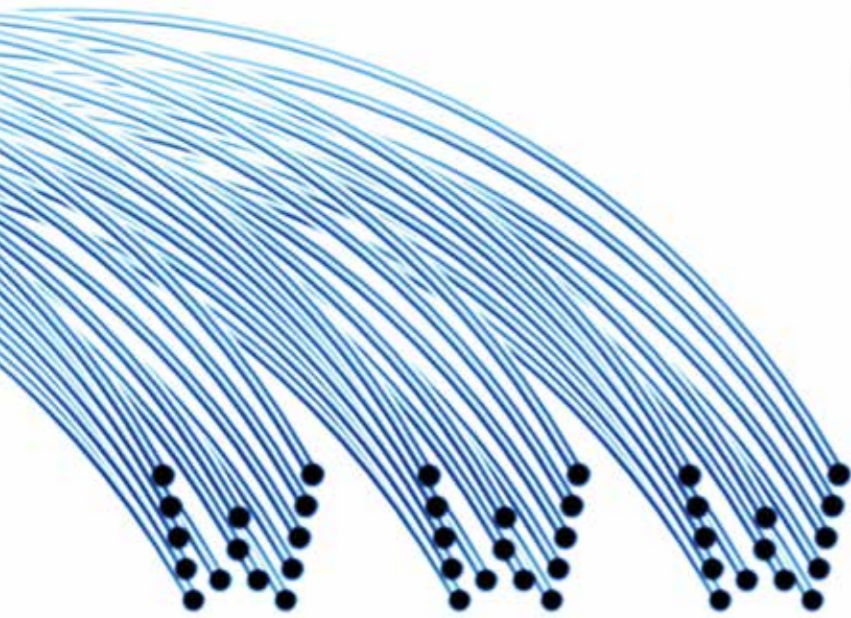
9 Altered States

This year, the Positive Counselling Team established an alcohol and drug service called *Altered States*. The service, a partnership with the Burnet Institute and Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre, incorporates both group therapy and individual counselling and is funded by the Department of Health and Ageing. Our first therapeutic group supports LGBTI people to better manage issues with alcohol and anxiety. Future plans include a group supporting gay men with issues around methamphetamine use and depression.



10 Centre Clinic Research

Medical and social research are vehicles that provide very important details in our understanding and management of disease. Great research requires a steadfast resolve, meticulous data collection and the goodwill of participating patients, to reach meaningful conclusions. This year, the Centre Clinic is proud to be involved in ten different studies, both national and international. This marks the busiest year ever in the history of the clinic's contribution towards the medical sciences.



11 Reconnecting with In-Home Support

The seemingly small steps that some In-Home Support clients make can be great for people who have been living with HIV long term, often in conjunction with co-morbidities.

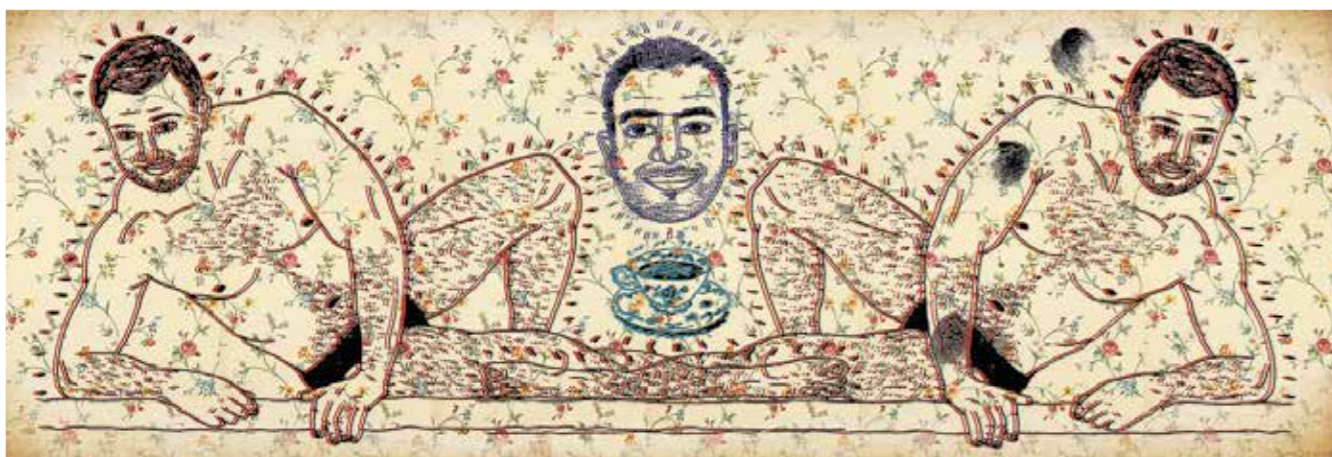
After several years of encouragement, one client has overcome his computer phobia and is now emailing, using the internet and has even joined Facebook. A small example of how setting goals and providing ongoing encouragement can help empower individuals to increase their skill base and connect with the wider world.



DAVID WILLIAMS

13 David Williams Fund

Recently a client whose partner had not long ago passed away had need to access the David Williams Fund (DWF). He was incredibly isolated, living in the country. He had disconnection notices and was behind in rent. The DWF advocated on his behalf with the utility companies, getting \$500 waived through a government grant. We advocated through a housing agent to assist with rent, the fund also enabled him to study in a course he'd always wanted to do. He's back on his feet, working now, socialising and financially stable.



PRONTO! RECEPTION DESK

12 Rapid Testing PRONTO!

On 13 January at the Midsumma Carnival, Minister for Health, the Hon. David Davis MLC, announced funding for Australia's first fixed site, dedicated rapid HIV testing facility. The service known as *PRONTO!* is a collaboration between the Department

of Health, the Burnet Institute and VAC/GMHC. The service that follows a peer based model – similar to the popular San Francisco rapid testing service, *Magnet* – is based in Fitzroy and was launched in August, 2013.



THAI BUDDHA



NAOMI LIMTANG, VOLUNTEER

Then & Now

"I'm from Ranong in Thailand. 20 years ago, HIV was a major problem in my country. Many people became infected. Information on HIV was scarce, mainly people felt it had only to do with sex workers. Safe sex information was not really available, so that's why I think HIV became an even bigger problem."

"Here at the Victorian AIDS Council, everyone is much more open, information is available to everyone, everyone is very helpful, this is much better. It means that people with the virus are not isolated, they are much more supported, they can seek out services and help if they need it."



14 Helem, Arab and Gay

Helem, the Arab gay group, re-formed last year for gay men and lesbians who are Arabic or have an Arabic background. The group meet monthly at The Peter Knight Centre. Members of the group are from a wide variety of Arabic backgrounds, including Lebanon, Syria, North Africa and the United Arab Emirates. This group is invaluable in that it provides a safe space for peer support around coming out, sexuality, family and religion.



15 Northside Bizarre

Northside Bizarre was back for 2013 and raised over \$19,000 for the David Williams Fund and JOY 94.9. The Laird was transformed into an auction house & leather market for an all-inclusive community event. Melbourne's finest purveyors in leather & fetish joined us to provide a charity auction with a twist. The marketplace promoted budding local artists, retail and community stalls.



16 FearLESS!

"I attended the *FearLESS* Group at the suggestion of my counsellor. I learned so much about myself and how my new life as a gay man (I was married for a very long time) would be from this group. The group was very well run by the counsellors. I thought the mixture of male and female counsellors really added to the experience. I would recommend this group to anyone in the process of coming out, or indeed still learning about being gay." – Client, Counselling Services.



