

western australian AIDS council
annual report 2005+2006

WAAC

WA AIDS Council

until there's a cure

→ **vision** strengthening our community's health and quality of life.

mission

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

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

core values

Excellence

Community

Accountability

Commitment

Access and Equity

chairperson's report

2006 has, in many respects, been a difficult year for the Western Australian AIDS Council. The 20th anniversary is over but the hard work continues. One of the most positive things to come out of the last 12 months for me though, has been the incredible level of support that has been expressed, both personally to me and other Board members, but also to the organisation as a whole. It has reaffirmed that the overwhelming majority of the community see the long hours and the hard work that is being done by WAAC, its staff and volunteers as critical and often coming at great personal cost to the people involved. It is all too easy in this day and age to sit back and criticise without truly understanding what goes on behind the scenes and the hours of work that are involved. To all of the staff and volunteers of WAAC thank you from the Board of Management for the outstanding and selfless work you do on behalf of the agency.

Financially, WAAC is in a sound position, with the Watson-Browne Bequest providing opportunities to the community that WAAC would not otherwise be available to offer under the normal financial agreements. Sound financial practices have enabled the organisation to undertake some critical repairs and upgrades to the building, without impacting on the work of the organisation and still finish the year with a small surplus.

The Board has continued to work on the issues of governance, finance, Aboriginal activities and also ensuring that policies are in place that will continue to guarantee that the organisation is well placed to ensure that the stable or declining infection rates in WA continue despite the recent increases in the eastern states over the past few years. The focus of supporting the senior management in its daily duties has continued to be a priority for the Board.

Every member of the Board has brought a unique and highly valuable skill set to their work over the last twelve months and this has enabled significant progress to be made in a range of areas including the Constitution, legal issues, forward planning and risk management to name but a few.

The Board has also continued to maintain as one of its foci, the vital task of attracting Board members with particular skills that will enhance its own work as well as that of WAAC. Each year the Board examines the needs of both the organisation and the Board to endeavour to ensure that a balance of experience and skills is maintained. This year the Board welcomed four new members who have provided fresh insights and perspectives to the governing of the Council.

At the end of another very productive and valuable year for WAAC, I would once again like to thank all of the staff, volunteers and Board members of WAAC for the outstanding work that they do. This work enables WAAC to remain at the forefront of the community health response that has the ultimate aim of a world free from HIV and AIDS.

Russell King
Chairperson

Leading the
community to a
world beyond AIDS

the board of management 2005+2006



Russell King (BSc, Grad Dip Ed, Post Grad Dip in Science Ed (UWA) – **Chairperson**

Russell has been on the Board of Management of WAAC since 1997. He has over 20 years experience as a secondary teacher and has been actively involved in the Perth lesbian and gay community for many years.



Paul Altmann (LLB (Hons), BEc (Monash) – **Deputy Chairperson until January 2006**

Paul worked at the Department of Justice providing policy and legislation advice to the Attorney General. He has previously worked as the Manager of Legal, Policy and Corporate Services at the Victorian AIDS Council and in private practice.



(Peter) Willie Rowe (BA, BCom (UWA) – **Treasurer**

Willie has an extensive experience in government, political and lobbying processes and currently works as a consultant to businesses and government.



Geoff Clayton (BA, Grad Dip Ed, Post Grad Dip Ed Mngmnt) – **Secretary**

Geoff has been a teacher at all levels of compulsory schooling for 12 years mainly in the north of the state. He has also worked within party political organisations and the union movement.



Roger Sykes (B Applied Science (Physiotherapy) (Curtin University) – **openly HIV positive representative.**

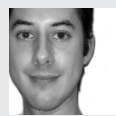
Roger currently coordinates the Aged Care Therapy Unit at Bentley Health Service. He is one of WAAC's representatives on AFAO and assists in the running of various workshops at WAAC for people with HIV/AIDS.



Daniel McAullay (BSc, MAE) – **Community representative**

Daniel is a member of the Nyoongar community of the South West of Western Australia. He is currently working as a Senior Research Officer with the Telethon

Institute for Child Health Research and a PhD candidate with the Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute at the Australian National University. He has previously worked as a senior policy manager at the Department of Health, a community nurse at Derbarl Yerrigan and a Registered Nurse at RPH.



Samuel Cutt (LLB (Hons), BA (Murdoch) – **Community Representative**

Sam is a recent graduate of Murdoch University and is currently employed as an Articled Clerk with the law firm Blake Dawson Waldron. He volunteered at the WA AIDS Council assisting with fundraising and events from 2001 until 2005.



Samantha Dowling (BA) – **Community Representative**

Samantha has had a vast and varying degree of involvement in the GLBTI community of WA for over 15 years, including with GRAI (GLBTI Retirement Association) and Pride WA. She has worked as a staff journalist with Westside Observer (now Out in Perth) for 5 years. Samantha was an Adviser in the office of the Attorney General during Gay and Lesbian Law Reform in 2001/2002 and has been a Principal Policy Adviser to 3 WA State Ministers for the last 6 years.



Samuel Hastings – **Community Representative**

Sam has been a volunteer at WAAC for the last seven years in many different programs. He is currently working as a lecturer in the School of Business Law at Curtin University. He is in the final semester his studies at Murdoch University.



Suzanne Calver (BSc (Hons) Psych, MSc Health Psych, Grad Dip Analytic Counselling) – **non-voting Staff Representative**

Suzanne has been employed at WAAC for 8 years, initially as the HIV Treatments Officer and for the last five years has held the position of Counsellor.



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

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

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The Western Australian AIDS Council turned twenty in October 2005. Formed in 1985 by a group of people committed to preventing HIV infection, particularly amongst gay men, and providing care and support to those people who were ill, since then the WA AIDS Council has developed a diverse range of services for the entire Western Australian community.

It remains a community based, not-for-profit organisation with core values of excellence, community, accountability, commitment and access and equity. About twenty thousand people in the Western Australian community have some contact with the WA AIDS Council each year. The WA AIDS Council also manages the Freedom Centre situated in William Street Northbridge, which provides a unique supportive environment to young people with same sex attraction and diverse gender expression.

Since the beginning of the epidemic until December 2005, 1346 people have been diagnosed with HIV in WA. 456 have been diagnosed with an AIDS defining illness and 317 have died (Australian HIV Surveillance Report Volume 22 no 2 April 2006).

In 2005, there was a 25% increase in the number of people diagnosed with HIV in WA (60 people in 2005 compared with 48 people in 2004). However it is important to note that 32 (53%) of these new diagnoses were acquired overseas, showing a dramatic increase compared with previous years which were approximately 30% of new diagnoses. This indicates that WA is perhaps especially vulnerable because of its close proximity to the uncontrolled epidemics in South East Asia and Africa.

Whilst men who have sex with men still make up the majority of people diagnosed with HIV, the proportion of new diagnoses in this category has reduced from 66.2% in 2000 to 45% diagnosed in 2005. There has also been a decrease amongst people who inject drugs from 5.1% prior to 2000 to 1.6% in 2005.

There has been a corresponding increase in the proportion of heterosexual men and women diagnosed with HIV in WA prior to 2000 from 16.6% to 46.8% in 2005. Another concern is the number of Aboriginal people with HIV, many of whom have significant social issues to contend with, including living in rural and remote locations.

