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Abbreviations used

ADAC	Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Inc.
ADCA	Alcohol and Drug Council of Australia
AHC	Aboriginal Health Council
AHMAC	Australian Health Minister's Advisory Council
AJAC	Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee
ALRM	Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement
ASG	Aboriginal Sobriety Group
ATSIC	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission
A&TSIHW	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker
DAAP	Drug Aid Assessment Panel
DASC	Drug and Alcohol Services Council
DCS	Department of Correctional Services
DEET	Department for Employment, Education and Training
DETAFE	Department of Technical and Further Education
DHS	Department of Human Services
DOSAA	Department of State Aboriginal Affairs
FACS	Family and Community Service
H&AC	Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care
ICAA	International Council on Alcohol and Addictions
ITAB	Industry Training Advisory Board
NACCHO	National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations
NDS	National Drug Strategy
NCETA	National Centre for Education and Training in Addictions
NGO'S	Non Government Organisations
OATSIH	Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health
RCIADIC	Royal Commission Into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody
SAPOL	South Australian Police

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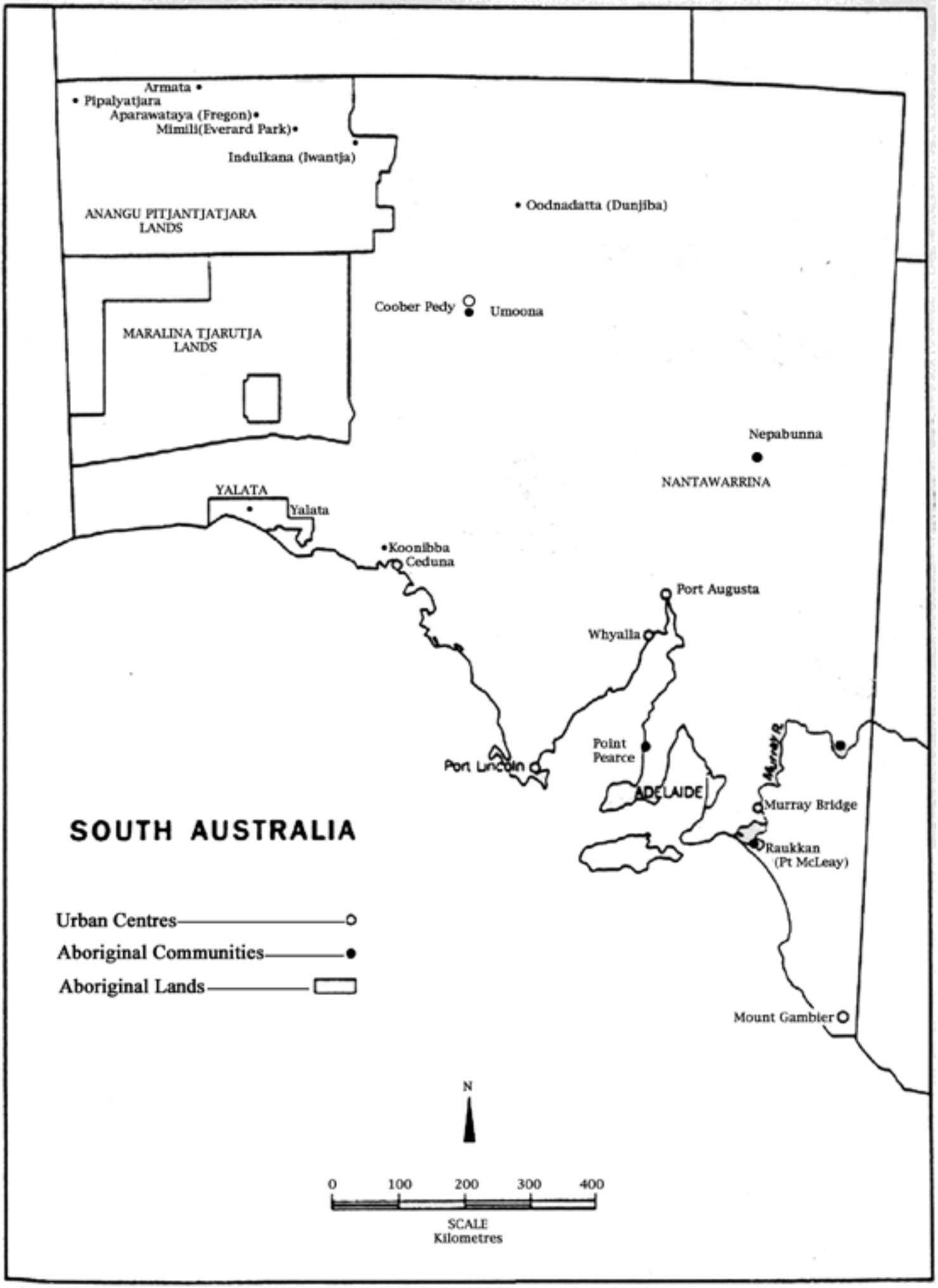
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Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Inc.
The Vision, Mission Statement
And Organisational Aims
The Vision

Aboriginal communities will be:

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

Mission Statement

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

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

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

Organisational Aims

ADAC's broad organisational aims are to:

- Have the expertise; credibility and resources to effectively support and represent South Australian Aboriginal communities in addressing substance misuse issues.
- Have clear policies and strategic directions on Aboriginal substance misuse and related issues.
- Secure adequate, ongoing resources, and use these effectively and efficiently, to achieve its organisational objectives on behalf of South Australian Aboriginal communities.

What is ADAC?

- ADAC stands for the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Inc.
- ADAC was established in response to the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC).
- ADAC was established to address the rising incidence of substance misuse.
- ADAC has been incorporated as an Aboriginal controlled, state based organisation to:

Develop And Implement A Statewide Strategy To Address Aboriginal Alcohol And Other Drug Misuse;

Review, Monitor and Provide Support To Aboriginal Substance Misuse Programs On An Ongoing Basis;

Assist In The Integration Of Programs Within Existing Community And Agency Services To Ensure That Aboriginal Interests Are Addressed And Promoted;

Positively Promote Harm Minimisation As An Effective Preventative Measure.

ADAC Executives Members 2000-2001

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Whyalla

Mr.Scott Wilson
State Director

Chairperson's Report

Isabella Norvil

Since the inception of ADAC's operations, there has been a committed response to reviewing and developing new strategies to improve service delivery and maintain strong links with the Aboriginal community. ADAC strongly believes that the community needs should be the guide to development of services and that services should be community based and controlled. Throughout 2000/2001 ADAC have continued to ensure that all its activities are community based and it has been a very hectic as well as fruitful year.

The biggest highlights for me as Chairperson in the 2000/2001 year were;

The Launch of the National Indigenous Substance Misuse Council Inc (NISMC) was a culmination of many years advocating and lobbying to ensure that substance misuse issues have a united voice and that issues affecting stand alone substance misuse organisations are not left out.

The formal launching of NISMC by the Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, the Hon Phillip Ruddock MHR was conducted in the Great Hall in Parliament House, Canberra. It attracted one of the largest gatherings of Federal politicians and other interested groups to any launch in Parliament. We are know looking to building on that success in the coming year and ensure that substance misuse issues are dealt with appropriately.

In June, ADAC was recognised nationally by the Ted Noffs Foundation at their annual awards night. This award was important in justifying ADAC's decsion to develop and produce all resource materials in house. I would like to especially thank Helen and Andrew and all the contributors to this creation.

ADAC and its work was again honored by the Federal Minister for Health, the Hon Michael Wooldrige MP acting for the Prime Minister when they officially launched the Petrol Sniffing and Other Solvents Resource Kit at the launch of the South Australian Police Diversion Strategy Launch.

Last year ADAC was invited to appear in front of the House of Representatives Inquiry into Substance Misuse in Australia when they held their public meetings in Adelaide. The day before the State Director and the Committee travelled to Kalparrin and Lower Murray Nungas Club. This was a great occassion for members of the community to meet and talk directly to Federal politicians about issues surrounding alcohol and drug abuse.