17 Health and Fitness in the Workplace

One of our Administration team, Archie Serafica, has taken on the additional role of advocating for health and fitness in the workplace. As part of a health grant from the state government, Archie has organised for employees to receive fresh fruit and coordinated two different fitness programs for staff. Employees enjoyed personal trainers running both core training and yoga at the Positive Living Centre and Peter Knight Centre. As these initiatives have now finished, Archie is in the process of looking into a pedometer challenge for staff, which we anticipate will be well received.



18 Coming Out

"I received counselling from VAC/GMHC throughout 2012. My counsellor's insight and empathy were amazing. I could not have been provided with anyone better, I'm sure. My counsellor guided me through the minefield of coming out and coming to grips with my sexuality and how this would affect the rest of my life, he did this with incredible patience and huge care for my wellbeing. His concern for me was very appreciated when I went through those bad times. He just seemed to know when I needed him." – Client, Counselling Services.



19 Employee Assistance Program

One of the most meaningful programs an organisation can offer its employees is an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and in February 2013, we launched our first EAP through PPC Worldwide. Feedback from staff has been positive as the service is beginning to be explored. Several staff members have commented on the fast response and professionalism of the counsellors – both face to face and over the phone.

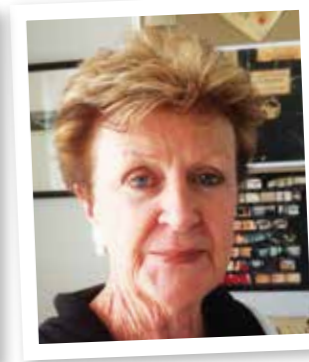


20 Red Dinners

World AIDS Day was another great success this year with our activities achieving – to use media speak – over 16 million impressions. Our pilot project Host a Red Dinner for World AIDS Day demonstrated significant fundraising potential and has been continued for another year. We also placed stalls at key supermarket locations which proved to be very effective at engaging the public. In combination with our traditional street appeal, we distributed over 13,000 red ribbons.



ATLANTA, USA



LOUISE NAUGHTON-SMITH, VOLUNTEER

Then & Now

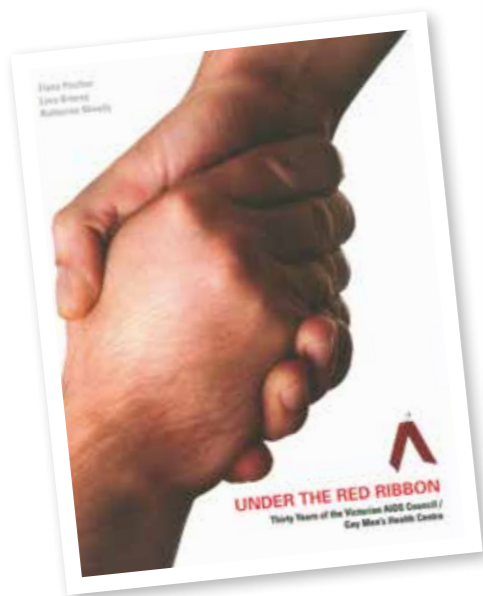
"I was living in the US in the early 80s and my first memory of HIV was a piece in a local paper in Atlanta about a disease that was killing gay men. HIV didn't have a name then, it was called Gay Related Immune Deficiency or GRID. It hit me very early because I had friends who were dying."

"Working as a volunteer at VAC/GMHC, I see the amazing progress that has been made. Over time I've seen people coming in who are much better, taking advantage of the services we offer. It's great to see people well, and stay well – that has been amazing."

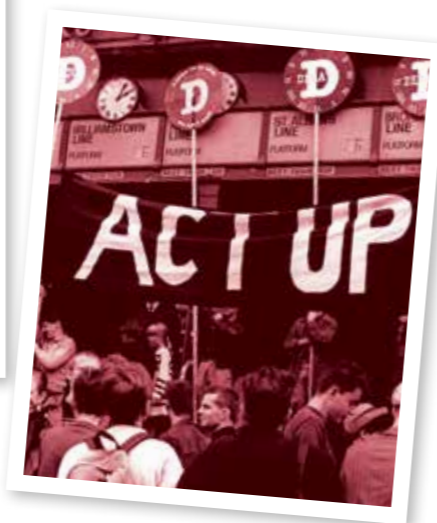


21 Police Checks

The introduction of police checks for new employees and all volunteers (current and new) was implemented this year. The Volunteer Reference Group planned the rollout carefully and discussed the process with our existing volunteers. At the time of writing we are pleased to report that almost all of our volunteer police checks have been completed. There is no doubt that the support and commitment of our volunteers have made this process successful.



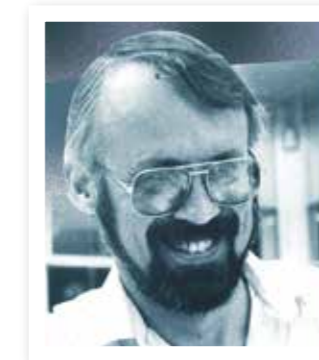
FOUNDING PRESIDENT PHIL CARSWELL AND ADAM CARR AT THE MEETING WHERE THE MOTION WAS PASSED TO FORM THE VICTORIAN AIDS COUNCIL DECEMBER 6, 1984



ACT-UP D-DAY PROTESTS, JUNE 6, 1991, FLINDERS STREET STATION, MELBOURNE



CANDLELIGHT VIGIL AND MARCH, MELBOURNE 1989



PETER KNIGHT, 1983



IAN FOOTE, VOLUNTEER SINCE 1984

Then & Now

"In 1983, not much was known about HIV. I remember going to a meeting convened by Peter Knight where we started to discuss just what this new virus was going to mean to us as a community. In the early days we had literally *no money* - we were out there begging to get money to create safe sex resources."

"In the thirty years I have been involved with the organisation, I have witnessed the sad deaths of many people, which today would be completely preventable. HIV has gone from being associated with terrible illness and death to a chronic manageable infection. Today things are a whole lot better."

UNDER THE RED RIBBON THE STORY OF VAC/GMHC

The Book, *Under the Red Ribbon* is the story of the Victorian AIDS Council / Gay Men's Health Centre and thirty years of a courageous and determined community united by a common cause. The publication of the book was part of our 30th anniversary, which included a wide range of events including public forums, the creation of a 'history project' website and an exhibition highlighting the work of the organisation over the last three decades. At the launch of the book, founding President of VAC/GMHC Phil Carswell spoke eloquently of the challenges that remain for us as an organisation, and a community. Here is an edited excerpt of that speech, delivered on Saturday July 27, 2013.

"Our work will be done – when there are no more seroconversions, both in our young people and amongst the other generations.

Our work will be done – when all those who have been or who are at risk of acquiring HIV are tested and if positive placed immediately on the drugs they need to suppress their viral load, keep them healthy and at reduced risk of any further transmission.

Our work will be done – when mother to child transmission is stopped all over the world, a real and viable target currently being worked on by WHO and UNICEF. This is an international priority that we should support however we can.

Our work will be done – when all the various social determinants that encourage HIV transmission are investigated and counter strategies developed and implemented. Social determinants such as mental health issues (why are our young people harming themselves more often than their straight counterparts?), alcohol & drug issues (why do gay people smoke and drink more than

community averages? Why is crystal meth tearing gaping great holes in our community networks?), economic issues (Why are more PLWHA living in poverty?), ageing issues (what are the long term impacts of the intersection of powerful antiretroviral drugs and the ageing process?), psychological issues (is our community experiencing both individually based and collective Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome and if so what can be done to help the healing required?).

Our work will be done – when all Victorian schools run, in collaboration with parents, effective and comprehensive sex education programs along with anti-bullying and anti-discrimination initiatives.