The WA AIDS Council has 29 paid staff members (21.65 FTE) and 200 loyal and committed volunteers who are trained to work in a variety of roles throughout the organisation. The Council has always been heavily reliant on volunteer support and would not be able to provide the level of service without them. It owns a building and operates a Needle and Syringe Exchange van and 2 other vehicles.

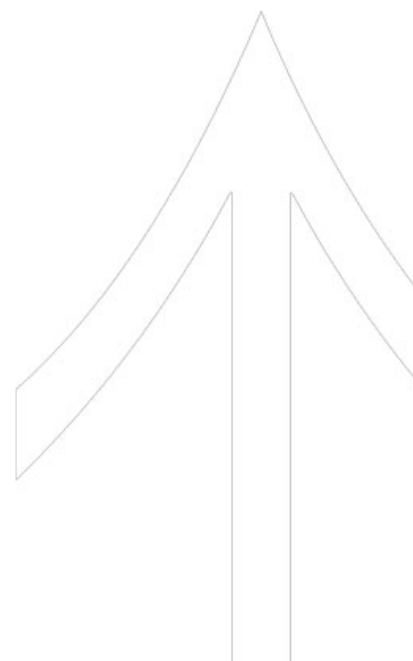
It receives funds from Western Australian Department of Health – Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Program, the Office of Mental Health and the Office of Aboriginal Health; the Coalition of Australian Governments (COAG); Western Australian Department of Corrective Services, Lotterywest, Healthway, the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing and many Local Government Authorities. It also has an active fundraising program involving many committed and dedicated sponsors and businesses.

HIV and AIDS

AIDS stands for “acquired immunodeficiency syndrome” (a syndrome means a cluster of medical conditions). It is caused by HIV – “the human immunodeficiency virus” which targets and weakens the body’s immune system. HIV can be a slow-acting virus and an individual can look and feel well for many years, without the person being aware they have the virus. A blood test is the only certain way to determine whether an individual is HIV positive. HIV can be passed on through

certain body fluids (blood, semen, menstrual fluids, vaginal fluids, breast milk) getting directly into the blood stream of another person. Some activities which can put people at risk of HIV infection include; unprotected penetrative sex, unprotected oral sex, sharing injecting/ piercing and tattooing equipment and from a HIV positive woman to her baby during pregnancy, childbirth and breastfeeding.

There is still no preventative vaccine or cure for HIV. In Australia, people have access to antiretroviral drugs that can slow down the progression of HIV. However side-effects, drug toxicity and drug failure can have a significant on the quality of life for some people taking these treatments.



executive director's report

The WA AIDS Council provided twenty years of service to the Western Australian community in October 2005. From humble beginnings, the Council has seen massive changes in the prospects for people living with HIV, policies and laws, service delivery models and community attitudes to HIV and AIDS. In December 2005, the Council paused and reflected on its history, the wonderful contributions made by many people and the precious lives which have been lost along the journey.

The last year has been very busy. Financially the Council is now in a sustainable position although there is always the need to be efficient. The backdrop to this is that WA is in an unprecedented boom time where there is a growing divide between the 'haves' and 'have-nots' with commensurate social pressures. Community organisations are often expected to fill the breach even when they may also be experiencing financial difficulties. For example in the Needle and Syringe Exchange Program, we have experienced a thirty percent increase in the level of injecting equipment being distributed in the past year. Negotiations are continuing with the Health Department about how this trend is to be funded.

A number of long term staff members have left the Council for a variety of reasons including to move interstate, enjoy retirement or to move to higher paid jobs in other sectors or academia. As it is an employees' market, the Council has found increasing difficulty in recruiting staff. Of note is that over 40% of our staff had their first contact with the Council as volunteers which shows how vital the volunteers are to its ongoing existence. To that end, the Council will be strategically reviewing its Human Resource capacity into the future.

Often people are not aware of the extensive work of the Council in strategic planning, lobbying and advocacy with regard to policy decisions or law reform, all with the goal of achieving systemic change. In the past year, there has been significant input into the State HIV/AIDS Plan, the Indigenous Sexual Health plan, the Hepatitis C plan and the STI plan. The Council has made submissions to the planned new Public Health Act, s100 prescriber arrangements, the Medical Care for the Dying Act, the Health Department's Clinical Services Review and the Equal Opportunity Commission. Other descriptions of the breadth of the work of the Council are provided in this annual report and I encourage people to read the reports.

The next major challenge at the Council will be keeping up with new technology, which has the capacity to be impersonal, while at the same time being able to provide relevant services and maintain a human touch. The CyberReach project, the Council's first foray into providing outreach services using chat-rooms, showed how complex and ethically challenging it is to provide human services in a rapidly changing environment.

As we enter the third decade of our existence, there appears to be another crossroad. For HIV positive people who are managing well they are seeking different services from people who demand, and are more comfortable, with traditional welfare services. The Council is re-focussing some its service delivery so that it remains adaptable to both groups with Chronic Disease Self Management courses and Life Coaching being offered as well as care teams. The added complexity is the Council's capacity to understand and engage with different groups of people at risk of acquiring HIV, particularly Aboriginal people and those from overseas.

I would like to thank you Sally Rowell, Glen Sanders and Douglas Knox over the past year for their exceptional service to the agency and for their personal support and the rest of the staff for their hard work in somewhat difficult circumstances. I would also like to commend the Board of Management as they have worked very well together and have provided me with guidance and counsel. Last but not least, thank you to the volunteers of the agency who continue to provide value beyond measure.

Trish Langdon
Executive Director



positive services 2005+2006

Sally Rowell managed the Positive Services department staffed by Suzanne Calver, Grace Carroll (until April 2006), Cipri Martinez, Amanda Siebert, Lyn Tolliday (until May 2006) and Lisa Tomney. Irene McKee provided locum services at the beginning of the year. In the next financial year Lisa Tomney is to take on the role of Women's Officer and Mark Ravenscroft is to take on a Support Officer's role.

The Positive Services department aims to reduce the impact of psycho-social factors on HIV positive peoples' lives and their capacity to remain healthy by using an empowerment model of service delivery.

There are just over 1000 people living with HIV in WA, with about 850 people living in the metropolitan area. There are about 150 women with HIV in WA. Services are predominantly provided in the metropolitan area, although WAAC has regular contact with a number of people living in rural and remote areas.

Support Services for PLWHAs

The Support Officers – Grace Carroll, Amanda Siebert, Lisa Tomney and Irene McKee coordinated and provided practical, financial and emotional support to people living with HIV and their families. During the past year, the Support Officers had 105 clients who accessed services on a regular basis for the following issues;

- Home Care - assisted people who were unwell or physically unable to manage within the home and required practical or emotional support. In the past year there were 1885 contacts between Support Officers or Volunteers and their clients. Volunteers had 320 contacts, equating to a total of 939 volunteer hours.
- HIV Assistance Fund: the fund was accessed on 180 occasions over the past year assisting people in making payments for essential services such as power, gas, rent and telephone.
- Food parcels: 132 food parcels were provided to people who were unable to purchase the basic food required to maintain adequate nutrition. A further 40 Christmas Hampers were distributed.

The Support Officers also worked collaboratively with other service providers such as RPH, Fremantle Hospital, Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital and PMH and King Edward Memorial Hospital, The Living Centre, Department of Corrective Services, Silver Chain and RUAH Inreach services. Specialist services such as Mental Health services, Alzheimer's Association, Haemophilia Services, Disability Services and Murdoch Hospice and other palliative care services were also consulted. Liaison and policy development with Homeswest, Centrelink, employment and welfare agencies, all of which have an impact on PLWHA's lives, also occurred.

