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## MISSION STATEMENT

NAPWHA is the national peak organisation representing people living with HIV in Australia. Through leadership in advocacy, policy, education and prevention, NAPWHA strives to minimise the adverse personal and social effects of HIV. By championing the participation of HIV-positive people at all levels of the national response we aim to build a positive future for all people living with HIV.

NAPWHA pays respect to the traditional custodians of this land and acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander elders, past and present, and those who have partnered us in the response to HIV in Australia.

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# Preparations, strategies and funding uncertainties

by ROBERT MITCHELL, PRESIDENT

## **This year was marked by some significant challenges for the organisation.**

Preparations for AIDS 2014 took up a lot of our energy as did the process towards developing the suite of national strategies, including the 7th National HIV Strategy. On top of this we were faced with the finalisation of Commonwealth contracts and future funding uncertainty.

The latest set of national strategies for blood-borne viruses was launched on 4 July. NAPWHA was invited to speak at their launch on behalf of PLHIV and the HIV sector. NAPWHA welcomed the 7th HIV Strategy and the promise that community dispensing of HIV medications would occur within two years; that barriers to licensing of HIV home tests would be removed; and that government was

committed to the virtual elimination of HIV transmissions by 2020.

This latter target was also to become our principle Legacy Statement out of AIDS 2014. Its success is based on three pillars: continuation of successful prevention programs; increasing HIV testing rates; and achieving the goal of getting 90% of PLHIV on treatment.

As the local community partner for AIDS 2014, NAPWHA committed considerable time and resources to what was a significant international event; redirecting resources from our Special General Meeting in order to ensure the attendance of our member representatives.

NAPWHA staff undertook the logistical support necessary for all our involvement. They also e-published a monthly AIDS 2014 newsletter and prepared an exhibition — *Central and vital over 30*

years — and an accompanying book, *Through our eyes: 30 years of community involvement in the HIV response in Australia*.

Our networks played important roles. Femfatales advocated for the female condom by presenting their *Give your vagina a choice* campaign and PATSIN was a key partner in the International Indigenous Pre-Conference satellite.

AIDS 2014 provided us with an opportunity to address Australia's inequitable HIV immigration policy. Together with ASHM, HALC and AFAO, we developed a position statement on HIV and immigration in Australia. NAPWHA also co-sponsored a pre-conference satellite on HIV criminalisation.

I must specially mention our member organisation, Living Positive Victoria, for its hard work and dedication leading up to and during the conference.

On top of this, NAPWHA

also managed to work on its existing programs and introduce some new initiatives this year.

We fulfilled commitments in our strategic plan to work more collaboratively across our membership. The Poz Action Group, made up of senior operational staff, worked together to produce collaborative policy papers and programs. One of these was the Positive Leadership Development Institute (PLDI) Australia. Formed in partnership with Living Positive Victoria, PLDI was successfully trialled this year and is now set to train positive leaders and build resilience in the community.

Other ongoing work included our CHPNG support program in Papua New Guinea and our Treataware program in Australia. Treataware offers short courses and interactive information sessions, resources and



personalised information by telephone or email; and also coordinates the Treataware Outreach Network. NAPWHA's *Positive Living* publication continued its exemplary coverage of treatment information with a new editor joining the staff this year. NAPWHA also redeveloped its website to better support the organisation and provide an easier access portal for information. Together with our Media Digests and increasing social media profile, we now have an exciting online presence.

In April this year, the removal of CD4 count restrictions on dispensing criteria meant that HIV treatment became available to all PLHIV. This change came about after a submission by NAPWHA, ASHM and AFAO to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee. Subsequent to this outcome, NAPWHA undertook a public

awareness campaign, *The wait is over*, with the support of corporate sponsorship.

In June, thanks also to corporate support, we hosted a parliamentary function to mark 30 years of HIV. There were speeches by several parliamentarians including the Health Minister and a preview of the AIDS 2014 conference exhibition.

It was with great sadness that the Board of NAPWHA accepted the resignation of Jo Watson

this year after 16 years of extraordinary dedication. During her time as the Executive Director, Jo has been a staunch champion of HIV-positive people and their role in the HIV response and we look forward to continuing our working relationship with Jo in future. The Board was pleased to support Aaron Cogle who has stepped up from Deputy Director to act in the role.

At the end of the financial year, NAPWHA was left with funding

uncertainty moving into the implementation of the next strategy by the Commonwealth. As a consequence, and also for personal reasons, a number of staff left the organisation. I would like to thank Brent Beadle, Jan Morley, and Adrian Ogier for their many years of dedicated service to the organisation.

I would also like to make a special mention of Sonny Williams who left the Vice President's role at the November AGM, and later left Positive Life NSW to return to his family in New Zealand. He will be greatly missed, both personally and professionally, and we wish him well in the future.

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# Sadness, pride and gratitude

by JO WATSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**We have seen some challenging developments across the national response this year, especially within the community-based sector. National peak organisations have experienced frustrating delays waiting for funding confirmation. Uncertainty surrounds how we can best deliver the desired outcomes of our newly minted 7th National HIV Strategy.**

With a lot focussed on preparations for AIDS 2014, extraordinary demands were placed on the NAPWHA leadership to guide the organisation's activities while still conserving our resources for the future.

Nevertheless, this year NAPWHA still managed an impressive array of activities. All have been delivered under the name of people living with HIV leading the national HIV response. All have contributed to what must

be done if nationally-endorsed targets for HIV prevention and treatment coverage are to be realised.

Some highlights include:

- The lifting by the PBS of the 500 CD4 restriction for commencement of HIV treatment, as a result of a major submission by NAPWHA, ASHM and AFAO.
- The development of a new information-rich NAPWHA website to profile our activities and integrate our other social media platforms.
- Partnering with our members to produce AIDS 2014 events, including a major *Planet Positive* following the opening ceremony, co-hosted with GNP+ and Living Positive Victoria.
- Developing the *Central and Vital over 30 years* exhibition for AIDS 2014 and the journal *Through our Eyes*, a history of recollections spanning the years of the PLHIV

movement across Australia.

- Hosting a parliamentary event in June with Senators Dean Smith and Louise Pratt, attended by a significant number of Members of both Houses. Minister Peter Dutton, Shadow Minister Catherine King, and Professor Sharon Lewin spoke at this event to mark 30 years of HIV, and the importance of PLHIV community partnership.
- NAPWHA President Robert Mitchell invited to speak at the launch of the 7th National HIV Strategy by Minister Dutton in early July.

This past year has also seen a number of operational changes as NAPWHA has worked to respond to funding limitations. I acknowledge the staff team for maintaining such a supportive environment

during these changes and extra demands.

We have bid farewell to Adrian Ogier, Jan Morley and Brent Beadle over June and July, and I acknowledge them all for their loyalty and service to NAPWHA over the years.

Adrian Ogier has been a critical part of the success of NAPWHA's media and campaign strategies, as well as a wonderful editor of the *Positive Living* publication. He is long-standing in the sector, and NAPWHA has benefited greatly from his skills and expertise.

Jan Morley came to NAPWHA as administration support and delivered much to coordinate administration functions and support office staff and our members. She has been a steady hand during often frenetic turbulence.

Finally, Brent Beadle has worked with me since our PLWHA (NSW) days in the 1990s. He was the man behind the success of



much of the Treataware work, including roadshows, Chin Wags, and our program of short courses. He is a quiet achiever and solid ambassador, and I have loved working alongside him all this time.

Finally, I have also decided to move on from NAPWHA after 16 years with the organisation. I write this final annual report as Executive Director with a mix of sadness, pride and gratitude.

I want to thank all of the many people over the past years who have supported, worked with or walked alongside me as NAPWHA has grown.

I thank the current Board for their support, particularly as we have managed complex decisions over the past 12 months. I ask them for their continued energy and focus.

I acknowledge Robert Mitchell for his leadership as President during the

past six years, and the strong governance relationship he and the ED have forged.

Also, the Special Representatives — Bill Whittaker and David Menadue — who have been special friends and valuable mentors throughout my entire term with NAPWHA.