Vito Russo was an author, screenwriter and activist who said: "AIDS is a test of who we are as a people. When future generations ask what we did in the war, we have to be able to

tell them that we were out there fighting and we have to leave a legacy to the generations of people who will come after us – remember that someday the AIDS crisis will be over. And when that day has come and gone, there will be people alive on this earth – gay people and straight people, black people and white people, men and women – who will hear the story that once there was a terrible disease, and that a brave group of people stood up and fought, and in some cases died, so that others might live and be free."

AWARDS



MADELEINE BARBARA

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Madeleine Barbara has been a volunteer with Community Support for 21 years and has provided thousands of hours of care and support to clients. Her bright personality and inclusive nature created a positive, welcoming environment that encouraged clients to attend the Drop-in. For the past five years, Madeleine has been a member of the Chelsea volunteer team and has also worked as a driver providing medical transport for clients. Maddie has always maintained excellent professional boundaries in her work, an essential but often difficult task when working in long-term support roles with complex and demanding clients. Because of Maddie's non-judgmental nature, she has been able to relate positively to a wide range of clients, including those in quite dire circumstances. Madeleine Barbara's volunteer work with Community Support typifies the commitment and enthusiasm that has enabled the program to respond effectively to changing client needs throughout the course of the HIV epidemic.



DOMINIC WHITEHOUSE

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Dominic Whitehouse is a volunteer with the HIV/AIDS Legal Centre (HALC). He has been involved since 1993 and continues to make a significant contribution. He has been an integral part of HALC, offering his skills as a lawyer, completely free of charge. Dominic is extremely talented, intelligent, capable, dedicated, and personable. He is passionate about his work and has demonstrated the capacity to work tirelessly to meet the needs of clients. He is an essential part of the team in the ongoing effort to provide positive outcomes for people living with HIV/AIDS. Dominic's commitment to our organisation is truly inspirational and he has established himself as an important part of the HIV/AIDS sector and community.



NAOMI COOPER

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

Naomi Cooper has helped make possible the revamp of the *Staying Negative* campaign, contributing to a content review and rewrite, as well as helping out in the development of the new look website. Naomi has been helping out with health promotion activities on Wednesdays for a significant proportion of time. Prior to working on *Staying Negative* she completed all the subtitles for *Being Brendo*. Naomi's warm personality and dedication in the sector or HIV/AIDS has significantly endeared her to the Health Promotion, Policy and Communications Program, and the organisation as a whole.



BENAZIR ALI, VOLUNTEER

Then & Now

"I heard about HIV in school through sexual health, it all seemed so remote and scary. It's fair to say I really had no awareness of the problem."

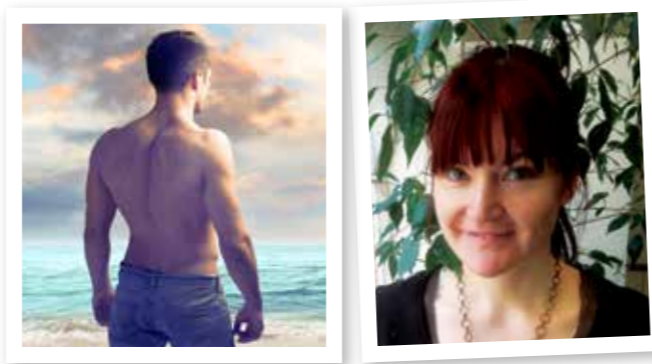
"It's not until you volunteer at VAC/GMHC that you really understand that there is a bright future for people with HIV, with treatment and support."



RICHARD KEANE

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD

Richard has been involved with the Positive Living Centre for a number of years and was fundamental in the establishment of *GROW* groups at the centre. *GROW* is a national organisation that provides a peer supported program for growth and personal development to people who experience mental health challenges and difficulty in coping with life's challenges. *GROW* groups offer the opportunity for people to share these challenges and discuss solutions for recovery in a supportive and structured way. Richard's contribution to the establishment of *GROW* was crucial and he continues to support the success of the program through his efforts as a peer with the client base. He has a gentle approach, is an excellent advocate and a superb role model for those involved with the group.



NAOMI COOPER, VOLUNTEER

Then & Now

"My awareness of HIV really hit home when I met a friend who had HIV, it was a shock when he told me because he was a life guard, and a bodybuilder, he was completely healthy."

"Working in the gay community is important to me. Working on the *Staying Negative* campaign gives me an insight into how people live and cope with an ongoing epidemic."

VICTORIAN AIDS COUNCIL INC.

FINANCIAL REPORT

VICTORIAN AIDS COUNCIL INC.
ABN 52 907 644 835

Board of Directors Report

The Board of Directors present their report together with the financial report of Victorian AIDS Council Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2013 and auditor's report thereon. This financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements.

Directors names

The names of the Board of Directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are: Greg Carter, Mitchell Chipman, Matt Dixon, Chrissie Feagins, Kirsten Machon, John Manwaring (appointed March 2013), David Mejia-Canales (appointed October 2012), David Menadue, Campbell Smith (appointed August 2012), Dominic Smith (resigned October 2012), Sam Venning (resigned October 2012), Michael Williams (appointed July 2012).

The Board of Directors have been in office since the start of the year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Results

The surplus of the association for the year after providing for income tax amounted to \$73,538 (2012:\$87,600).

Review of operations

The association continued to engage in its principal activity, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

Significant changes in state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the association's state of affairs that occurred during the financial year, other than those referred to elsewhere in this report.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were providing support, education, and advocacy for all those affected by HIV/AIDS, especially gay and bisexual men, and promoting the health and well being of gay and bisexual men.

After balance date events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the association in future financial years.

Likely developments

The association expects to maintain the present status and level of operations.

Indemnification of officers

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the year, for any person who is or has been an officer of the association.

Indemnification of auditors

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the year, for any person who is or has been an auditor of the association.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Michael Williams
Director

Greg Carter
Director

Dated this 7th day of October 2013

Statement by the Board of Directors

In the opinion of the Board of Directors the financial report as set out on pages 21 - 23:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Victorian AIDS Council Inc. as at 30 June 2013 and performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Victorian AIDS Council Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

Michael Williams
Director

Greg Carter
Director

Dated this 7th day of October 2013

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 30 June 2013

	NOTE	2013 \$	2012 \$
Revenue	2	6,328,305	6,214,803
Less: expenses			
Depreciation and amortisation expense	3	(16,441)	(22,717)
Employee benefits expense	3	(3,807,577)	(3,621,617)
Occupancy expense		(166,669)	(129,165)
Repairs and maintenance expense		(90,045)	(129,675)
Advertising expense		(603,144)	(607,256)
Consultancy costs		(380,636)	(314,401)
Production coordination		(170,611)	(130,442)
Professional fees		(46,317)	(25,116)
Attendant care		(140,728)	(156,716)
Motor vehicle costs		(72,474)	(93,460)
Volunteer costs		(53,547)	(62,153)
Emergency relief grants		(90,639)	(73,502)
Food and catering costs		(102,075)	(107,015)
Computer expenses		(34,014)	(48,693)
Office expenses		(178,595)	(163,568)
Medical expenses		(102,261)	(143,514)
Travel expenses		(35,349)	(69,036)
Other expenses		(163,645)	(229,157)
		(6,254,767)	(6,127,203)
Surplus for the year		73,538	87,600
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
Total comprehensive income		73,538	87,600

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2013

Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	3,002,451	2,753,053
Receivables	6	150,041	135,730
Other assets	7	56,598	268,114
Total current assets		3,209,090	3,156,897
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	8	226,843	194,232
Total non-current assets		226,843	194,232
Total assets		3,435,933	3,351,129
Current liabilities			
Payables	9	234,325	162,915
Provisions	10	501,932	346,457
Other liabilities	11	483,372	622,981
Total current liabilities		1,219,629	1,132,353
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	10	28,935	104,945
Total non-current liabilities		28,935	104,945
Total liabilities		1,248,564	1,237,298
Net assets		2,187,369	2,113,831
Members funds			
Accumulated surplus	12	2,187,369	2,113,831
Total members funds		2,187,369	2,113,831