Buddy Program

Six people were 'buddied' up with volunteers in the past year. This resulted in 434 contacts between them and staff and volunteers and 405 volunteer hours being provided to assist PLWHAs with depression, isolation, mental health issues and goal setting.

Health Enhancement Services for HIV positive Men, Women and Children.

Complementing the services provided by the Support Officers and the Buddy Program, the 'Health Enhancement' team of Cipri Martinez and Lyn Tolliday had 758 individual contacts with PLWHAs seeking support, information about HIV and motivation. Presenting issues included depression and isolation requiring emotional support, disclosure, relationship and sexuality issues. Of note was that an increased number of Aboriginal women sought services from the Women's Officer.

As well as individual sessions with HIV positive people, a number of courses were held as follows:

- 2 workshops entitled 'Genesis' for newly diagnosed people examined the impact of an HIV diagnosis, sexuality and sexual issues, disclosure and the future;
- A workshop was conducted for people wishing to use the internet;
- A workshop called 'HIV Gold Club' was held for PLWHAs diagnosed for over 10 years.
- 2 Quit Smoking workshops were conducted for HIV positive people wishing to give up smoking; and

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- 2 Chronic Disease Self Management courses were run. These courses were designed to motivate HIV positive to look at how they deal with living with HIV in a more positive and productive way.

Courses for people who have a significant relationship with somebody with HIV were held including;

- A workshop 'A Journey beside HIV' was conducted; and
- 'Magnetic Relationships' was run for couples in sero-discordant relationships.

Living Well Program

During the past year, 296 complementary therapy sessions were provided, including reflexology, reiki, acupuncture, massage and pranic healing. Seven dedicated practitioners volunteered their valuable time to provide this service to people wanting assistance with dealing with side effects from antiretroviral therapies and stress associated with being HIV positive.

Treatments Services

There were 162 enquiries regarding HIV treatments during the year and 9 about Post Exposure Prophylaxis. People sought assistance for general support, information on dealing with side effects, HIV monitoring, HIV drug information, new medications, adherence and new diagnosis. 75 people attended the annual Treatments forum held at the Grand Chancellor Hotel, which was jointly sponsored by HAPAN.

Retreats

The staff from Positive Services all contributed to the operation of a number of weekend retreats. Those held during the year were:

- The HIV Positive Persons' Retreat held in March 2006. 18 people attended this retreat and a number of workshops were held including building healthy relationships, coping with rejection, discrimination and disclosure, relationships with pills, treatments and the internet, dating and the cyberworld and spirituality;
- A womens' retreat with the theme of 'Renewal, reconnection and reinvigoration' held in August and saw 10 women in attendance; and
- The Family Camp held in December with 17 adults and 20 children in attendance and included 2 new Aboriginal families.

Counselling

Counselling is provided by a full time counsellor, Suzanne Calver, and targeted at people living with and/or affected by HIV/AIDS, people in situations of risk and people wishing to explore their sexuality, gender identity or relationship issues. Personal empowerment and healthy interdependence within communities are encouraged. 557 face to face counselling sessions were provided to 311 people. 21% of these sessions were provided to people living with HIV. A further 406 contacts were made by phone. Issues addressed by people included HIV/AIDS, HIV test discussion, relationships, sexuality, substance use and depression/anxiety.

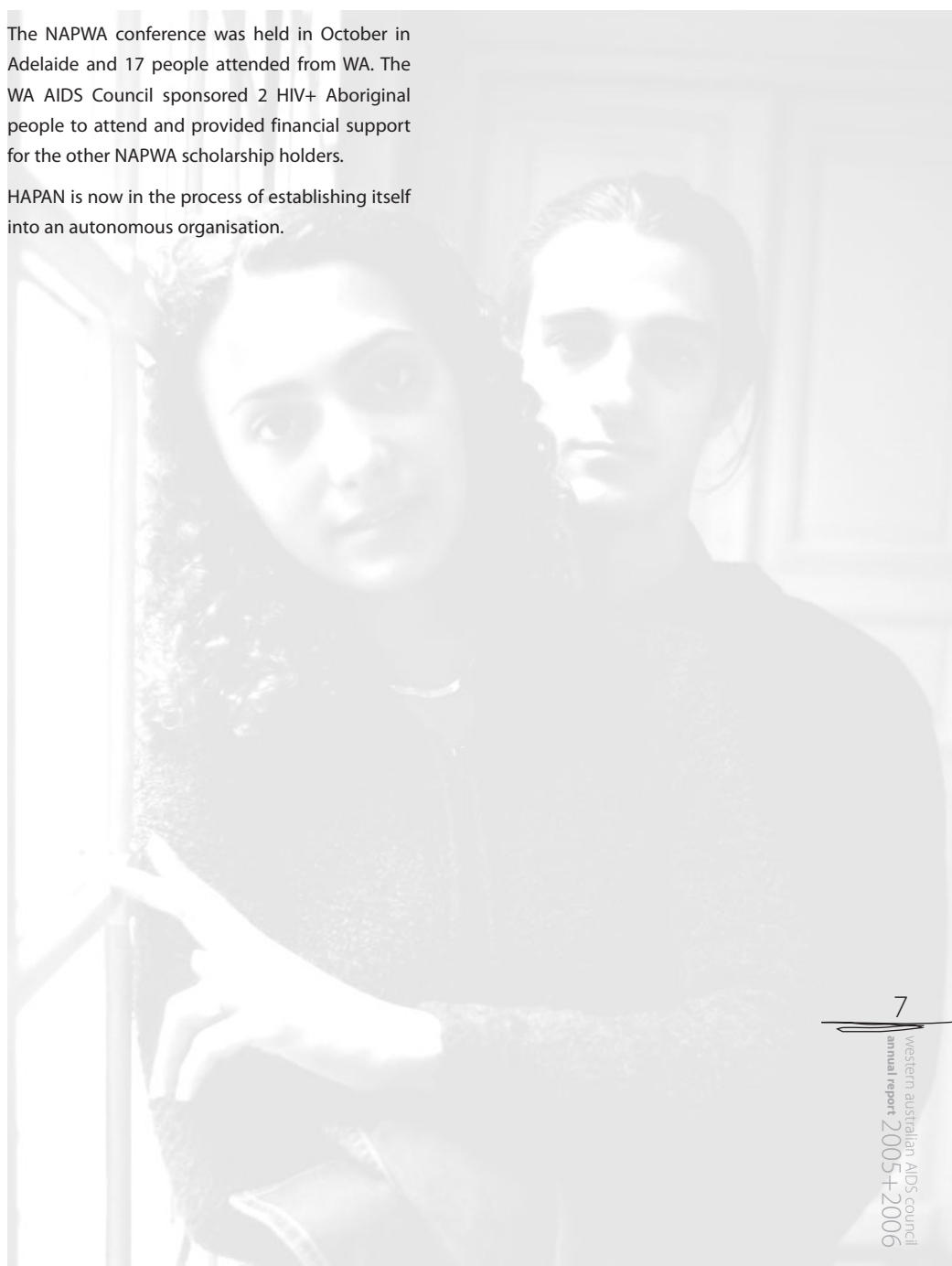
In its training and consultancy capacity, 814 training hours were provided in a range of areas. Two 3 day training courses were provided for 17 health professionals who undertake pre test discussion and post test counselling in the course of their work. Training was also provided to Health Services Australia which tests people wishing to migrate to Australia and STI nurses providing a statewide service.