I thank the remaining staff team for their diligence and support. NAPWHA has valuable

assets in all of these workers, and is especially strengthened by their commitment to keep the organisation functioning in an optimal way over this period.

I especially mention Aaron Cogle, my Deputy Director, who has agreed to step up as Acting Executive Director while funding negotiations are ongoing. His partnership has been important to me and I know he will be

working hard for the organisation over the future months.

The next year will be critical for the national response to HIV. It will also be critical for the sense of leadership and cohesiveness that can be delivered for the PLHIV response. HIV- positive groups and networks must be sustained beyond a mere presence to provide this leadership in the sector.

I wish my colleagues, friends and “comrades in the cause” strength and success for the future.

I thank all people living with HIV, past and present, for the great honour of allowing me to be part of NAPWHA’s work and family over these last two decades.

May the future input and contributions of PLHIV in Australia be asserted proudly — perhaps even to a new vision of positive leadership — to realise the end of HIV.

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# Changes and achievements

by AARON COGLE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

**This has been a year of change for NAPWHA. In response to the funding uncertainty faced by the national peaks, we have had to reflect on more efficient ways to deliver our work.**

It has taken us a great deal of organisational flexibility to adapt. But we have, and NAPWHA is now more streamlined — positioned well to respond to whatever the future holds.

We have bid a fond farewell to five of our dearest colleagues over this period. Brent Beadle, Alex Mindel, Jan Morley, Adrian Ogier and Jo Watson have each made outstanding contributions to NAPWHA and I personally wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

In particular, I thank Jo for her expert leadership over an impressive career. Few people have done more for PLHIV and she will be missed. I am

fortunate to have had her invaluable support over the last two years.

In February, we welcomed Christopher Kelly as the new editor of *Positive Living* magazine. Christopher is now also NAPWHA's online editor and is providing support to our networks: PATSIN and Femfatales. Jae Condon has stepped up to coordinate all Treataware activities. After an extended period of leave, Graham Stocks is now back assisting with the website and *Media Digest*. Gladys Jimenez has taken over from Jan as NAPWHA's senior administrative support officer, however, happily, Jan has also agreed to return to the organisation on a casual basis.

I would particularly like to thank all NAPWHA staff for their endurance during this period of uncertainty.

After a lengthy development period, our new website was finally launched in June this year.

This latest iteration of NAPWHA's online presence is more visually engaging and simpler to navigate. While it remains a comprehensive repository of current health and treatment information, people can now use [napwha.org.au](http://napwha.org.au) to engage with us more easily — be that directly, by receiving our regular email publications, or via Facebook or Twitter. We now have an online portal truly worthy of NAPWHA's role as the national peak organisation representing PLHIV in Australia.

NAPWHA's parliamentary event, also delivered in June, raised the profile of our work at a national level. It provided a sneak preview of the *Central and vital* exhibition that was the centrepiece of NAPWHA's involvement in AIDS 2014. It also gave our political leaders the chance to emphasise their commitment to the HIV response.

Extensive preparations for the International AIDS Conference finally came to fruition in July when we successfully coordinated the attendance and involvement of PLHIV from all around Australia.

As Community Partner to the event, NAPWHA's presence included contributions to the Candlelight Vigil, Global Planet Positive, a stand in the Exhibition Hall, the *Central and vital* exhibition in the Global Village, a Cure workshop, and representation on the Conference Coordinating Committee.

We also took part in a Criminalisation satellite event at which the Hon Michael Kirby gave the keynote speech. Poz Action representatives used this opportunity to launch a video highlighting how the criminalisation of HIV discourages testing and increases both stigma and transmission rates.

We assisted our

networks, PATSIN and Femfatales, to deliver some important pieces of work at AIDS 2014. Femfatales delivered their *Give your vagina a choice* campaign as a poster presentation. PATSIN helped organise the International Indigenous Pre-Conference in Sydney, where members also presented their personal stories and the work of the group.

Our monthly AIDS 2014 newsletter played a vital role in facilitating communication and engagement between the

positive community, the greater HIV sector and the conference organisers. More than 20 editions were published leading up to the event and were read by tens of thousands of viewers.

Thanks to the efforts of our administration team, the audit process has once again been executed smoothly. Anthony Ashby completed his report thanks to an excellent set of accounts from finance officer Kevin Barwick and support from Gladys Jiminez.

The launch of the national strategies in July was a culmination of significant investment by NAPWHA. The organisation is committed to reducing the negative effects of HIV on the community and achieving the end of HIV. We led the sector in promoting the inclusion of achievable targets in the 7th National HIV Strategy. And through our campaign work and advocacy we continue to lead on early treatment, treatment as prevention, pre-exposure prophylaxis, and the

adoption of new technologies that will advance the cause. As a priority, work on the draft implementation plans is now under way.

It is an honour to have been endorsed by the NAPWHA Board to be now acting in the position of Executive Director while we confirm our next funding arrangement with the Commonwealth.

I am enjoying working with the membership and Board to meet the challenges of the year ahead.

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# Membership, participation and partnerships

by **KATHERINE LEANE, CHAIR**

**The National Network of Women Living with HIV (Femfatales) has several milestones and achievements to highlight and celebrate this year.**

Membership has flourished and the network is proudly representative of the diversity of women living with HIV across Australia. We are 13 strong; each member

skilled at challenging stigma and passionate about the importance of maintaining the women's voice in the national response.

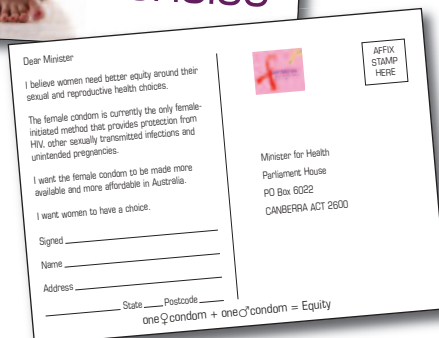
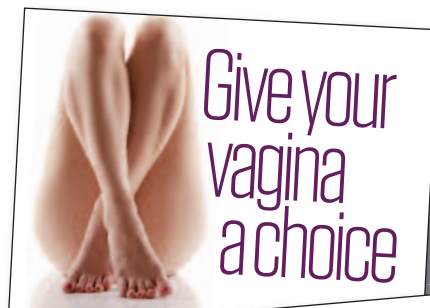
We continue to work closely with the NAPWHA secretariat and in July 2013 were excited to endorse an updated women's work plan (2013-2016). The plan is closely aligned to NAPWHA's strategic

priorities to improve health outcomes, promote leadership, increase the national role and implement key outcomes under the 7th HIV National Strategy. Significantly, this includes the role of women within the targets guiding Australia's HIV response.

As a network we strongly supported the exciting work of POZ

ACTION, which demonstrates a renewed celebration of community action and peer networking.

We were also a key partner in the NAPWHA website redevelopment with the tuned-in team from Republic of Everyone. Working closely with the secretariat, we helped develop and populate the women's landing page



FAR LEFT  
**The female condom**  
PHOTO: INTERNATIONAL AIDS SOCIETY/JAMES BRAUND

LEFT  
**The Femfatales postcard**

ready for its launch in July this year.

With AIDS 2014 fast approaching, we created a banner to build awareness at the conference. The network also spent many hours, emails and teleconferences to develop a new brochure. The finished product is testament to the amazing women who contributed. Some are no longer with us, but their passion and belief in the importance of building a national women's network lives on.

The women have participated on so many levels this year.

Some of us attended the 2013 Australasian HIV/AIDS Conference in Darwin and used the opportunity to promote the network widely.

Jane and I participated in the Positive Leadership Development Institute (PLDI) Australia pilot, and several women have since

attended the training course which is based on the Stanford University Model.

There was an increase in women able to attend NAPWHA's AGM as observers or state and territory representatives.

Six Femfatales attended Positive Women Victoria's National Conference in Melbourne in March 2014. It was exciting to see so many new women stepping up to take on key roles at the conference. I strongly believe that no matter where we live, if we work collaboratively and in respectful partnerships then we can achieve anything.