Statement of Changes in Members Funds for the Year Ended 30 June 2013

	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
Balance as at 1 July 2011	2,026,231	2,026,231
Surplus for the year	87,600	87,600
Total comprehensive income for the year	87,600	87,600
Balance as at 30 June 2012	2,113,831	2,113,831
Balance as at 1 July 2012	2,113,831	2,113,831
Surplus for the year	73,538	73,538
Total comprehensive income for the year	73,538	73,538
Balance as at 30 June 2013	2,187,369	2,187,369

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 30 June 2013

	NOTE	2013 \$	2012 \$
Cash flow from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		700,842	589,423
Grants received		5,804,470	4,735,994
Donations and bequests received		251,123	514,879
Membership fees		4,278	1,215
Interest received		153,111	185,354
Payments to suppliers and employees		(6,615,275)	(6,356,171)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	14(b)	298,549	(329,306)
Cash flow from investing activities			
Payment for plant and equipment		(49,051)	(33,509)
Net cash used in investing activities		(49,051)	(33,509)
Cash flow from financing activities			
Payments to related parties		(100)	-
Net cash used in financing activities		(100)	-
Reconciliation of cash			
Cash at beginning of the financial year		2,753,053	3,115,868
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		249,398	(362,815)
Cash at end of financial year	14(a)	3,002,451	2,753,053

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2013

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements, Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (and its associated Regulations)*.

The financial report was approved by the directors as at the date of the directors' report. Victorian AIDS Council Inc. is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the association in the preparation and presentation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of preparation of the financial report

Historical Cost Convention

The financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by revaluations to fair value for certain classes of assets as described in the accounting policies.

(b) Economic dependence

Victorian AIDS Council Inc. is dependent on the grant funding from State and local sources for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report the directors have no reason to believe the funding will not continue to support Victorian AIDS Council Inc.

(c) Revenue

Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

Grants with no reciprocal obligations are brought to account when an indefeasible interest in the income is established.

Grants received with reciprocal obligations have been allocated proportionately over the period covered by the service period and brought to account as income accordingly.

Interest revenue is recognised when it becomes receivable on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Donation, fundraising and bequest income is recognised on a cash receipts basis.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(d) Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(e) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Land and the land component of any class of fixed asset is not depreciated.

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rates	Depreciation basis
Leasehold improvements at cost	20%	Straight line
Motor vehicles at cost	25%	Diminishing value
Office equipment at cost	20%	Diminishing value
Computer equipment at cost	25%	Diminishing value

(f) Impairment

Assets with an indefinite useful life are not amortised but are tested annually for impairment in accordance with AASB 136. Assets subject to annual depreciation or amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances arise that indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may be impaired.

An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset is defined as the depreciated replacement cost.

(g) Leases

Leases are classified at their inception as either operating or finance leases based on the economic substance of the agreement so as to reflect the risks and benefits incidental to ownership.

Operating leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Lease incentives received under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

(h) Employee benefits*(i) Short-term employee benefit obligations*

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and any other employee benefits expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at their nominal amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. The expected cost of short-term employee benefits in the form of compensated absences such as annual leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

(ii) Long-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of long service leave and annual leave which is not expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

Employee benefit obligations are presented as current liabilities in the balance sheet if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

(i) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

	2013 \$	2012 \$
NOTE 2: REVENUE		
<i>Revenue from operations</i>		
Grant income	5,206,740	4,950,081
Client fees	684,615	553,845
Donations, fundraising and bequest income	251,123	514,879
Membership fees	4,278	1,215
	6,146,756	6,020,020
<i>Other revenue</i>		
Interest income	153,111	172,727
Other revenue	28,438	22,056
	181,549	194,783
	6,328,305	6,214,803

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NOTE 3: OPERATING PROFIT

Surplus for the year has been determined after:		
Depreciation	16,441	22,717
Employee benefits	3,807,577	3,621,617
Remuneration of auditors for:		
<i>Pitcher Partners (Melbourne)</i>		
Audit and assurance services	19,500	-
Other non-assurance services	2,260	-
	21,760	-
<i>Non-Pitcher Partners audit firms</i>		
Audit and assurance services	-	20,041
Total remuneration of auditors	21,760	20,041

NOTE 4: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

Compensation received by key management personnel of the association		
- short-term employee benefits	732,798	639,006
- post-employment benefits	65,952	57,511
- termination benefits	101,062	37,913
	899,812	734,430

NOTE 5: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash on hand	5,350	5,250
Cash at bank	195,940	99,253
Cash on deposit	2,791,708	2,639,307
Other cash	9,453	9,243
	3,002,451	2,753,053

NOTE 6: RECEIVABLES

CURRENT		
Trade debtors	13,439	1,228
Amounts receivables from: Gay Men's Health Centre Inc.	136,602	134,502
	150,041	135,730

NOTE 7: OTHER ASSETS

CURRENT		
Prepayments	11,567	6,418
Accrued income	45,031	261,696
	56,598	268,114

NOTE 8: PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Leasehold improvements		
At cost	120,960	90,870
Accumulated depreciation	(95,618)	(90,831)
	25,342	39
Plant and equipment		
Motor vehicles at cost	23,161	23,161
Accumulated depreciation	(23,161)	(23,161)
	-	-
Office equipment at cost	728,736	719,550
Accumulated depreciation	(601,033)	(589,848)
	127,703	129,702
Computer equipment at cost	704,289	694,514
Accumulated depreciation	(630,491)	(630,023)
	73,798	64,491
Total plant and equipment	226,843	194,232

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NOTE 8: PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

a) Reconciliations		
Reconciliation of the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current financial year		
<i>Leasehold improvements</i>		
Opening carrying amount	39	7,160
Additions	30,090	-
Depreciation expense	(4,787)	(7,121)
	25,342	39
<i>Office furniture and equipment</i>		
Opening carrying amount	129,703	118,810
Additions	9,186	21,784
Depreciation expense	(11,186)	(10,892)
	127,703	129,702
<i>Computer equipment</i>		
Opening carrying amount	64,491	57,470
Additions	9,775	11,725
Depreciation expense	(468)	(4,704)
	73,798	64,491
<i>Total property, plant and equipment</i>		
Opening carrying amount	194,233	183,440
Additions	49,051	33,509
Depreciation expense	(16,441)	(22,717)
	226,843	194,232
NOTE 9: PAYABLES		
CURRENT		
<i>Unsecured liabilities</i>		
Trade creditors	74,411	138,677
Sundry creditors and accruals	159,914	24,238
	234,325	162,915

NOTE 10: PROVISIONS

CURRENT		
Employee benefits	(a) 501,932	346,457
NON CURRENT		
Employee benefits	(a) 28,935	104,945
(a) Aggregate employee benefits liability	530,867	451,402

NOTE 11: OTHER LIABILITIES

CURRENT		
Grant funds received in advance	483,372	622,981

NOTE 12: ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Accumulated surplus at beginning of year	2,113,831	2,026,231
Surplus for the year	73,538	87,600
	2,187,369	2,113,831

NOTE 13: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS

(a) Operating lease commitments		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:		
Payable		
- not later than one year	78,766	86,305
- later than one year and not later than five years	161,778	203,519
	240,544	289,824

Operating lease commitments are in relation to leased premises in Victoria, motor vehicles and office photocopiers.

