

Board Communique

As per the monthly meeting of the AODCCC Board on the 5th of August:

1. **Independent Bookkeeper** - One of our main priorities has been to establish secure financial processes for which we have successfully contracted an independent bookkeeper. The bookkeeper will work with the Treasurer and the Project Lead to ensure all financial reporting needs and requirements are met.
2. **Hosting arrangement with the HCC** - The Health Consumers' Council (HCC) will be hosting the AODCCC during the period of our establishment by providing mentorship, supervision and organisational guidance which has now been formalised by a Memorandum of Understanding between the HCC and the AODCCC. This document will be posted to the HCC website.
3. **Project Lead** - A fixed, six-month, part-time position of Project Lead has now been formalised with an Employment Contract and Duties Statement.
4. **New Board members** - We have welcomed two new Board members. David Shakespeare, previously our Secretary, has returned to the Board and Caroline Henson joins us for the first time.
5. **Appointment of Treasurer** - Caroline Henson was nominated and accepted the role of Treasurer.
6. **Governance training** - Governance training for Board members is planned for late this month.
7. **Communication** - Now that the role of Project Lead is implemented, all communication to the Board will be managed and distributed to the Board as necessary by the Secretary, Grant Smith.

Recent AODCCC activities and engagements:

- **Alternatives to ED** - Great to see members responding to participation opportunities such as this, the AOD voice was well represented at this recent forum held by CoMHWA. A big shout out to CoMHWA for their dedicated effort to include us.
- **Department of Health July Symposium** - A presentation and was made on the history of the consumer engagement movement and its progress in relation to the health, mental health and AOD sectors

called 'A Consumer Perspective. Consumer Engagement in Context'.

- **2020 AOD Conference Planning Committee** - The AODCCC attended this committee's second meeting earlier last month.
- **HIV Case Management Guidelines** - The AODCCC provided consumer representation and a point of contact for members at this recent event.
- **WACOSS Peaks Forum** - The AODCCC presented to the Peaks Forum, Lotteries West and Minister Simone McGurk on their recent capacity building project, 'Alternative Approaches'. Many of our members attended our consultations or answered the survey in order for us to make a successful submission to the recent parliamentary inquiry 'alternate approaches to reducing illicit drug use and its effects on the community'. Thank you again to all who contributed, the information you gave is what made it and this was very well received.

Privacy

The Board wish to acknowledge a breach of privacy that occurred with some members utilising the email addresses of other members publicly and without their permission. This was possible due to an error on the part of the AODCCC in correspondence some months ago, which was acknowledged at the time. We apologise for any concern or inconvenience this has caused and wish to assure members that we treat privacy seriously.

Of note: as per the Rules of Association, clause 13(5) a member who wishes to inspect the membership list must contact the Secretary to make the necessary arrangements.