

Annual Report 2007-2008

Chairman's Report: Strategic Directions Developed for 2008 - 2011

I am pleased to share with our members and stakeholders some of the work of the Board of the Hepatitis C Council of SA (HCCSA) for the 2007-2008 financial year.

HCCSA signed the newly instituted Master Agreement with the SA Department of Health, and to coincide with the end of the three year state funding cycle in June 2008, a key task undertaken by the Board this year was the development of HCCSA Strategic Directions 08-11.

Following consultation with the members of HCCSA, the document was completed in June 2008 and circulated to our membership. As well as spelling out the directions for HCCSA's work with hepatitis C issues, these Strategic Directions also highlight the increasing concerns all at HCCSA have about the impact of chronic hepatitis B and the lack of response from government to this emerging epidemic.

The state funding agreement HCCSA has with the SA Department of Health has been extended for another 12 month period to June 09, as a new funding framework will be developed for all non-government funded services providing HIV and Hepatitis C services in South Australia. The new funding framework will be implemented in the next three year agreement, beginning July 2009. The Manager and Senior Project Officer from HIV, Hepatitis Policy and Programs attended a HCCSA Board meeting to consult with Board members about these changes.

The HCCSA Board monitored HCCSA's annual budget on a monthly basis and the HCCSA Business Plan on a quarterly basis, via reports from HCCSA Program Coordinators.

A Board governance training session was held for Board members following last year's Annual General Meeting and since November, the new HCCSA Treasurer, Darrien Bromley has provided ongoing financial training to Board members by providing financial background information in his full explanations of the HCCSA monthly financial reports. All members were very pleased to welcome Darrien's much needed financial expertise onto the Board, after this position had been vacant for a number of months in the preceding year.

During this year the HCCSA Board also completed a review and update of HCCSA's organisational and Board policies.

HCCSA Board member, Kristy Schirmer undertook the role of SA representative on the Board of Hepatitis Australia for most of this year.

Due to family commitments, Enaam Oudih resigned from the HCCSA Board in August

2007 and at the Annual General Meeting in November 2008, new members joining the Board were Darrien Bromley as Treasurer, Peter Underwood as Secretary and Janice Leafe and Bill Gaston as ordinary members. Due to study commitments Pamela Hansen also resigned her position in June 2008. I would like to thank Enaam and Pamela for their contributions to the HCCSA Board during their time as members.

I would also like to thank the other Board members for their contribution and congratulate all the staff and volunteers of HCCSA for their achievements during the year.

Arieta Papadelos
Chairman
Hepatitis C Council of South Australia

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A bunch of thoughtfulness and kindness - Yvonne Doley 2008

HCCSA staff and volunteers had another busy year in delivering hepatitis C services to a diversity of people and organisations in 2007-2008. The Telephone Information and Support Program had 889 calls or face-to-face sessions, and facilitated the Calming the C support group for people affected by hepatitis C, which ran fortnightly throughout the year.

The Information and Resources Program developed a number of new resources, including the very popular Little Book of Hep C Facts, produced the quarterly magazine Hep C Community News, increased the functions and information available on the HCCSA website, maintained the HCCSA Library, and organised events for South Australia's participation in two National Hepatitis Awareness Weeks.

The Education Program implemented a diversity of educational strategies including a number of longer term projects using a 'health promotion through the arts' framework targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, multicultural communities and young people. Involvement of people with hepatitis C in education service delivery continued with peer education services and the C Talk program of hep C positive speakers. The Education Program also provided a range of flexible educational formats for various health and community workforces throughout South Australia.

There is always much work behind the scenes in delivering HCCSA's services and the Admin Team works very hard in keeping all our systems running smoothly throughout the year.

In 2007-08 HCCSA continued a focus on providing services to people from the hepatitis C priority population groups – people who inject drugs, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities, prisoners and people living in rural South Australia. This focus also includes providing hepatitis C services to the workforces who work closely with these communities, such as the drug and alcohol workforce, Aboriginal health organisations, multicultural health agencies, and prison health staff both in metropolitan and rural South Australia.

Partnerships have been a critical factor in the success HCCSA has had in providing hepatitis C services and I would like to acknowledge and thank all of our hard-

working partner organisations for their support during the year. It has been a pleasure working with you all.

