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# Chairperson's Report

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Hepatitis C Council of South Australia (HCCSA), for 2004-2005.

Working to the first year of our inaugural three year strategic plan the HCCSA strives to continue leading the community response to Hepatitis C in South Australia.

As our Mission states, this will be achieved by providing education and awareness that targets focus populations and contributes to prevention efforts, advocating within our communities and providing information and support for those affected by hepatitis C.

We enjoy a strong relationship with the Department of Health and its area health services which provide vital treatment and care for our community. Recent changes to the metropolitan and regional health services, implemented in response to the recent Health Review, is welcomed by the Council as the restructure aims to provide more resources in to front line services at a time when more people affected by hepatitis C require them.

The Council applauds the release of the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Hepatitis C Strategy 2005 -08. It is hoped the recommendations will be adequately funded and implemented in the near future.

The HCCSA is committed to supporting a 'whole of government' approach to a South Australian Hepatitis C Strategy. The development of this document is pivotal in outlining clear direction to both government and non-government organisations alike, and in collaboration, will coordinate the vital services necessary to address this epidemic. We call upon the State Government to show leadership in this area of policy development for the long awaited state strategy on hepatitis C.

The HCCSA is now settled into new premises at Hackney Road. The move went smoothly and with the wonderful efforts of staff and volunteers, our new home has become the welcoming and nurturing environment we pride ourselves on providing.

Our staff, volunteer and member numbers are growing and that increases our capacity to provide a wider range of programs targeting focus populations. The innovative work done to facilitate the 'Mosaic Art' and 'Tune Into Your Health' projects, aiming to increase hepatitis C awareness to young people, are examples of the success of the partnership approach to health promotion that underpin the principles of the Hepatitis C Council of SA.

Hepatitis C notifications continue to rise. In response the HCCSA will continue to contribute to prevention strategies; foster partnerships and support people affected by hepatitis C achieve the highest quality of life, free from discrimination. The HCCSA will ensure that our affected community receives practical assistance and support and will advocate for the easier access to a wide range of traditional and non-traditional treatments.

The future of the Hepatitis C Council of SA is strong and our vision of a society that cares for the health and wellbeing of people affected by hepatitis C and supports the end of the epidemic by acknowledging the link between health and social justice is achievable.

Once again I would like to thank the Staff, Volunteers, and Members for their efforts in making the last year so successful.

**Leslie Dunbar**  
Chairperson

# Manager's Report

The business year 2004 – 2005 will go on record as both a time of change and progress for the Hepatitis C Council of South Australia. In this past year we have embarked on a strategic planning process to identify organisational priorities and goals that ultimately will result in a more robust and sustainable future for the Council.

We will endeavour to move forward on many fronts increasing our profile in the community and instilling confidence in our membership that our primary objectives are to advocate on behalf of the close to 14,000 people in South Australia known to be living with hepatitis C and make measurable improvements in prevention efforts for priority populations identified to be at risk of transmission.

To achieve this we will also continue our concerted efforts in increasing awareness about hepatitis C to the broader community. Today we are able to provide you with our Strategic Directions 2005 – 2008, a copy of which is included in this Annual Report and I thank our membership for contributions made through our community consultation in developing the plan.

We have not lost sight of our history and the people who have helped us get to where we are today, some of whom are still involved with the Council and continue to offer a unique perspective. It was just over ten years ago the Council began as a special project supported by the Drug and Alcohol Services Council (now Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia) with funding from the Department of Human Services (now Department of Health).

We celebrate our history and embrace our future. We are pleased to announce that the Hepatitis C Council of SA will be signing its first three year funding and service agreement with the HIV, Hepatitis C Policy and Programs Unit at the Department of

Health for the period 2005- 2008. This past business year has been a time for reflection, intense planning and developing, and moving forward. We have renewed our commitment to engaging the diverse voice of people affected by hepatitis C in providing us with input and guidance in all that we do and ensuring that the interests of our communities are prioritised in all decisions that we make.

Over the past year Staff and Volunteer have worked tirelessly in the following program, administration, and governance areas: Education, Information and Resources, Information & Support Line, Management and Administration, and Board Governance.

There has been a renewed effort in organisational workforce development which increases our capacity to respond to the demands of our core work, and contributes to efficiency and accountability through continuous quality improvement. Our time has not just been spent looking inward but also providing outcomes for our communities as evidenced by the staff reports included in this report. It is with great pride that I invite you to read the staff contributions to this annual report.

The workforce of the Hepatitis C Council of SA also acknowledges the support provided by the HIV, Hepatitis C Policy and Programs Unit of the Communicable Diseases Control Branch at the Department of Health and in particular Dr. Rod Givney, Dr Jane Raupach, Ms Cate Mettam, Ms Doreen Rae and Ms Katherine Biedrzycki. We are also indebted to the support of the Minister for Health, the Honourable Lea Stevens, MP who in 2005 was the only State and Territory Minister for Health to preside over the launch of a state Hepatitis C Treatment Awareness Week.

The Hepatitis C Sub-Committee of the South Australian Advisory Committee on

HIV, Hepatitis C and Related Diseases met for the first time in 2004 and over the past year committee members have identified gaps in areas of hepatitis C policy and programming in South Australia in the areas of pre and post test counselling protocols and needlestick injury guidelines, and the need for a first ever whole of government Hepatitis C Strategy for South Australia.

In an effort to advance this strategy development the HIV, Hepatitis C Policy and Programs Unit at the Department of Health with support from the Hepatitis C Sub-Committee funded the first ever Department of Health and Hepatitis C Council of SA state workshop: A Coordinated Approach to Hepatitis C in South Australia on May 31<sup>st</sup> 2005.

Close to 50 participants representing the community, non-government and government organisations, health professionals, drug and alcohol services, and the Departments of Health, Corrections and Education came together to identify strengths and gaps in current policy and programs in hepatitis C prevention and education, diagnosis and treatment, health maintenance, care and support, research and surveillance, and workforce development. Seven areas of action were identified:

1. Improving intersectoral collaboration and leadership
2. Supporting improved practice in primary health care
3. Improving the uptake and results of treatment
4. Extension of Clean Needle Programs
5. Improving pre and post test counselling
6. Implementation of harm reduction programs in correctional settings
7. Improvements in surveillance and research

The Hepatitis C Council of SA was identified as having a role in providing

community leadership in all areas of action and we embrace the challenges before us acknowledging that partnerships and collaboration will be the key to successful inroads in these areas.

Over the past year we have also increased our responses to the inaccurate or misleading media portrayals of hepatitis C whether they are in print, radio or television. We have also identified opportunities through media to increase awareness about the public health priority of hepatitis C in South Australia by providing people with hepatitis C the arena to speak publicly about their lived experience.

The Council continues to provide representation at a National level through our peak body the Australian Hepatitis Council through management and community membership. We have contributed to the development of the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Hepatitis C Strategy 2005-08, participated in a community consultation on creating an enabling environment for setting the social research agenda in hepatitis C at the National Centre in HIV Social Research and identified a local advocacy issue of National significance which resulted in the review of guidelines for hepatitis C and other communicable illnesses in the "Staying Healthy in Childcare" manual used by early childhood education specialists in daycare centres across the country.

