

2017

ANNUAL REPORT



**Women's
Mental
Health
Network
Victoria Inc.**

ABN:39 597 342 174

Chairs Report

This reporting period 2016-2017 is my first year as Chair. I would thank all of our stakeholders for their support and the considerable amount of effort and time they have put into The Network.

I would like to acknowledge Julie Anderson who was Executive Director for 6 months. Julie played an important role supporting the board to refresh strategic directions and governance as well as strengthening our operational process. The board has not replaced Julie but has engaged administrative support for the duration.

We must also acknowledge the support of multiple staff at drummond street services (dss) where our office is located. The most prominent is our committee member Cheryl Miller-Yell, who has taken on the role of Treasurer during the year and has also liaised with other members of the dss team — this she does over and above her substantive role in the organisation. I would also like to acknowledge the dss reception and finance teams. They provide us with excellent support and keep us operating at a standard that would not be possible without their contribution.

The Network is, in essence, a volunteer organisation — without core funding the nature of the work we can undertake is quite limited. This year has been one of facing this reality as we look for a new and achievable focus.

Despite those limitations this year The Network has provided expert advice to a number of panels and working groups — bringing the voice of women who experience Mental Illness to the table in personal and powerful ways. We would like to acknowledge the powerful contribution that Julie Dempsey makes in this area after many years as Network Chair, Julie is now able to focus her effort on behalf of The Network outward in the hope of bringing about much needed change.

The second focus of our effort in 2017 was our ongoing commitment to training and development. A sub-committee led by Robyn Minty has continued to seek out opportunities for The Network to influence thought leaders through the provision of training. The gender diversity consultation being conducted on behalf of DHHS are a great example of this work. The generosity that Robyn shows to The Network is remarkable — giving of her time and personal sources to keep the organisation moving toward its goals. Toward the end of the financial year Robyn, Shelly Anderson and Julie Dempsey became quite a team as they moved around the state undertaking the DHHS consultation work.

As we move towards 2018 it will be the 30th anniversary year of The Network. Unfortunately, the work started in 1988 is not finished; there is still a great deal of work needed to support safety for women in our mental health services.

We have been giving much considerations to the role the network can play long term. The Network is currently undertaking a short consultation to assist with our thinking on the strategy. We hope to have a new sharper focus to our activities in 2018. We expect that our work will continue to address the ever-present issue of women's safety and will seek to build

on the "network" element of our purpose — by bringing together mental health women and men to share information and ideas.

Board comings and goings: In 2017 Wendy Mc Manus resigned as Treasurer, Wendy has provided a great deal of support over the years and will be missed. We welcomed Manorama Shah and Fiona Jessep who were co-opted to fill Leave of Absence vacancies (LOA) on the board. It can take time to find one's voice at the board table luckily the term for the board is 2 years, which means that each year there is mixture of new and returning members on the board where new members can step forward to lead.

In closing I want to thank all the board members for their active participation during 2017 and I look forward to working with you to serve our members.

Kim Koop, Chair

Women's Mental Health Network Victoria

11 October 2017

Treasurers Report

The Network continues to maintain its operations despite the challenges that any small, primarily volunteer-run organisation contends with. Acknowledging the efforts to the Committee, the Executive, Julie Anderson and the Chair and Jan Powell. I also want to offer acknowledgement to Robert Riccioni and Lina Maiale (drummond street Finance team) who support my work and that of the Network.

As Wendy McManus was not able to fulfil all the duties of WMHNV Treasurer (for personal reasons) I have stepped into the A/g Treasurer role until this AGM.

The Network remains in a solvent financial position, with primary income via a training grant from DHHS, memberships, donations, and the Network minimizing its salary and operating costs. The unplanned departure of the Executive Director; Julie Anderson, was a loss for the Network in terms of promoting the work, input and profile of the Network, albeit reducing salary costs. This means the Network primarily continues on the volunteer 'capital' and commitment of the women of the Committee.

The Network, as always acknowledges the support from individuals, organisations and the community. The importance and the social value of the issues the Network represents and advocates for is not commensurate with the funds that sit in a bank account. However, these funds allow the Network to operate as a legal entity and charity and receiver of grants. The accounts tabled are a true representation of expenditure for the Network.

With our year end result (as per our Profit/Loss Statement) stands at \$76,613.00, with a Net Loss this financial year of \$20,950.

Based on the end of the financial year's result, there still remains discussions, including some minor investment to support the future planning for the Network.

Thank you
Cheryl Miller-Yell
A/g Treasurer 11 October 2017

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Financial Report

Committee's Report For the year ended 30 June 2017

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK VICTORIA for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

Committee Members

The names of committee members at the date of this report are:

Shelley Anderson

Julie Dempsey

Sandy Jeffs

Fiona Jessep

Kim Koop

Cheryl Miller-yell

Robyn Minty

Bridget Nutting

Manorama Shah

Jude Stamp

Michelle Swan

Lisa Wright

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were: Promotes awareness of women's mental health and the development of services that are safe, effective and respond to the gender needs of women.

Significant Changes

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

Operating Result

The deficit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

Year ended	Year ended
30 June 2017	30 June 2016
\$(20,950)	\$835

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Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Income		
Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust		20,000
Capacity Building Grant Training - DHS	25,810	4,400
Donations received	595	7,032
Membership fees	1,055	600
Interest received	1,331	2,065
Total income	<u>28,790</u>	<u>34,098</u>
Expenses		
Accountancy	1,700	1,000
Administration costs	56	813
Bank charges	30	8
Bookeeping fees	614	300
Depreciation - other		1,933
Employment expenses	485	250
Conference expenses		3,407
Wages	33,488	12,330
Superannuation	3,070	1,168
Telephone	82	
Travel	276	189
Staff amenities	318	366
Flowers and gifts	149	145
Project worker		1,500
Materials	352	472
Materials		428
Project worker		945
Workers compensation	199	394
Meeting expenses	785	564
Postage		210
Subscriptions	563	305
State Trustees		3,300
I.T expenses	2,004	515
Printing and stationery	2,498	469

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For the year ended 30 June 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Insurance	72	
Rent on land & buildings	3,000	2,250
Total expenses	49,741	33,263
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax	(20,950)	835
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(20,950)	835
Total changes in equity of the association	(20,950)	835
Opening retained profits	97,563	96,728
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Closing retained profits	76,613	97,563

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Committee of Management 2016-2017

Executive Members

Kim Koop	Chair
Shelley Anderson	Vice Chair
Julie Dempsey	Secretary
Wendy McManus	Treasurer (on leave)
Cheryl Miller-Yell	Acting Treasurer

Ordinary Members

Sandy Jeffs	Member
Robyn Minty	Member
Bridget Nutting	Member (on leave)
Jude Stamp	Member
Michelle Swann	Member
Lisa Wright	Member

Representatives

Fiona Jessep
Manorama Shah

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