Some of the highly successful partnership projects in 07-08 included the two week South Australian tour of the very entertaining play Chopped Liver by the Ilbjerri Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Theatre Co-operative, the development of a claymation DVD 'Don't Be Buntha' which provides culturally appropriate information about hepatitis C for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, the launch and distribution of the information brochure 'Tips for Living Well with Hep C in Rural South Australia'; and the very enjoyable 'Rhythm Exchange' performance at the community launch of the first World Hepatitis Day, attended by a range of multicultural communities.

National Hepatitis Awareness Weeks involve all HCCSA staff and volunteers as well as the many organisations who hold displays or events in their local areas. During this 12-month period there were two such weeks as the timing of the week changed from October to May to align with international agencies coming together to stage the first World Hepatitis Day on 19 May in Australia. Another first for World Hepatitis Day was the staging of an Art Exhibition at HCCSA where many artists from a variety of backgrounds contributed their perspectives on hepatitis to help raise awareness.

I would like to thank all the participants in these projects and events that HCCSA has facilitated in 2007-08 for sharing their stories and talents, usually over many months, to produce these excellent resources and events.

Apart from delivering services, HCCSA staff also contributed to a range of state and national committees and consultations. During the year, HCCSA has had representation on:

- the South Australian Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C and Related Diseases and its replacement the South Australian Health Steering Committee on HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C and
- the Board and various project reference groups of Hepatitis Australia.

Council staff participation in consultations included:

- the SA Healthcare Bill Draft (2007),
- the National Mental Health and AOD Training Course Review by the National

Centre in Education and Training on Addictions and

- the development of the South Australian Hepatitis C Action Plan.

In order to provide quality services, HCCSA encourages a learning environment for all staff and volunteers and during the year some of the professional development for staff and volunteers has included:

- a cross cultural workshop presented by PEACE, privacy legislation training with the HIV Hepatitis C Worker Training Project at Relationships Australia,
- a national hepatitis C epidemiology presentation by the National Centre for HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research,
- a presentation by the Granny's Group from the Parks, a series of hepatitis B sessions presented by Jo Morgan from the Royal Adelaide Hospital and
- a manual handling workshop as part of occupational health and safety training.

Some staff members attended the St Vincent's Hepatitis B&C Symposium in Melbourne, two attended a Volunteer SA workshop on national standards for working with volunteers, and the education team participated in a Learnscope project to extend their knowledge of e-learning technologies.

Telephone volunteers attended monthly de-brief and professional development sessions, and HCCSA staff also supervised a number of health student placements during the year.

During this year, HCCSA farewelled two members of the education team, Nicci Parkin and Leslie Wightman. Leslie had been at HCCSA for near on 10 years, and Nicci was at HCCSA for two years. Both these women made a fantastic contribution to HCCSA, set a very high standard for education services and left a wonderful legacy for those who follow in their footsteps. I'm sure Maggie McCabe and Jo Payne, HCCSA's new educators who joined the team this year, will rise to the challenge!

Finally I would like to thank **all** the staff and volunteers at HCCSA for their continued commitment, enthusiasm, creativity and professionalism in providing high quality hepatitis C services in South Australia.

Kerry Paterson
Manager

All Hands On Deck!

We now have a full education team and there's been lots of planning and work, but a bit of fun too. With Leslie Wightman and Nicci Parkin leaving the Council, the education team needed replenishing. Maggie McCabe came on board in March and Jo Payne in June. They joined John McKiernan who has been steering and coordinating the Education juggernaut for past 15 months. We have many projects planned for the next 12 months along with our regular education sessions to both the community and workforce.

Workforce Development

Up-skilling and building the capacity of the South Australian health sector workforce with hepatitis C knowledge is a huge task.

Generally we provide information about the Council's services and how they can be used, the natural history of hepatitis C, current statistics, virus transmission, risks associated with transmission, our priority populations who are most at risk, harm minimisation, principles of infection control, symptoms, testing procedures, genotypes, treatment, disclosure, discrimination and stigma.

A total of 47 education sessions were provided to 637 workers, 517 from metropolitan areas and 120 from rural.