On behalf of the Volunteers and Staff, I thank you for your continued support and interest in the work that the Council does to lead the community response to hepatitis C in South Australia.

**Dan Gallant**  
Manager



# Staff Reports

## ADMINISTRATION

Throughout the 2004-2005 financial year the Administration role within the HCCSA has evolved from one very busy person into a small team whose principal aim is the smooth functioning of the office environment. We are also responsible for providing healthy and safe working conditions, personnel and Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) related matters. The Administration Team, Megan Collier and Lynn Newman, report to the Manager of HCCSA Dan Gallant.

### Organisational Development

To facilitate this growth the Council formed an Organisational Development Committee, convened by the Administration Team. This Committee aim is to identify, develop and recommend to management, appropriate administrative and organisational systems and procedures to ensure compliance with legislation, government policy and internal controls.

To date this committee has reviewed, amongst others, our Fire and Occupational Health and Safety Policy. This review resulted in the training of Megan Collier and Elissa Mortimer as Fire Wardens and Deborah Warneke-Arnold completing training as a Senior First Aid Officer. This enabled the HCCSA to fully comply with relevant workplace safety regulations.

John Turner of Australian Fire & Safety assessed a fire drill at the HCCSA office, which staff and volunteers passed with flying colours, evacuating and securing the premises, including the training facilities in less than 90 seconds.

### New Offices

As the HCCSA had physically outgrown leased premises at The Parade in Norwood larger premises were secured, with the Council relocating to 3 Hackney Road, Hackney in November of 2004. Our refurbished office is centrally located, fully air-conditioned and accommodates a library which is available to our members. The Council office also houses its own training facility and meeting room, both being modern, inviting and well equipped. These rooms are available to external organisations.

An efficient booking system was developed and implemented by the Admin Team to facilitate the effective use of the training & meeting rooms, both of which are well utilised.

### Computer System

In conjunction with the relocation to Hackney, the Council underwent an IT Health Check provided by Community Information Strategies Australia (CISA). The resulting report identified a number of weaknesses within the existing computer system, some requiring urgent attention. With the support of a one off grant from SA Department of Health, the Council is in the final stage of addressing the recommendations made by CISA, which has resulted in a significant overhaul of our computer system. These changes will ensure an increase in information security, productivity and ongoing ability to develop and manage a centralised file management system. This system will accommodate further development in the coming years.

Our new network comprises a dedicated file server with mirrored disks, which runs the Local Area Network and Councils email system. This allows the Council complete autonomy over its own

information systems and reduces our reliance on external networks and contractors.

The LAN will initially service 13 computers, including a public access computer located in our library, and will provide VPN connectivity for appropriate staff when they are off site, working in the community.

## **Finance**

The Administration Team also maintains the financial functions of the Council, including payroll, creditors, and member services. It is our responsibility to ensure applicable accounting standards and statutory requirements are fully met and internal policy and procedures are in place to ensure compliance, accountability and transparency.

## **Member Services**

During the financial year the HCCSA membership base has remained fairly static with 136 members. Member benefits include monthly mail outs, access to the library, our quarterly newsletter and voting rights at the AGM. This financial year saw a substantial increase our organisation membership from 293 to 403. This was due to organisations participating in the Hep C Planning Day. Organisations receive regular updates on Council activities and our newsletter.

Whilst the Council membership has remained stable over the past year, a recruitment and promotion campaign has been developed which we anticipate will result in an increase in membership in the coming year.

Currently we are transferring information from our membership database to a new database application. This will ensure ongoing security of our data and increased functionality to manage this information.

Both Megan and I would like to thank our colleagues for their support and encouragement in what has been a year of rapid change and development within the administrative and organisational sphere of the Council. We look forward to another challenging year!

**Lynn Newman**

Senior Administration Officer

## **INFORMATION & SUPPORT LINE**

Information and Support Line Workers provide high quality, accurate and up-to-date information on hepatitis C and related issues. Workers also provide non-judgemental support and appropriate referrals to people making contact with the Council.

## **Volunteers**

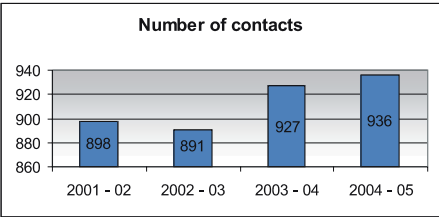
The line is staffed by the Information and Support Line Coordinator and by a team of trained volunteers. Over many years, the Council's recruitment of volunteers for the Information and Support Line had been specifically targeted at people affected by hepatitis C. This resulted in varying degrees of success. In 2005 we took a different approach by encouraging all people interested in hepatitis C to consider the value of working to support healthier communities on our phone line, with the added incentive of achieving Certificate III in Telephone Counselling for those completing training and assessments.

We advertised in local papers and through TAFE asking for people who can commit to a minimum of four hours a fortnight. An information evening was held at the Council after which people interested in volunteering were interviewed for the limited training places

available. As a result, we can warmly welcome Steve, Liz, Lyn, Will, Heather and Joan to the Information and Support line team.

A year does not go by that we don't sincerely thank and appreciate Fred for his commitment to the Information and Support line. Over the last six years, in sharing his expertise and experience he has made a unique and valuable contribution that has directly benefited many people in our community. People often refer to Fred by name when expressing their appreciation for the information received when returning feedback forms.

### Facts and Figures



In the last financial year, we received 936 contacts. This is a slight, but not significant increase on the previous year.

Although people email, write letters and fax, the primary way people contact the Information and Support Line is by phone, with over 90 % of contacts received this way. Some of our information requests are less common, 7% of all contacts involved some follow up of information for the caller, reflecting our keenness to provide accurate information to meet the diverse needs of our community. The council also provided 68 face-to-face information sessions for people who wished to discuss hep C and related issues in person.

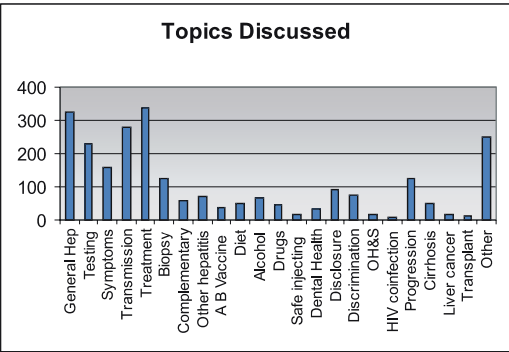
As in previous years the majority of calls (82%) were received from people in the Adelaide metropolitan area and 14% from regional areas, the remainder came from interstate and even a couple from over seas.

People living with hepatitis C represented 51 % of all contacts for the year. Partners, family or friends of people with hep C formed 15% and 13.5% of contacts were from Drs, nurses and other health professionals. The remainder were from people at risk or awaiting test results, workplaces, students, other sector workers and the general public.

Of the people who were living with hepatitis C who contacted the Council 54 % were male and 46% female. However, 74% of the partners, family or friends of people with hep C who made contact were female.