A huge commitment has been made by network members to distribute our *Give your vagina a choice* postcards. This is phase 2 of our campaign to make the female condom (FC2) more available in Australia. We have developed a

background paper to explain the history of the campaign and why this work is so important to us as a national body. We have also developed great links with the Universal Access to Female Condoms (UAFC) and with other like-minded workers and organisations. Postcards continue to be sent to the Federal Health Minister and hopefully this, combined with Global Female Condom Day on 16 September, will lead to government support to fund the FC2 in Australia.

Work also continues on the development of a position paper on positive women and breast-feeding in Australia. The HIV/AIDS Legal Centre (HALC) provided some valuable insights at our network face-to-face meeting in Sydney. This interesting piece of work still requires more data to clarify the issues so individual

network members are currently making good contacts with researchers.

I would like to thank the NAPWHA Board and staff for their support and especially outgoing Executive Director Jo Watson for her vision, hard work and belief in the positive community.

Thank you, also, to all members, past and present, of the NAPWHA National Network of Women Living with HIV. As I reflect on the numerous roles that you fill, I am inspired by all the mentoring and leadership roles you have taken on. It is this passion that will drive us on to find innovative approaches, respond to opportunities and debate the challenges before us.



# Planning, yarning and telling our stories

**Much of PATSIN's focus this year has been on preparing for AIDS 2014 and the International Indigenous Pre-Conference on HIV and AIDS.**

PATSIN helped plan the Pre-Conference through our representation on the Australian Aboriginal Organising Committee and providing input into the International Indigenous Working Group on HIV/AIDS.

The Pre-Conference proved to be a wonderful opportunity for indigenous community members from around the world to meet and share ideas and knowledge. PATSIN contributed to this exchange with an oral presentation on the

diversity of lived experiences of Australian indigenous people. *Yarning through our journey* was co-presented by Michelle Tobin, Bev Greet and Ian Saunders on behalf of the network.

An updated PATSIN brochure was also finalised this year and ready in time for the conferences. It will allow Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living across Australia to learn about the work of PATSIN and to join the conversation. PATSIN members are now in the process of compiling a book about their stories of living with HIV.

Regular teleconferences and face-to-face meetings in Sydney provided an opportunity for members to come together and



discuss issues relevant to the network and to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander positive-population as a whole.

At the face-to-face in March, Jose Machado from Positive Life NSW held a thought-provoking and engaging workshop on the

Positive Speakers' Bureau. Some PATSIN members had never had the opportunity to tell their stories before and valued this honest and open experience. The workshop has inspired some members to consider becoming positive speakers themselves and the group as a whole to produce a book of stories based on their own personal stories.

As we entered the final stages of preparation for AIDS 2014, the chairmanship of PATSIN passed from Ian Saunders to Neville Fazulla.

It has been an exhilarating time for PATSIN and plans for the year ahead include a membership drive and the release of their book of stories.

# Deficits and challenges

by CRAIG COOPER, SECRETARY-TREASURER

**I am pleased to present the association's 2013-14 audited financial report as at 30 June 2014.**

NAPWHA ended the year with a deficit of \$78,448 (2013 deficit of \$56,166), which was a better result than the projected deficit for this period. The accounts balanced at \$321,380 for the year, assisted by the property as a commercial asset valued at \$724,773.

Delays by the Commonwealth in issuing bridging contracts and commencing the contract tendering process triggered a rationalisation of contracts within NAPWHA and an assessment of liabilities. The Board worked closely with the Executive Director and Finance Officer to ensure staff entitlements, cash flow and solvency were managed. The staff profile and program priorities were reviewed, so commitments against pharma and Commonwealth contracts could be delivered. As we began 2014-15, transition arrangements for employed staff, staff entitlements and liabilities were in the process of being reduced. Cash flow was closely

monitored and managed throughout the year.

As you are likely aware, Jo Watson resigned as the Executive Director after 16 years of service to NAPWHA and the Australian body positive. The departure of Jo from NAPWHA and the national HIV response will be felt for years to come. Along with Jo, other long-standing staff, namely, Brent Beadle and Adrian Ogier, also departed during a period of rationalisation and change for these individuals and the agency. I personally would like to thank Jo, Brent and Adrian for their comradeship and contribution.

Changes in the staff profile will produce a shift in salary and wage provisioning. By the end of 2014 calendar year the number of full-time equivalent employees and salary and wage liabilities will be reduced. This change will be reviewed once the Commonwealth tender process and

subsequent issuing of contracts is finalised.

Under these circumstances, I believe the association has done an exceptional job in managing its finances and budget. I'd like to thank Kevin Barwick, as Finance Officer, for his efforts in ensuring the association remained accountable and viable. Additionally, I'd like to acknowledge the work of Jo Watson and Aaron Cogle for their ability to manage contractual and budget obligations. The

advice received from Kevin, Jo and Aaron, assisted and resourced the Board so we could make sound and timely governance decisions, under difficult and constrained conditions.

The NAPWHA Board looks forward to exploring contractual and purchasing opportunities with the Australian government and pharma in tandem with the acting Executive Director, through the contract tender process.

Following the launch of the 7th National HIV Strategy and the AIDS 2014 Legacy Statement, this is truly a new era. Australia, as a high-income and low-HIV prevalence country, can lead the way and set the standard for the international HIV response.

Finally, I'd like to thank the Australian government and the HIV pharmaceutical companies for their ongoing partnership and funding contributions. Without active collaboration, NAPWHA would not be effective in achieving results for Australians living with HIV, our allies and partners.

# Courses, resources and conferences

by BRENT BEADLE, SENIOR PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

**The Treataware project at NAPWHA has had another busy year producing resources, facilitating Treataware Outreach Network meetings, handling treatment enquiries, running Short Courses in HIV Medicine and community information events, attending conferences and collaborating with researchers at the University of NSW.**

The icing on the cake

for the project has been the addition early last year of the knowledgeable and efficient Jae Condon, who has been involved in all facets of Treataware's output since.

One of Jae's first projects was to develop the iPlan resource with the support of ViiV Healthcare. iPlan is designed to help PLHIV become active partners in their own treatment and care by explaining how to monitor their health. iPlan was

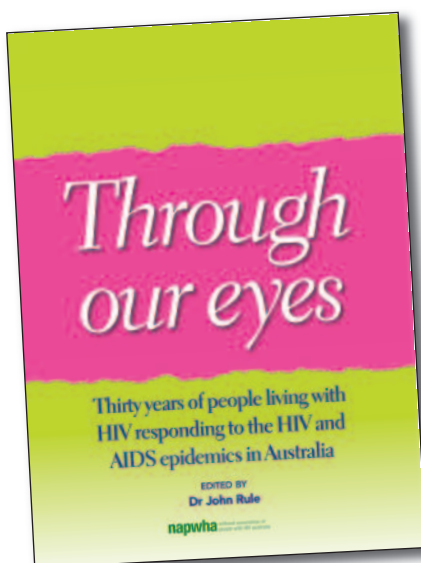
launched at the 2013 Australasian HIV and AIDS Conference in Darwin.

Several Treataware Outreach Network (TON) meetings were held in this report period. One aligned with the Darwin Conference and another was held in Sydney in February 2014.

In September, Treataware presented an e-poster describing NAPWHA's *Start the conversation today* treatment campaign at the

AIDS Impact Conference in Barcelona, an international conference focussed on social research.

With assistance from Treataware staff, a reception at Parliament House in Canberra was held on 25 June. It included a display of NAPWHA's work, our involvement in the response to HIV in Australia, as well as current initiatives and campaigns. It provided attendees with an





exclusive preview of what would be on show as part of our *Central and vital* Global Village exhibition at AIDS 2014 in July.

A big piece of work for me this year was researching and collating archival material for NAPWHA's exhibit at AIDS 2014. *Central and vital* was designed by Angela Bailey, curator of the Australian and Lesbian Gay Archives (ALGA). John Rule edited the miscellany of essays and articles for the book, *Through our eyes*, which aligned with the exhibition.