We have continued our working relationship with Flinders University, a number of TAFE's, DASSA and SHine SA, Relationships Australia, Pika Wiya, Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service, PEACE, VNCASSA and a number of other prominent service providers.

HepLinkSA also provided us with some opportunities to provide research information to a number of people and through teleconference facilities to also reach rural areas.

Working with Community

Community members who participate in our education sessions include people from our priority populations including people who inject drugs and/or are in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction, people in correctional services facilities, people living with or are at risk of contracting hepatitis C, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people from non-English speaking cultural backgrounds.

In the metropolitan areas there were 126

Rural Education

Delivering education to the community and the workforce in rural and regional locations is an important component of our work. In the next 12 months, Rural Education will be delivered differently to how it had been previously done. Rather than having one specified rural Educator, the entire Education Team will facilitate this program.

The northern and mid-north of the state will be covered by John McKiernan, the Riverland by Maggie McCabe and the South East (including Kangaroo Island) by Jo Payne. These areas will be visited regularly during the next financial year and the program evaluated for effectiveness along the way.



C Talk

C talk presenters play an integral role in our education sessions providing personal accounts of their hepatitis C experiences. In 2007-08, C talk speakers attended 19 education sessions - four communities and 15 workforces. Following are examples of feedback the community:

"Has helped my understanding"

"I can help someone I care about",

"Yes, authenticity",

"Knowledge is power"

Comments from the workforce include:

"I learn easier when personal experiences are used." 3rd year Bachelor of Nursing Student

"It was great to get personal experience. The human side of effects of the virus is invaluable." 3rd year Naturopathy Student

"I have a better understanding of how hep C affects and impacts on a person. I am now more aware that Prisoners having Interferon need more support; emotionally and physically". Correctional Services Worker

HCCSA will be providing more C Talk training in late 2008. If you are interested in participating contact Maggie on 8362 8443 or email Maggie@hepcouncilsa.asn.au.

Team Reports - Education Projects

Rhythm Exchange

This year we worked with the Sudanese, Vietnamese and Afghani communities using music as a vehicle for building relationships and providing information about hepatitis C. A paid musical director and some drumming tutors helped participants to develop their skills. The project lasted over a year with practice sessions running for about three months. It culminated in a wonderful performance on the Saturday before Hepatitis Awareness Week 2008. There were many shared benefits from the exchange and we are currently seeking more funding for the Sudanese community to continue with their music tutelage with the exciting prospect of forming a band. Thanks to everyone involved.

YAC-RAP

HCCSA and the YAC-RAP Youth Team, together with Adelaide Hills Community Health Service developed an exciting health promotion initiative using a peer-approach to resource development.

Working with an independent film-maker and the HCCSA education team, YAC-RAP members created an educational film for use in schools and youth agencies. The film promotes harm reduction and provides links to appropriate agencies regarding hepatitis C awareness and issues of concern to young people. It is a non-threatening, engaging, and locally relevant way to present key messages that young people need to know.

Accompanying the film is:

- an easy-to-use resource for facilitators and teachers that prompts useful discussion points, and
- a handout for distribution reinforcing key messages and providing appropriate contact information.

For more information contact John McKiernan john@hepcouncilsa.asn.au

My Lucky Number

This art exhibition provided artists with an opportunity to engage new audiences and address themes relating to the hepatitis C virus and the promotion of health and well-being. People affected by hepatitis C or who are at risk of infection, are too often isolated for fear of discrimination which further alienates them from accessing treatment and support. Art and cultural activities invite social and humanitarian approaches to community education.



The My Lucky Number exhibition was a great success which provided new insight, perception and understanding into the hepatitis C experience. HCCSA is indebted to the many artists who worked very hard and gave generously to make this show a success. It was a wonderful SA start to the 2008 Hepatitis Awareness Week.

Artwork from this exhibition may still be viewed online at our website (www.hepcouncilsa.asn.au). We will be exhibiting more art in 2009 during the Adelaide Fringe (Feb 27 to March 22) and the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival in August, as well as National Hepatitis Awareness Week in May, 2009.

To get involved contact us on 8362 8443 or email maggie@hepcouncilsa.asn.au.