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NOTE 14: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(a) Reconciliation of cash		
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position is as follows:		
Cash on hand	5,350	5,250
Cash at bank	195,940	99,253
At call deposits with financial institutions	2,791,708	2,639,307
Other short-term facilities	9,453	9,243
	3,002,451	2,753,053
(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit after income tax		
Surplus from ordinary activities	73,538	87,600
<i>Adjustments and non-cash items</i>		
Depreciation	16,441	22,717
Non-cash related party transactions	(2,000)	(2,000)
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities</i>		
Increase in receivables	(12,211)	(143,957)
Decrease in other assets	211,515	-
Increase / (decrease) in payables	71,410	(73,800)
Decrease in other liabilities	(139,609)	(280,601)
Increase in provisions	79,465	60,735
Cash flows from operating activities	298,549	(329,306)

NOTE 15: PRIOR PERIOD ERROR

During the 30 June 2013 audit the following prior period errors were identified:

(a) The opening grant funds received in advance liability balance included \$259,939 that should have been recognised as revenue in prior years in accordance with AASB 1004 - *Contributions and AASB 118 - Revenue*. Of this amount \$4,374 related to the 2012 financial year, the remainder should have been recognised in previous financial years and has therefore been taken directly to the Association's accumulated surplus.

(b) The provision for building maintenance of \$260,000 did not meet the required criteria of a provision in accordance with AASB 137 - *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets*. Of the balance \$50,000 was recognised as an expense in the 2012 financial statements. The remainder was recognised in previous financial years and has been taken directly to the Association's accumulated surplus.

	2012 \$	CHANGE \$	2012 RESTATED \$
Statement of Comprehensive Income (extract)			
Grant income	(a) 4,945,031	4,374	4,950,081
Repairs and maintenance expense	(b) (179,675)	50,000	(129,675)
Total comprehensive income	33,226	54,374	87,600
Statement of Financial Position (extract)			
Grant funds received in advance	(a) 882,920	(259,939)	622,981
Building maintenance provision	(b) 260,000	(260,000)	-
Net assets	1,593,892	519,939	2,113,831
Accumulated surplus	1,593,892	(519,939)	2,113,831

NOTE 16: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The association was provided with rent free accommodation by the Gay Men's Health Centre Inc. on the condition that the association maintains the building. The directors of the Association are also the directors of the Gay Men's Health Centre Inc.

Other related parties of Victorian AIDS Council Inc. include the directors as listed below:

Greg Carter, Mitchell Chipman, Matt Dixon, Chrissie Feagins, Kirsten Machon, John Manwaring, David Mejia-Canales, David Menadue, Campbell Smith, Dominic Smith, Sam Venning, Michael Williams.

Explicitly there are no transactions between Victorian AIDS Council Inc. and the directors.

NOTE 17: EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

There has been no matter or circumstance, which has arisen since 30 June 2013 that has significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- the operations, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2013, of the association, or
- the results of those operations, or
- the state of affairs, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2013, of the association.

NOTE 18: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The registered office of the association is:

Victorian AIDS Council Inc.
6 Claremont Street
SOUTH YARRA VIC 3141

**Independent Auditor's Report
to the members of Victorian AIDS Council Inc.**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Victorian AIDS Council Inc., which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2013, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (and its associated Regulations)* and for such internal control as the directors determine are necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about 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 association'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 association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by those charged with governance, 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 qualified audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the association to maintain effective systems of internal controls over donations, fundraising and bequest income until their initial entry in the accounting records. We were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence surrounding the completeness of donations, fundraising and bequest income totalling \$251,123 for the year. Consequently, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments to these amounts were necessary. Accordingly, our audit in relation to this income was limited to amounts recorded.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Victorian AIDS Council Inc. as at 30 June 2013, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (and its associated Regulations)*.

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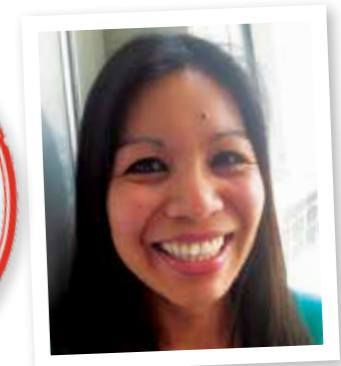
M J Harrison, Partner

Melbourne

Dated this 11th day of October 2013

Pitcher Partners

Pitcher Partners



JANET RAMOS, VOLUNTEER

Then & Now

"Coming from the Philippines, my first knowledge of HIV was that it was an African disease, I remember seeing a documentary on TV – it was frightening."

"I feel great these days knowing that there are places like VAC/GMHC. Knowing you can go somewhere to talk and be comfortable about that – it's important."

GAY MEN'S HEALTH CENTRE INC.

FINANCIAL REPORT

GAY MEN'S HEALTH CENTRE INC.
ABN 87 652 472 253

Board of Directors Report

The Board of Directors present their report together with the financial report of Gay Men's Health Centre Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2013 and auditor's report thereon. This financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements.

Directors names

The names of the Board of Directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are: Greg Carter, Mitchell Chipman, Matt Dixon, Chrissie Feagins, Kirsten Machon, John Manwaring (appointed March 2013), David Mejia-Canales (appointed October 2012), David Menadue, Campbell Smith (appointed August 2012), Dominic Smith (resigned October 2012), Sam Venning (resigned October 2012), Michael Williams (appointed July 2012).

The Board of Directors have been in office since the start of the year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Results

The deficit of the association for the year amounted to \$2,496 (2012: \$1,997).

Review of operations

The association continued to engage in its principal activity, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the association during the financial year was the provision of accommodation to the Victorian AIDS Council Inc, as the owner of the Claremont Street site.

After balance date events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the association, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the association in future financial years.

Likely developments

The association expects to maintain the present status and level of operations.

Indemnification of officers

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the year, for any person who is or has been an officer of the association.

Indemnification of auditors

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the year, for any person who is or has been an auditor of the association.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Michael Williams

Michael Williams
Director

Greg Carter

Greg Carter
Director

Dated this 7th day of October 2013

Statement by the Board of Directors

In the opinion of the Board of Directors the financial report as set out on pages 26 - 27:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Gay Men's Health Centre Inc. as at 30 June 2013 and performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Gay Men's Health Centre Inc. will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

Michael Williams

Michael Williams
Director

Greg Carter

Greg Carter
Director

Dated this 7th day of October 2013

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 30 June 2013

	NOTE	2013 \$	2012 \$
Revenue	2	4	3
Less: expenses			
Professional fees		(2,500)	(2,000)
Deficit for the year		(2,496)	(1,997)
Other comprehensive income			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to profit and loss</i>			
Revaluation increment of 6-8 Claremont Street		-	450,000
Revaluation increment of 10 car parking spaces		-	120,000
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	570,000
Total comprehensive income		(2,496)	568,003

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2013

Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	733	629
Total current assets		733	629
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	7,510,000	7,510,000
Total non-current assets		7,510,000	7,510,000
Total assets		7,510,733	7,510,629
Current liabilities			
Payables	6	139,102	136,502
Total current liabilities		139,102	136,502
Total liabilities		139,102	136,502
Net assets		7,371,631	7,374,127
Members funds			
Reserves	7	6,324,556	6,324,556
Accumulated surplus	8	1,047,075	1,049,571
Total members funds		7,371,631	7,374,127

Statement of Changes in Members Funds for the Year Ended 30 June 2013

	RESERVES \$	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
Balance as at 1 July 2011	5,754,556	1,051,568	6,806,124
Deficit for the year	-	(1,997)	(1,997)
Revaluation increment of 6-8 Claremont Street	450,000	-	450,000
Revaluation increment of 10 car parking spaces	120,000	-	120,000
Total comprehensive income for the year	570,000	(1,997)	568,003
Balance as at 30 June 2012	6,324,556	1,049,571	7,374,127
Balance as at 1 July 2012	6,324,556	1,049,571	7,374,127
Deficit for the year	-	(2,496)	(2,496)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	(2,496)	(2,496)
Balance as at 30 June 2013	6,324,556	1,047,075	7,371,631

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 30 June 2013

	NOTE	2013 \$	2012 \$
Cash flow from operating activities			
Interest received		4	3
Net cash provided by operating activities	9(b)	4	3
Cash flow from financing activities			
Proceeds from related party loans		100	-
Net cash provided by financing activities		100	-
Reconciliation of cash			
Cash at beginning of the financial year		629	626
Net increase in cash held		104	3
Cash at end of financial year	9(a)	733	629

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2013

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements, Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (and its associated Regulations)*.