Advocacy

I have continued my role as Chairperson by trying to ensure that issues that affect Community organisations and people are heard at the highest levels and on a number of occasions attended with the State Director meeting with Federal and State politicians to advocate for new or continunued funding. I have also continued to put forward issues at committees that I represent substance misuse issues on for example, the Elders Council and the Aboriginal Justice Advocacy Committee. This year I was appointed to the Violent Perpertrators Evalaution Committee by the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Grief and Trauma Counselling and Community awareness

I have continued my efforts in this area by attending a range of tasks associated with Grief and Trauma, A lot of my work is included in my report. I would like to look at this financial year ADAC

hosting a national "Indigenous Families, Youth Voices To Be Heard" Conference. I attended a similiar conference in Sydney and found it to a uplifting event in helping to begin the journey for people with drug affected children. ADAC will also be looking at developing a video and further resources for people involved in grief and truama issues.

Aboriginal Elders Council

I have continued my role and support in trying to ensure that older memebers of the community are not forgotten in the drug saga. I ensure this by bringing at every opportunity I can the issues surrounding drugs of addiction to peoples attention. Being a memeber of the Elders Council makes me aware more than ever that we need to make sure that this group is also included in any discussions surrounding strategies and programs.

Aboriginal Family Mentor Project

The Aboriginal Family Intervention Project, will provide training and support to the group of families that have slipped through the net. This project has now been funded for two years, and will feed into the Family Kinship Program

I have attented a meeting in relation the recently funded Family Kinship program. This a 4 year program that has been funded to provide support and brokerage to families that have been affected by substance abuse. ADAC will keep people informed about this project and how people can benifit from it.

Nunga Court

The Port Adelaide Magistrates Court through Magistrate Vass looked at and developed the concept of the Nungas Court. This Court evolved over some time in the Justice area having a desire to stop Aboriginal people from going to goal. The idea is that you have pleaded guilty and are sent to the Nungas Court for sentencing with goal being the last option rather than the first.

The court meets every second Tuesday and has now expanded to include Murray Bridge. I began attending and was then invited by Magistrate Vass to sit alongside him to provide advice on sentencing options at the Murray Bridge Nungas Court. I believe that by having an Elder alongside the Magistrate there will be positive affects on people coming before the courts.

Aboriginal Health Council Ethics Research Committee

I have been a member of this committe for the past 6 years. This committee is a sub committee of the Aboriginal Health Council and its primary purpose is to look at the ethical reasons and issues surrounding research proposals for Aboriginal people and communities. This year ADAC will look at the need to have a specialist committtee that looks at drug and alcohol related research issues.

State Director's Report

Scott Wilson

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

Petrol and Other Solvents Manual

ADAC was responsible for developing a manual around Petrol Siffing and Other Solvents. The manaul is made up of six componets that include four booklets created by ADAC. Booklet 1 is a "Plain Language Summary" for community members and other people interested in learning about petrol sniffing. Booklet 2, "Information for Health and Community Members" contains more detailed information about petrol sniffing and is for workers who are helping communities to deal with sniffing issues. Booklet 3, "Community Development" is for workers and includes a workshop outline and Booklet 4 "Other Solvents" is for communities where sniffing of other solvents (paint, glue, etc) are an issue.

Also included in the boxed set is the report by d'Abbs & MacLean "Petrol Sniffing in Aboriginal Communities" - the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal & Tropical Health lived up to its name and agreed to supply copies of this report for inclusion and Territory Health Services gave permission for ADAC to reprint "The Brain Story" in A4 format. We have distributed 500 copies of the Boxed set nationally and have printed another 1,000 copies. (For more information see Helen's and Andrew's report)

Mentor Project

ADAC has received funding for a Mentor program targeted at older members of the community. This project will try and help those members of the community that are more vulnerable in that they do not access services or have huge problems with members of the household in relation to drug and alcohol abuse. The program will bring together older members of the community for sharing and information at a 2 day camp to find out what it is that community members want the program to help them with. (For further information see Geoff's report)

Makin Trax's

The Makin Trax's project is entering into its second year with the team of Doug Walker and Louie Harradine having signed 8 community agreements to work in those communities. Professor Dennis Gray from the National Drug Research Institute has externally evaluated its first year of operation. The program continually receives calls from across South Australia, Central Australia and the border regions of Western Australia. (See Doug, Louie and Andrew's report)

National Police Diversion Strategy

In April 1999 the Prime Minister announced the creation of a National Police Diversion Strategy. This new strategy is designed to divert people arrested with possession of drugs into assessment and treatment. For example, in the past a person arrested with Cannabis would receive an on the spot fine in South Australia, under the Police Diversion Strategy they will be automatically referred to an assessment for a drug and alcohol assessment.

If the person attends and successfully completes requirements then the Police will not proceed further and evidence etc will be destroyed. On the other hand people can still elect to go through the normal criminal justice system.

Most of the States and Territories have launched and begun their strategies, with the South Australian Diversion strategy was launched in May. This strategy will be targeted at both Juveniles and adults.

Dry Area Declaration in Adelaide

On the 2nd April the Adelaide City Council resolved to begin the process of having metropolitan Adelaide and North Adelaide declared a Dry Zone. The Dry Zone if approved by the Liquor Commission will cover all city public roads and squares on a twelve month trial basis. The State government has agreed to provide $500,000 to facilitate funding of a detoxification centre and other supports.

The Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council has consistently spoken against the Dry Zone and addressed the Council over its concerns. We do not believe it is a solution as Hindley Street has been a Dry Zone for 12 years and has had no impact on public drinking, violent assaults etc. We believe it is taken a sledgehammer approach to mask the real issue, which is public drinking in Victoria Square.

Injecting Drug Use Research

ADAC received funding from the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) to conduct research into the prevalence (how many) and associated harms with injecting drugs amongst the Aboriginal community in Adelaide. It is based on similar work undertaken by ADAC in Murray Bridge a number of years ago. The study recruited 7 Aboriginal research assistants to help in surveying drug users and other members of the community. Results from the study will be used to argue for better services and a Illicit Drugs rehabilitation centre here in Adelaide.

The research phase and interview stage have finished with 298 Indigenous injecting drug users being interviewed. This is the largest research of its kinf undertaken amongst Indigenous users in Australia. We are currently analysing the data and will have a report with recommendations finalised by the end of the year. (see Carol's report for further details)

Statewide Substance Misuse and National Complimentary Strategic Plan

In 1999 the Aboriginal Health Council received $100,000 from OATSIH to update and build on the original statewide substance misuse strategy "Bringing it all Together" developed by ADAC. Due to a number of reasons this did not happen and the funding has now gone to the South Australian Aboriginal Health Partnership. They have set up a steering committee to begin the process and we are hopeful that before the end of 2002 South Australia will have a State Strategic Plan for substance misuse.

On a national basis the National Drug Strategy Reference Group for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples has also begun the process of developing a national Indigenous Strategy that will complement all the other national strategies including alcohol, tobacco, illicit drugs and pharmacotherapies. Both myself and Polly Sumner from Nunkunwarrin Yunti are members of this National committee and I will keep people up to date.

Quality Assurance

ADAC is being used as a National pilot for substance misuse services to undertake Quality Assurance processes in their organizations. This project, depending on outcomes will provide a basis to roll

out to all substance misuse services nationally. ADAC and Quality Management Services in Sydney are managing the project. (For further information see Warrens report)

Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD)
In March this year the Prime Minister announced the new members of the ANCD to serve for the next 3 years. This Council provides advice to the Prime Minister, other Government Minister's, Members of Parliament and State Governments. It also serves as a reference point and advises on how to allocate funding under the Illicit Drug Strategy. There are now 4 South Australians appointed to the ANCD including myself, Ann Breslington from Drugbeat, Mr Terry Wooley, Unley High School and Dr Robert Ali from DASC.

Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Foundation
In Late April the Prime Minister along with the Australian Democrats announced the formation of the Alcohol, Education and Rehabilitation Foundation. This new Foundation is being funded by the Excise that was collected on Beer sales but was in breach of GST promises made by the Government that beer prices wouldn't rise.

The Foundation will have approximately $120 million to distribute and fund programs across Australia at 20% must be spent on projects targeted at Indigenous Australians. The Foundation Board will have approximately 10 members with myself being a member; I will keep people informed as to when these grants are available.

Illicit Drug's and Youth Alcohol Campaign
By now everyone should have seen the National Youth Alcohol Campaign, which was launched last year. This campaign was targeted at young people in helping them understand that they do have choices and the TV ads gave a number of scenarios that showed what could happen depending on the choices that were made.