The most commonly discussed topics were treatment, general hepatitis C, transmission and symptoms. Questions about treatment significantly increased this year by 29%, reflecting the success of the Awareness Week campaign and radio advertisements about treatment trials in South Australia

Seventy-one calls (7%) involved a discussion of other hepatitis, most commonly Hep B, this is also a significant increase (36 %) on last year. 139 calls



(15%) involved a discussion about disclosure or discrimination. Other topics discussed (not detailed in chart) included, side effects of treatment, fatigue, pruritus (itching), genotypes, numbers of new infections in SA, PCR tests, post exposure management of needle stick injuries, disposal of contaminated waste and many more.

The Council remains an important point of referral to other services for people affected by hepatitis C. In 2004 - 05 we provided 512 referrals to services outside the Council. A further 238 referrals were made to Council services and programs. Other referrals included Clinic 275, Equal Opportunity Commission, Yarra Place,

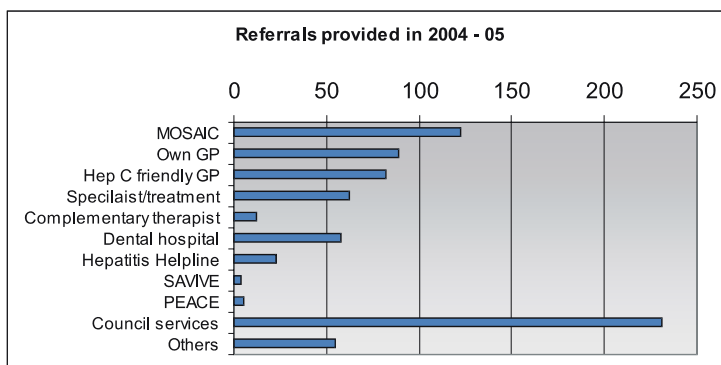
### Comments from Callers

*"... thanks for the warm and friendly service and help I received on the phone."*

*"The Info line person was wonderful to talk to very caring thorough and extremely helpful"*

*"It was frightening to call but very worthwhile. Thanks hep C Council"*

*"It's persons such as yourself (phone line worker) that make the Hep C Council such an essential service to the public."*



Housing Trust, Meals on Wheels, Domestic Violence Helpline, Legal Services, Ombudsman and the SA medical Board. See breakdown of referrals below.

The Information and Support Line engages in continuous evaluation and improvement of the service. Satisfaction is not only gauged during calls when direct quotes are documented but also through reply paid feedback forms which are sent with written resources.

### Deborah Warneke-Arnold

Information & Support Line Coordinator

### Calming the C

Calming the C is a very informal group that encourages self-directed discussion on topics of greatest interest to participants. People meet fortnightly at the Council, share a light lunch and take the opportunity to talk to others and share experiences.

Calming the C has been especially useful to people considering treatment, providing them with an opportunity to hear

directly from those who have experienced treatment.

The group runs from 12.30pm –2.30pm, allowing plenty of time for people with family responsibilities to pick kids up after school. Although numbers fluctuate greatly depending on weather, there were over 200 attendances at Calming the C in the last financial year.

#### Participants' Comments:

*"Calming the C gives you a chance to meet other people in similar positions and the opportunity to discuss any questions in an open forum. A great resource, which is much needed."*

*"I have learned a great deal, met many good people and made friendships."*

*"It's great to talk with others who understand"*

*"I enjoyed the interactions with people when I was on treatment"*

*"This is the first time I have been able to talk openly about hep C"*

**Deborah Warneke-Arnold**  
Calming the C Facilitator

## Metropolitan Education

The Hepatitis C council has conducted 62 hepatitis C information/education sessions in the Adelaide metro area over the last 12 months. All education sessions are tailored to meet the needs of the participants. Although the primary topics of education are transmission, testing, natural history (the progression of disease without treatment interventions) and treatment, sessions can also include information on disclosure, discrimination, 'living well with hep C', referral pathways,

priority populations and basic information on other hepatitis viruses.

## Positive Speakers

In addition, people living with hepatitis C are in a unique position to provide a different perspective on the challenges of managing life with a chronic illness. Putting a face to people with hepatitis C confronts preconceived ideas and is very effective in influencing attitudes and behaviours which are discriminatory. The ongoing issue of lack of funds within organisations booking education sessions has continued to inhibit the uptake of Positive Speakers this year. Seven Positive Speakers were booked during the year including an invitation to present in Alice Springs during Awareness Week.

In the past year Educators continued to expand networks and partnerships with key agencies and stakeholders, represent the Council on a number of committees, present at conferences, increase knowledge of current research, contribute to the development of state and national resources and write letters of support for people living with hepatitis C to access appropriate services.

## Youth

In response to the increased risk to youth, especially in detention settings, 18 % of education sessions were delivered to young people associated with the Magill Training Centre, the Flexi Centre, and Services to Youth Council. People under 25 represented almost 30% of all participants in education sessions. One third of sessions were delivered to people from the primary target group; those with hepatitis C and those at risk.

Other organisations availing themselves to our hepatitis C education sessions in 2004-2005 included St Johns Volunteers, TAFE, Nunkuwarrin Yunti, Adelaide Women's Prison, DASSA, Flinders Mental Health Team, Gay and Lesbian

Counselling service, Hindmarsh Sobering Up Unit, Modbury Hospital, Pregnancy Advisory Service, Rotary, SHINE, Vietnamese Community in SA, Charles Campbell High School, nursing homes, supported residential settings and child care. Education sessions were also provided to people participating in Info & Support Line training at the Council.

## Information Stands

In the past year, we had information stands at Picnic in the Park, Man Alive (men's health expo), Vietnamese New Year and Gay and Lesbian Counselling Service. Often, to encourage visitor interaction with our workers, we offered free fake tattoos to people who could tell us one fact from the '10 Hep C Facts' poster on display. This was an overwhelming success as most people took the trouble to read all ten facts before choosing one to tell. Such successful events would not have been possible without the support of Volunteers. Congratulations on a job well done to Will, John, Dean, Lyn and Fred who all worked hard applying fake tattoos and giving information about hepatitis C at different stalls throughout the year.

## Information Evenings

The Adelaide Information Evenings have provided high quality, detailed information on hepatitis C and related issues over many years to community and health professionals alike. Unfortunately, this year, due to decreasing attendances, they have been temporarily put on hold. We acknowledge and sincerely thank Dr William Donohue, Professor Justin LaBroy, Dr Russell Waddell, Libby Johns and Dr Darren Mounkley who have all shared their expertise and supported the Information Evening over the past year.

**Deborah Warneke-Arnold**  
Metropolitan Educator

## Metropolitan Education - Community Programs

The Metropolitan Educator/Community Programs worker from HCSA worked in a variety of areas during the past year. There was collaborative work with other agencies as well as with the Rural Officer from the HCCSA and the Metropolitan Educator from the HCCSA.