HAPAN

Cipri Martinez provided administrative support HAPAN – the HIV/AIDS Peer Advisory Network until December 2005. HAPAN is recognised by the National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS (NAPWA) as its official WA representative member, with Graham Douglas-Meyer and Diane Forrester as the HAPAN representatives on the NAPWA Board.

The NAPWA conference was held in October in Adelaide and 17 people attended from WA. The WA AIDS Council sponsored 2 HIV+ Aboriginal people to attend and provided financial support for the other NAPWA scholarship holders.

HAPAN is now in the process of establishing itself into an autonomous organisation.



organisation development and services 2005+2006

Organisation Development and Services continued to provide the necessary infrastructure for the WA AIDS Council and the Freedom Centre. Led by Glen Sanders, the team consisted of Tania McGuinness, Sandy Tawhai and Kelly Marlow in the Customer Service Officer position, Sarah Collins as the Volunteer Coordinator and Mark Reid as the Coordinator of Fundraising and Events

The WA AIDS Council consolidated its financial position leading to a much enhanced position at the end of the year. The MYOB accounting system showed its capacity to respond to new acquittal requirements demanded by funding bodies and longer term financial planning is now being undertaken. The new financial year will see the WAAC building being refurbished for the first time in over a decade.

The WA AIDS Council's 20th Anniversary

The theme 'Until There's a Cure - Remembrance, Reflection and Celebration' was chosen for the 20th Anniversary events which included a Film Festival held during the PRIDE month, a retrospective exhibition and a 'Back to WAAC' function for ex-staff and volunteers to catch up with current staff and volunteers. A written history of the WA AIDS Council will be launched in 2006-2007.

The Retrospective Exhibition, funded by the Department of Culture and the Arts, with sponsorship from the City of Perth, Healthway and private businesses, was a multi-art exhibition

incorporating historical material and contemporary visual art, new media and performance to show how HIV/AIDS has impacted on the community over two decades. It was held at the Perth Town Hall for two and half weeks along with the Design for Life Poster competition.

Jo Darbyshire curated the exhibition, whilst Zabia Chmielewski created a film and sound work examining rural Aboriginal people's view of HIV, Eva Fernandez captured the strength of HIV positive women in her photographic works, James Berlyn created a musical representation entitled 'Momentary' which bore witness to the AIDS epidemic of the past twenty years and was performed by the Gay and Lesbian Singers of WA and the Band of Angels Gospel choir and Mathew Jackson produced provocative artworks which were testimony to the enormity of his personal relationship with the epidemic.

The exhibition was launched by Dr Neale Fong, the Director General of Health, who as a sexual health physician, was directly involved in diagnosing some of the first cases of HIV in WA. He also presented the prizes to the winning entrants in the 'Design for Life' exhibition. The exhibition was attended by over 500 people.

PRIDE 2005

The PRIDE Fairday was held on 25th September. The WA AIDS Council sponsored a number of stalls including a theatre for people to view an educational video especially created for PRIDE 2005 and designed to provoke and challenge peoples' sexual behaviour.

The WA AIDS Council hosted an unfolding of the Australian AIDS Memorial Quilt at the Perth Concert Hall on October 12th with the Minister for Health and Attorney General, the Hon Jim McGinty MLA, officiating.

As part of the PRIDE Festival, in conjunction with the WA AIDS Council's 20th Anniversary, the Council held a Film Festival in Fremantle screening films made throughout the course of the epidemic, as well as Australian health promotion messages. Screen West and the Film

and Television Institute sponsored the screenings, which included the Australian film 'Life', which hadn't been shown in Perth previously. Vanessa Read from the Department of Corrective Services led the discussion after the screening.

The PRIDE Parade proved that at times of adversity, it is good to have a responsive team in attendance! After putting the WA AIDS Council float together on the day of the parade, the truck battery decided not to work just as the parade started. Quick thinking saved the day, with items from the back of the truck 'walked down' the parade route. The Freedom Centre float featured the struggle faced by young people with diverse sexual and gender expression in WA schools.

Fundraising

STYLEAID 'Joy' was the main fundraising event for the WA AIDS Council during 2005-2006 and held, for the first time, at the Perth Convention Centre in August 2005. Western Australian fashion was, once again, showcased to over 600 people. Incredible support was received from the WA fashion industry including designers, photographers and models, hair and makeup artists, artistic designers and entertainers. Sound, staging and lighting engineers, graphic designers, printers all contributed and generous financial and product sponsorship from a huge array of business and suppliers was also received. For the first time, a magazine was produced to promote the work of the WA AIDS Council in addition to the fashion highlights on display at the event. The Council made a net profit of over \$55 000 on the night.

M.A.C (Makeup Artists of Canada) stocked at Myer, continued to donate generously to the WA AIDS Council's HIV assistance fund and other education programs from sales of Viva Glam lipsticks and Christmas cards. Over \$8000 was donated during the past financial year from this program. M.A.C also generously donated products and makeup artists during STYLEAID, PRIDE and retreats.

The Annual Street Appeal was held in Perth on December 2nd 2005 and raised over \$12 000.



community education and prevention services 2005+2006

WAAC combined a health promotion and community development approach to engage those people most at risk of acquiring HIV and those living with HIV. The Ottawa Charter 1986 underpinned its work focusing on 5 key actions as follows:

- Strengthening community action;
- Developing personal skills;
- Creating enabling and supportive environments;
- Re-orienting health services; and
- Building healthy public policy.

The Community Education and Prevention Services department aimed to create new and innovative education campaigns and prevention initiatives aimed at behaviour change and decrease at-risk events. It also aimed at reducing the barriers which impede people's capacity to keep safe through advocacy and policy reform. Led by Douglas Knox, the department offered targeted interventions involving the following five groups:

1. Gay men and men who have sex with men;
2. People who inject drugs
3. Aboriginal people
4. Young people
5. General community

1. gay men and men who have sex with men

Education and prevention services targeting gay men and men who have sex with men were provided by Clyde Du Bois, Jonathon Hallett (until February 2006), Mark Ravenscroft, Mark Reid, Paul Davis, Simon Yam and Steve Fragomeni as well as Drs Christopher Beer, David Chin, Lachlan McPhail, Stephen Hodby, and Walter Ong in the sex on premises clinics.

WORKING WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS – Strengthening community action

The Gay Men's Education team sought to strengthen community action by assisting already existing community groups such as Bears, Spectrum (a group for Asian men and their friends) and Primetimers, as well as the newly formed Same Sex Domestic Abuse Group and the disability support group, Inclusions. Community based groups such as Gay and Lesbian Community Services, PRIDE, PFlag and GALE also had ongoing contact with the Council.

Social marketing initiatives were conducted through gay community press through specific advertising and editorials, complemented by education and prevention campaigns designed and implemented by AFAO. 'Think Again' and 'Is he thinking what I'm thinking' asked gay men to reflect on what actually happens in relation to HIV disclosure rather than what they think should happen.