At the moment there is also the National Illicit Drug campaign, which is also targeted at young people but more importantly is trying to actively involve parents as well. This is being achieved by asking parents to talk to their kids about the issues surrounding drug taking at an early age and has been followed by a booklet being mailed to every household in Australia. The idea is to get families to discuss issues at early ages and provide solutions that can be used before it gets out of hand. ADAC has a number of pamphlets that are a condensed version of the booklet "What Families Need To Know" if you would like a copy please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Drug Action Week
June 25th to June 29th was declared Drug Action Week. This week of activity was organised by the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia. It was a week of activity across Australia to highlight the issues surrounding substance misuse issues. Each day of the week has a theme with Monday focussing on Treatment, Tuesday on Prevention, Wednesday on Alcohol, Thursday on Indigenous issues and Friday focussing on Workplace issues.

The idea behind Drug Action week was to;
Raise awareness of the broad range of harms associated with the misuse of drugs;
Promote the work of alcohol and other drug prevention and treatment agencies and to;
Promote public debate about good practice strategies for reducing drug related harm.

ADAC hosted BBQ's in Victoria Square and Ceduna on the Thursday with a range of activities

including launching our "Drugs in Pregnancy" campaign, school children poster campaign and Substance Misuse award. Other activities on a national basis included having an official launch in Canberra of the National Indigenous Substance Misuse Council. This was launched by the Aboriginal Affairs Minister Phillip Ruddock and attracted the largest gathering of Federal politicians for a launch of its kind in Parliament.

Other ADAC Activities

On the 17th May 2001 ADAC hosted a one day workshop for Quality Assurance participants to work out if there are any problems associated with the project and to find ways that we can work together for the benefit of all participants.

On the 18th May 2001 ADAC hosted a one day workshop for all ADAC member organisations and SA OATSIH funded organisations the opportunity to come together to discuss ways that the community sector can have inputs into the South Australian State Substance Misuse Strategic Plan. We looked at this workshop as an opportunity for communities to ensure their voice and concerns are addressed at the beginning phase rather than at the end. Both workshops were held at the Parks Community Centre Function Room at Angle Vale, Adelaide.

4th Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Conference

I have also been appointed to the Healing Our Spirits Worldwide Conference Planning Committee and will keep you updated about this conference to occur in September 2002 in New Mexico. In June I attended my first meeting of the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide Conference Planning Committee. The conference will be one of the largest of its kind in the world with over 6,000 Indigenous and non Indigenous delegates expected to attend. Some of the issues that might be of interest include;

The Healing Our Spirit Worldwide (HOSW) Guiding Principles are:

To encourage development of partnerships at international, national, regional, and community levels;

To ensure that the conference is accessible to as many Indigenous people as possible.

To ensure information is distributed in a timely manner to as many Indigenous people as possible using many forms of media and languages.

To ensure hosts are accountable to each other, the funders, and all Indigenous people.

To make the HOSW 2002 Conference as affordable as possible to ensure participation of Indigenous people from around the globe.

To ensure all Indigenous groups of the world are included in the communication of the conference and that no group is excluded due to lateral violence or harming politics.

To develop an Accord/Covenant for Indigenous people to use in their respective countries.

Recognise the importance of traditional healers and medicine in our history and recovery.

Create a network for substance abuse healers working in Indigenous communities.

Provide a forum for Indigenous leaders to work with governments.

Provide a statement from Indigenous people to world governments about Indigenous healing,

health care, and governance.
Workshop tracks will be incorporated into daily themes with emphasis on Individual, family and community, with activities for all: Elders, Adults, Youth, and families

The tracks are as follows:
Access to services and resources
Addiction, prevention, treatment, and aftercare
Challenges to Indigenous leadership
Culture, traditions, and medicines (health & lifestyle issues)
Elders and youth
History and identity
International forums and collaborations
Multi-generational trauma
Racism and lateral violence
Self-determination/empowerment
Special populations (physically challenged, incarcerated, two-spirited)

State Director's Committee Membership
ADAC has continued to ensure that substance misuse issues are discussed at a high level both at a state and national levels with the State Director gaining membership on the following state and national committee's. In relation to the State Strategic Plan "Bringing it all together" ADAC have continued to ensure that this strategy is advanced.

State Based
Aboriginal Sobriety Group Board of Management
Aboriginal Interjustice Working Party (Division of State Aboriginal Affairs)
Alcohol, Drugs, Crime Working Party – (Attorney Generals Department)
Drug Action Team - Elizabeth Committee Member
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Taskforce
Liquor Licensing Review Committee Member (Attorney Generals Department)
Makin Trax steering Committee Member
National Illicit Drug Diversion Program State Reference Committee (SA)
Police Drug Diversion Evaluation Committee
South Australian Emotional Social Wellbeing Regional Centre
South Australian Illicit Drugs Treatment Working Party
Quality Assurance Project Steering Committee (National Pilot)
Quality Use of Medicines Education Program Steering Committee Member
University of South Australia Indigenous Education and Research Advisoty Committee (Chairperson)

National
National Indigenous Substance Misuse Council (Chairperson)
Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) Executive Member
Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Foundation Director
National Illicit Drug Strategy Media Campaign Reference Committee
National Drug Strategy Reference Group for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples (Deputy Chairperson)
Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) Executive Director (Administration)
National Drug Research Institute (Board Member)

Advocacy
ADAC has continued throughout the year to constantly lobby for more funding on behalf of South Australian Aboriginal Communities. We have done this by having a variety of meetings with both State and Federal Politicians. Politicians we have met with include Hon. Phillip Ruddock Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Trish Worth, Parliamentary Secretary for Education, Training and Youth Affairs, Jenny Macklin, Opposition Health Spokesperson, Bob McMullen,,Opposition Aboriginal Affairs Spokesperson, Hon. Michael Wooldridge, Minister for Health, Neil Andrews, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. John Perrin, Senior Adviser to the Prime Minister, Hon. Trevor Griffin, South Australian Attorney General, Hon. Dean Brown South Australian Minister for Health and the Hon. Terry Roberts, South Australian Opposition Aboriginal Affairs Spokesperson.

Presentations
We have been visited and invited to appear by the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into Public Drunkenness and the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Inquiry into Indigenous Health. Both myself and Geoffrey appeared and spoke at the Adelaide City Council over issues and concerns regarding the proposed Dry Zone for the Adelaide CBD. We also appeared and spoke to our submission to the House of Representatives Family and Community Services Inquiry into Substane Misuse in Australia.

In February, I was invitede by the Prime Minister to attend the Launch of the Northern Territories Launch of a Petrol Sniffing Diversion Strategy and this was followed by me speaking at the United Nations Racism conference in Sydney. In March I attended and presented information on illicit drugs to the National Expert Advisory Committee on Illicit Drugs. In April, my self and Mr Gino Vambucca attended and presented issues surrounding Indigenous Drug issues at the Indigenous Rountable meeting in Canberra. I also attended the National Drug Strategy "Futures" Workshop,

The National Indigenous Substance Misuse Council was launched by the Federal Minister in Parliament and ADAC was awarded the National 2001 Ted Noffs Specialised Service Award.

The Secretariat have put in submissions to the National Health and Medical Research Council's "Guideline to Alcohol Consumption", the "National Draft Alcohol Action Strategy", the "National Draft Illicit Drugs Action Strategy" the Cooper Pedy "Alcohol Strategy", South Australian HIV/ AIDS HepC Strategic Plan and the National Comorbidity Strategic Plan.

Workshops attended include the National Illicit Drug Strategy Action Plan, Voices to be Heard Conference, Sydney.and the National Alcohol Reserach Agenda workshop here in Adelaide.

Funding Submissions Submitted
OATSIH have also provided extra funding to ADAC so it can produce enough Petrol and Other Solvents Resource kit for national distribution. OATSIH have funded ADAC as a national pilot for Quality Assurance amongst South Australian substance misuse funded projects. (See Warren's report for further information)

The Aboriginal Family Mentor Project is funded for the next two years by the Commonwealth Department for Family and Community Services. ADAC was also successful in tendering and being awarded the Training for Frontline Professionals National Indigenous Substance Misuse Training Package.

Presentations and Community Awareness

The Secretariat has increasingly been called upon by various media outlets to provide comment on substance misuse issues and include the Advertiser, Sunday Mail and Messenger newspapers. Electronic media have included Channel 7 and 10 and the ABC as well as ABC radio in Adelaide, Port Pirie Alice Springs, Broken Hill and Radio Nationals “World Today” program.

Along with those already stated above I continue to provide input into all the committees that I am a member of to ensure that Indigenous inputs are heard.