A Short Course in HIV Medicine was held in March for pharmaceutical teams and another in June specially for Janssen-Cilag. The course organisation, presenters and content evaluated extremely well.

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has been a lot of interest to collaborate with us, for which we are extremely thankful.

Research collaboration

with UNSW on a study into people 'Non-treating with ART' continued through to June 2014. NAPWHA continues to have representation on the Working Group and future collaborations are expected.

On a personal note, amidst the international conference aftermath, archiving, and attempting to retain a general semblance of order, it was with some sadness that I announced my retirement from NAPWHA after a very rewarding 16 years. However, I am full of expectation for what the 'new' life back in New Zealand will bring. I bid you all a fond farewell, and thank you to all of my colleagues. Keep up the good work!

Taking over from me is Jae Condon, who will be carefully nurturing and developing the Treataware Project in his inimitable style. I leave you all in his capable hands.

# Magazine, e-lists, media, website and social media

by **ADRIAN OGIER, MANAGER, MEDIA AND HEALTH PROMOTION**

**With thanks to a talented group of contributors, NAPWHA's flagship publication, *Positive Living*, continues to deliver cutting edge, quality information to Australia's HIV-positive population.**

The magazine reached more people than ever before this year thanks to our multi-media strategy of providing each issue in a range of formats: hard

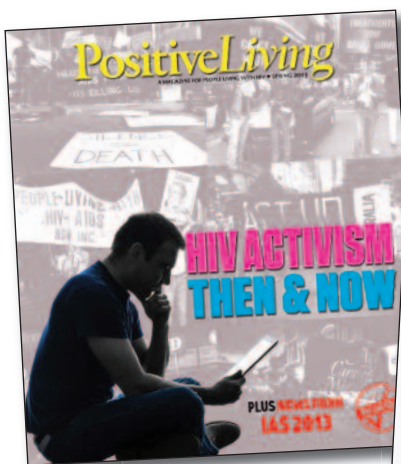
copy, online as a flipbook and via social media.

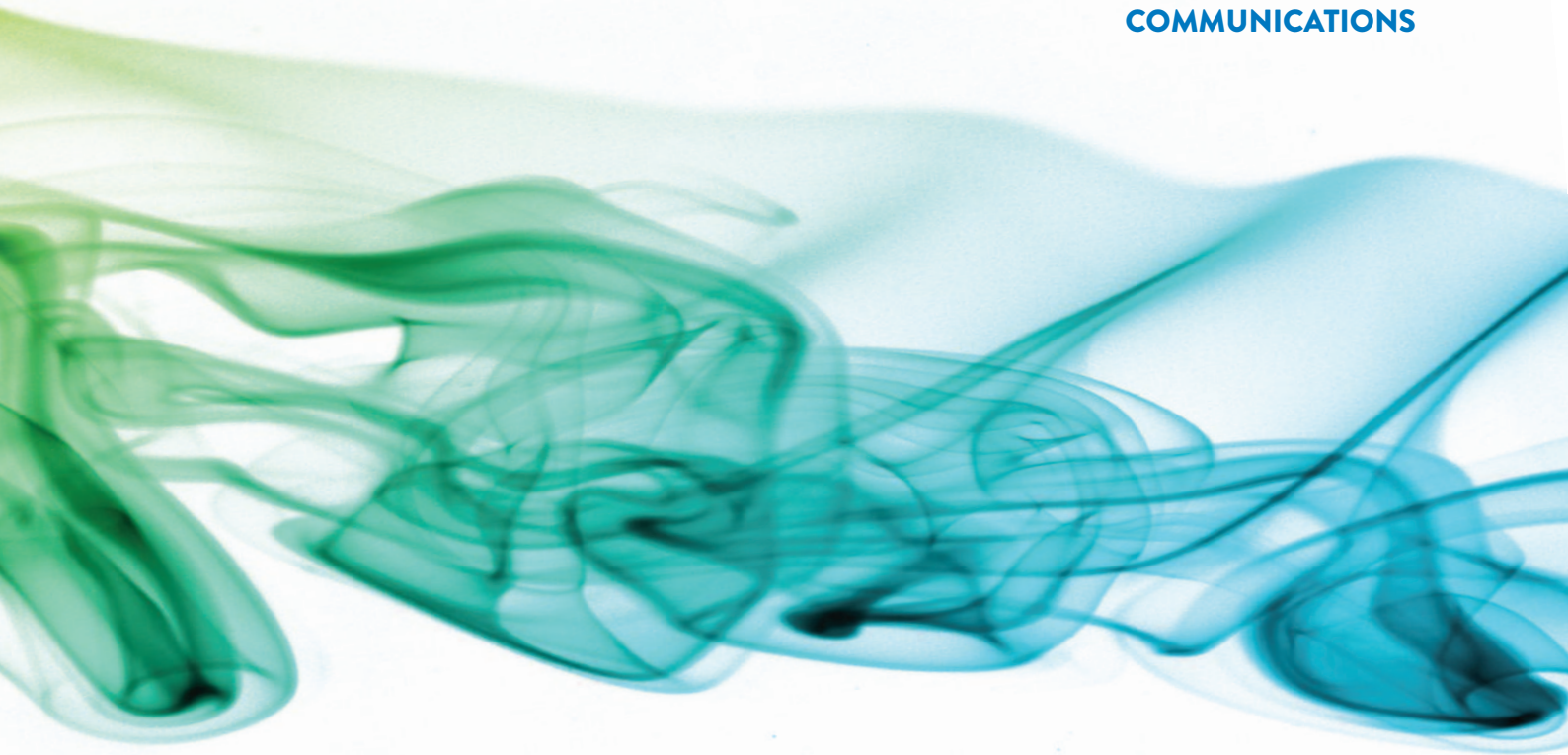
We also started producing NSW and Victorian editions this year, with back page copy courtesy of Positive Life NSW and Living Positive Victoria. Producing three separate versions of the magazine has been a challenge; however, relevant editions are now being distributed throughout Australia via clinical and

community services, as inserts in the *Star Observer* and by direct mail.

In the spring 2013 issue, academic Shirleene Robinson interviewed some early HIV activists. Fresh from IAS in Malaysia, Neil McKellar-Stewart gave good evidence for treating above 500 CD4s and offered sage strategies for managing hep C and HIV. Also from the conference, Adrian Ogier reviewed a

session on prevention amongst gay men in the region. Dr Louise Owen suggested we all get hepatitis B vaccines. Massage was offered as a technique for dealing with anxiety and depression. Jae Condon began his update on drug classes with the entry inhibitor and we also started a regular AIDS 2014 update. We paid sad tribute to a lost PNG colleague. And joyously





welcomed David Menadue back from the brink.

The summer issue featured a contemporary take on activism by Daniel Brace. David Menadue asked around to see what we all really thought of Treatment as Prevention. Dr Louise advised a reader who liked his sex chemically enhanced. Nuts and seeds were a superfood. Yoga and breathing techniques were a state of mind. The reverse transcriptase inhibitor was the next drug class featured in Jae's column. Cipri Martinez pondered whether an Aussie cure might be next. And in light of it being offered as PrEP, Neil told the truth about Truvada.

In autumn, David and Adrian compiled their top 10 HIV issues. Paul Kidd wrote about the improving hepatitis C treatment outlook. Dr Louise advised someone with facial lipo how to go about getting

Sculptra. Smoothies were the superfood. Chantelle Fernando told us how to achieve a balanced life. Luke Rickards gave us the lowdown on pain management. Alex Mindel told us how to volunteer at AIDS 2014. And Jae moved on to the integrase inhibitor stage of the HIV lifecycle.

For his first issue as editor, Christopher Kelly wrote an exposé on the high cost of hep C drugs. David covered the PARTNER study. Dr Louise tackled an itchy bum. Soups were the superfood. Positive people shared their diagnosis stories. Alex was all conference a go-go. Jae completed his lifecycle with the protease inhibitor. And we farewelled Jo Watson.