Chopped Liver

We had a massive success in 2007 working with Ilbjerri Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cooperative production of Chopped Liver. Chopped Liver is a Blak Comedy about hepatitis C and helps to humanise the lived experience of hepatitis C and the issues that people will experience. Crowds at this year's performances were very impressed with show and the way it connected with their communities. Here's what some of them had to say:

"I reckon the play was great and I'd like to see it again."

"It was an excellent show – wish that I had brought my brother – he has hep C."

"Excellent show – wish more high school students could see this."

"That was fantastic! You should do a second tour – so we can tell everyone about it and they can see it."

"This has been a great experience for us youth at Port Augusta and we enjoyed it so much – please come again – too deadly."

"Was really good to see our people talk about hep C and know its affects on our families. More people should take notice."

"That was 2 deadly. Keep up the great work. This is just what our people need to get greater understanding of these kinds of diseases. Thanks 4 coming here."

"Great to see a play set in a Nunga way of doing business."

"Awesome play, need more community to see this."

"After a while it seemed so real like – I was there with it. I really enjoyed it and would definitely watch it again. Thanks for making us aware."

Don't Be Buntha

HCCSA worked with Salisbury Centacare's Wodlittinattoi service and the Kalteeya Aboriginal Health Team at the Gawler Health Service to develop some great relationships which resulted in a wonderful education resource.

Don't be Buntha – Hep C Don't Let It Be provides basic information about hepatitis C. It was designed, developed, acted by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people connected to the Gawler Health Service and is available to order online from our website.

To the Future & Beyond...

We plan on working in partnership with the Noarlunga Health Service to provide Blood Borne Virus awareness and training for the Tattooing and Piercing industry.

There will be another art exhibition for Awareness Week in May 2009 and plan to work with communities to help them develop art skills. The project will link people to services, provide opportunities for increasing self-esteem and have a focus on well being.

We plan to recruit and train more C talk speakers in early 2009.

We will be working again with Ilbjerri Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cooperative for a tour in September 2008 and hope to reach many more people.

We will also continue discussions with key agencies about a systemic approach to building the capacity of workforce.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped to make our education team work in the past 12 months as successful as it has been.

HCCSA Education Team:
John, Jo, Maggie.

Team Reports - Info & Resources

A little red book and a bag of jelly babies. For us those would be the iconic images of 2007-08. Of course, there's also the magazine with a comic on its cover and the online gallery where you can vote for your favourite artwork.



Red Star

The star of HCCSA's publications in 2007-08 turned out to be a humble little red book. The Little Book Hep C Facts was a runaway success with 4000 copies distributed in less than five months.

A Little Book of Hep B Facts was produced towards the end of the financial year.

Overall there was a 62% increase in distribution with resources distributed to liver clinics increasing by 79%. Drug and Alcohol services received 223% more resources, going from 9632 items to 31140 items. This was due in no small part to the new set of resources on hepatitis C treatment for people who inject drugs. 8000 copies of the little brochure forming part of the set was sent out in the initial distribution to drug and alcohol services.

Our in-house brochures continue to improve in appearance as we carry on widening the scope of content. New brochures/factsheets produced in this period include:

- Liver Transplant
- Blood and Organ Donation
- Hep C Referral Guide for GPs

And, of course another four outstanding issues of the Community News was produced and enjoyed by all.

The launch of our online hepatitis C self-assessment tool offered another option for people to access information and have questions answered.

All the feedback we received from clients in this financial year said they found the information useful and easy to understand. All said that after reading the information, they had a better understanding of hepatitis C and its possible impact. In addition, we

also received unsolicited feedback via emails. Some quotes below:

"Our clients are always appreciative of good, clear info like yours... Doctors and other so-called health professionals frequently mystify and frighten and demonize. Thanks for really prompt service."

"straight up, no fuss, to the point."

"Excellent resource pack – favourable review from clinicians attending our course."

"Thank you so much for sending us the resources. My desire was to provide information to people who come in. In my opinion information is power and freedom."

"...the little book of hep c facts has gotten[sic] some great feedback from clients here, they really like the fact that it is little and not full of a lot of long winded information..."

"...great little booklet, very straightforward and easy to understand."

More Online

If you're wondering about your risk of hepatitis C, you could use the Council's online self-assessment tool to evaluate your risk level and decide what to do.