ADAC is looking forward to the coming year with optimism for the future and thanks all those members that have contributed and looks forward to continuing our work in the community. In the new year we hope to eventually see the establishment of adequate substance misuse programs for Indigenous people to utilise when needed.

As you might be aware ADAC is involved in a considerable amount of projects and other issues we will over the year try and keep the community informed on issues that affect them, if you would like to know more about ADAC or of any of its projects please do not hesitate to contact our office

ADAC Committee Membership

ADAC has gained membership on the following Committees/Boards.

State Based
Aboriginal Health Council Ethics Research Committee
Aboriginal Interjustice Working Party (Division of State Aboriginal Affairs)
Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee
Aboriginal Sobriety Group Board of Management
Alcohol, Drugs, Crime Working Party – (Attorney Generals Department)
Australians for Reconciliation Committee Member
Drug Action Team - Elizabeth Committee Member
Kalparrin Inc. Board Member
Liquor Licensing Review Committee Member (Attorney Generals Department)
Methadone Maintenance Training Steering Committee
National Illicit Drug Diversion Program State Reference Committee (SA)
Police Drug Diversion Evaluation Committee
South Australian Emotional Social Wellbeing Regional Centre Board Member
South Australian Illicit Drugs Treatment Working Party
Quality Assurance Project Steering Committee (National Pilot)
Quality Use of Medicines Education Program Steering Committee Member

National
Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) Member
Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) Executive Board Member
Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee
Alcohol and Other Drugs Council of Australia (ADCA) Policy, Community Education and Prevention
National Drug Research Institute
National Alcohol Related Brain Damage/Dementia Steering Committee
National Indigenous Substance Misuse Council
Prime Minister and Cabinet Violent Perpertrators Evaluation Committee

Other National Committees or Boards
National Illicit Drug Strategy State Reference Committee (SA)
National Illicit Drug Strategic Framework Reference Committee
National Illicit Drug Strategy Media Campaign Reference Committee
National Drug Strategy Reference Group for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

Education Manager's Report

Warren Parfoot

Quality Improvement Project

This continues to be the major project for education and training. The past twelve months has seen the services involved making substantial gains from their involvement. This success has meant that funding has been continued for this important pilot project.

Quality Management Services continue to provide support and training to the project, we are grateful for their flexibility and support, especially Ms. Stephanie Pope who has maintained a high level of involvement. This year four organisations took part in reviews of their programs and policies, using the Quality Improvement Council standards.

The Review provides the service with information on how well they are doing and recommendations for achieving other components of standards. These recommendations form the basis of a Quality Workplan and have the additional benefit of identifying areas for service development, contributing to strategic plans and providing information to funding providers.

The Review of the Aboriginal Sobriety Group, undertaken in December provided useful information for the modified review. This process covered all components of the service and involved the staff, from various programs.

The Review assessed the service for its ability in the areas of Assessment & Care, Early Identification and Intervention, Health Promotion and Harm Prevention. The information was provided by the standard self assessment workbook, interviews with staff and site visits. The Review has been provided in conjunction with Tracking Sheets and material for producing Quality Workplans to enable the service to respond to the Review.

The project work with Kalparrin has primarily been computer based training to enhance the uptake and maintenance of the data base developed for them, by ADAC, which records client contact and support. There are two data bases, one for the MAP, the other for the Counsellor.

The MAP data base has allowed for the identification of program development opportunities, in that a large proportion of the work is in the area of community assistance rather than just with people affected by alcohol and other drugs.

Kalparrin have agreed to expand on the training provided for project management by undertaking further specialised training based on actual work, which will be provided by the service and will be developed into a workbook using the software.

The support to RAAP has been in the area of developing appropriate employment practices, particularly in support to the Board. The staff have continued to work with the QMS process and have been very successful in developing an accurate and confidential client record system, which supports client follow up and referral. In particular the work of Trudy Hunt in supporting and developing the Quality Improvement Program at RAAP has been outstanding.

Dunjibba has been encouraged to develop a youth support and training program, this will be evaluated as part of the independent evaluation.

At the time of writing all organisations are preparing Quality Workplans. This process will be supported by the employment of support people based in 4 of the participating services, ASG, Kalparrin, Port Augusta MAP and RAAP.

This support role has been made possible through reconfiguring of the budget and is to meet a need highlighted by services. The people employed will work 5 days a fortnight and will be supported by the ADAC project team. ADAC and QMS have agreed to develop project goals and milestones, for the next 12 months based on the outcomes from the modified Reviews of the services. These goals etc. will then be discussed with the participating services and OATSIH.

The support of OATSIH has ensured the success of this program to date. We would like to acknowledge this and thank them for their high level of professional support and encouragement. Evaluation of this program continues to be provided by Mark Waters from the Community Services and Health ITAB. Mark has been an enthusiastic contributor from the project's inception and maintains a high level of involvement. This ensures that evaluation is ongoing and not a one off event.

Quality Improvement has provided an excellent base for services in showcasing what they do well and in highlighting areas which can be developed, so we can continue to provide relevant and timely services, which bring benefit, to the individuals and communities we serve.

A conference paper relating to this project was delivered at the Workforce Development Symposium in Adelaide.

Quality Use of Medications Evaluation Program

This is a 3 year research program funded by the Commonwealth Quality Use of Medications Program. It is a joint venture by ADAC with the Flinders University School of Nursing and Midwifery. It seeks to look at the problems people have with medications, especially people with social and emotional well being difficulties.

The project is working in the 8 health regions of South Australia. It employs an Aboriginal Research Assistant in each area and works with the local Community Controlled Health Service. The project seeks to gain information that can be used as evidence to provide better support and care to people who require medications.

A paper based on this project was accepted by an international nursing conference and 2 of the team members delivered the paper, in Toronto, earlier this year. This project had a pilot component, separately funded by the Rotary Health Research Foundation. This was conducted, by Geoff Roberts as the project officer, with the Northern Area Metro Health Team. The success of this project was acknowledged by it receiving a Rotary Health Research Foundation Award this year.

Dementia

The Dementia Training Package continues to be used by communities and organisations around Australia. In February, in association with the Alzheimers Association (SA) Inc., we conducted a 3 day training program in Newcastle. This was well received and the feedback was very positive. Currently this program is being updated against the recently accredited competencies in Dementia Training.

Health and Aged Care have funded further training in South Australia, to take place in the next financial year. Aboriginal Hostels have expressed interest in this package being used by all their

staff, throughout Australia. We have been invited to deliver a paper on this program and the collaboration with Alzheimers at the 12th International Alzheimers Conference in Christchurch New Zealand, in October 2001.

Hepatitis Council

We continue to work with the Hep C Council and in particular with Dr. William Donohue. William has provided well run information and back up support to a number of the ADAC member organisations. This is an area of major concern to ADAC given that infection with HCV is primarily through Intravenous Drug Use. It is an area requiring more resources, training and support.

Workforce Development Symposium

ADAC is part of the organising committee for these national Workforce Development Symposia along With NCETA and ALAC from New Zealand. This year the Symposia held at the Adelaide Town Hall was well attended. Of particular interest and relevance is the work being done by the Maori and Pacific Island Nations People of New Zealand. These groups made a valuable contribution and it is hoped we can set up closer links with some of the New Zealand based organisations.

Training Front Line Workers

ADAC in association with the Hepatitis C Council, the Community Services & Health Industry Training Advisory Body (SA) Inc. (CS&H ITAB), the National Centre for Education & Training on Addiction (NCETA) and the National Drug Research Institute (NRDI) have been contracted by the Population Health Division, Department of Health and Aged Care to develop the resources that will enhance the education and training of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workers in the area of illicit drugs. This is an important area for development and is an exciting project for ADAC. It will build on the resources of the National Indigenous Substance Misuse Council and provide a focus for the national body and its member organizations.

The past year has seen the continued development of ADAC as an organisation which provides support to its member organisations and provides a focus for the provision of Alcohol and Other Drug advocacy, community education and training.

Office Manager's Report

Helen Wilson

Well another financial year is over, ADAC has been a hive of activity as usual. I would like to welcome Sofia back to the ADAC team as we have really missed her in her absence to have her baby. Thanks to Mandy for her assistance during this period in the Administration area during Sofia's Maternity Leave. With Sofia back Mandy is able to focus on QMS so watch out next year for all the quality changes in ADAC. We would like to welcome Carrolyn Lowe to ADAC. Her role has been mainly been assisting Administration and the extra workload with the circulation of the Petrol Manual.