**E-newsletters**

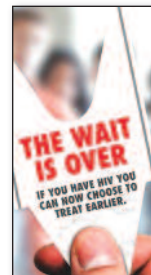
NAPWHA's popular media bulletin, the *HIV Media Digest*, continued this year, compiled three times a

week by Alex Mindel and relayed to email subscribers and our followers on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn. (Follow the links on our website to get subscribed.) As well as helping boost our social media profile, Alex also produced the electronic *NAPWHA newsletter* and the monthly edition *AIDS 2014 newsletter*.

**Media**

Media activity has been rife this year. Our PR agent, Norelle Feehan provided excellent inroads to mainstream media at key times throughout the year. Bill Whittaker had considerable exposure at the 2013 Australasian HIV/AIDS Conference with his update on The Melbourne Declaration and the progress we need to make in order to meet agreed UN targets. The

PBS dropping of CD4 prescribing restrictions proved to be another good opportunity for media coverage as did *The Wait Is Over* campaign when the ruling finally came to pass on 1 April.



**Website**

My focus this year has been on building NAPWHA's new website. A mammoth and challenging task but not without its highlights, the main one being its imminent launch at the time of writing this report. The best content from the old website together with fresh information has been transformed into a stylish 'virtual' magazine. Much thanks must go to Chris Houghton from the Republic of Everyone and the team at NAPWHA, Alex, Christopher, Graham and Jae, for helping draw it together.

# Bookings, bills and phone calls

by JAN MORLEY, ADMINISTRATION COORDINATOR

## **This past year has been a busy one.**

Considerable time and energy went into preparing for AIDS 2014 in Melbourne . . . registering delegates, coordinating volunteers, organising flights, refining hotel reservations and ensuring materials were transported successfully.

It was also business as usual organising bookings and travel for Board meetings, network face-to-faces and other conferences.

Gladys Jimenez, our Administration Assistant, has been smoothly coordinating the aforementioned events, as well as processing financial documents for the Finance Officer, organising financial year files for the annual audit, updating the *Positive Living* database and supporting the secretariat staff with their activities.

Particular attention has been paid to OH&S legislation, and items brought to our attention have been rectified.

Our thanks to Christopher Barnes of Email Connect for his efforts with the computer systems and his ongoing advice on information technology.

We look forward to the coming year and aim to continue to provide an efficient service to our Board and members.

While I have left NAPWHA as a permanent part-timer, I am still on hand to offer help when necessary.

# STATE OF THE POSITIVE NATION



# Preparing for AIDS 2014



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NAPWHA member organisations spent considerable time and effort over this period preparing for the International AIDS Conference in July.

AIDS 2014 saw outstanding leadership demonstrated by an organised, empowered and engaged membership all of whom are committed to securing the voice of PLHIV at the centre of the Australian response.

## World AIDS Day

On 1 December 2013, amidst a whirlwind of events across the country, a World AIDS Day reception was held at Government House in Melbourne to officially commence the countdown to AIDS 2014.

UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibé joined Living Positive Victoria to 'Paint the town red' in Federation Square; and a 24-hour on-air and online radio extravaganza called WORLD AIDS DAY WORLDWIDE was organised by Australia's oldest LGBT community radio station Joy 94.9 FM.



Meanwhile, in Sydney, **Positive Life NSW** hosted 100 guests at Customs House on Circular Quay where positive speakers extolled the virtues of early treatment and NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner launched the organisation's 'Choose a positive life' treatment campaign.

**Positive Life SA** held a socially connected event for positive people and their families. Back in Melbourne, **Positive Women Victoria** celebrated its work and achievements at a red breakfast. While over in the Northern Territory, **NTAHC** hosted a red ribbon breakfast, this one to raise funds to supplement services for their HIV-positive clients.



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TOP **Michel Sidibé and former WA Senator Louise Pratt in Federation Square Melbourne for WAD**

MIDDLE **Positive Life NSW ED Sonny Williams welcomes guests to Customs House on WAD**

BOTTOM **Guests are entertained at NTAHC's Red Ribbon Breakfast on WAD**



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# Connecting people, creating leaders

Bringing positive people together has always been an important part of what we do and many members have introduced some great initiatives this year.

**Positive Life NSW** started running The Quarterly, a social event for all PLHIV regardless of sexual orientation; as well as Peer2Peer, a bimonthly discussion group for positive gay men.

Following the success of

two pilot programs offered last year, **Living Positive Victoria** with the support of NAPWHA officially launched the Positive Leadership Development Institute (PLDI) Australia. Run by HIV-positive people for HIV-positive people, PLDI Australia offers workshops that focus on increasing the resilience and leadership capacity of PLHIV.

Another successful



Treatment Roadshow happened at the **Queensland Positive People** headquarters in November. These events provide PLHIV with an opportunity to hear and

discuss the latest health and treatment research with experts in the field.

With support from Living Positive Victoria, **TasCAHRD** has started running Phoenix weekend workshops for those recently diagnosed. They also began engaging their CALD communities via a one-on-one buddy system that supports and connects clients while ensuring confidentiality.

## Gaps in the system

Despite some impressive initiatives, there are many areas that still need attention.

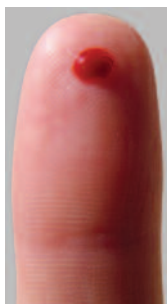
Our **NTAHC** members report of two growing pockets of PLHIV, both of whom have little or no engagement with the body positive — one of young gay men and the other of people who travel to and from high-prevalence countries.

**Positive Women Victoria** highlights the need for more outreach to their CALD communities

and funding to provide services for the growing numbers.

Meanwhile, **Positive Life SA** is looking for ways that older PLHIV can remain active, independent and community-connected. Their Positive Ageing Project is exploring the notion of a peer support network for older PLHIV and their partners.

Expanding on their Positive Speakers' Bureau,



**Living Positive Victoria** has set up Senior Voices as a community engagement strategy using older PLHIV to train staff in aged care facilities to provide non-discriminatory care and support to older people with HIV.

**Queensland Positive People** has announced a number of new initiatives that will make it even easier for people to test regularly for

HIV. One is offering free rapid HIV testing at The Den, a gay men's cruising club in Fortitude Valley.

In the nation's capital, there have been management changes at the AIDS Action Council and **Positive Living ACT** is heartened by its decision to refocus on positive support services. This includes filling the peer support officer position vacated this year by our long-time member representative, Mandy Collins.



# Social media

When confidentiality is an issue, online networking is an excellent option, which is one reason why many members have ventured into social media this year. **Pozhet** created its own secret Facebook group called Pozhet Connect and in the Northern Territory

HIV-positive clients of **NTAHC** took it upon themselves to set up their own private Facebook page called **BODYPOZNT**.

Adopting online communication strategies requires dedicated staff and time, but the effort



can be worth it. **Positive Life SA** found this out after its new Facebook page prompted a significant number of newly-diagnosed young men to make first contact with the organisation.

In other things

electronic, **Queensland Positive People** started producing a weekly blog on treatment as prevention and **Living Positive Victoria** a new email newsletter called Poslink Express to complement its existing quarterly periodical Poslink.

# The stigma enigma

Positive Speakers' Bureaus play an important role in educating the general community about the lived experience and the impact of HIV-related stigma and discrimination.

This year, **Positive Life NSW's** Bureau provided 170 speaking engagements to schools, universities and the corporate sector.