The 'Safe Sex Sluts' distributed condoms at various community events and gay and lesbian hotels and nightclubs were provided with condoms and written information

ANONYMOUS PEER BASED INFORMATION, GROUPS, FORUMS AND OUTREACH SERVICES – Developing personal skills

Peer-provided services were aimed at facilitating behaviour change and skill building and were provided in one to one interactions including outreach, workshops, groups and forums such as "Men on men". A number of specific forums were run for community groups delivering tailored educational messages and outreach was conducted in Bi House.

Mensline is an anonymous telephone education service provided to men including in rural and remote areas and through the dedicated website

2. Needle and syringe exchange program – building healthy public policy, creating enabling environments and reorienting services

The WA AIDS Council has operated a Needle and Syringe Exchange Service since 1987. The purpose of the service is to prevent health harms, such as the acquisition of blood borne viruses, bacterial infections and vein damage, through the distribution of sterile injecting equipment.

NSEPs are a fantastic example of a healthy public policy, namely 'Harm Reduction' being put into practice. NSEPs also create a supportive environment for people who choose to inject drugs by distributing injecting equipment, offering referrals and other education and prevention material.

Tania Lamond coordinated the NSEP team until she left to join the Drug and Alcohol Authority in October. David Wright joined the WA AIDS Council and led the NSEP team of Amanda Crow, Clyde DuBois, Gail Jones, Sandy Tawhai (until December) and Toby Barnett.

In all, the NSEP had 8 453 client contacts (a decrease of 4.4% compared to 2004-05) but distributed over one million pieces of injecting equipment for the first time since the service began. This represents a 31.4% increase compared to the previous year. The return rate for equipment remains at over 96%. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people make up 4.2% of the people accessing the service.

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

www.mensline.com.au. Over 1000 calls were received by Mensline with 41% identifying as heterosexual or bisexual and 38% stating they were in a primary relationship with a woman. The service used an interactive telephone facility which gave capacity for callers to hear pre-recorded information about confidential HIV testing clinics and times, beat crime information and other general information.

Outreach was also conducted using the Internet. CyberReach developed, trialled and evaluated the protocols and strategies for online peer-based internet outreach and health promotion to same-sex attracted young people and other men who have sex with men, present within the internet chat room setting.

This project was funded by Healthway and used trained peer-based volunteers. The project was evaluated by the WA Centre for Health Promotion Research and showed that the internet and chat rooms could be effectively used to provide health promotion outreach. Whilst the Healthway project was completed in January, it is continuing as part of an Australia-wide initiative named NetReach.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE WA POLICE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES – Creating enabling and supportive environments

Gay men and men who have sex with men have often reported harassment from law enforcement officers, rangers and other members of the community, particularly at beats. This can have a deleterious impact on the men in terms of self esteem and confidence, making risky choices regarding sexual behaviour and not reporting crime. The WA AIDS Council formalised arrangements with the WA Police Service and Local Government Authorities to train their officers in sexual and gender diversity and beat culture and making appropriate responses when men report crime. In addition the Cities of Joondalup and Nedlands and the Town of Cambridge continued to support the work of the WA AIDS Council through targeted educative interventions.

SAUNA CLINICS – Re-orienting health services

For gay men and men who have sex with men, there was a focus on providing accessible, opportunistic preventative sexual health services. Many of these men do not have reasonable access to sensitive HIV and STI testing from STI clinics or general practitioners. Sexual health screening, testing, vaccinations and referrals were provided at the Sauna Clinics at Perth Steamworks and Beaufort 565. Over 320 men accessed the sauna clinics during the past year with 962 HIV and STI tests being conducted. In addition the Mens' Sexual Health Clinic operating at FPWA, run in conjunction with the WA AIDS Council, provided alternative clinical services to men.

ADVOCACY AND LOBBYING – Building Healthy Public Policy

The WA AIDS Council continued to provide input into National, State and local policies affecting gay men and men who have sex with men. As previously stated Local Governments and the Police Service are evaluating policies with regards to men who seek sexual assignation in public spaces. WAAC also advocated to the Equal Opportunity Commission with regard to sexuality based bullying and vilification and the need for changes in the laws.

With the foreshadowed changes in the Department of Health, WAAC contributed to the Health Reform Implementation Taskforce, the new WA Public Health Act which has major implications for policy in regards to communicable and infectious diseases and the S100 Prescriber arrangements. WAAC also provided input into the WA HIV/AIDS Plan, the WA Sexually Transmissible Infections plan, the WA Indigenous Sexual Health Strategy and the WA Hepatitis C plan. At a National level, WAAC provided input into the National Testing Policy and the Post Exposure Prophylaxis guidelines.

3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People – strengthening community action and creating enabling and supportive environments

The WA AIDS Council Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee, made up of people with broad interests and affiliations, was chaired by Daniel McAullay, a member of the Board of Management. The meetings have continued to provide a forum networking, discussing issues of mutual concern and advocating and lobbying.

The WA AIDS Council has 2 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff members; Gail Jones of Nyoongar and the Palyku people and Clyde DuBois of Arrernte and Luritja people. They enhanced education provision to specific, high need areas from a client and community perspective, reviewed and improved interaction around Aboriginal issues and culture and maintained collaborative links with relevant key stakeholders across the sector. Their aim is to sustain long-term health benefits to Aboriginal people who have HIV, are at risk of acquiring HIV and other blood borne viruses or sexually transmissible infections by providing choices of available services for the wider Aboriginal Community.

Gail worked collaboratively with other WAAC staff members to ensure that programs were culturally appropriate for such groups as gay men, sistergirls, women, transgender people, young people and people who inject drugs. Her role also encompassed building partnerships with a variety of ATSI organisations in WA in order that specific sexual health education can be provided.

Clyde provided specific services in the Needle and Syringe Exchange Program and sexual health education for ATSI people and health workers. He is now responsible for Mensline, an anonymous telephone service for men who have sex with men (MSM) particularly from rural areas, outreach education for MSM and people who inject drugs.

4. Young people

The WA AIDS Council provided a diverse number of education and prevention programs targeting young people. Gemma Crawford, Catherine Swift (until May), Rita Freijah, Nadine Toussaint, Jonathon Hallett (until February) and Steve Fragomeni and an enthusiastic group of volunteers delivered these innovative programs which were planned, delivered and evaluated by young people.

FREEDOM CENTRE – Strengthening community action, developing personal skills, creating enabling and supportive environments, re-orienting health services and building healthy public policy

The Freedom Centre, coordinated by Nadine Toussaint, is funded by the Office of Mental Health as a youth suicide prevention initiative. It is a vital peer-based program designed by peers for same sex attracted people or with diverse gender expression who are socially isolated or otherwise at risk. The centre based activities have now consolidated in the William Street premises.

The Freedom Centre held 176 drop in sessions (or 644 hours) and received 674 visits by a total of 150 individual young people. Different groups were catered for including 'Guyspace' which was a weekly session for same sex attracted young men; 'Girlsplace' which was a weekly session for same sex attracted young women; 'Create' which was a weekly session open to all same sex attracted and/or gender diverse young people and 'GenderQ' was a monthly session providing a safe space for gender diverse young people to discuss gender and their experience

Training was provided to a number of youth agencies as well as medical students, Youth Link, the Regional Domestic Violence committees, the Education Department and the State School Teachers Union, Youth-friendly Doctors scheme and the Sexual Assault Referral Centre.