I have moved out of the Admin area and have an office down the hallway. I have got a new desk, the M.S. Society assisted me with half the cost of my setup to decrease the movements I have to do with my job it has really made my work situation more of a pleasure and is more practical for me.

Petrol Sniffing and other Solvents

The Petrol Manual has been a huge success and we are in the process of a second print run of the Manual. We have had orders almost on a daily basis for the Manual it seems like a long awaited resource is available for Petrol Sniffing and other solvents.

Ted Noffs Award Specialised Service Award 2001

ADAC was nominated for and received the National Specialised Service Award 2001 from the Ted Noffs Foundation for the Petrol Manual, this gives recognition for all the hard work put in by a number of people including myself and Andrew. I'd like to give recognition to Leon Torzyn our Printers and his team for the hard work and support and help they have given to achieve this manual also for the sticker that is being produced to put on the pack to let everyone know the good news about the award.

Financial

Well the GST is in full swing and we can now produce Tax invoices and account for the yukky Tax. The workload as you all would know from your own experiences has increased a lot because of the GST and the fact that the supposedly simple BAS statement seems to change format every month. We seem to be doing the ATO's job for them and if you need to talk to someone in the ATO you need to be patient as you get passed from person to person explaining the same thing until you eventually find the appropriate person to get your concerns addressed. You have to be prepared to spend half an hour to an hour if you need to get a 5 second job attended to.

The Acquittals have been a little more difficult this year working with the new GST, but the Auditor has given us the tick of approval and said yes we have got the idea and we are doing a fine job. Please read the Auditors report to get more details about ADAC's financial situation.

Resources

This year we have produced the Drugs in Pregnancy poster and leaflet based on the T-Shirt design we produced last year. We have also reproduced the ADAC Substance Misuse Posters and the Hepatitis C Calendar and they have all been well received.

Training/QMS

Well we are all still working hard to have ADAC go through the QMS process and have had our first internal review. We are all eagerly awaiting the outcome of that, to see what we have to work

on in ADAC. The Administration staff have been learning Filemaker Pro to work out how to better record things such as incoming and outgoing mail so we can identify when and who sent us something and what it was.

Carrolyn and Mandy have done some Cultural Awareness training with Rosemary Wanganeen and although they are not allowed to tell us what happened they both were quite positive about the experience and have a better understanding of the stresses that the Indigenous people of Australia have experienced historically and are still experiencing today. I have been improving my graphics skills with Photoshop 6 with one on one tutoring hopefully we'll be producing some more exciting resources next year.

Family History Project

I have been involved with Isabel, Andrew and also recently Carrolyn with this project. In this project once we have received ethical approval, we want to look at the family tree of substance misuse. This will give us a graphical picture of Substance Misuse through the generations.

Administration Officer

Sofia Rivera

I was away for the first half of the financial year and came back part time and I have been very busy doing the account payable and receivable. The numbers of cheques written per month have increased to almost double, therefore it takes almost three days a week to the do the accounts. I was involved in helping Carrolyn with the orders and invoices of the Petrol manual as well as depositing cheques.

Here at ADAC we have grown over the years so the workload has increased as far as phone calls, accounts, and other administration procedures. The communication has improved as we have weekly meetings every Monday morning which is part of QMS. Althought it is time consuming it is a good procedure and it helps to implement new ways of time saving.

I have been involved in getting new equipment and machinery for our office and we now have a new fax machine. I am waiting for a scanner and new software so that I can send faxes via the Internet when I have big lists of people to send to. I've also been very busy making sure that our Asset register is in order and putting it in an appropriate format for Insurance purposes.

Administration Assistant's Report

Carrolyn Lowe

I joined ADAC in late 2000 in an administrative capacity, as somewhat of a 'spare pair of hands', since then I believe I have found myself a little niche. ADAC works well, and works well as a team – I would like to think I have become a part of that team. At the time of joining ADAC, our AGM was drawing near and the release of the "Petrol Sniffing" manual was imminent. I was fortunate enough to get my fingers stuck into both of these pies, both of which were beneficial in giving me an introduction and insight into the people and functions of the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council.

Our AGM coincided with a workshop, and I was afforded the opportunity to do the inviting for both the AGM and the workshop – for me this was possibly the best introduction to ADAC that I could hope for, as it afforded me the opportunity to contact and form a relationship with every community ADAC has relations with.

With the release of the "Petrol Sniffing" manual and the passing of the AGM, I have adopted the manual as my own. Initially we had 500 sets printed and we gave a copy to all OATSIH funded organisations as a matter of course. As you may imagine, the manual has turned out to be an incredibly popular, innovative and valuable resource. Unfortunately at this point in time, we cannot print the manual fast enough, and we are now awaiting delivery, and expect the reprint to arrive before the end of the financial year. I am still being contacted on a daily basis by people enquiring about the manual, and I expect to have a lot more enquiries in the near future, due to the fact the manual won the **Ted Noffs Award** for a specialised service.

In May of this year I joined the Makin Tracks Steering Committee in Coober Pedy as a minute taker, and despite growing up in an outback country town, Coober Pedy was still a pleasant distraction from Adelaide life. Again I was given the opportunity to get an insight into, and an understanding of community problems and the growing frustrations within such communities.

My role at ADAC is still at an administrative level with the inclusion of involvement in workshops – which I find very enlightening, and in the preparation of travel and accommodation arrangements. I enjoy being involved in all aspects of what ADAC does for a better insight into the role of ADAC in the community.

Research/ Administration Assistant's Report

Mandy Watson

The past year has been a busy one for the ADAC secretariat. I really cannot believe that a full twelve months have passed since we wrote our last reports for the 1999/ 2000 Annual Report!

Since Sophia returned from Maternity Leave in January this year the Quality Assurance Project has been taking up much of my time. Although we have had our obstacles to overcome and issues to deal with the project has progressed to a stage where a number of the organisations involved have undergone their mini reviews and are now eagerly awaiting for the report back from the review team. This Internal Report is an important step for each organization in the Quality Improvement process because it provides a current audit of where each organisation is against the standards they have chosen to work with.

At ADAC we are still waiting for our report, however we are all feeling positive in the sense that the report will be beneficial because it will highlight what we are good at and what we need to work harder on! For my part I would like to commend the internal reviewers from each organisation for their assiduous work and determination in driving the process from within their own organisations.

The role of internal reviewer is integral to the process of quality improvement in Indigenous Substance Misuse Organizations. Without their involvement the process would be impossible. (See Warren's report for further details of the project).

Those of you who have visited the ADAC office will have noticed a few changes around the place. Not the least of which is our expansion into the other half of the building. This much-needed expansion has enabled us, among other things, to set aside a room for use as a library. This has meant that all the books, videos, periodicals and other printed resources can be stored and accessed from one area within the building. I am still fine tuning the filing system and the database that guides people to where each article is stored, however staff and visitors now have access to an organised information system. I would like to thank Jenni from the DASC Library for her assistance with this!

I have recently started work on yet another database that will assist us to keep track of all of the resources, such as posters and pamphlets, which are sent out to individuals and other organisations. This will enable us to know where our resources are going and how many are being sent and allow us to maintain stock control. Thanks to Carrolyn for a great idea!

Apart from the above I have also been working on the new ADAC website. If you haven't already had a look, go to http://www.adac.org.au and let us know what you think! You will find reports written by ADAC staff members, information on past and current projects, pamphlets produced by ADAC, brief biographies of current Board and staff members and many links to other related web sites and pages. You can also join our mailing list! We are continually working to improve the site, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marc Dimmick for all the work he has done to get the site up and running!

Many of the above are practical examples of the quality improvement process at work, and demonstrate the usefulness of the process for ADAC and the necessity of continual quality improvement for organisations such as ours.

Project Officer's Report

Geoff Roberts

Rotary Health Reseach Foundation

I commenced this my second stint at ADAC in July 2000. I had been working at DASC and sought 6 months leave to enable me to commence the ADAC/Flinders University School of Nursing and Midwifery, Quality Use of Medicines Evaluation Project (QUMEP).

The project looks at the ways in which Aboriginal people and or their carers who have a mental illness impacted upon by substance abuse deal with all aspects of their medication regime. This included all aspects post diagnosis as well as the problems encountered pre-diagnosis. Given the tenuous nature of dealing with mental health related issues and that which some might call the 'shame component', it was great to encounter so many people willing to share *Their Story* and as your name(s) will remain confidential, I nevertheless along with the rest of the ADAC team thank you sincerely.