Launched in Awareness Week 2007, the tool steps the visitor through the different risk factors, providing information and links to liver clinic contacts. This is one of the many new functions introduced in 2007-08 as part of our growing suite of web services.

During the 2008 Awareness Week, artwork from the *My Lucky Number* exhibition was put online generating over 1040 views. Most of the voting for People's Choice Award for the exhibition was also done online.

The number of orders received via email or online forms have also increased significantly. Posted order forms have become a rarity. The most viewed pages of the website were factsheets and resources.

All this reinforces the significance of the internet as a channel for contact and for disseminating information.



New Stall Organiser

This year, a paid information stall organiser was appointed to oversee the setting up of information stalls and recruit volunteers for events. We had stalls at nine events.

A two-day training workshop was held for volunteers who expressed an interest in helping to staff information stalls. Six new info stall volunteers were recruited through the training.

Team Reports - Info & Resources

Awareness Week: Double Happiness

This year we had the good fortune of having two Awareness Weeks – one in October and another in May. This “double happiness” occurred as a result of a change of the International Hepatitis Day from October to May, bringing forward the 2008 Day into the 2007-08 financial year.

The highlight of the 2007 Awareness Week was the launch of a new hepatitis C focused play – *Meeting Reg* — and the

2008 highlight was the highly successful hepatitis related art show *My Lucky Number*.

The title of the art show was inspired by the 2008 Awareness Week theme “Am I Number 12?” which referred to the fact that one in 12 people worldwide have hepatitis B or C.

Both Awareness Weeks generated good response from partner organisations such as DASSA, VNCASA, RASA, ADAC, the liver clinics, Nunkuwarrin Yunti, DCS and Flinders University. Although we kept in touch with most of these organisations through the Hepatitis C Network, Hoi Sinh and day to day resource distribution, Awareness Week provided additional opportunities and focus for working together.



Information and Resources Team 2007-08

Cecilia (Coordinator), James (Publications Officer), Joy (Librarian), Judy (Data Entry Officer & Library Volunteer); Lyn (Info Stall Organiser & Resource Volunteer); **Resource Volunteers:** Bee, Ben, Danielle, Dianne, Justin, Kathleen, My Phuong, Phil; **Library Volunteer:** Anne; **Info Stall Volunteers:** Fred, Susan, Valdis; **Website & IT Volunteer:** Bryan.

Books & Free Internet

The library continues to chug along nicely with lots of fine tuning of the catalogue being done by our librarian. The system was completed with the setting up of the barcode scanner, instructions on self-help loans and returns for staff, a windows log-in user account for library loans use and a roster for staffing the library on most days.

The public access computer in the library was also set up and had been well-used by the community.

Five Years and Still Going...

Two of our volunteers turned five this year as our team grew into a diverse group providing cross-cultural opportunities for staff and volunteers.

Although we have a regular core of five or six, there had been a total of 13 people who came in to volunteer in the resource room, the library and on our website.

Our volunteers fill orders, go out on resource drops, update library memberships, bind and shelve library items and update the website. These do not include those who volunteer at information stalls during community events.

In this financial year, our volunteers put in over 1555 hours. Although this is equivalent to one full-time position the teamwork that was often required meant that the work done by our volunteers could not be achieved by one person working full-time.

In 2007-08 Information and Resources had an interesting team of volunteers of various ages and backgrounds including some from Vietnamese, Chinese, Malaysian and Aboriginal communities.

While some of the volunteers were relatively short-term, the diversity, while

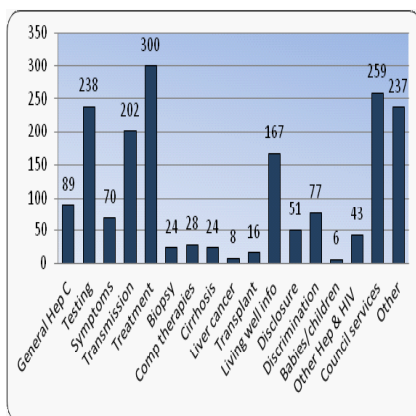
it lasted, introduced a delightful new dimension to the Council's working environment.