The Mosaic Project, completed in October 2004, was presented to groups of young people at Parafield Gardens Alternative High School, Marion Youth Centre, Streetlink and Service to Youth Council and Hindmarsh Sobering Up Unit. Each group spent three hours per week for 12 weeks working with Artist Gina Allain and Sharon Drage, the HCCSA Metro Educator/Community Programs worker.

The project consisted of four Health Promotion sessions, hepatitis C, sexual health, substance use, and mental health. At the completion of the Health Promotion sessions the young people were encouraged to use art to express their thoughts and feelings about the session. At the completion of the sessions the young people made decisions about which artwork they would use and then completed a Mosaic art piece with various messages about hepatitis C and safer ways of engaging in risky behaviours.

## Building Relationships

The time taken to complete the project allowed for relationship building, opening the lines of communication and consolidation of information presented in the Health Promotion sessions. Five Art pieces that were displayed at Tandanya at

the opening of awareness week in May 2005 resulted from this work.

The project was extremely successful with a total of 54 young people participating. Many were homeless with a number of them in extremely marginalised circumstances. Gina Allain, the Artist who worked on this project with the HCCSA Metro Educator/Community programs, brought a dynamic enthusiasm to the project. This Project was funded by the Premiers Department of the South Australian Government.

In May 2005 another Mosaic project funded by HIV, Hepatitis C Policy and Programs commenced at the Magill Flexi Centre. This project was presented to a number of young people. It had health promotion sessions about hepatitis C, substance use and body art. The young people who participate in the project have also received "Save A Mate" training from the Red Cross. While the young people who have been participating in this project have been quite transient there has been attendance of 15 young people.

Workers from ADAC, Aboriginal Family Support Agency and Red Cross Save a Mate have also had involvement in this project.

At the end of each term since the project has been running, attendees received a certificate of participation. It is envisioned that at the completion of the Mosaic Art pieces at the Flexi Centre, participants will continue to work on the project developing the art pieces into postcards and posters with appropriate messages about hepatitis C to be distributed to the wider population of young people.

## **BBQ in the Park**

The barbecues in the West Parklands for homeless Indigenous people is in its 2<sup>nd</sup> year of operation. This project has been a

collaborative effort between the Hepatitis C Council of South Australia and the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council SA Inc.(ADAC). Approximately 30 to 50 people attended the barbecues each week, with a clear majority of these people being in extremely marginalised circumstances. In 2004 the Community Benefits Fund funded the project but in 2005 the Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation (AERF) took over the funding.

There has also been attendance from 20 workers from agencies such as Adelaide Day Centre, Nunkuwarrin Yunti, Adelaide City Council, Drug and Alcohol Services of South Australia (DASSA) SAVIVE, RDNS Nurses, and the City Housing Assessment and Support Team. (CHAST),

## **Explore Thru Art**

Guy Allain presented Explore Yourself Thru Art to Men at the HCCSA in June 2005. Six men participated in the sessions. The sessions consisted of meditation, presentation of an idea to work on and then the men working with pastels, acrylic paint and clay. At the end of each session each of the men presented their work to the group while expressing their reflections from the experience. Anecdotal feedbacks from participants of this program suggest that this experience was beneficial.

Some of the comments received in relation to this program were:

*"First time I ever did anything with art."*

*"It was really excellent."*

*Working with clay was really therapeutic.*

## **Collaboration**

The Metropolitan Educator/Community Programs worker has also collaboratively worked with the Rural Education officer on the Tune Into Your Health Its In Your Blood project and also attended the Croc Fest in Port Augusta in 2004.



There are many people to thank for assisting and supporting during this past year:

The Premiers Department of the South Australian Government, HIV, Hepatitis C Policy and Programs, Gina Allain, Guy Allain, The Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council, Marion Youth, Magill Training Centre, Hindmarsh Sobering Up Unit, Nunkuwarrin Yunti, Service to Youth Council, Parafield Gardens Alternative High School, Streetlink, The Flexi Centre at Magill, The Salvation Army Sobering Up Unit, Warranilla, OARS, Charles Campbell High School, Aboriginal Family support Services, The Australian Red Cross, all of the young people who have worked on various projects, the people who attend the barbecues.

A sincere thankyou also to the Management and Staff from the Hepatitis C Council of South Australia for support during the past year

**Sharon Drage**  
Metropolitan Educator  
Community Programs

## **Rural and Remote Education**

The past year has been a dynamic and creative year for the Rural and Remote Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Project (Rural Project). There was a conscious shift into projects with a strong health promotion and community development focus while attempting to maintain and build upon workforce capacity building opportunities. The Project Officer has travelled broadly throughout South Australia and engaged with a diverse range of individuals, communities and organisations. While there have been many positive outcomes for the Rural Project this year, the capacity of the project

to support an increasing demand by services and individuals in a strategic and sustainable capacity continues to be a challenge.

## **Tune Into Your Health**

*(see report on page 19)*

This partnership project between Nunkuwarrin Yunti, the Hepatitis C Council of SA and the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council SA was a major focus between June to December 2005. A creative, health promotion project targeting Indigenous youth across the state, this project enabled the Rural Education Officer to build on existing, and develop new, relationships with workers in a number of rural Indigenous health and community services across the state.

The success of the project left no doubt that it was the result of a constructive partnership with a high degree of Indigenous ownership. The Rural Education Officer was delighted to be able to contribute and participate in this project and looks forward to integrating this successful youth resource back into future community education on hepatitis C. Thank you to each of the workers who participated in this project with special thanks to Micah Wenitong, Sharon Drage and Gary Goldsmith, Jimmy Perry and Paul Elliott.

## **Getting It Together Project**

*(see report on page 18)*

This project developed through conversations between the Rural Education Officer and individuals affected by hepatitis C living in rural South Australia. A number of people had spoken about their frustration around the limited support provided to people in regional areas, and the lack of contact with others living in similar situations. Comments were made regularly about the need for local health professionals and services to be more knowledgeable about hepatitis C and better



able to provide local support and assistance.

Several of these people also expressed an interest in being involved in improving the situation for others affected by hepatitis C. From these discussions a project plan was evolved and funding sought. Thank you to the HIV, Hepatitis C and Related Programs Unit of the Department of Health for recognising the importance of this project and making funding available for the implementation of the project.

The resulting project - 'Getting It Together - Rural Community Hep C Action Project' - aims to mobilise people throughout rural and regional South Australia who are directly affected by hepatitis C. The project seeks to increase networks of peer support and community action to improve individual wellbeing as well as individual and collective engagement with relevant services.

To achieve this, two community workers - Gary Clarke and Michelle Morrison - were employed to facilitate the set-up and co-ordination of the network. The network will facilitate sharing of information and personal stories and provide access to training and information to encourage and enable participants to engage more confidently with relevant services.

### **Advisory Forum**

The network will also serve as an advisory forum to inform HCCSA rural policy and advocacy priorities. The network is scheduled to meet five times between June 2004 and September 2005. Other strategies include the development of a rural specific web page within the existing HCCSA website, development of resources to extend knowledge and stories beyond the immediate network, and the provision of information and training to network and HCCSA members on health advocacy skills.