There is no doubt that your anguish, feelings of helplessness, endured racism, poverty along with other experiences encountered will allow us to use the research collected for the betterment of all concerned. At the completion of the above mentioned 6 months, I sought and was offered ongoing employment at ADAC and as such, resigned from DASC.

Mentor Project.

The Mentor project is yet another example of ADAC identifying special needs groups within the Aboriginal community and attracting funds to address the need(s) identified. The aim of the project is to identify and meet with elderly people living in the Northern region of Adelaide with the emphasis on those whose lives have born the brunt of other family members substance misuse. It became patently clear whilst conducting the QUMEP component that there are a significant number of elderly people who simply said, 'don't know what else they can do' to enable them to help others whilst still having a life for themselves.

We have 2 team members working on the project, Ms. Isabel Norvill and myself. Isabel is also the Chairperson of the Steering Committee, which is with the one exception, made up of elders and Aboriginal Health Workers from the target region. Given the numbers of potential people this project can assist, it is envisaged that a core group of 8-10 mentors will be trained to provide support, advocacy, follow-up as well as convene meetings for the target group for the duration of the project, namely 2 years. It is not inconceivable to think that appropriately worked; this project has the real potential to attract recurrent funding.

Other Projects.

Medical students: I participated in the education of medical students at Flinders University. My role was to work with the examiners in setting a drug related overdose case scenario for students. I spent 2 hours with students prior to the exam, talking about historical and contemporary issues surrounding our exposure to substances as well as providing feedback following their completion of the scenario.

Victoria Square: I represented ADAC at all meetings conducted by Adelaide City Council as well as Hassell Consultants on matters appertaining to the proposed Dry Zone.

QMS Internal Reviewer: Some 3 months ago, I was appointed an internal reviewer as part of our commitment to attaining QIC accreditation. The next 3-day training for this role is in mid August.

Making Tracks: As further commitment to QMS, I was given the opportunity to spend 2 weeks with the Making Tracks team whilst they worked on site in the West Coast Region. This provided me with a valuable insight into not only the way the team operates but also the flexibility and adaptability required given the expanse of area they cover. On Thursday 28 June as part of National Drug Action Week, we organised and conducted a family day as part of creating greater awareness around substance misuse. It was a great day, with great weather, great food and a great atmosphere.

Other Functions.

I am currently, although not exhaustively a member of 6 steering committees, Proxy for other staff at meetings with other agencies, provide resources for students of varying ages in matters relating to Aboriginal people. I am also the SA Indigenous representative to the Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander reference committee of the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia. I have also appeared before The House of Representatives Parliamentary Select Committee Inquiry into Substance Misuse in Australia, The Victorian Parliament Select Committee on the subject of Public Drunkenness and the Federal Government external review into the Quality Use of Medicines

IDU Project Officer's Report

Carol Holly

I am involved in a project called **Using Rapid Assessment Procedures to Investigate the Impact of Intravenous Drug Use (IDU) Amongst Indigenous Australians in Metropolitan Adelaide.** The project is a collaboration between ADAC and the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction (NCETA). This project aims to gather information on Indigenous peoples' levels of injecting drug use, on the ways in which drugs are used, Indigenous users' knowledge of the risks associated with injecting drug use, Indigenous users' knowledge of and access to services, and the impact of injecting drug use on the Indigenous community. In addition to this we aim to improve the available knowledge base on Indigenous IDU and inform further development of responses and services. The project title is

quite long so we call it **ADAC IDU Project** for short.
My first task was to conduct a search of existing research on Indigenous injecting drug use or development of programs for Indigenous injecting drug users. Research shows that most Indigenous users are not accessing either mainstream or Indigenous services for drug related issues, including Needle Exchange Programs. This is likely due to the lack of appropriate consultation and research into Indigenous IDU, resulting in a lack of culturally appropriate services. Research also indicates that Hepatitis C may be highly prevalent among Indigenous injectors, that there appears to be a high rate of overdose among Indigenous injectors and that Aboriginal communities believe they do not have enough knowledge about drug use issues. I found that the few projects for Indigenous injectors that do exist have had a positive impact, not only on the community by raising awareness of drug issues, but on the self esteem of injectors involved in the project. The literature search enabled me to get a more informed idea of what some of the main issues for Indigenous injecting drug users are and I produced a literature review, documenting the major findings of research that has been undertaken.

The next step was to get together a Steering Committee, or Community Advisory Committee, for the project. I contacted Aboriginal organizations, Drug and Alcohol organizations and relevant health related services inviting people to participate in the project. Some of the people who were unable to participate nevertheless offered their support of the project. The resulting Community Advisory Committee is made up of representatives of Nunkuwarrin Yunti (NU-HIT), AIDS Council of SA (SAVIVE), NCETA, ADAC, Northern Aboriginal Health Team, Hepatitis C Council, Aboriginal Health Council and Parks Community Centre. The committee currently meets monthly and the role of members is to provide ongoing feedback on the research findings, provide advice, participate in the development of the research and represent issues/concerns of their community, organization or service.

The first research phase of the project involved conducting interviews (Consultant Interviews) with key members of the community who have contact with, or first hand knowledge of, Indigenous injecting drug users. Before I could conduct interviews a flyer was placed in various Aboriginal and other relevant services informing the community about the project.

In the Consultant Interviews I asked people about broad issues rather than specific issues. I asked what were some of the effects on the Aboriginal community of drug use and what risks (if any) the consultants thought users might be taking. I also asked consultants what types of services they thought needed to be available for Indigenous injecting drug users and their families. Individual interviews were conducted as well as group interviews (Focus Groups). Focus Groups consisted of visiting an organization and talking to staff in a group about the issues. In any group of people there are varying levels of knowledge so Focus Groups were a good way of allowing people to participate to an extent that they felt comfortable with and allowed issues and ideas to follow on from one person to another.

We are nearing the second research phase of the project which is to conduct a survey of Indigenous IDUs to find out more specific information such as injecting practices, access to services, drug related problems and knowledge of harm reduction/safe using. The IDU Questionnaire is based on the survey that ADAC conducted in Murray Bridge, with any additional recurring themes and issues from the Consultant Interviews included. Due to the dedication of the Community Advisory Committee we have come up with a questionnaire that we think asks the relevant questions in an appropriate format and is not too long. We are hoping to conduct at least 150 questionnaires with Indigenous users from all over metropolitan Adelaide.

While waiting for the final draft of the questionnaire to be approved we set out to form a team of Peer Interviewers who will be the people accessing Indigenous injecting drug users to participate in the survey. We are utilising Aboriginal people with experience of injecting drug use as Peer Interviewers because they have the expertise, appropriateness and credibility to access the illicit drug using community. There is now a team of 6 Peer Interviewers – community members who have undertaken 2 days training in harm reduction and conducting interviews. Where possible, during the time they will be conducting interviews, each team member will be connected to a local relevant service so that they have additional support.

The Peer Interviewing team have also assisted in producing information packs that they will provide to the Indigenous injecting drug users they interview. The information packs consist of harm reduction resources and information on services that the team decided would be useful for Indigenous users. Flyers have been produced that will be placed at Needle Exchanges etc. to let users know about the questionnaires, giving contact numbers to call the Peer Interviewers to make a time for an interview. The Peer Interviewing team is very enthusiastic and eager to get started on the interviewing process and I anticipate that they will be able to start before the end of June.

Makin Tracks Project Officer's Report

Douglas Walker

Graham (Louie) Harridine

The Makin Tracks project is a Commonwealth funded project, which aims to assist communities in rural and remote South and Central Australia to develop and sustain substance misuse strategies.

Two Project Officers are employed in the project and they spend most of their time on the road travelling from one community to the next, training workers, supporting local initiatives and educating communities about the strategies available to address substance misuse issues. Doug Walker and Graham Harridine have been the Project Officers working on this project during the year.

The project is supported by a Steering Committee with representatives from Aboriginal communities, Aboriginal organisations and mainstream services. Makin Tracks is being evaluated by an independent evaluator – Associate Professor Dennis Gray from Perth.

The Steering committee met twice during the year, once in Adelaide and once at Coober Pedy. In a shift of focus, the Steering Committee recommended that the team reduce the spread of the program to concentrate on a limited number of communities where good relationships had been developed – those communities where a 'community agreement' between the Makin Tracks project and the community had been signed. This has meant that in the latter half of the year the team confined its efforts to Yalata, Coober Pedy/Dunjiba, Port Lincoln, Point Pearce and Whyalla. During the course of the year the objectives of the project were renegotiated with the Commonwealth to recognise the wide range of support roles the project officers have within the target communities, including support of isolated substance misuse workers.