The financial report was approved by the directors as at the date of the directors' report.

Gay Men's Health Centre Inc. is a not-for-profit entity for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the association in the preparation and presentation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of preparation of the financial report

Historical Cost Convention

The financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by revaluations to fair value for certain classes of assets as described in the accounting policies.

(b) Going concern

The financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis.

(c) Revenue

Interest revenue is recognised when it becomes receivable on a proportional basis taking in to account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(d) Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(e) Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings are carried at fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

The associations land and building are revalued every two years in accordance with its policy of property revaluation.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Land and the land component of any class of fixed asset is not depreciated.

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rates	Depreciation basis
Land and buildings	0%	
Plant and equipment at cost	6%	Diminishing value

(f) Impairment

Assets with an indefinite useful life are not amortised but are tested annually for impairment in accordance with AASB 136. Assets subject to annual depreciation or amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances arise that indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may be impaired.

An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset is defined as the depreciated replacement cost.

(g) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

	2013 \$	2012 \$
NOTE 2: REVENUE		
Interest income	4	3

NOTE 3: OPERATING PROFIT

Deficit during the year has been determined after:		
Remuneration of auditors for:		
<i>Pitcher Partners (Melbourne)</i>		
Audit and assurance services	2,500	-
<i>Non-Pitcher Partners audit firms</i>		
Audit and assurance services	-	2,000
Total remuneration of auditors	2,500	2,000

NOTE 4: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash at bank	733	629
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NOTE 5: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Land and buildings		
At fair value	7,510,000	7,510,000
Plant and equipment		
Office equipment at cost	33,446	33,446
Accumulated depreciation	(33,446)	(33,446)
	-	-
Total property, plant and equipment	7,510,000	7,510,000

	2013 \$	2012 \$
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NOTE 5: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

(a) Reconciliations		
Reconciliation of the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment at the beginning and end of the current financial year		
<i>Land and buildings</i>		
Opening carrying amount	7,510,000	6,940,000
Revaluation increment	-	570,000
	7,510,000	7,510,000
<i>Total property, plant and equipment</i>		
Opening carrying amount	7,510,000	6,940,000
Depreciation expense	-	-
Revaluation increment	-	570,000
	7,510,000	7,510,000

NOTE 6: PAYABLES

CURRENT		
<i>Unsecured liabilities</i>		
Loan - Victorian AIDS Council Inc.	136,602	134,502
Sundry creditors and accruals	2,500	2,000
	139,102	136,502

NOTE 7: RESERVES

Asset revaluation reserve	6,324,556	6,324,556
The asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements on the revaluation of land and buildings.		

NOTE 8: ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Accumulated surplus at beginning of year	1,049,571	1,051,568
Deficit for the year	(2,496)	(1,997)
	1,047,075	1,049,571

NOTE 9: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(a) Reconciliation of cash		
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position is as follows:		
Cash at bank	733	629
(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with deficit after income tax		
Deficit from ordinary activities after income tax	(2,496)	(1,997)
<i>Adjustments and non-cash items</i>		
Non-cash related party transactions	2,000	2,000
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities</i>		
Increase in payables	500	-
Cash flows from operating activities	4	3

NOTE 10: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the association provided accommodation to the Victorian AIDS Council Inc. at no charge in return for the maintenance and upkeep of the building. The directors of the association are also the directors of the Victorian AIDS Council Inc.

Other related parties of Gay Men's Health Centre Inc. include the directors as listed below:

Greg Carter, Mitchell Chipman, Matt Dixon, Chrissie Feagins, Kirsten Machon, John Manwaring, David Mejia-Canales, David Menadue, Campbell Smith, Dominic Smith, Sam Venning, Michael Williams.

Explicitly there are no transactions between Gay Men's Health Centre Inc. and the directors.

NOTE 11: EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

There has been no matter or circumstance, which has arisen since 30 June 2013 that has significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- the operations, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2013, of the association, or
- the results of those operations, or
- the state of affairs, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2013, of the association.

NOTE 12: ASSOCIATION DETAILS

The registered office of the association is:

Gay Men's Health Centre Inc.
6 Claremont Street
SOUTH YARRA VIC 3141

Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Gay Men's Health Centre Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Gay Men's Health Centre Inc., which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2013, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (and its associated Regulations)* and for such internal control as the directors determine are necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about 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 association'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 association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by those charged with governance, 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

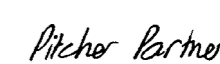
In conducting our audit, we have complied with APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Gay Men's Health Centre Inc. as at 30 June 2013, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (and its associated Regulations)*.



M J Harrison, Partner



Pitcher Partners

Melbourne

Dated this 11th day of October 2013



MARK TUNJ, VOLUNTEER

Then & Now

"My first memory of HIV was when I was at school, when the *Grim Reaper* ad was out, all the kids got really paranoid and it was all based on ignorance."

"What is odd now is that people just aren't as aware of HIV. I volunteer at the AIDS Council so that people might become more aware, remember, not to forget."

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FINANCIAL REPORT

VICTORIAN AIDS COUNCIL INC.
ABN 52 907 644 835

GAY MEN'S HEALTH CENTRE INC.
ABN 87 652 472 253

Board of Directors Report

The Board of Directors present their report together with the financial report of the group, being the combined association's, for the year ended 30 June 2013 and auditor's report thereon. This financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Directors names

The names of the Board of Directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are: Greg Carter, Mitchell Chipman, Matt Dixon, Chrissie Feagins, Kirsten Machon, John Marwaring (appointed March 2013), David Mejia-Canales (appointed October 2012), David Menadue, Campbell Smith (appointed August 2012), Dominic Smith (resigned October 2012), Sam Venning (resigned October 2012), Michael Williams (appointed July 2012).

The Board of Directors have been in office since the start of the year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Results

The surplus of the group for the year after providing for income tax amounted to \$71,042 (2012: \$85,603).

Review of operations

The group continued to engage in its principal activity, the results of which are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

Significant changes in state of affairs

There were no significant changes in the group's state of affairs that occurred during the financial year, other than those referred to elsewhere in this report.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the group during the financial year were providing support, education, and advocacy for all those affected by HIV/AIDS, especially gay and bisexual men, and promoting the health and well being of gay and bisexual men.

After balance date events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the group, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the group in future financial years.

Indemnification of officers

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the year, for any person who is or has been an officer of the group.