**Living Positive Victoria's** ENUF campaign has continued to collect

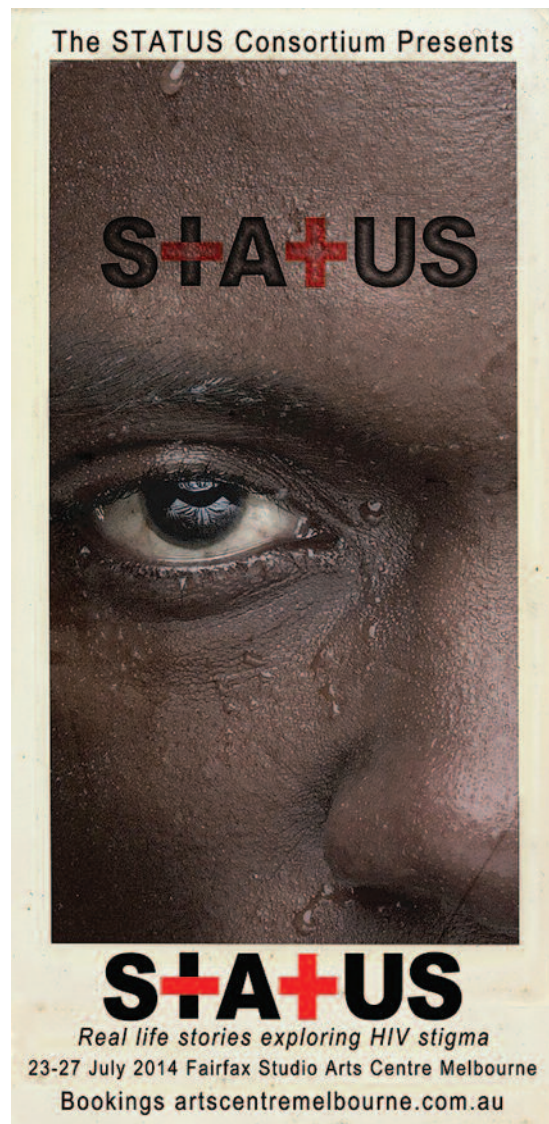
verbatim theatre piece called **STATUS** was premiered at AIDS 2014. **STATUS** takes the stories from the campaign as well as interviews with local PLHIV to create a powerful educational tool to shine a light on the damaging nature of HIV stigma and highlight the strength and resilience of PLHIV.

AT RIGHT

Such is the versatility of the performance, that **STATUS** can be performed in traditional theatres, academic classrooms and medical lecture halls around the globe.



powerful personal stories of resilience against HIV stigma. And borne out of the ENUF campaign, a



# Campaigning



TOP LEFT  
EO Sonny Williams and President Jane Costello hand out t-shirts to happy customers



BOTTOM LEFT  
Positive Life NSW's Jose Machado models the t-shirt at Fair Day



ABOVE  
The stories demonstrate the courage and support these men have found in the pursuit of health and acceptance, often against unimaginable difficulties.

Since its launch, **Positive Life NSW's** Choose a Positive Life treatment campaign has been seen in both electronic and print media, as well as on t-shirts, fans and fridge magnets at Fair Day, Coast Out and during the 2014 Mardi Gras Parade.

To address the increase of syphilis infections

amongst gay men living with HIV in the state, **Living Positive Victoria** has developed *Everything old is new again*. The campaign uses classic 1930s images re-purposed to prompt individuals to test, treat and help prevent the spread of the STI.

**Pozhet** has produced

two excellent resources this year: *Life, Loving and HIV: a heterosexual's guide to serodiscordant relationships* and *Having a Baby: a guide for HIV positive women, men and their partners*.

**Queensland Positive People** also has an exciting new resource called *Positive . . . is that good?* The book contains 13

highly personal short stories by positive men in Queensland.

Developed in partnership with the HIV/AIDS Legal Centre (HALC) in Sydney, **Positive Life SA** is now proud to offer an HIV Disclosure Guide detailing the legal situation in South Australia.

# Policy and politics

It has been a busy year for HIV policy in Australia.

## Living Positive

**Victoria** led the charge at AIDS 2014 to call for a repeal of criminalisation laws in that state and has secured bipartisan support for this change. Its board of directors has also undergone a whole board performance assessment process, revised and updated all operational and governance policies for the organisation and continues to publish its annual business plan online in its commitment to the highest levels of transparency and accountability.

## Positive Life NSW

successfully advocated to the NSW Ministry of Health for the waiver of



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**Unable to attend in person, the Honourable Sally Thomas AC, Administrator of the Northern Territory addresses the gathering via video link**

co-payments for individuals who can demonstrate that financial stress is negatively impacting on their ability to either start or maintain ART. The organisation also backed a

major submission on the need for high resolution anoscopy diagnostic services for people with HIV and gay men who are at increased risk of anal cancer.

**Queensland Positive People** is host to the Community HIV Education and Prevention Program (CHEPP). CHEPP dispenses accurate information about PEP, PrEP, Treatment as Prevention and rapid HIV testing to the wider Queensland community.

During AIDS Awareness Week, the **Positive Life SA** board met with politicians for lunch at Parliament House and spoke to them on current and future issues affecting PLHIV in South Australia.

The Australasian HIV and AIDS Conference was held in Darwin in 2013 and **NTAHC** was particularly proud to play host at a welcome reception at Government House.

# Gender agenda

In March, **Positive Women Victoria** hosted a two-day National Women's Conference entitled *Advancing the agenda*. "The population of women living with HIV

is increasingly diverse and we need more opportunities to get together and create a national voice," highlighted one delegate.

After 19 years of

outstanding support to HIV-positive women and their families, **Positive Life SA** sadly reports the loss of its HIV Women's Program. The program was

unique and until its de-funding had been documenting the experiences and insights of positive women from high prevalence countries.

**STATE OF THE POSITIVE NATION** was compiled by Alex Mindel, based on interviews and reports from Brent Allan (Living Positive Victoria), Ken Basham (Positive Living ACT), Craig Cooper (Positive Life NSW), Graham Foster (TasCAHRD), Bev Greet (Positive Women Victoria), Rachel Katterl and Maxine Lewis (Pozhet), Katherine Leane, Tony Minge and Rob O'Brien (Positive Life SA), and Jime Lemoire and Simon O'Connor (Queensland Positive People).

### **NAPWHA Board**

President Robert Mitchell  
 Vice-president Sonny Williams  
 (until Nov. 2013)  
 Cipri Martinez (from Nov. 2013)  
 Secretary/Treasurer Craig Cooper  
 Angus Binge, Jane Costello,  
 Lance Feeney, Peter Fenoglio,  
 Simon O'Connor, Jo Watson (ex-officio)  
 Staff representative Adrian Ogier

### **National Network of Women Living with HIV (Femfatales)**

Chair Katherine Leane  
 Total members including state and  
 territory representatives: 13

### **Positive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Network (PATSIN)**

Chair Ian Saunders  
 Total members including state and  
 territory representatives: 11

### **Treataware Outreach Network (TON)**

Chair Adrian Ogier, Brent Beadle (staff),  
 Kate Bennett, Marcus Bogie,  
 Jae Condon (staff), Dimitri Daskalakis,  
 Simon Donohoe, Lance Feeney,  
 Philip Habel, Sean Kelly, Nick Liang,  
 Amy Lewis, Jennifer McDonald,  
 Steve Moran, Neil McKellar-Stewart,  
 Vic Perri, Liz Walker, Peter Watts

### **Positive Living Reference Group**

Editor Adrian Ogier (until Mar. 2014)  
 Christopher Kelly (from Mar. 2014)  
 Associate Editor David Menadue  
 Daniel Brace, Jane Costello,  
 Graham Douglas-Meyer,  
 Neil McKellar-Stewart,  
 Dr Louise Owen, Peter Watts

### **NAPWHA secretariat**

Executive Director Jo Watson  
 Deputy Director Aaron Cogle  
 Communications and Membership Services  
 Officer Alex Mindel  
 Treataware Senior Programs Coordinator  
 Brent Beadle  
 Treataware Project Officer Jae Condon  
 Manager, Media and Health Promotion  
 Adrian Ogier  
 Positive Living Editor  
 Christopher Kelly (from Mar. 2014)  
 Website Officer Graham Stocks  
 Administration Coordinator  
 Jan Morley  
 Administration Officer/Reception  
 Gladys Jimenez  
 Media Digest Officer Jill Sergeant  
 (until Apr. 2014)  
 Finance Officer Kevin Barwick