Other communities have not been abandoned and the team have made a number of visits to places such as Ceduna, Port Augusta, Murray Bridge and the Riverland. A major effort was put into assisting the Whyalla community through the Plaza Youth Service to develop services for young people. The Makin Tracks team assisted with workshops and submission development which was successful in

attracting further funding for services. The team attended a great number of workshops and conferences during the year, usually doing presentations on their work/. Doug Walker made a major presentation at the Family Issues Conference in Sydney. Other workshops attended included ones at Mt. Serle, Marla, Ross River and Alice Springs.

The project faced a number of difficulties during the year. The tragic loss of the son of one the Project Officers and the high number of other deaths in their families required that both workers were away from the project frequently. In addition, the strain of lengthy periods away from home saw the workers taking time off and reappraising their involvement. Graham Harridine resigned right at the end of the financial year so that he could spend more time with his family.

Special Projects Officer

Andrew Biven

Petrol Manual – A major project for me this past year has been the completion of the "Petrol Sniffing and Other Solvents" manual.

Since then a lot of people have helped in the project and the outcome has been the brightly coloured boxed set of manuals which have been distributed around Australia. People who have contributed include Helen Wilson who spent many hours on the layout, Steve Kennedy, an Indigenous artist from Murray Bridge, and a string of people who reviewed drafts and contributed their ideas. Territory Health Services and the Cooperative Centre for Research in Aboriginal and Tropical Health allowed us to use their publications, 'The Brain Story' and 'Petrol Sniffing – a review of interventions' respectively. These added considerably to the overall package of resources we were able to muster. The response to the manual has been very positive. We have already distributed the first print run of 500 copies and are now reprinting another 1000. We have had enquiries from all over Australia and internationally from New Zealand, USA, Canada and South America.

Makin Tracks – I have continued to provide a support role to Doug and Louie of our Makin Tracks team. They have been active in a number of communities around South Australia (see their report for more details). My role has been helping organise the Steering Committee meetings and to provide a contact point for people wanting to contact the team when they are in the field. We have had two Steering Committee meetings this year. Members of this committee include representatives from the Drug and Alcohol Services Council, SA Police, Aboriginal Services Division, Umoona Tjutagku Health Service, Yalata Maralinga Health Service, Drug and Alcohol Services Association in Alice Springs and elsewhere.

This year meetings were held in Adelaide and Coober Pedy. An important decision made this year was to have the Making Tracks team focus their efforts in a few selected communities rather than try to cover all communities. Yalata has recently been requesting assistance so ADAC has decided to target that community as one with which the Makin Tracks team will have a special relationship. I travelled to Yalata in June to help the team develop a working plan with Yalata. An Occupational Therapy student, Sara Piiroinen has been working with the team to develop resources for use in targeted communities. Sara will be continuing with the team for about three months.

Coober Pedy – ADAC and the Makin Tracks team were involved in the State Government's working party assisting the Coober Pedy and Umoona communities to develop an alcohol strategy. The recommendations that resulted from this working party included providing a Mobile Assistance Patrol (MAP) (already funded as an interim measure), a day centre, detoxification services, designated drinking areas, a sobering-up facility and youth programs. All these recommendations have been

considered by our State Cabinet and now another working party is meeting to help implement the recommendations – we are waiting to see what funding will be made available.

Other work – as Special Projects Officer for ADAC I also get involved in a number of other activities and programs. I assist with the development of submissions for ADAC and other organisations. This year ADAC was successful in gaining funding for a 'Family History' project funded by the ANCD. Isabel Norvill, Helen Wilson and myself will all contribute to this project which will document the impact of substance misuse over a number of generations of selected families. I have also been assisting with the IDU research project run by Carol Holly and have conducted some education sessions at Tauondi College for a number of the classes there.

Due to my role as a panel member and Deputy Chair of the Drug Assessment and Aid Panel (DAAP), I have been assisting Scott with ADAC's input into the development of the Police Drug Diversion Scheme. In the past, Aboriginal people have not been effectively referred to diversion programs so ADAC has been making recommendations for special efforts to make sure the new diversion scheme will also help Aboriginal people.

During the year I have attended a number of workshops and conferences on behalf of ADAC. In July 2000 I attended the Winter School in Brisbane. In April 2001 I presented two papers, one on the Makin Tracks program and one on community development, at the 12th International Harm Reduction Conference in New Delhi. My thanks to ADAC for supporting me to get to this important conference. I have done outside consulting work following the New Delhi Conference I went to Bhutan in the Himalayas for two weeks to work with the Save the Children Fund doing drug and alcohol training for a Parents Program.

Meetings List
Kalparrin Board of Management
Prevention of Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Forum
Coober Pedy Alcohol Strategy Working Party
Drug Court Working Party
Lower Murray Nungas Club Committee (ex officio)
Makin Tracks Steering Committee
IDU Research Project Steering Committee

Grief and Trauma Project
Isabella Norvill
Andrew Biven

Isabella Norvill and Andrew Biven have been involved in ADAC's Grief and Trauma program for the last 4 years, mainly concentrating on the Murray Bridge community. Originally the project arose from an Annual General Meeting where the issue of Grief and Trauma associated with the rate of deaths in the Aboriginal community was raised by Isabella Norvil with the Council. This lead on to a Project, that developed the 'In Search of a Rainbow' document. Isabella and Andrew were employed to put the recommendations contained in that document into place. The program had a number of targets – supporting individuals, families, Indigenous workers and the community as a whole. The project was based at the Lower Murray Nungas Club (LMNC)

When funding to the Club was cut in 1997 as part of the cut to ATSIC's funding, the Grief and Trauma project concentrated it's efforts on maintaining the Club – keeping its doors open, maintaining its services and trying to get other programs and funding to make sure that the Murraylands

community continued to have a functioning community centre. The project provided administrative support for the Club – Isabella has been on the committee all this time and Andrew helps with the bookkeeping and correspondence. With their assistance, the Club has continued to operate – funding has come for a number of projects – an innovative language and information technology program which is attracting a lot attention not just within South Australia, but further away – Wayne, the Coordinator, has travelled to Bourke in NSW to train teachers and students. The Club also started a crèche for CDEP and other workers. The CDEP administration operates from the Club, and school and medical transport services are operated by the Club..

The Grief and Trauma project has produced its own information pamphlets on grief and loss issues and there is also a range of resources dealing with grief and loss. Dealing with grief and loss hasn't just involved assisting individuals and families. An important part of the project has been in providing support to the community by helping maintain essential community services. Andrew and Isabella certainly don't want to take all the credit for keeping the LMNC afloat as there have been many dedicated people involved, but they have contributed their special skills.

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INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF

ABORIGINAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL COUNCIL (S A) INCORPORATED

SCOPE

I have audited the attached additional information of the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (S A) Incorporated for the year ended 30 Th June 2001 as set out on the accompanying pages.

The additional information has been prepared for distribution to Office for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health for the purpose of fulfilling the grant terms and conditions. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the additional information to which it relates, to any person other than the Office for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial reports, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates.

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

AUDIT OPINION

In my opinion:

1. the attached Income and Expenditure statement by grant presents a true and fair record of the financial transactions for the year ended 30 Th June 2001 and are based on proper accounts and records;
2. the details of assets purchased and sold during the year are accurate;
3. the Council is maintaining an Asset Register of assets acquired with Office for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health grant funds where the purchase or construction price exceeds $ 5,000;
4. all assets with a written down value exceeding $ 5,000 acquired with Office for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health grant funds have been insured with an approved insurer;
5. the financial controls in place within the organisation are adequate;
6. assets or services purchased with grant monies were purchased in fair and open competition in accordance with the approved procurement methods for the acquisition of assets or services as set out in the Funding Agreement; and
7. the organisation is solvent.

Kevin Neil Burrowes
14 September 2001

ABORIGINAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL COUNCIL (SA) INCORPOATED

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS (EXTRACT ONLY) YEAR ENDING 30 June 2001

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) **These financial statement are a special purpose financial report prepared for use by the Committee members and member of the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA(Incorporated. The Committee members have determined that the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) incorporated is not a reporting entity and hence the requirements of Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Concensus Views) do not have mandatory applicability to the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Incorporated.**

(b) **The statements are prepared on an accrual basis.**

(c) **The statements are based upon historic cost and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets**

(d) **Accounting policies and procedures, which are consistent with the previous period, unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of these statements.**

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.