Emerge Art Project

The Emerge art project consisted of weekly art workshop sessions for a number of months giving young people the opportunity to develop their skills in writing, photography, zine art and other visual art forms. More importantly the project provided young people and volunteers with the opportunity to express themselves and their identity through various art forms. Twelve drop

SITE	OCCASIONS OF SERVICE	EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTED
Fremantle	1903	188 139
Mirrabooka	1141	129 224
Mandurah	1004	156 175
Gosnells	926	135 710
Rockingham	787	127 288
West Perth	567	67 494
Midland	518	44 371
Armadale	510	55 659
East Victoria Park	390	56 629
Joondalup	355	49 280
Forrestfield	352	37 617
TOTAL	8 453	1 047 586

Training was also provided to community groups, local government authorities, drug and alcohol workers and other non-government agencies and participates in national research projects. This research showed that the prevalence of HIV among people who injects drugs remains very low.

sessions were held, mostly on Sunday afternoons, facilitated by Francis Italiano and funded by Healthway which saw 72 visits from young people. The Emerge Exhibition culminated in a moving, celebratory but provocative exhibition held at the Trinity Church Hall in Perth attended by over 200 young people, parents and service deliverers.

KEEP IT SAFE SUMMER (KISS) – developing personal skills, creating enabling and supportive environments and building healthy public policy

The KISS Program, coordinated by Gemma Crawford, was a comprehensive Health Promotion program, aimed at young people leaving school, starting at the end of the school year. Twenty five trained peer educators provided outreach education to school leavers celebrating at Rottnest Island and Dunsborough. The teams worked closely with the two host communities to ensure that Leavers minimised harm to themselves through excessive drinking, substance use or unsafe sexual activity.

'Pitstop', an innovative health promotion program was used at both venues with 85 young people accessing it at Dunsborough and 76 at Rottnest. Over 2000 young people had interactions with the two teams with about 65% males and 35% females.

At Rottnest, WAAC, FPWA and the Department of Health conducted a pilot project for young males and females interested in being screened for Chlamydia which yielded one positive result. This vindicated the negative media about the program which claimed that by providing donated condoms to people who request them it encouraged young people to have sex.

The program continued through the school holidays at the Big Day Out and other music festivals and orientation days at tertiary institutions.

SCHOOLS PROGRAM – Developing personal skills

Catherine Swift and Rita Freijah coordinated 143 talks to 5195 school students in WA schools in the last year. These presentations were interactive talks or workshops and covered the Facts – HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C transmission and prevention as well as some drug information. The 'Issues' presentation addressed discrimination, social justice and prejudice when analysing

HIV/AIDS related issues. Older school students received information about safe sex, STIs, decision making and behaviour changes under the influence of other substances and the importance of looking after your mates. Personal perspectives were given by a person affected by HIV/AIDS presenting a human face of HIV, promoting awareness and understanding.

DESIGN FOR LIFE POSTER COMPETITION – Strengthening community action

The Design for Life Competition coincided with World AIDS Day and was conducted for secondary and tertiary students in conjunction with FPWA (formerly Family Planning Association). Students received information and education regarding HIV and sexually transmissible infections from Health Promotion students prior to creating the posters. The launch and presentation of prizes by Dr Neale Fong, Director General of Health, was held at the Perth Town Hall in conjunction with the 20th Anniversary Exhibition. This competition was very popular with some 60 students participating.

5. General Community Education

AIDSLINE AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION – Developing personal skills

AIDSline is an anonymous telephone service provided to people requiring information about HIV/AIDS. It is staffed by volunteers and Health Promotion Students and received 351 calls in the year, with most calls being around HIV/AIDS anxiety, transmission and prevention and testing. There were 219 referrals, the majority of which were to an internal WAAC program or counselling, to a hospital for testing or to FPWA. General community information was provided on 41 occasions to over 900 people.

PRISONS – Creating enabling and supportive environments

The WA AIDS Council provides ongoing training on blood borne viruses to Prison Officers and Pre and Post Test discussion training to nurses employed by the Department of Justice.

training services 2005+2006

The WA AIDS Council provides training to a number of different professional groups as well as service organisations. The purpose of this is two-fold. The first is to reduce the level of community fear and potential stigmatisation and marginalisation of people with HIV, sexually transmissible infections or blood borne viruses through the provision of competency based training and factual information. The second purpose is to provide service deliverers and professionals with appropriate training in order that they provide quality services to people with HIV and those at risk of acquiring HIV. The WA AIDS Council and the Freedom Centre also provides a range of training packages around sexual and gender diversity.

Courses and training packages were presented to health workers including St John ambulance workers, allied health workers, nursing home staff and home care attendants, medical and nursing students, teachers, drug and alcohol workers, prison officers and police recruits, Local Government Organisation rangers, Aboriginal carers and mining industry employees.

Over 850 people received training from the WA AIDS Council throughout the year in addition to the 61 who received volunteer training.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS 2005-2006

17th Annual Conference of the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine Hobart, August 2005.

Edwards J and Brown G

Same Sky Project: Supporting same sex attracted youth in regional WA (Poster)

Yam S, Langdon P and Brown G

Beating Crime – It's good for your health (Poster)

36th Public Health Association of Australia Annual Conference Perth, September 2005.

Brown G, Maycock B and Shanks K

Internet Chatrooms: Knowing your environment and community before outreaching

Crawford G

Off your Knockers with the Quokkas: Re-thinking Sex and Drugs with School-Leavers (Poster)

Edwards J, Brown G and Shanks K

Same Sky Project: Supporting same sex attracted youth in regional WA

Hallett J and Brown G

CyberReach: Peer-Based Health Promotion Outreach on the Internet

Langdon P, Hodby S, Ong W, Chin D, Davis P and Brown G

Testing in a Towel – BBV/STI Screening and Peer-Based Education in Sex on Premises Venues

Toussaint N, Brown G and Turnball M

Power, passion and peers: The Freedom Centre Peer Based Health Promotion Model

Making Links: Putting technology to work in the community sector, Sydney November 2005

Yam S

Imaging for Web and Print

Spence G and Hallett J

Health Promotion in Gay Chat rooms? NetReach and CyberReach

NAPWA Conference Adelaide, November 2005

Martinez C

Condoms versus undetectable viral load

HIV Educators Conference Sydney, May 2006

Brown G and Hallett J

Health Promotion in Internet Chat Rooms: Experiences of the CyberReach Project

Davis P

Sexual health counselling and HIV risk interventions

world AIDS day 2005

"HIV and AIDS – Let's talk about it" was the Australian theme for World AIDS Day 2005, the 17th anniversary of when the United Nations created the day. Promotional material was sent throughout WA and the Health Department organised a bell ringing as part of a world-wide show of solidarity.

The Candlelight Vigil was held at the AIDS Memorial Monument in Fitzgerald Street, Northbridge where the AIDS Memorial Quilt was unfolded and two new quilts were presented from the WA AIDS Council. The World AIDS Day awards were also presented to worthy recipients.

World AIDS Day Award Recipients

Individual Award: Stewart Walter

For an individual who has made a significant personal contribution in the fight against AIDS.