### **NAPWHA representatives**

**AHOD Steering Committee** Jo Watson

**ARCSHS Scientific Advisory  
 Committee** David Menadue

### **ATRAS Reference group**

Bill Whittaker (Chair),  
 Jo Watson

### **Australian Centre for HIV and Hepatitis Virology Research**

Advisory Board Bill Whittaker  
 Scientific Advisory Board Jo Watson

### **Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations**

Board representative Craig Cooper

**AusAID HIV Consortium  
 Programme Coordinating  
 Committee** Bill Whittaker

**Australian National HIV Testing  
 Policy Review Expert Reference  
 Group** Aaron Cogle

### **Australian Population Health Development Principal Committee**

**Blood Borne Virus & STI  
 Subcommittee** Jo Watson

### **Bobby Goldsmith Foundation Client Services Advisory Group**

Adrian Ogier

### **CDNA Sub-Committee BBVSS Surveillance and Monitoring**

Jo Watson

### **Centre for Social Research in Health Scientific Advisory Committee**

Aaron Cogle

### **CHF Board of Directors**

John Daye/Jo Watson

### **Gilead Advisory Board**

Bill Whittaker

### **ImmunoVirology Research Network Committee** Jo Watson

**INSIGHT Community Advisory  
 Board** Jo Watson

### **Janssen Advisory Board**

Adrian Ogier/Bill Whittaker

### **Ministerial Advisory Committee on Blood Borne Viruses and STIs**

Robert Mitchell

**MSD Advisory Board** Bill Whittaker

**National BBV & STI Surveillance  
 Committee** Jo Watson

**ViiV Advisory Board** Bill Whittaker



# FINANCIAL REPORT 2013-2014

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Board of Directors submit the financial report of the National Association of People With HIV Australia (NAPWHA) Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

### Board of Directors

The names of the Directors throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

President:	Robert Mitchell
Vice President	Cipri Martinez (appointed 8/11/2013) Sonny Williams (resigned 8/11/2013)
Secretary/Treasurer	Craig Cooper
Directors	Peter Fenoglio Jane Costello Sam Venning (resigned 8/11/2013) Angus Binge Lance Feeney (appointed 8/11/2013) Simon O' Connor (appointed 8/11/2013)
Staff Rep	Adrian Ogier

### Principal Activities:

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were:

1. Advancing the human rights and dignity of people with HIV/AIDS, including their right to participate in the Australian Community without discrimination and their right to comprehensive and appropriate treatment, care, support and education;
2. Advocacy on national issues concerning people with HIV/AIDS;
3. Provision of assistance to people affected by HIV/AIDS, including the provision of material, emotional and social support;
4. Encouragement, assistance, monitoring and promotion of medical and scientific research into the causes, prevention and cure of HIV/AIDS;
5. Formulation of policies for member organisations on matters concerning HIV/AIDS at a national and international level;
6. Representation of member organisations on all matters concerning HIV/AIDS at a national and international level; and
7. Collection and dissemination of information and resources for distribution to member organisations.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**Significant Changes**

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

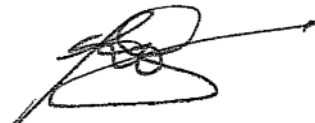
**Operating Result**

The **deficit** from ordinary activities amounted to \$78,448 (2013: deficit \$56,166).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Executive:



Robert Mitchell  
President



Craig Cooper  
Secretary/Treasurer

Dated this 1st day of October 2014

**INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2014**

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
Revenue	2	1,389,011	1,582,456
Employee expenses		632,177	618,204
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		8,604	17,094
Other expenses from ordinary activities		826,678	1,003,324
<b>Surplus (Deficit) from operations</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(78,448)</b>	<b>(56,166)</b>

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 June 2014**

	Note	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash Assets	4	285,959	372,897
Receivables	5	44,060	174,833
Other	6	111,618	62,585
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>441,637</b>	<b>610,315</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property	7	724,773	716,250
Plant and equipment	7	191,470	186,322
Accumulated Depreciation		(161,541)	(153,071)
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>754,702</b>	<b>749,501</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	8	398,263	453,649
Provisions	9	111,457	119,404
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>509,720</b>	<b>573,053</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	8	362,976	385,477
Provisions	9	2,263	1,458
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>365,239</b>	<b>386,935</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>321,380</b>	<b>399,828</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained Earnings	10	321,380	399,828
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>321,380</b>	<b>399,828</b>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.



**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2014**

	<b>Retained Earnings \$</b>
Balance at 1 July 2013	399,828
Deficit attributable to activities	(78,448)
<b>Balance at 30 June 2014</b>	<b>321,380</b>

**CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2014**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2014 \$</b>	<b>2013 \$</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Operating Grant Receipts		925,625	967,367
Donations & Other Income Received		775,151	650,812
Interest Received		3,893	9,895
Payments to suppliers and employees		(1,724,141)	(1,550,145)
Interest Paid		(30,858)	(33,473)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	11	<b>(50,330)</b>	<b>44,456</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>			
Capital Asset Purchase		(14,107)	(21,868)
<b>Net Cash Used by Investing Activities</b>		<b>(14,107)</b>	<b>(21,868)</b>
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>			
Loan Repayments		(22,501)	-
<b>Net Cash Used by Financing Activities</b>		<b>(22,501)</b>	-
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held</b>		<b>(86,938)</b>	<b>22,588</b>
<b>Cash at the Beginning of the Financial Year</b>		<b>372,897</b>	<b>350,309</b>
<b>Cash at the End of the Financial Year</b>	4	<b>285,959</b>	<b>372,897</b>

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2014

### **Note 1: Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

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

#### (a) BASIS OF PREPARATION

This financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the requirements of the Australian Capital Territory Associations Incorporation Act 1991 and Regulations.

The financial report covers the National Association of People With HIV/AIDS (NAPWHA) Incorporated including the AIDS Treatment Project Australia (ATPA).

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

#### (b) INCOME TAX

As a Public Benevolent Institution for the purposes of Subdivision 30-B of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997 the Association is exempt from income tax.

#### (c) PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, Plant and Equipment is carried at deemed cost less, where applicable any accumulated depreciation.

#### **Property**

Freehold land and buildings are shown at their deemed cost. The actual purchase price and relevant incidentals of acquisition have been aggregated to derive the deemed cost.

#### **Plant and Equipment**

Plant and equipment are measured at Directors Valuation.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the Association to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to present values in determining recoverable amounts.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2014

### Depreciation

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over the useful lives of the assets to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Plant and Equipment	10% – 33.33%

### (d) EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Entitlements arising from wage and salaries and annual leave which will be settled within one year have been measured at their nominal amount. Other employee entitlements payable have been measured at an amount approximately equivalent to the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those entitlements.

### (e) CASH

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand, at banks and on deposit.

### (f) REVENUE

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

### (g) GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax Office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

### (h) COMPARATIVE FIGURES

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

### (i) IMPAIRMENT OF ASSETS

At each reporting date, the association reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2014**

**Note 2: Revenue**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Commonwealth DoHAC Grants	668,237	655,777
Capacity Development Funding	173,240	170,009
Pharmaceutical Co Sponsorship	376,008	419,320
Projects Funding	90,643	137,169
Grants and Research Funding	5,000	69,658
Travel Reimbursement and Honorariums	6,778	11,131
Course and Conference Registrations	58,400	9,056
Donations	750	100,100
Miscellaneous	6,062	341
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,385,118</b>	<b>1,572,561</b>
<b>Non-Operating Activities</b>		
Interest Received	3,893	9,895
	<b>3,893</b>	<b>9,895</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,389,011</b>	<b>1,582,456</b>

**Note 3: Profit from Ordinary Activities**

<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Profit (Loss) from ordinary activities has been determined after:**

(a) Expenses:

Administration	231,107	359,760
Treataware	64,551	126,363
Executive Committee	86,565	115,788
Employment Costs	632,177	618,204
Media Monitoring	64,151	35,837
Networks/Portfolios	39,545	36,286
Policy	21,843	50,866
Positive Living	68,501	58,429
Projects	205,963	96,902
Projects - External	53,056	140,187
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,467,459</b>	<b>1,638,622</b>

(b) Auditors Remuneration

Auditing or reviewing the financial report	8,500	8,000
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>Note 4: Cash Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank	285,791	360,742
Cash on Deposit	-	11,905
Cash on Hand	168	250
	<b>285,959</b>	<b>372,897</b>

**Note 5: Receivables**

Sundry Debtors	44,060	174,833
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**Note 6: Other Assets**

Accrued Income	6	26,244
Deposits Paid	2,747	3,647
Prepayments	108,865	32,694
	<b>111,618</b>	<b>62,585</b>

**Note 7: Property, Plant & Equipment**

**Property**

G5/1 Erskineville Road, Newtown – opening value	716,250	743,445
Current year additions	8,523	-
Less: Impairment adjustment	-	(27,195)
	<b>724,773</b>	<b>716,250</b>

On 5 September 2014 a valuation was performed by Curtis Valuations. The valuation determined a fair market value for the property to be \$725,000. As cost value is below fair value, during current year no impairment loss has been recorded.