Veteran volunteers Lyn and Phil crossed the five year line proving their commitment and patience by putting up with us for all that time! Both Lyn and Phil provided invaluable support and guidance to newbies – paid and unpaid.

So once again, a big thank you to all our volunteers without whom the quantity and quality of our work will be greatly diminished.

Team Reports - Info & Support Line

The Information and Support service provides up to date information on hepatitis C and related issues Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. People predominantly make contact via the phone but also through letters, emails and drop-in. Face-to-face sessions are available for people who prefer to receive information in person. The Service also facilitates a support group each fortnight. Although still small, a number of people make contact through the prisonline, which enables people to make short calls free of charge from all SA prisons.



HIGH PROFILE

The profile of the Council within the medical community was increased due to collaboration with the Adelaide University's Department of Human Diversity, treatment centres and pharmaceutical companies Roche and Gilead, to deliver Hepatitis B and C education sessions to General Practitioners in metropolitan Adelaide. Rural sessions are planned for the coming financial year.

Conversation Topics

The topics of most interest to callers were treatment, general Council services, transmission, testing and information on how to live well with hepatitis C (see graph below).

However, people also made contact to talk about many varied issues including, emotional support; particularly around the time of treatment, advanced liver disease, alcohol use, accommodation and many others.

Individualised information packs were sent to 309 people.

There were 391 referrals provided to services outside the Council. Most commonly to the Adelaide Dental hospital, MOSAIC counselling and health care workers to further discuss issues raised on the phone.

The most common referrals to Council services were to Calming the C.

Calm C

Calming the C is a support group that is held each fortnight at the Council. It is an informal gathering with participants encouraged to self direct the discussion to topics of most interest at the time. While sharing a light lunch people have the opportunity to share experiences and develop networks of support.

Many people attending are either contemplating, on, or have had treatment in the past.

During the period 25 meetings were held, with 178 attendances, of which 17 people attended for the first time.

The Council sincerely thanks our Information and Support volunteers Fred, Lyn, Will, Debra, Judy, Anne and Michele for their continued commitment to delivering high quality services to people affected by hepatitis C in South Australia. The team this year provided over 1680 hours of volunteer service. This equates to over \$40,000. This year also marked Fred Robertson's 10th year of service to the Information and Support line. Over that time, Fred has provided valuable information and support to callers who consistently comment on Fred's ability to deliver accurate information, sound guidance and an empathetic ear in a time of distress.

Deborah Warneke-Arnold
Info & Support Line Coordinator

How Many? Where From?

Over the past 12 months, the Information and Support line has received 889 contacts for services. The majority of callers (86%) are from our primary target populations ie. people living with, affected by or at risk of hepatitis and those calling on their behalf. The remainder of calls were from health and community workers, general public, workplaces, students and others.

The majority of calls, 81%, were from metropolitan Adelaide, with 16 % from rural SA. The remainder came from interstate and overseas. Contacts range from less than 10 min, to occasionally over an hour, depending on the needs of the caller.

Happy Clients

Client satisfaction was very high. Direct quotes from clients over the phone were recorded and client feedback forms including a reply paid envelope were sent to every person who requested written information in the post. Comments included:

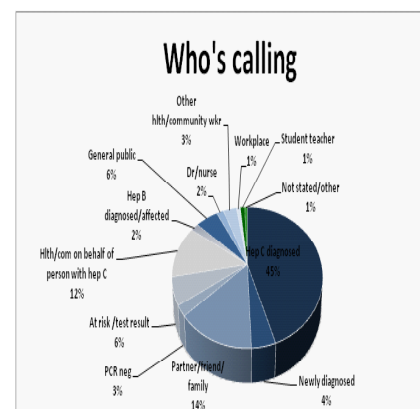
"You're just fantastic; you have said all the right things. I phoned to test your info before I gave my friend your number"

"Thanks so much, you've really gone out of your way to provide this info and I really appreciate it."

"I was greatly comforted that I was able to speak to someone who knew what I meant."

"I was scared I was going to be fobbed off but he was very patient and easy to talk to. I was impressed."

"Even though I had been on a 48 week course of medication the info I got was very low, until I found you guys"



Treasurer's Report



Total income from grants for the Hepatitis C Council of SA (HCCSA) in the 07-08 Income and Expenditure Statement is \$723,083.