A steering committee was established in April 2005 and provides the project team with valuable direction and guidance. The committee consists of: Michelle Morrison, Gary Clark; Marion Rich (Primary Health Care Nurse, Woodcroft Community Health Service, available until July 2005); Lyn Newman (Senior Administration Officer, Hepatitis C Council of SA, Claire Hose (Community Representative: SAVIVE), Leslie Wightman (Rural Education Officer, Hepatitis C Council of SA), George Valiotis (Education and Training Project Officer, Relationships Australia SA); Danny Height (Drug and Alcohol Community Worker, Barossa Drug and Alcohol Service, Drug and Alcohol Services SA).

The Getting It Together project will continue until September 2006. Thank you to Gary and Michelle for their skilful work to date and to each of the members of the steering committee for their commitment to the project.

### **Education and Information Work**

The Project Officer has presented information sessions on 11 occasions to eight different agencies. These included The Riverland Domestic Violence Service, Peer Educators at Cadell Prison, Murray Bridge Community Corrections, Kuitpo Community, Lakalinjeri Tumbetin Waal, Mt Barker Hospital, Flinders University Short Course (Injecting Drug Use and Blood Borne Infections) students and the HCCSA telephone information line trainees. Overall the sessions were delivered to 160 people, 39 identified as being directly affected and/or at risk of hepatitis C. During this reporting period the Rural Education Officer also assisted with several information sessions in the metropolitan area.

## Information Stalls and Poster Presentations

The project facilitated interactive information stalls at a number of events across the state. These included: The Rural Health Promotion Conference, 'Bringing the Pieces Together, Creating a Picture of Health' (Mt Gambier) along with a poster presentation on the 'Tune into Your Health Project'; Wakefield Health Community Development Forum; Croc Festival (see below) and YAC RAP (Youth About Changing Reputations and Adult Perceptions) Youth Expo held in Mt Barker during Youth Week 2005.

These stalls provided HCCSA with the opportunity to promote information and awareness about hepatitis C, existing resources and relevant services. Thank you to Megan Collier, HCCSA Administration Officer for her assistance and attendance at the Mt Gambier stall and to Para Hills High School work experience student Anita Drage for her fantastic work at both the Croc Festival 2004 and the Youth Expo.

In May 2004, the Rural Education Officer attended a meeting of representatives from: the Vietnamese Community of Virginia; the Vietnamese Community in Australia - SA Chapter; Playford City Council; The SA Farmer's Federation and other interested agencies, to discuss strategies for ensuring the Vietnamese community of Virginia had better access to a range of information and services. This meeting supported the creation of a community centre concept to be held in Virginia on a weekly basis. HCCSA Information and Resource Officer, Elissa Mortimer and the Rural Education Officer ensured that HCCSA was represented at the Vietnamese Access to Services launch day and regular open days.

## Croc Festival 2004

The Rural Education Project was delighted to represent HCCSA at its first Croc Festival event. HCCSA staff, Leslie Wightman, Sharon Drage and volunteers, Dean Wilkins and Anita Drage joined with Nunkuninwarrin Yunti's - Tune Into Your Health, Project Officer, Micah Wenitong to present a highly interactive information stall promoting messages about blood awareness and safe body art to approximately 1000 Indigenous and non Indigenous school aged youth. The combination of voice recording and fake tattooing proved very popular. The stall also served to promote the upcoming Tune Into Your Health Project.

## Treatment Awareness Week 2005

The Rural Education Officer participated in the Hepatitis C Awareness Week Committee and the Hep C Hypothetical Sub-committee. The Project Officer's involvement in the week included:

- Preparation of a presentation on hepatitis C and current treatment options to DASSA Country Service Workers and other Country based Drug and Alcohol workers.
- Attendance at the Point Pearce launch in joint capacity as Rural Education Officer and a member of the Tune into Your Health team. Called 'Bringing it Back to the Community', the event was organised by



Point Pearce Youth Worker, Lynette Newchurch to celebrate the work undertaken by local Point Pearce youth in the Tune Into Your Health Project.

- Participation in the 'Treatment Awareness Week Hypothetical' event. The Rural Education Officer was invited to be a member of the panel to share her knowledge and experience of rural communities.

## **South Australian Hepatitis C Sub-Committee (HCSC)**

In July 2004, the HCSC agreed that it would benefit from rural and regional representation and that the Rural Education Officer would be well placed to provide this. Since attending, the Rural Education Officer has contributed to a range of discussions. Two issues in particular have been presented by the Rural Education Officer for further exploration by the committee: training opportunities for pre and post-test counselling for health professionals in SA and inconsistencies in 'on-the-ground' protocols for the handling of needlestick injuries and related enquiries.

These items have resulted in positive follow up with a pre and post-test counselling course targeting nurses in SA to be provided in December 2005 by Relationships Australia in conjunction with key partner agencies.

The needlestick injury issue was further raised by HCCSA Manager Danny Gallant at the SA Advisory Committee for HIV, HCV and Related Diseases and resulted in the creation of a Department of Health, intra departmental committee to investigate the issues further.

## **Planning**

The Rural Education Officer also participated in the HCCSA strategic plan process and in the statewide hepatitis C planning

day. The Rural Education Officer ensured that issues relevant to people affected by hepatitis C in rural communities were presented in both contexts.

The HCCSA strategic plan clearly identifies people 'living in rural and remote communities' as a focus population and requiring ongoing allocation of resources. It is hoped that the final report of the planning day will contribute to ensuring that there is a coordinated approach to the provision of prevention, treatment and care services in South Australia including rural and regional areas.

I have very much enjoyed seeing the role of the Rural Education Officer develop over the past 12 months to embrace health promotion and community development approaches. I look forward to continuing to work alongside people from rural communities and other key stakeholders to ensure communities become much more supportive and responsive to the needs of people affected by hepatitis C.

**Leslie Wightman**

Rural Education & Support Officer

## **Rural Education - Getting It Together Project**

The Community Workers commenced in late April/early May and hit the ground running.

Over the past two months things have really started to take shape. The first task was to implement the promotion and recruitment strategy of '*The Getting It Together Project*'. Information was distributed throughout rural and regional South Australia via key print media with the aim of attracting and recruiting network participants. People were invited to

contact HCCSA for further information and to submit an expression of interest.

The response was heartening with a strong interest from people living in the Riverland, Mid North, Wakefield, and Hills Mallee regions. Three of the seven regions at this stage are yet to be represented in the network however strategies are being implemented to target these areas.

The quality and enthusiasm evident in the prospective networkers' expressions of interest spoke to major issues affecting individuals with hepatitis C in rural communities. Some of these themes included: the experience of isolation, serious limitations in local service provision and the absence of local support resources.

Most respondents expressed a desire to connect, contribute and share with others and this was a compelling motivation to becoming involved. It was particularly reassuring to note that without exception, there was an affirmative response to the proposed strategy around the development of peer networks across rural areas. This resonated with the key objectives of the Getting It Together Project.

At the time of the writing, the project is gearing up for the first Getting It Together Network weekend, taking place in Adelaide on July 22nd-24th. This will be the first of five network meetings scheduled to meet quarterly until August, 2005.