Stewart is a member of HAPAN and has coordinated of The Living Centre for the over 2 years. During this time, the centre has been revitalised and the number of HIV Positive people attending has increased. Stewart is always willing to lend a hand and people appreciate his wise counsel and good humour.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award – Julie

For an Aboriginal/ Torres Strait Islander individual (or group) who has made a significant contribution in HIV prevention and/or care in WA for Aboriginal people

Julie is a member of the Aboriginal community, originally from Meekatharra. She has a lot of contact with street-present Aboriginal people from the metro area as well as people who are visiting Perth from other regions. She assists these people by informally educating and raising awareness around HIV and other health issues and linking them with WAAC's Aboriginal staff and the Street Doctor Program. She has used her initiative to do this and it has proved to be essential for provision of services to people at greatest risk.

HIV Positive Person Award: Robert Spicer

For an HIV positive individual who has had a significant impact in HIV/AIDS awareness raising.

For many years, Robert has educated and informed people in WA about HIV through providing personal perspectives despite having serious sight problems. He also undertook the 'Bounce Back' program which sought to improve the well being

of HIV positive people through exercise and nutrition and had very positive results for all concerned.

Group or Association Award: PFlag

For a group which has made a significant contribution to the fight against AIDS.

PFlag has provided great assistance to many families of gay and lesbian people in WA. By providing support to families who may otherwise reject their family members, it has helped reduce stigma and discrimination felt by them, thereby improving the chance that they will make good health decisions, including having safe sex. PFlag also provides a lot of assistance to the Freedom Centre and other associated projects at WAAC.

Youth Award: YOHFEST

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

YOHFest (Youth on Health Festival) began 9 years ago by Anne Leaver. Now incorporating schools from around Western Australia, each year a different health message is chosen for participating schools to create a play or dance piece with which to educate the audience. The first theme was HIV/AIDS and again in 2005, YOHFest decided to tackle this issue as well as Sexually Transmitted Infections.

Health Services Award: Ward 10 at RPH

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

The nurses and allied staff from Ward 10 at Royal Perth Hospital have borne the brunt of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in WA in terms of taking care of people when they have been ill or dying. Whilst the number of people dying from HIV has decreased in the past 10 years, there are still a number of people requiring the services from the Ward 10 staff.

Media Award: Des Eddy

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

Des has been a long time supporter of the AIDS Council with his support for STYLEAID since its inception 8 years ago. Each year Des has not only reported on the event but always incorporates information and education about the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Des has shown a strong commitment to the HIV pandemic and also his commitment to the WA AIDS Council. His reporting is always factual and educational in its approach getting important health messages across to the readers of the Western Suburbs Weekly.

volunteer services 2005+2006

Sarah Collins continued in her role as the Volunteer Coordinator. Five courses of 2 day Introductory Training were offered and resulted in 53 new volunteers being recruited to the WA AIDS Council. There were a further seven courses for specific programs namely Positive Services, the Needle and Syringe Exchange Program, CyberReach, Keep It Safe Summer and Public Speaking.

The WA AIDS Council volunteer pool is an eclectic group of people ranging in age from 17 years to 77 years. People interested in doing volunteer work attended an Information Evening prior to progressing to Introductory Training. There were many different programs on offer and people contributed as much or as little as they could manage. Condom packing and red ribbon days continued to be great fun. The VIP club for volunteers offered discounts and services at different shops and venues and the volunteer newsletter kept people up-to-date with WA AIDS Council news and activities.

The WA AIDS Council gave out the following Volunteer Awards as recognition and acknowledgement of outstanding contributions and service to the Council.

CHAIRPERSON'S AWARD

George Cowcher

George has been a volunteer for positive services for over 11 years. During this time George has been on many care teams and then became a

Buddy. George has worked with many people and has witnessed first hand the changing face of the epidemic. What has been commendable is the fact that he has been able to adapt to these changes and remain committed to volunteering.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S AWARD

John Collins

Since joining the Mensline program, John has been a reliable and trusted volunteer for the programme. Recently, as a result of John's professional work ethic and quick thinking, he intervened in an extremely unusual situation which had a very good outcome. John also volunteers for Positive Services.

James Forbes

James come to Perth from Sydney at the beginning of the 2005 and made contact with the WA AIDS Council wanting to donate time and skills in events and fundraising. Five months later and much hard work in the position of editor, the new STYLEAID 'JOY' magazine was created. James is now working at the AIDS Council of NSW.

POSITIVE SERVICES

Tina Davis

Gerry Grogan

Janey Sanderson

Alan Silulu

Paul Briggs

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Sarah Neumann (AIDSline and KISS)

Rita Freijah (AIDSline, SHE and Design for Life Poster Competition)

NEEDLE AND SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Gertrude Phiri

Lyndon Fernandez (also KISS, Events and the Family Camp)

PEER ED

Colin Connolly (Mensline)

Shane Colquhoun (Mensline)

FREEDOM CENTRE

Voon Pang

Melanie Jenkins

ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES

Chris Jones (Events and Fundraising – also volunteers in Positive Services, NSEP and Safe Sex Sluts)

Annette Hasluck (Fundraising)

Paul McClurg (Fundraising)

Staff Transitions 2005+2006

Arrivals

Chloe Britton, Amanda Crow, Steven Fragomeni, Douglas Knox, Kelly Marlow

Departures

Toby Barnett, Grace Carroll, Paul Davis, Jonathan Hallett, Tania Lamond, Irene McKee, Lyn Tolliday, Catherine Swift, Sandy Tawhai, David Wright

financial statements

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

For the year ended 30th June 2006

	Note	2006 \$	2005 \$
REVENUE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
GOVERNMENT GRANTS	2	1,771,777	1,743,440
OTHER REVENUE			
Fundraising	3	147,441	129,772
Other Income		53,377	78,469
Program Sales		39,927	40,997
TOTAL REVENUE		2,012,521	1,992,678
EXPENDITURE FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
GENERAL			
Advertising		31,094	27,822
Audit Fees		5,330	6,375
Accounting		1,500	8,615
Bank Fees		4,065	3,199
Building / Equipment Maintenance		46,789	17,522
Catering		59,650	45,227
Cleaning		14,719	16,334
Computer Expenses		19,763	20,208
Condoms & Lube		15,869	16,265
Conferences / Seminar		8,648	5,735
Electricity and Gas		9,797	11,750
Emergency Relief		10,129	14,135
Equip / Venue Hire		31,255	39,266
Insurance		22,668	25,850
Motor Vehicle		13,432	12,281
Needles & Syringe Exchange		200,118	123,843
Postage / Courier		7,875	8,068
Printing / Resource Dev		58,597	37,768
Professional Fees		40,399	23,355
Rates and Charges		6,179	2,457
Rent		11,841	23,055
Special Projects		2,218	346
Stationery		7,578	5,529
Sundry		32,547	25,251
Telephone / Facsimile		25,581	30,700
Travel & Representation	4	23,892	15,693
Volunteer Costs		2,197	1,936
DEPRECIATION		39,099	50,388
EMPLOYEE EXPENSES		1,162,929	1,215,587
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1,915,757	1,834,560
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		96,764	158,118

BALANCE SHEET

For the year ended 30th June 2006

	Note	2006 \$	2005 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash Assets	5	\$418,813	406,005
Receivables		\$8,477	28,979
Inventory		\$24,887	27,195
Prepayments		\$16,724	15,963
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		468,901	478,142
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant and Equipment	6	\$995,225	1,017,009
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		995,225	1,017,009
TOTAL ASSETS		1,464,126	1,495,151
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Payables	7	\$90,173	101,576
Provisions	8	\$70,497	92,151
Grants in Advance	9	\$51,229	135,375
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		211,898	329,102
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	10	\$28,046	38,638
Deposits Held in Trust		\$0	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		28,046	38,638
TOTAL LIABILITIES		239,944	367,740
NET ASSETS		1,224,182	1,127,411
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Accumulated Funds		\$558,642	583,627
Bequest Funds	11	\$183,105	-
Asset Revaluation Reserve		\$385,665	385,665
Current Year Surplus (Deficit)		\$96,764	158,119
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		1,224,175	1,127,411

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 30th June 2006

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

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

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

(a) Income Tax

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

(b) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are included at cost or at valuation. All assets, excluding freehold land and buildings, are depreciated using the diminishing value method commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use at depreciation rates set by Committee of Management. All items less than \$200 have been expensed, totalling \$4375.