Indemnification of auditors

No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the year, for any person who is or has been an auditor of the group.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Michael Williams
Director

Greg Carter
Director

Dated this 7th day of October 2013

Statement by the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors have determined that the group 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 Directors the financial report as set out on pages 29 - 32:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Victorian AIDS Council / Gay Men's Health Centre (Combined) as at 30 June 2013 and performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Victorian AIDS Council / Gay Men's Health Centre (Combined) will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

Michael Williams
Director

Greg Carter
Director

Dated this 7th day of October 2013

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 30 June 2013

	NOTE	2013 \$	2012 \$
Revenue	3	6,328,309	6,214,806
Less: expenses			
Depreciation and amortisation expense	4	(16,441)	(22,717)
Employee benefits expense	4	(3,807,577)	(3,621,617)
Occupancy expense		(166,669)	(129,165)
Repairs and maintenance expense		(90,045)	(129,675)
Advertising expense		(603,144)	(607,256)
Consultancy costs		(380,636)	(314,401)
Production coordination		(170,611)	(130,442)
Professional fees		(46,317)	(25,116)
Attendant care		(140,728)	(156,716)
Motor vehicle costs		(72,474)	(93,460)
Volunteer costs		(53,547)	(62,153)
Emergency relief grants		(90,639)	(73,502)
Food and catering costs		(102,075)	(107,015)
Computer expenses		(34,014)	(48,693)
Office expenses		(178,595)	(163,568)
Medical expenses		(102,261)	(143,514)
Travel expenses		(35,349)	(69,036)
Other expenses		(166,145)	(231,157)
		(6,257,267)	(6,129,203)
Surplus for the year		71,042	85,603
Other comprehensive income			
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to profit and loss</i>			
Revaluation increment of 6-8 Claremont Street		-	450,000
Revaluation increment of 10 car parking spaces		-	120,000
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	570,000
Total comprehensive income		71,042	655,603

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2013

Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	3,003,184	2,753,682
Receivables	7	13,439	1,228
Other assets	8	56,598	268,114
Total current assets		3,073,221	3,023,024
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	7,736,843	7,704,232
Total non-current assets		7,736,843	7,704,232
Total assets		10,810,064	10,727,256
Current liabilities			
Payables	10	236,825	164,915
Provisions	11	501,932	346,457
Other liabilities	12	483,372	622,981
Total current liabilities		1,222,129	1,134,353
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions	11	28,935	104,945
Total non-current liabilities		28,935	104,945
Total liabilities		1,251,064	1,239,298
Net assets		9,559,000	9,487,958
Members funds			
Reserves	13	6,324,556	6,324,556
Accumulated surplus	14	3,234,444	3,163,402
Total members funds		9,559,000	9,487,958

Statement of Changes in Members Funds for the Year Ended 30 June 2013

	RESERVES \$	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
Combined			
Balance as at 1 July 2011	5,754,556	3,077,799	8,832,355
Surplus for the year	-	85,603	85,603
Revaluation increment of 6-8 Claremont Street	450,000	-	450,000
Revaluation increment of 10 car parking spaces	120,000	-	120,000
Total comprehensive income for the year	570,000	85,603	655,603
Balance as at 30 June 2012	6,324,556	3,163,402	9,487,958
Balance as at 1 July 2012	6,324,556	3,163,402	9,487,958
Surplus for the year	-	71,042	71,042
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	71,042	71,042
Balance as at 30 June 2013	6,324,556	3,234,444	9,559,000

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 30 June 2013

	NOTE	2013 \$	2012 \$
Cash flow from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		700,842	589,423
Grants received		5,804,470	4,735,994
Donations and bequests received		251,123	514,879
Membership fees		4,278	1,215
Interest received		153,115	185,357
Payments to suppliers and employees		(6,615,275)	(6,356,171)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	16(b)	298,553	(329,303)
Cash flow from investing activities			
Payment for plant and equipment		(49,051)	(33,509)
Net cash used in investing activities		(49,051)	(33,509)
Reconciliation of cash			
Cash at beginning of the financial year		2,753,682	3,116,494
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		249,502	(362,812)
Cash at end of financial year	16(a)	3,003,184	2,753,682

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2013

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (and its associated Regulations)*. The Board of Directors have determined that the group is not a reporting entity. Victorian AIDS Council / Gay Men's Health Centre (Combined) is a not-for-profit group for the purpose of preparing the financial statements.

The financial report was approved by the directors as at the date of the directors' report. The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (and its associated Regulations)* and all applicable Accounting Standards, with the exception of:

AASB 3: Business Combinations
AASB 7: Financial Instruments: Disclosures
AASB 132: Financial Instruments: Presentation

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

(a) Basis of preparation of the financial report

Historical Cost Convention

The financial report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by revaluations to fair value for certain classes of assets as described in the accounting policies.

(b) Principles of combination

The entities included as part of the combined entity are:

Victorian AIDS Council Inc.
Gay Men's Health Centre Inc.

The financial statements of Victorian AIDS Council Inc. and Gay Men's Health Centre are prepared for the same reporting period as the combined entity, using consistent accounting policies.

All inter-entity balances and transactions, including any unrealised profits or losses have been eliminated on combination.

(c) Economic dependence

Victorian AIDS Council Inc. is dependent on the grant funding from State, Federal and local sources for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report the directors have no reason to believe the funding will not continue to support Victorian AIDS Council Inc.

(d) Revenue

Revenue from the rendering of services is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

Grants with no reciprocal obligations are brought to account when an indefeasible interest in the income is established.

Grants received with reciprocal obligations have been allocated proportionately over the period covered by the service period and brought to account as income accordingly.

Interest revenue is recognised when it becomes receivable on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Donation, fundraising and bequest income is recognised on a cash receipts basis.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(e) Income tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the group is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and at banks, short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less held at call with financial institutions, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

(g) Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

Property

Land and buildings are measured at fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

The associations land and buildings are revalued every two years in accordance with its policy of property revaluation.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is measured on the cost basis.

Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Land and the land component of any class of fixed asset is not depreciated.

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Class of fixed asset	Depreciation rates	Depreciation basis
Land and buildings at cost	0%	
Leasehold improvements at cost	20%	Straight line
Plant and equipment at cost	6%	Diminishing value
Motor vehicles at cost	25%	Diminishing value
Office equipment at cost	20%	Diminishing value
Computer equipment at cost	25%	Diminishing value

(h) Impairment

Assets with an indefinite useful life are not amortised but are tested annually for impairment in accordance with AASB 136. Assets subject to annual depreciation or amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances arise that indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may be impaired.

An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset is defined as the depreciated replacement cost.

(i) Employee benefits**(i) Short-term employee benefit obligations**

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and any other employee benefits expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at their nominal amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. The expected cost of short-term employee benefits in the form of compensated absences such as annual leave is recognised in the provision for employee benefits. All other short-term employee benefit obligations are presented as payables.

(ii) Long-term employee benefit obligations

Liabilities arising in respect of long service leave and annual leave which is not expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflow to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

Employee benefit obligations are presented as current liabilities in the balance sheet if the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, regardless of when the actual settlement is expected to occur.

(j) Leases

Leases are classified at their inception as either operating or finance leases based on the economic substance of the agreement so as to reflect the risks and benefits incidental to ownership.

Operating leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as an expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Lease incentives received under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

(k) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified and repositioned for consistency with current year disclosures.

NOTE 2: ACCOUNTING STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS ISSUED BUT NOT OPERATIVE

A number of accounting standards and interpretations have been issued at the reporting date but are not yet effective. The Board of Directors' have not yet assessed the impact of these standards and interpretations.