**Gary Clarke & Michelle Morrison**  
GIT Community Workers



## **Joint Rural & Metropolitan Education Project - Tune In To Your Health**

This project was a collaborative partnership between Nunkuwarrin Yunti, the Hepatitis C Council of South Australia and the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council, funded through the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) with source funding from the National Indigenous Australian's Sexual Health Strategy (NASHS). Other key support partners included: the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM); Kumanka Aboriginal Youth Service; Kurruru Youth Theatre; regional, rural and remote Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services; other health and youth services; and a number of schools.

Project planning commenced in September 2003, funding was secured in March 2004 and an advisory committee was established soon after.

Workshops occurred from September 2004, until November 2004. Key project staff were Garry Goldsmith (Project Manager) and Micah Wenitong (Project Officer) from Nunkuwarrin Yunti along with Sharon Drage (Metro Educator/Community Programs) and Leslie Wightman (Rural Education Officer) from the Hepatitis C Council. Paul Elliott and Jimmy Perry (Makin' Tracks Project) from the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council also assisted with several workshops.

"Tune Into Your Health Its In Your Blood" was a health promotion project, which utilised education, song writing and song recording to increase awareness of hepatitis C amongst Aboriginal youth in South Australia.

It was designed to contribute to the prevention of hepatitis C infections amongst Indigenous youth. Statewide surveillance shows that Indigenous people are

over-represented in both incidence and prevalence notifications. Young people are considered to be at high risk of hepatitis C infection.

Ninety-four young people including rappers and singers participated in the eight two-day workshops which were presented in Mt Gambier, metropolitan Adelaide, Noarlunga, Point Pearce, Port Augusta, Ceduna, Coober Pedy, Winkie and Murray Bridge. These workshops resulted in a compilation CD which was completed in January 2005 and launched in Adelaide, Port Augusta and Point Pearce between April and May 2005.

One thousand CDs were printed and distributed among workshop participants and to Indigenous health and community services.

This project was very popular and well regarded. The HCCSA was delighted with the positive outcomes of the project. There was a high level of participation by the young people. The process of song writing and recording consolidated the newly acquired information on hepatitis C and the workshop participants were very proud of their songs.

The project sold as a very positive news story. Media coverage of the project was quite extensive including radio and print media from Indigenous and non-Indigenous services. The story is also to be submitted to SA Health Promotion Story Book, the SA Health Promotion Newsletter and the Australian Aboriginal Health Worker Journal.

It needs to be noted that the Adelaide Launch of the CD was a very popular and successful event with about 150 people attending including workers, young people, community members and representatives from funding bodies. There was a wonderful atmosphere with traditional dancing and contemporary performances

from Indigenous youth intermixed with stories and speeches from key agency representatives.

The CDs have been so popular that a further 5000 will be printed and distributed nationally.

## **Feedback**

What young people have said about the project :

*"It was fun"*

*"I thought it was deadly"*

*"Proud to be part of the workshop"*

*"Writing and singing our own song is something I never thought I'd do"*

## **Adelaide workshop**

*Hey broth, lend us your fit hey?*

*Nah broth, just used it*

*You don't want to catch hep C*

*Same mother, same father, makes us brothers, doesn't matter!*

*Yeah it does matter!...*

*Did you know that hep C is an infection*

*That is carried through blood contact*

*It's a virus that can harm both you and me*

## **Ceduna Workshop**

*Infection can spread in every direction*

*You can't see it in your complexion*

*So when you're thinking of your selection  
use your head for your protection*

*Anangu tjuta*

*Tjitji tjuta*

*Pika wiya nyina-ma*

*Kura tjuta-ya nyukula wanti-ma*

## Translation:

*All the people*

*All the children*

*Stay healthy*

*Keep away all the bad disease*

Thanks to: Department of Health and Ageing-Office of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Health, Micah Wenitong, Garry Goldsmith, Jimmy Perry, Paul Elliott, workshop participants, Pangula Mannamurna, Mt Gambier Aboriginal Health, Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation, Pika Wiya Health Service, Goretta Aboriginal Corporation and Health Service, Ceduna Konibba Health Service, Port Lincoln High School, Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service, Umoona Tjutagku Health Service, Winkie Primary School, Kurruru Indigenous Youth Performing Arts, Kumanka Aboriginal Youth Service, South East Nungas Club, Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM), Noarlunga TAFE, Community Development Employment Programme (CDEP) Coober Pedy.

**Leslie Wightman**

Rural Education and Support Officer

**Sharon Drage**

Metropolitan Educator

## Information and Resources

In the 2004-05 financial year, the Hepatitis C Council of SA distributed a total of 64,567 resource items. This is a slight increase on the previous financial year's 64,486. The resource team processed a total of 936 orders. This was a 64 per cent increase on orders received in 2003-2004. This was due mainly to

orders generated by Awareness Week. Discounting Awareness Week requests, we processed 472 orders – a fall of 17 per cent on the previous year. Orders for Awareness Week materials were received from April – June 2005 indicating that the campaign extended to a much greater time period than the week alone.

## New resources:

*"What is Hep C?"- Australian Hepatitis Council Low-literacy resource*

Although the result of a consultation process with state and territory councils, this has not been popular due to controversial transmission factors in the low risk category in particular, breastfeeding. Stickers be added to clarify these points.

*"Hep C and Injecting Drug Use"*

A joint project of HCCSA, SAVIVE and the Drug and Alcohol Services Council (now DASSA), this resource consists of wallet booklets and posters. They have been distributed to DASSA drug and alcohol workers throughout the state by DASSA. They were distributed during education sessions, in Awareness Week resource packs and individually on request.

*"Hepatitis C is Everybody's Business"*

Three HCCSA staff participated in the consultation for a multicultural resource project being undertaken by the Multicultural HIV and Hep C Service. These consultations were done nationally resulting in a new resource addressing many aspects of Hepatitis C, including treatment, and are currently being produced in 15 different languages. These resources will be available by the end of September 2005 and will provide a much-needed resource on Hepatitis C for multicultural communities in Australia.

## **Awareness Week**

The inaugural National Hepatitis C Awareness Week, held from 23 – 27 May 2005 was co-ordinated by the Australian Hepatitis Council and focussed on increasing awareness of pharmaceutical treatment in people living with chronic Hepatitis C and General Practitioners.

The Australian Hepatitis Council (AHC) Board chose the theme in consultation with state and territory Hepatitis Council managers. As part of the national campaign, the AHC produced Awareness Week posters and postcards which were then distributed via state and territory councils.

## **Resource distribution**

HCCSA's Hepatitis C Awareness Week distribution strategy resulted in nearly 20,000 resources items being distributed throughout South Australia. This was done through targeted mail-outs to individuals and agencies and resource requests generated by the campaign. Targeted mail-outs went to HCCSA members, sector workers, Divisions of General Practice, IMVS collection centres, Drug and Alcohol Services SA rural workers, CNP managers, Aboriginal Health Services, Clinical Nurse Consultants from Prison Medical Services in every SA prison and individual GPs.