(c) Grants

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

(d) Fundraised Monies

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

(e) Employee Entitlements

Provision is made for the association's liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements together with entitlements arising from wages and salaries, annual leave and superannuation have been calculated to meet the association's legal obligations.

Contributions are made by the association to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

(f) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

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


STATEMENT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT


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

In the opinion of the Board of Management of the Western Australian AIDS Council Inc the financial report as set out on pages 15 to 18:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Western Australian AIDS Council Inc as at 30 June 2006 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Western Australian AIDS Council Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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


Russell King
Chairperson


Peter Rowe
Treasurer

Dated at Perth this 23rd day of August 2006.

	2006 \$	2005 \$
NOTE 2: REVENUE GOVERNMENT GRANTS		
Health Department WA Sexual Health Branch	1,367,492	1,328,952
Health Department WA IDD Initiative	159,000	156,900
Health Department WA Mental Health Branch	79,257	76,564
City of Cambridge	10,000	
City of Perth	7,593	
Healthway	8,000	
Lotterywest	3,458	-
Other Agencies	1,600	21,636
Department of Health & Family - HAPAN		4,545
Commonwealth Department of Health & Aged Care		3,740
South Metropolitan Public Health - SHE Project		18,090
Healthway		29,975
Young Persons Foundation		1,091
Grants in Advance received 2004/5:		
Health Department - WA Indigenous Project	47,659	
Healthway - Cyberreach Project	38,363	
Lotterywest - History Project	16,930	
Dept Culture & Arts - Art Exhibition	19,545	
Health Department - Pathology	5,169	
Swanbourne Beats	5,000	
Hapan	2,105	2,105
Dept Family & Community Services - Freedom Centre	605	
Hepatitis C Project		55,000
Same Sky Project		5,722
Indigenous Community Development		30,000
Freedom Centre		2,500
SHE Project		6,620
	1,771,777	1,743,440

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 30th June 2006

NOTE 3: EXPENDITURE – FUNDRAISING

Fundraising expenditure of \$105,640 is included and mainly relates to catering, equipment/venue hire and salary and wages costs.

NOTE 4: EXPENDITURE TRAVEL & REPRESENTATION

Expenditure associated with Travel & Representation was offset by recouped revenue included in the "Other Revenue - Other Income" category.

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
NOTE 5: CURRENT ASSETS – CASH ASSETS		
ANZ Trading Account	648	164,130
ANZ Trust Account	2,252	2,174
ANZ Term Deposits (Bequest Funds)	82,538	
ANZ Term Deposits		181,075
Other ANZ Accounts	60,642	58,025
ING Cash Management (Bequest Funds)	103,055	
ING Cash Management	169,077	
Cash on Hand	600	600
	418,812	406,004
Land and Building (664 Murray Street)	900,000	900,000
Motor Vehicles (at cost)	71,262	69,679
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-21,410	-16,819
	49,851	52,860
Furniture and Equipment (at cost)	281,710	275,680
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-236,336	-211,531
	45,374	64,149
Total Written Down Value of Property, Plant & Equipment	995,225	1,017,009
NOTE 7: CURRENT LIABILITIES – PAYABLES		
Creditors	74,801	28,515
GST Payable	-20,164	41,620
PAYG Payable	13,850	12,021
Staff Payable	1,915	967
Superannuation	6,810	7,096
Visa Card	3,461	1,857
Accruals	9,500	9,500
	90,173	101,576
NOTE 8: CURRENT LIABILITIES - PROVISIONS		
Provision for Annual Leave	52,213	72,796
Provision for Long Service Leave	18,283	19,355
	70,496	92,151

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
NOTE 9: CURRENT LIABILITIES – GRANTS IN ADVANCE		
Healthwest Core	31,721	5,169
Lotterywest - History Project	5,785	
Family Camp	1,500	
Emerge	75	
Film Festival	664	
Nedlands/Swanbourne Beats	10,279	5,000
HAPAN	1,205	2,105
Art Exhibition		19,545
Cyberreach		38,363
History		16,930
Indigenous Project		47,658
Freedom Centre - Youth		605
	51,229	135,375

NOTE 10: NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES – PROVISIONS

Provision for Long Service Leave	28,046	38,637
	28,046	38,637

NOTE 11: BEQUEST FUNDS

Watson-Brown Bequest:		
Opening balance	179,619	
Bequest disbursements	-4,577	
Interest earned	8,063	
Balance	183,105	

STATEMENT OF FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 30th June 2006

	2006	2005
	\$	\$
AIDS AWARENESS WEEK		
Event Revenue	12,404	11,324
Event Expenses	435	840
Event Surplus / (Deficit)	11,969	10,484
STYLEAID		
Event Revenue	115,056	100,012
Event Expenses	58,949	77,958
Event Surplus / (Deficit)	56,455	22,054
ADMINISTRATION		
Administration Revenue	19,980	18,436
Administration Expenses		
General	1,512	881
Employee	44,744	39,013
Operational Surplus / (Deficit)	-26,275	-21,458
OVERALL FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES		
Overall Revenue	147,441	129,772
Overall Expenditure	105,640	118,692
Overall Net Surplus / (Deficit)	41,800	11,080
COMPARITIVE RATIOS		
Ratio of expenditure to gross revenue	72%	91%
Ratio of net surplus / (deficit) to gross revenue	28%	9%

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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN AIDS COUNCIL INC.**

SCOPE

We have audited the financial statements being a special purpose financial report of the Western Australian Aids Council Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2006 as set out in appendix. The board is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein and have determined that the accounting policies used and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1987 (WA)*. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Western Australian Aids Council Inc. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial statements have been prepared for distribution to members for fulfilling the financial reporting requirements under the Association's Constitution and the *Associations Incorporation Act 1987 (WA)*. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Association's financial position, and performance as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

QUALIFICATION

For many organisations of this nature, like the Western Australian Aids Council Inc, a proportion of the council's income is voluntary donations, which cannot be fully controlled until entered into the accounting records. Accordingly it was not practicable in our examination relating to such receipts to extend beyond the amount recorded in the Council's books. I therefore am unable to express an opinion whether such donations the Western Australian Aids Council Inc are complete.

AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial report of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required had the limitation on our procedures referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of Western Australian Aids Council Inc as at 30 June 2006, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

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In Memorium

The Board of Management, staff and volunteers dedicate this annual report to the memory of those people who lost their lives as a result of AIDS over the past twelve months and Trish Gouldson, a long time supporter of the WA AIDS Council and StyleAID.

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