This is the net result of 12 months recurrent funding for the financial year of \$454,655 from the SA Department of Health, and recurrent funding for 12 months for the two Commonwealth Hepatitis C Education and Prevention (CHEP) grants from the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing for the Education Program Coordinator of \$84,116 and the Rural and Remote Education and Prevention Program of \$89,157, and other one-off grants of \$95,155 from a range of Commonwealth and State government grants.

Other sources of income for the year were: Interest - \$20,187, Donations - \$175, Memberships - \$350, Positive Speaker Fee income - \$50; Reimbursements - \$1,266, which was payment for a staff member undertaking Jury Duty; Sundry Income - \$3,218 and Sponsorship - \$10,000, mainly relating to Awareness Weeks and the Chopped Liver Tour. Total Income for 07-08 was \$769,602, which is \$19,605 greater than the previous year.

Total expenditure for the year was \$765,640, which is an increase on the previous year of \$16,018.

The major expense was Salaries and On-costs for staff totalling \$468,169.

Other larger costs include Premises Rent and On-costs - \$73,013 Printing - \$25,020; Depreciation - \$20,039; and Motor Vehicle Running Costs - \$16,082.

In the 07-08 Income and Expenditure Statement, the Rural Program's Salaries and Wages and Other Expenses have not been separated from overall accounts as in the previous year.

Expenditure on Employment related costs were \$11k higher than previous year, when the Rural Program Wages are included in the previous year's total, as they are in this period.

Total Administration Costs were \$25,073 above the previous year. Rent and outgoings were up \$3k on the previous year; Printing up \$15k; Postage up \$3k, Advertising up \$4k; Travel and Accommodation up \$7k. The increase in Travel and Accommodation can also be largely attributed to the Rural Program being included in the overall accounts this year, whereas it was separated out into Rural Program Other Expenses in the previous year.

Advertising, Printing and Postage increases largely relate to the increased activities in service delivery during the 07-08 period, such as the staging of two national Awareness Weeks during the period, compared to one in the previous period. Administration expenses were partly offset by lower

expenditure on Depreciation -\$15k; and Telephone -\$3k.

Program expenses were \$25k higher in this financial year, mainly due to an increase in expenditure related to small project grants for education projects.

For the 2007-2008 financial year, HCCSA had a net surplus of \$3,962.

The Accounts for 2007-2008 were audited by Peter Hall and Co Chartered Accountants.

The Hepatitis C Council of SA would like to thank the HIV, Hepatitis C Policy and Programs, SA Department of Health for administering HCCSA's major recurrent funding during the 07-08 financial year, and the SA Department of Health and Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing for providing these grants.

We would also like to thank the following government departments and organisations for the grants and sponsorships we have received during the year to support our work: Aboriginal Health Division, SA Department of Health; Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training; Nunkuwarrin Yunti of SA; Community Benefits SA; Arts SA; Roche; Gilead and Schering-Plough.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Hepatitis C Council of South Australia Inc

We have audited the accompanying financial report of the **Hepatitis C Council of South Australia Inc**, which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2008, and the Income and Expenditure Statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

The **Hepatitis C Council of South Australia Inc** are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations). This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on my audit. We conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the **Hepatitis C Council of South Australia Inc**, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the **Hepatitis C Council of South Australia Inc** as of 30 June 2008, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations).


Peter Hall – Chartered Accountants

Dated .. 27th .. August .. 2008

Financial Report

HEPATITIS C COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008.

BOARD REPORT

The Board members submit the financial report of the **Hepatitis C Council of South Australia Inc** for the financial year ended 30 June 2008.

The name of the Board members at the date of this report are:

Arieta Papadelos
Catherine Freguson
Peter Underwood
Darrien Bromley
Carol Holly
Lisa Carter
Kristy Schirmer
Bill Gaston
Janice Leafe
Kerry Paterson

In accordance with Section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporations Act 1985, the Board of the **Hepatitis C Council of South Australia Inc** hereby states that during the financial year ended 30 June 2008.

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

Has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and the association.

- (b) No officer of the association has received directly or indirectly from the association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value.