Roche pharmaceutical GP representatives assisted in the Awareness Week campaign by distributing posters and postcards to approximately 100 GP surgeries in SA. To capitalise on the opportunity to provide treatment-related information via the campaign, HCCSA developed resource packs which included Awareness Week posters and postcards as well as a variety of other printed material that HCCSA routinely distributes.

## **Events**

Over 15 Awareness Week events were held throughout South Australia. This included the official launch of Awareness Week in South Australia, attended by the SA Minister for Health, the Honourable Lea Stevens MP. The Hepatitis C Council of SA co-ordinated a case study event called a "Hypothetical evening" which involved HCCSA members, gastroenterology and infectious disease specialists, nursing experts and other sector workers. Other Awareness Week events included information and display stalls hosted by other agencies. These events were held in both metropolitan and rural locations. Sincere thanks to all who volunteered to help on these stalls. It was great to have such enthusiastic participation from sector workers, HCCSA board members, volunteers and staff.

## **Media coverage**

Media coverage of Awareness Week in South Australia was mainly by rural media outlets. Most coverage was in the print media with five out of six of those in the rural press. There was one interview each on radio and television.

South Australia was the only state/territory in which the State Health Minister officially launched Awareness Week but metropolitan news outlets gave little coverage. However, the interest shown by rural press encouraging and generated increased calls to the Info and Support Line from rural callers.

## **Volunteers**

The Information and Resource Volunteer program has also seen some turnover in the 04-05 financial year. Resource Volunteers now numbering six their monthly lunch and meetings. These are chaired and minuted by the volunteers. Workflow for resource volunteers has improved with the installation of pigeonholes in the resource room. This has streamlined the



order picking and packing process allowing volunteers and staff to easily locate resources. It will also facilitate orientation and training of new resource volunteers. Sincere thanks to all the Resource Team volunteers for their amazing work processing Awareness Week orders and other resource orders throughout the year.

## **Newsletter**

The Hepatitis C Community News has had three editors in the last year. As a result of the staff turnover, only three issues were published instead of the usual four. The quality of the magazine has improved to a very high standard. We undertook a distribution drive resulting in numbers increasing from 550 to 750.

The distribution drive targeted agencies that HCCSA connected with during Awareness Week 2005, in order to consolidate these newly created links. An additional 98 workers from a variety of agencies will now receive the the Hep C Community News. These workers represent Drug and Alcohol Services SA, IMVS, Clean Needle Program sites, Divisions of General Practice as well as participants in the SA Hepatitis C Planning Day.

## **Website**

The HCCSA website has been maintained this year by the Information and Resource Coordinator and the Senior Administration Officer with essential changes being made as required. These staff have discussed with the HCCSA manager about how best to facilitate a more attractive, informative and 'live' website. HCCSA is looking forward to completely overhauling the website in 2005-06 with the assistance of the newly created Publications Officer staff member. Funding for this website overhaul project was received in 2004-05.

## **Library**

In the 04-05 financial year, HCCSA received a SA Department of Health grant for an acquisition project for the library. At present, the HCCSA librarian is investigating other state and territory Hepatitis Council libraries to ascertain which resources they hold. Staff and volunteers have also been consulted to provide suggestions for resources to be added to the current collection. Many of suggestions were for publications relating lifestyle topics such as quitting smoking, organic gardening and living with cognitive deficiencies. The library is now housed in a conducive well-lit space in the new HCCSA premises and with the planned upgrade of computing facilities and new acquisitions, it should prove a great asset to the council in bringing in people who may not normally visit us. We plan to have a promotion to accompany this upgrade.

## **Youth website consultations**

In October 2004, the Information and Resource Co-ordinator, on the invitation of the AHC participated in a Project Reference Group meeting for the design of a youth specific website. Youth from the states and territories were consulted. The site, which will provide information in a youth-friendly format is now with the Commonwealth department awaiting approval.

**Elissa Mortimer**

Information and Resources Coordinator





# Treasurer's Report

Total income from grants in the income and expenditure statement is \$488,479. This is the net result of the twelve months recurrent funding for the financial year of \$376,505, funding for the rural program for twelve months of \$104,918 and Awareness Day income of \$7,056. Rural grant income increased significantly from last year to fund extension of the program and monies were received from the Commonwealth for the "Rural Community Mobilisation", which is now known as the "Getting it Together Project". Project income of \$12,745 is for the Mosaic Art Program and Nunga BBQ's and includes carryover from the previous year.

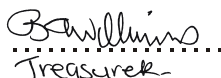
Other sources of income for the year were: Interest - \$3,391, donations - \$260, memberships - \$1081 and sundry income of \$2,000 which is mainly reimbursements from the government for staff training and positive speaker fees. Provisions of \$36,296 were also recognised as income in the current year and were used for buying new furniture and equipment and funding relocation of the premises to Hackney road. The total income for the year was \$545,050.

Total expenditure for the year was \$508,743, which is an increase on the previous year of \$75,514. The major expenses was the salaries, wages and oncosts for staff, totalling \$307,823 and rent and outgoing on the premises of \$35,887.

Total administration costs were above the previous year, reflecting the additional funds granted and the costs of relocating premises. The additional expenditure went mostly towards Salaries and Wages \$19k, Equipment purchases \$7k, Travel and conferences \$13k, Programs and Projects such as Rural, Indigenous and Mosaic \$22k and Bookkeeping \$12k. The increase in salaries were for the Manager, Senior Administration Officer, Coordinator of Information and Resources and to reflect increases in staff wages according to the annual rise in SACS(SA) awards. The higher travel and conference expenses were for the Manager, two Board members and one Staff to attend the Melbourne Hep B and C Symposium, two Staff who were sent to the Mount Gambier Rural Health Promotion Conference and two Staff who went to the ASHM conference in Canberra. The bookkeeping expense was due to outsourcing during 2004/05.

For the financial year 2004-2005 the Council had a net surplus of \$36,307.

The accounts for the financial year were audited by Peter Hall and Co Chartered Accountants.



Barbara Williams  
Treasurer

**Barbara Williams**  
Treasurer

**TO THE MEMBERS**  
**Hepatitis C Council of South Australia Inc**

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT**

**SCOPE**

We have audited the accompanying Special Purpose Financial Reports of the **Hepatitis C Council of South Australia Inc** for the 12 months ended 30th June 2005 comprising the Balance Sheet, and the Statement of Income and Expenditure. Management are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the special Purpose Financial Reports and the information contained therein. We have conducted an independent audit of the Special Purpose Financial Reports in order to express our opinion on them to the Committee of the Association.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free of material mis-statement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the accounts, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. The procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion, whether in all material aspects, the accounts are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting concepts and Standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view of the Association which is consistent with our understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

In common with organisations of this type, it is not practical to establish adequate records or controls over cash receipts prior to their receipt and entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit of cash receipts was limited to the amount recorded in the accounting records of the Association.

In our opinion, as so far as it appears from our testing and examination, monies recorded as receipts have been properly brought to account by the Association.


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

## AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion, subject to the above limitation in scope, the **Hepatitis C Council of South Australia Inc** are properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to give a true and fair view of the Association's state of affairs as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005 and the Association's result for the year ended on that date, and
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of the Associations Incorporations Act 1985 and
- (c) in accordance with applicable Statements of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standards.