STATEMENT BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF ABORIGINAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL COUNCIL (S A) INCORPORATED

The Committee members of the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (S A) Incorporated have determined that the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (S A) Incorporated is not a reporting entity. The Committee members have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the accounts

In the opinion of the Committee members of the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (S A) Incorporated:

1. (a) the Profit and Loss Account is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the profit or loss of the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (S A) Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2001; and

   (b) the Balance Sheet is drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (S A) Incorporated as at the end of that financial year.

2. At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (S A) Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee of Management and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee members.

Chairperson: ……

Secretary: ……

Dated this 30th day of June 2001

ADAC Audited Financial Statement 2000/01

Income	Selected Period	Budgeted
Recurrent		
H & AC - Recurrent	$382,756.33	$403,355.00
H & AC - GST Receivable	$0.00	$40,997.70
Staff Training	$6,220.67	$6,622.00
Total Recurrent	$388,977.00	$450,974.70
Capital		
H & AC - Capital	$20,000.00	$0.00
Total Capital	$20,000.00	$0.00
Detox manual	$25,500.00	$25,500.00
Interest Received	$3,392.09	$2,400.00
One Off Grant	$71,000.00	$1,000.00
NIDS/Mobile	$182,050.00	$193,500.00
QMS (Quality Assurance)	$215,822.00	$237,404.20
Mentor-FACS	$52,500.00	$90,000.00
Total Income	**$959,241.09**	**$1,000,778.90**
Expenses		
HS & H-Recurrent		
Payline	$3,614.34	$3,000.00
Auditing	$4,515.09	$2,000.00
Bank Fees	$1,500.19	$1,000.00
Cleaning	$4,347.48	$3,500.00
Legal Fees	$2,041.46	$1,000.00
Insurance	$5,380.50	$5,000.00
Postage/Courier	$1,155.37	$1,500.00
Telephone	$13,634.82	$9,000.00
Electricity	$3,809.70	$3,000.00
Office Rental	$30,973.02	$30,900.00
Rubbish Removal	$345.46	$400.00
Stationery	$6,482.58	$6,000.00
Materials/Other Stores	$5,901.64	$4,000.00
Office Supplies/consumables	$2,287.41	$2,000.00
Printing	$5,350.45	$4,000.00
Promotional Material	$8,157.28	$6,000.00
Council	$12,838.74	$11,198.00
Executive	$8,901.08	$12,000.00
Secretariat	$14,026.17	$20,849.00
Vehicle Costs	$5,301.97	$6,710.00
Salaries and Wages	$176,315.94	$190,766.00
On Costs	$12,909.55	$10,000.00
Staff Training	$3,452.68	$6,622.00
Total HS & H-Recurrent	**$333,242.92**	**$340,445.00**

ADAC Audited Financial Statement 2000/01

Income	**Selected Period**	**Budgeted**
Mental Health	$51,807.23	$49,532.00
Relationships Aust. Cost	$64.54	$0.00
Total Gambling	$64.54	$0.00
NIDS Solvent Abuse		
Project Leader	$45,730.33	$41,000.00
Oncosts	$5,409.34	$6,100.00
Project Officer	$41,490.76	$41,000.00
Oncosts	$5,258.02	$6,100.00
Vehicle	$25,088.16	$18,450.00
Mobile Van	$9,436.29	$7,450.00
Steering Committee	$18,000.00	$18,000.00
Administrative costs	$25,588.44	$23,500.00
Resources	$8,373.99	$31,500.00
Total NIDS Solvent Abuse	**$184,375.33**	**$193,100.00**
Quality Assurance		
Team Leader	$51,318.37	$52,000.00
Oncosts	$3,571.50	$12,750.00
Admin Support	$44,465.66	$17,322.00
Oncosts	$3,882.22	$4,080.00
Software	$2,370.93	$1,200.00
Phone	$3,877.33	$2,000.00
Staff Development	$1,370.00	$3,000.00
Travel Costs	$11,130.76	$19,720.00
St. Cttee & Regional Cttee	$9,134.88	$10,500.00
ADAC Vehicle Lease	$5,444.41	$6,000.00
Vehicle cost Fuel Rego etc	$5,424.33	$6,000.00
Admin ADAC Stat. etc	$6,886.99	$6,500.00
Materials & Stands. Dev.	$5,559.73	$15,000.00
Minor Equipment	$4,225.45	$4,000.00
Furniture	$54.11	$0.00
QMS	$28,302.52	$45,750.00
Evaluation	$6,000.00	$10,000.00
Total Quality Assurance	$193,019.19	$215,822.00
IDU Project		
IDU Project Officer	$14,487.52	$38,700.00
Running Costs	$2,053.46	$6,500.00
On Costs	$0.00	$7,640.00
Research Assistants	$1,475.00	$16,000.00
Questionairre Costs	$50.00	$3,000.00
Respondents Time	$0.00	$5,000.00
Pre /Post interview support	$217.90	$3,660.00
Production Survey etc	$0.00	$2,000.00
Travel	$1,131.35	$2,000.00
Vehicle Hire	$0.00	$5,000.00
Production of Report	$0.00	$3,500.00

ADAC Audited Financial Statement 2000/01

Income	Selected Period	Budgeted
ADAC Admin	$3,118.56	$5,000.00
Furniture Hire	$2,913.69	$5,000.00
Research Associate	$485.00	$10,000.00
Total IDU Project	$25,932.48	$113,000.00
Capital	$23,200.22	$23,750.00
One Off	$5,316.67	$18,000.00
State Stratergy	$7,206.51	$50,000.00
HOSW	$5,025.87	$10,000.00
NISMC	$6,136.13	$10,000.00
Total Capital	$46,885.40	$111,750.00
Total Expenses	**$835,327.09**	**$1,023,649.00**
Other Income		
ADAC Administration		
Income from sales D P	$220.00	$0.00
ADAC Admin Income	$16,939.96	$13,441.06
Murray Bridge	$747.74	$0.00
Insurance Claims	$207.72	$0.00
Petrol Manual	$8,339.53	$0.00
ATCA Project	$0.00	$4,460.00
Total Other Income	$26,454.95	$17,901.06
Other Expenses		
Reducing Petrol Sniffing		
Resources	$45.00	$0.00
Total Reduc Petrol Sniffing	$45.00	$0.00
Detox Manuel		
Staff relief	$3,000.00	$3,000.00
Additional Graphics	$1,995.43	$2,000.00
Printing	$25,649.19	$25,500.00
Plain Language	$2,355.38	$2,500.00
Admin costs	$1,304.70	$1,304.70
Total Detox Manuel	$34,304.70	$34,304.70
Rotary		
Expenses incurred	$1,408.18	$3,000.00
Total Rotary	$1,408.18	$3,000.00
Mentor Project		
Project Officer	$18,643.79	$38,695.00
On Costs	$2,192.22	$6,771.63
Vehicle Hire	$3,871.61	$6,000.00
Vehicle Fuel, Rego, etc	$2,442.44	$3,000.00
Evaluation	$0.00	$2,500.00
Resources	$3,334.36	$4,033.37
Brochures etc	$0.00	$6,000.00
Training Costs	$0.00	$8,000.00
Mentor Costs	$0.00	$8,000.00
Telephone Charges	$1,677.49	$1,000.00
Stationery etc	$344.65	$1,000.00

ADAC Audited Financial Statement 2000/01

Income	**Selected Period**	**Budgeted**
Administration (ADAC)	$3,654.44	$5,000.00
Total Mentor Project	$36,161.00	$90,000.00
ATCA		
Consultancy Fee	$0.00	$3,000.00
Accomadation	$0.00	$560.00
Total ATCA	$0.00	$3,560.00
Total Other Expenses	**$93,688.95**	**$152,762.89**

Balance Sheet as of 30th June 2001

Assets	**$412,132.49**
Liabilities	**$25,308.34**
Net Assets	**$386,824.15**
Equity	**$386,824.15**

Committee Report

Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Inc.

In accordance with section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporation Act, 1985, the committee of Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council (SA) Inc. hereby states that during the financial year ended 2001;

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

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

"Nil"

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

"Nil"

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

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Date 30th June 2001

ADAC Council Membership

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

ADAC Staff 2000-2001

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Mr. Scott Wilson

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Mr. Warren Parfoot

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