	2013 \$	2012 \$
NOTE 3: REVENUE		
<i>Revenue from operations</i>		
Grant income	5,206,740	4,950,081
Client fees	684,615	553,845
Donations, fundraising and bequest income	251,123	514,879
Membership fees	4,278	1,215
	6,146,756	6,020,020
<i>Other revenue</i>		
Interest income	153,115	172,730
Other revenue	28,438	22,056
	181,553	194,786
	6,328,309	6,214,806

NOTE 4: OPERATING PROFIT

Surplus for the year has been determined after:		
Depreciation	16,441	22,717
Employee benefits	3,807,577	3,621,617
Remuneration of auditors for:		
<i>Pitcher Partners (Melbourne)</i>		
Audit and assurance services	22,000	-
Other non-assurance services	2,260	-
	24,260	-
<i>Non-Pitcher Partners audit firms</i>		
Audit and assurance services	-	22,041
Total remuneration of auditors	24,260	22,041

NOTE 5: KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

Compensation received by key management personnel of the group		
- short-term employee benefits	732,798	639,006
- post-employment benefits	65,952	57,511
- termination benefits	101,062	37,913
	899,812	734,430

NOTE 6: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash on hand	5,350	5,250
Cash at bank	196,673	99,882
Cash on deposit	2,791,708	2,639,307
Other cash	9,453	9,243
	3,003,184	2,753,682

NOTE 7: RECEIVABLES

CURRENT		
Trade debtors	13,439	1,228

NOTE 8: OTHER ASSETS

CURRENT		
Prepayments	11,567	6,418
Accrued income	45,031	261,696
	56,598	268,114

	2013 \$	2012 \$
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NOTE 9: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Land and buildings		
At independent valuation	7,510,000	7,510,000
Leasehold improvements		
At cost	120,960	90,870
Accumulated depreciation	(95,618)	(90,831)
	25,342	39
Plant and equipment		
Motor vehicles at cost	23,161	23,161
Accumulated depreciation	(23,161)	(23,161)
	-	-
Office equipment at cost	762,182	752,996
Accumulated depreciation	(634,479)	(623,294)
	127,703	129,702
Computer equipment at cost	704,289	694,514
Accumulated depreciation	(630,491)	(630,023)
	73,798	64,491
Total property, plant and equipment	7,736,843	7,704,232
(a) Reconciliations		
<i>Land and buildings</i>		
Opening carrying amount	7,510,000	6,940,000
Revaluation increment	-	570,000
Closing carrying amount	7,510,000	7,510,000
<i>Leasehold improvements</i>		
Opening carrying amount	39	7,160
Additions	30,090	-
Depreciation expense	(4,787)	(7,121)
	25,342	39
<i>Office furniture and equipment</i>		
Opening carrying amount	129,703	118,810
Additions	9,186	21,784
Depreciation expense	(11,186)	(10,892)
	127,703	129,702
<i>Computer equipment</i>		
Opening carrying amount	64,491	57,470
Additions	9,775	11,725
Depreciation expense	(468)	(4,704)
	73,798	64,491
<i>Total property, plant and equipment</i>		
Opening carrying amount	7,704,233	7,123,440
Additions	49,051	33,509
Depreciation expense	(16,441)	(22,717)
Revaluation increment	-	570,000
	7,736,843	7,704,232

NOTE 10: PAYABLES

CURRENT		
<i>Unsecured liabilities</i>		
Trade creditors	74,411	138,677
Sundry creditors and accruals	162,414	26,238
	236,825	164,915

NOTE 11: PROVISIONS

CURRENT		
Employee benefits	(a)	501,932
NON CURRENT		
Employee benefits	(a)	28,935
(a) Aggregate employee benefits liability	530,867	451,402

NOTE 12: OTHER LIABILITIES

CURRENT		
Grant funds received in advance	483,372	622,981

NOTE 13: RESERVES

Asset revaluation reserve	6,324,556	6,324,556
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The asset revaluation reserve is used to record increments and decrements on the revaluation of land and buildings.

NOTE 14: ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

Accumulated surplus at beginning of year	3,163,402	3,077,799
Surplus for the year	71,042	85,603
	3,234,444	3,163,402

NOTE 15: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS

(a) Operating lease commitments		
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:		
Payable		
- not later than one year	78,766	86,305
- later than one year and not later than five years	161,778	203,519
	240,544	289,824

Operating lease commitments are in relation to leased premises in Victoria, motor vehicles and office photocopiers.

NOTE 16: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(a) Reconciliation of cash		
Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position is as follows:		
Cash on hand	5,350	5,250
Cash at bank	196,673	99,882
At call deposits with financial institutions	2,791,708	2,639,307
Other short-term facilities	9,453	9,243
	3,003,184	2,753,682
(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from operations with profit after income tax		
Surplus from ordinary activities	71,042	85,603
<i>Adjustments and non-cash items</i>		
Depreciation	16,441	22,717
<i>Changes in assets and liabilities</i>		
Increase in receivables	(12,211)	(145,957)
Decrease in other assets	211,515	-
Increase / (decrease) in payables	71,910	(71,800)
Decrease in other liabilities	(139,609)	(280,601)
Increase in provisions	79,465	60,735
Cash flows from operating activities	298,553	(329,303)

NOTE 17: PRIOR PERIOD ERROR

During the 30 June 2013 audit the following prior period errors were identified:

(a) The opening grant funds received in advance liability balance included \$259,939 that should have been recognised as revenue in prior years in accordance with AASB 1004 - Contributions and AASB 118 - Revenue. Of this amount \$4,374 related to the 2012 financial year, the remainder should have been recognised in previous financial years and has therefore been taken directly to the Association's accumulated surplus.

(b) The provision for building maintenance of \$260,000 did not meet the required criteria of a provision in accordance with AASB 137 - Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets. Of the balance \$50,000 was recognised as an expense in the 2012 financial statements. The remainder was recognised in previous financial years and has been taken directly to the Association's accumulated surplus.

	2012	CHANGE	2012
	\$	\$	RESTATED
			\$
Statement of Comprehensive Income (extract)			
Grant income	(a) 4,945,031	4,374	4,950,081
Repairs and maintenance expense	(b) (179,675)	50,000	(129,675)
Total comprehensive income	33,226	54,374	87,600
Statement of Financial Position (extract)			
Grant funds received in advance	(a) 882,920	(259,939)	622,981
Building maintenance provision	(b) 260,000	(260,000)	-
Net assets	1,593,892	519,939	2,113,831
Accumulated surplus	1,593,892	(519,939)	2,113,831

NOTE 18: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The related parties of the associations are the directors as listed below:

Greg Carter, Mitchell Chipman, Matt Dixon, Chrissie Feagins, Kirsten Machon, John Manwaring, David Mejia-Canales, David Menadue, Campbell Smith, Dominic Smith, Sam Venning, Michael Williams.

Explicitly there are no transactions between the associations and the directors.

NOTE 19: EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO REPORTING DATE

There has been no matter or circumstance, which has arisen since 30 June 2013 that has significantly affected or may significantly affect:

- a) the operations, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2013, of the group, or
- b) the results of those operations, or
- c) the state of affairs, in financial years subsequent to 30 June 2013, of the group.

NOTE 20: ENTITY DETAILS

The registered office of the group is:

Victorian AIDS Council / Gay Men's Health Centre (Combined)
6 Claremont Street
SOUTH YARRA VIC 3141

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of the Victorian AIDS Council / Gay Men's Health Centre (Combined)

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Victorian AIDS Council / Gay Men's Health Centre (Combined), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2013, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (and its associated Regulations)* and financial reporting needs of the members.

The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about 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 association'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 association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by those charged with governance, 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 qualified audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the association to maintain effective systems of internal controls over donations, fundraising and bequest income until their initial entry in the accounting records. We were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence surrounding the completeness of donations, fundraising and bequest income totalling \$251,123 for the year. Consequently, we were unable to determine whether any adjustments to these amounts were necessary. Accordingly, our audit in relation to this income was limited to amounts recorded.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Victorian AIDS Council / Gay Men's Health Centre (Combined) as at 30 June 2013, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis of Accounting

We also draw attention to Note 1 in the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Victorian AIDS Council / Gay Men's Health Centre (Combined) to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (and its associated Regulations)* and the financial reporting needs of the members as determined by the Board of Directors. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

M. Ham

M J Harrison, Partner

Melbourne

Dated this 11th day of October 2013

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