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


BOARD MEMBER


BOARD MEMBER

Dated this 25th day of August 2008

**HEPATITIS C COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008.**

STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board have determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The Board have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial report.

In the opinion of the Board, the financial report:

1. Presents fairly position of the **Hepatitis C Council of South Australia Inc** for the year ended 30th June 2008 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the **Hepatitis C Council of South Australia Inc** will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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


BOARD MEMBER


BOARD MEMBER

Dated this 25th day of August 2008

Income & Expenditure

HEPATITIS C COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2008

2007 \$		2008 \$
INCOME		
537,857	Grants Recurrent	627,928
139,288	Other Grants	95,155
429	Donations	175
15,720	Interest Received	20,187
33,574	Awareness Day Income	11,273
86	Membership	350
282	Positive Speaker Fee	50
17,644	Reimbursements	1,266
5,117	Sundry Income	3,218
-	Sponsorship	10,000
<u>749,997</u>		<u>769,602</u>
LESS EXPENSES		
Administration		
4,080	Advertising	8,037
2,004	Audit Fees	1,256
1,128	Bank Charges	769
9,043	Book Keeping	8,530
1,827	Meetings Expenses	445
3,238	Computer Consumables	5,841
600	Consultants	1,162
34,768	Depreciation	20,039
209	Equipment Purchased < \$300	1,257
8,263	Information Technology Support	8,425
3,000	Insurance	3,273
1,133	Memberships & Fees	1,712
6,745	Motor Vehicle Running Costs	16,082
1,759	Office Maintenance & Repairs	660
6,012	Postage & Freight	9,109
69,781	Premises Rent and On Costs	73,013
9,629	Printing	25,020
-	Provision for Asset replacement	(7,700)
1,048	Security	827
1,928	Staff Amenities	2,707
1,610	Staff Training	2,146
4,289	Stationery	4,842
7,098	Sundries	4,811
15,297	Telephone	12,367
5,336	Travel & Accommodation	12,096
-	Volunteer Expense	8,172
<u>199,825</u>	TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	<u>224,898</u>

Income & Expenditure

HEPATITIS C COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2008

2007 \$		2008 \$
	Employment Expenses	
317,054	Wages	399,238
1,454	Other Wage Costs	2,420
28,363	Superannuation	35,982
6,717	WorkCover	8,732
55,937	Provisions for Staff Entitlements	21,797
<u>409,525</u>	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT EXPENSES	<u>468,169</u>
	Programs Expenses	
<u>47,086</u>	Program Expenses	<u>72,576</u>
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	Rural Program	
47,890	Salary & Wages	-
<u>44,265</u>	Other Expenses	-
<u>92,155</u>		-
	Resource Collection	
<u>1,031</u>	Library	-
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<u>140,272</u>	TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	<u>72,576</u>
<u>749,622</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>765,640</u>
<u>375</u>	NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	<u>3,962</u>

Balance Sheet

HEPATITIS C COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2008

2007 \$		2008 \$
	ACCUMULATED FUNDS	
76,763	Opening Balance	77,138
375	Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	3,962
<u>77,138</u>	TOTAL FUNDS	<u>81,100</u>
	Represented by:-	
	ASSETS	
	Current Assets	
(12,091)	Cash at Bank - Current Account	60,629
343,536	Investment - ANZ V2 Account	291,723
40	Gift Fund Account	515
250	Petty Cash	250
990	Receivables	1,608
4,942	Prepayment	4,549
<u>337,667</u>		<u>359,274</u>
	Non-Current Assets	
76,350	Plant & Equipment - at cost	83,893
(49,483)	Less Accumulated Depreciation	(69,522)
<u>26,867</u>		<u>14,371</u>
<u>364,534</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>373,645</u>
	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
8,126	Creditors	3,690
40,882	Employee Entitlements	59,297
150,487	Grants in Advance	144,114
8,751	Net GST Payable	13,966
<u>208,246</u>		<u>221,067</u>
	NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	
31,565	Provision for Long Service Leave	29,733
39,885	Provision for Redundancy (Employees)	41,745
7,700	Provision for Asset Replacement	-
<u>79,150</u>		<u>71,478</u>
<u>287,396</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>292,545</u>
<u>77,138</u>	NET ASSETS	<u>81,100</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.