**Plant & Equipment**

Office Equipment – at Executive Committee Valuation	191,470	186,322
Less accumulated depreciation	(161,541)	(153,071)
	<b>29,929</b>	<b>33,251</b>

(a) Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year.

**Office Equipment**

Balance at the beginning of year	33,251	28,476
Additions	5,585	21,869
Disposals	(303)	-
Depreciation expense	(8,604)	(17,094)
Carrying amount at the end of year	<b>29,929</b>	<b>33,251</b>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2014**

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
<b>Note 8: Payables</b>		
Current		
Trade creditors and accruals	85,595	179,253
Income received in advance	253,580	215,308
WBC - Fixed Rate Business Loan	29,748	29,748
WBC - Floating Rate Business Loan	29,340	29,340
	<b>398,263</b>	<b>453,649</b>
Non-Current		
WBC - Fixed Rate Business Loan	181,618	192,300
WBC - Floating Rate Business Loan	181,358	193,177
	<b>362,976</b>	<b>385,477</b>
<b>Note 9: Provisions</b>		
Current		
Provision for Annual Leave	32,174	52,758
Provision for Long Service Leave	79,283	66,646
	<b>111,457</b>	<b>119,404</b>
Non-Current		
Provision for Long Service Leave	2,263	1,458
	<b>2,263</b>	<b>1,458</b>
Number of employees at year end (FTE)	8.4	8.0
<b>Note 10: Retained Surplus</b>		
Retained surplus at the beginning of the financial year	399,828	455,994
Net surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Association	(78,448)	(56,166)
Retained surplus at the end of the financial year	<b>321,380</b>	<b>399,828</b>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2014

	2014 \$	2013 \$
<b>Note 11: Cash Flow Information</b>		
(a) Reconciliation of cash		
Cash at bank	285,959	372,897
	<b>285,959</b>	<b>372,897</b>
(b) Reconciliation of net cash provided by operating activities to profit from ordinary activities		
(Deficit)/Surplus from ordinary activities	(78,448)	(56,166)
Non-cash flows in Profit from ordinary activities		
Depreciation	8,604	17,094
Loss on disposal of assets	302	-
Impairment Adjustment	-	27,195
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Receivables	130,773	120,968
Accrued Income	26,238	(26,244)
Income in Advance	38,272	(46,105)
Deposits and Bonds Paid	901	(2,992)
Prepayments	(76,172)	(22,408)
Accruals & Payables	(93,658)	26,569
Provisions	(7,142)	6,545
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<b>(50,330)</b>	<b>44,456</b>

(c) The Association has no credit stand-by or financing activities in place.

**Note 12: Segment Reporting**

The Association operates in the community sector providing advocacy and support to Members of the Association within Australia.

**Note 13: Events After The Balance Sheet Date**

There have been no events which have occurred subsequent to balance sheet date and up to the date of this report that may or are likely to significantly affect the results as presented in this financial report.

**Note 14: Contingencies**

There are no known contingent liabilities nor contingent assets at balance date or at the date of this report.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2014**

**Note 15: Capital Management**

The directors' control the capital of the association in order to maintain a good debt-to-equity ratio and to ensure that the association can fund its operations and continue as a going concern. The association's debt and capital includes financial liabilities, supported by financial assets. There are no externally imposed capital requirements.

The directors' effectively manage the association's capital by assessing the association's financial risks and adjusting its capital structure in response to changes in these risks and in the market. These responses include the management of debt levels.

There have been no changes in the strategy adopted by management to control the capital of the association since the prior year. This strategy is to ensure that there is sufficient cash to meet trade and sundry payables and borrowings.

As the entity has no financial debit the gearing ratio is not applicable.

**Note 16: Association Details**

**The principal place of business of the Association is:**

National Association of People With HIV Australia (NAPWHA) Inc.  
 Suite G5  
 1 Erskineville Road  
 Newtown NSW 2042

**Note 17: Leasing Commitments**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Operating Leases		
• not later than one year	2,120	8,478
• later than one year but not later than five years	4,770	7,579
• later than five years	-	-
	<b>6,890</b>	<b>16,057</b>

There is an operating lease commitment for a Sharp MX231OU 23 CPM Photocopier. The lease expires on 13/8/2017. Quarterly rental commitment per the lease is \$530.00.

**Note 18: Financing Commitments**

There is a Fixed Rate Business Loan to fund the purchase of the Association's premises with a commitment of \$2,479 per month. Current interest rate is 7.40%.

There is a Floating Rate Business Loan to fund the purchase of the Association's premises with a commitment of \$2,445 per month. Current interest rate is 6.6917%.



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 June 2014**

**Note 19: Economic Dependency & Going Concern**

The financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis, which contemplates continuity of normal operating activities and the realisation of assets and the settlement of liabilities in the normal course of operations.

The National Association of People With HIV/AIDS Incorporated's continued operation is financially dependent upon the continued support of the funding bodies for recurrent grant income. Without the continued support of the funding bodies, the Incorporation may not be able to continue as a going concern with its existing programs and structure.

Should the Incorporation be unable to continue as a going concern, it may be required to realise its assets and extinguish its liabilities other than in the normal course of business and at amounts different from those as stated in the financial report.

**Statement by Board of Directors**

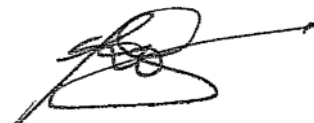
In the opinion of the Executive the financial report as set out on pages 3 to 15:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the National Association of People With HIV Australia (NAPWHA) Incorporated as at 30 June 2014 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, mandatory professional reporting requirements and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the National Association of People With HIV/AIDS (NAPWHA) Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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



Robert Mitchell  
President



Craig Cooper  
Secretary/Treasurer

Dated this 28th day of September 2013



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## **INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE WITH HIV AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**

### ***Report on the Financial Report***

We have audited the accompanying financial report of National Association of People with HIV Australia (NAPWHA) Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2014, comprising the Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows, Notes to the Financial Statements and Statement by Directors.

### ***Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report***

The Committee of the association is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Australian Capital Territory Associations Incorporation Act 1991 and is appropriate to meet the needs of members. The Committee is also responsible for such internal control the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance 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 judgment, 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 of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the committee's financial reporting under the Australian Capital Territory Associations Incorporation Act 1991. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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

### ***Independence***

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

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***Opinion***

In our opinion the financial report of The National Association of People with HIV Australia (NAPWHA) Incorporated is in accordance with the Australian Capital Territory Associations Incorporation Act 1991, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the association's financial position as at 30 June 2014 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (b) complying with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

**ASHBY & CO. Chartered Accountants**

*Anthony Ashby*

**Anthony Ashby**  
Partner

Sydney, NSW  
Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S DECLARATION  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE WITH HIV AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2014 there have been no:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

**ASHBY & CO. Chartered Accountants**

**Anthony Ashby**  
Partner

Sydney, NSW  
Dated: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014



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