**PETER HALL & CO**  
**Registered Company Auditor**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Hall', enclosed within a circular scribble.

**P HALL**

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25/10/05

**Hepatitis C Council of South Australia Inc.**

**STATEMENT BY COUNCIL**

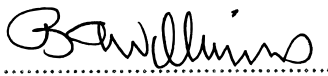
**Year Ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005**

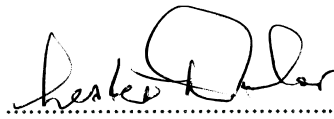
As detailed in Note 1 to the accounts, the Association is not a reporting entity because in the Council's opinion there is unlikely to exist users who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs and these Accounts are therefore "Special Purpose financial Reports" that have been prepared solely to fulfil the requirements of the constitution of the Association.

The Association has applied the provisions of Miscellaneous Professional Statement APS1 "Conformity with Statements of Accounting Concepts and Accounting Standards" relevant to special purpose Financial Reports. On this basis no Accounting Standards are applicable. Accounting Standards have only been applied to the extent that they coincide with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the Accounts.

In the opinion of the Council:

- (a) The accompanying financial statements present fairly the results of the operations of the Association for the financial year and the state of affairs of the Association as at the end of the financial year, and
- (b) the Council has reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

  
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Treasurer

  
.....  
Chair


**Dated:**


**Hepatitis C Council of South Australia Inc.**

**REPORT BY COUNCIL**

During the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005

- (a) No officer of the Association, firm of which any officer is a member, or corporate in which any officer has substantial financial interest, has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or corporate and the Association, and:
- (b) No officer of the Association received directly or indirectly from the Association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value.

  
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Treasurer

  
.....  
Chair

**Dated:**

**HEPATITIS C COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2005**

	2004	2005
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Grants Recurrent	422,450	480,223
Other Grants	-	8,256
Donations	533	260
Interest Received	3,102	3,391
Membership	916	1,081
Positive Speaker Fee	-	280
Project Income	6,271	12,745
Reimbursements	559	518
Sundry Income	-	2,000
Provision Asset Replacement, Rent & Relocation	-	36,296
	<u>433,831</u>	<u>545,050</u>
<b>LESS EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Administration</b>		
Advertising	5,006	5,681
Audit Fees	1,290	2,250
Bank Charges	841	1,013
Book Keeping	450	12,872
Conferences, Meetings & Training	3,740	10,273
Computer Consumables	1,272	1,655
Consultants	4,360	2,822
Couriers	700	856
Depreciation	10,493	11,646
Equipment Purchased < \$500	1,311	8,225
Information Technology Support	3,610	3,389
Insurance	2,700	3,469
Legal Fees	1,038	1,465
Memberships & Fees	1,117	1,451
Motor Vehicle Running Costs including Basecost	10,028	10,329
Office Maintenance & Repairs	1,319	435
Postage	5,004	6,876
Premises Rent and On Costs	41,808	35,887
Printing	6,121	7,529
Security	822	1,632
Staff Amenities	1,551	1,540
Staff Training	4,524	1,549
Stationery	7,088	7,324
Sundries	1,637	2,916
Telephone	12,270	15,061
Travel & Accommodation	3,168	9,352
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<u>133,268</u>	<u>167,497</u>

**HEPATITIS C COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2005**

	2004	2005
	\$	\$
<b>EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES</b>		
Wages	248,157	238,272
Other Wage Costs	7,760	1,561
Superannuation	24,048	19,975
WorkCover	4,692	4,522
Provisions for Staff Entitlements	3,830	938
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES</b>	<u>288,487</u>	<u>265,268</u>
<b>PROGRAMS</b>		
Program Expenses	4,762	7,006
	<u>4,762</u>	<u>7,006</u>
<b>Rural Program</b>		
Salary & Wages	-	42,555
Other Expenses	-	11,875
	<u>-</u>	<u>54,430</u>
<b>Indigenous Project</b>		
Program Expenses	1,752	7,079
	<u>1,752</u>	<u>7,079</u>
<b>Mosaic Project</b>		
Artist Fees	2,413	6,061
Materials	2,056	690
Program Expenses	50	46
	<u>4,519</u>	<u>6,797</u>
<b>Resource Collection</b>		
Library	441	666
	<u>441</u>	<u>666</u>
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMS</b>	<u>11,474</u>	<u>75,978</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	433,229	508,743
<b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u>602</u>	<u>36,307</u>

**HEPATITIS C COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2005**

	2004		2005
	\$		\$
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>			
Opening Balance	31,999		32,624
Prior Year Adjustment	23		-
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	602		36,307
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>32,624</u>		<u>68,931</u>
Represented by:-			
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at Bank - Current Account	180,455		364,715
Investment - ANZ V2 Account	5,001		9,878
Petty Cash	240		250
Receivables	139		103,839
Prepayment	-		5,025
Accrued Income	-		2,275
	<u>185,835</u>		<u>485,982</u>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Plant & Equipment - at cost	45,045		53,997
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<u>27,485</u>	<u>17,560</u>	<u>36,469</u>
Motor Vehicle	14,193		14,193
<b>Less Accumulated Depreciation</b>	<u>2,662</u>	<u>11,531</u>	<u>5,324</u>
			<u>8,869</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		214,926	512,379
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Creditors	5,955		49,174
Employee Entitlements	11,276		13,218
Grants in Advance	101,997		353,334
Net GST Payable	<u>6,784</u>		<u>8,731</u>
		126,012	424,457
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Provision for Long Service Leave	7,290		6,287
Provision for Redundancy (Employees)	8,000		8,000
Provision for Asset Replacement	11,000		2,700
Provision for Relocation	18,000		-
Provision for Rental Increase	12,000		2,004
		<u>56,290</u>	<u>18,991</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		182,302	443,448
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>32,624</u>	<u>68,931</u>



**Hepatitis C Council of South Australia Inc.**

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The Association is not a reporting entity because in the Council's opinion, there is unlikely to exist users who are unable to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs and these Financial Statements are therefore "Special Purpose Financial Reports" that have been prepared solely to fulfil the requirements of the constitution of the Association.

The Association has applied the provisions of Miscellaneous Professional Statement APS 1 "Conformity with Statements of Accounting Concepts and Accounting Standards" relevant to Special Purpose Financial Reports. On this basis no Accounting Standards are applicable. Accounting Standards have only been applied to the extent that they coincide with the accounting policies set out below.

**(a) Basis of Accounting**

The accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical costs and except where stated do not take into account current valuations of non-current assets.

**(b) Non-Current Assets**

All assets held by the Association with an original cost exceeding \$500 have been capitalised.

**(c) Depreciation of Plant, Equipment and Buildings**

Depreciation is calculated on a diminishing value basis so as to write off the cost of each depreciable non-current asset over its expected useful life.

**(d) Income Tax**

The Association is a non-profit organisation and is exempt from income tax pursuant to Section 23(ea) of the Income Tax Assessment Act.



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