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Who We Are

Positive life SA

PLWHA (People Living with HIV & AIDS) was established by a series of community meetings in early 1995 and was successfully incorporated on the 26th April 1995. The organisation thus became an independent voice for HIV positive people in South Australia to ensure their lived experiences directed the provision of effective health and wellbeing support services and activities.

The organisation has since become known as Positive Life SA & continues its mission to improve the lives of people effected by HIV.

As a peer driven organisation, Positive Life SA is led by a community elected HIV positive Board and has grown from modest beginnings to become an integral provider of information, advocacy and support to positive people across the state.

Since July 2009, Positive Life SA has been reorientating its service provision from individual client services to a population health promotion approach involving the delivery of lifestyle engagement and change management programs that build HIV positive people's capacity for self management and increased quality of life.

Positive Life SA adheres to the keystone principles and practices of the Ottawa Charter (1986) and the Jakarta Declaration (1997), and actively works to

balance the wishes and needs of individuals with the longer term issues affecting the wellbeing, longevity and quality of life for all positive people.

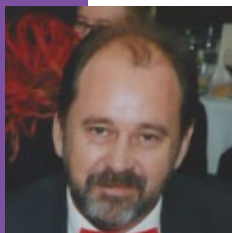
Additionally, Positive Life SA is committed to the principles underpinning 'GIPA' (*Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV; UN 1994*) and actively seeks to involve and sustain HIV positive people across all aspects of the organisation.

Positive Life SA fully supports the NAPWA Declaration of Rights which was launched at a NAPWHA conference held in Adelaide 2005.



Board Members

Tony President



I have been a dedicated and active member within the HIV Positive community since 1996. I started at Rosemont in the PLC kitchen as the Dessert Chef, Retreat Coordinator and Co-Editor of Positively Talking (PT). I nominated for the Board as an Ordinary Board Member and eventually took on the role as Secretary and full time Editor of PT.

I have held roles as Vice-President, Acting President, to my current role as President. For the last 7 years I have been an active representative for South Australia at the National Association of People with HIV/AIDS (NAPWHA). I have been passionate and committed to my role as a Board Member and President of Positive Life SA. This has been evident with my receiving the GALA Award for leadership in 2006. As an openly HIV positive person I believe I am approachable and a majority of the community know me and I hope they trust me.

Katherine Vice President



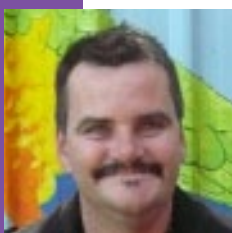
I graduated with a TAFE Certificate in Child Care in 1980 with a dream of one day managing my own Early Childhood Development Centre. Diagnosed HIV positive and pregnant in 1987 while working as a trained Child Care Worker, I managed to complete a Bachelor of Social Science, Child Care Specialisation. It was ten years on until I became aware of the existence of HIV services and organisations. I joined the PLWHA SA Board in 1996. As a result of becoming a Positive Speaker in SA I attended a NAPWHA Conference in Sydney. I can reflect on this time as a key turning point. In awe of the dynamic positive community I met, I soon engaged at many levels both local and national. As an openly positive woman I am serious about increasing the visibility of positive women in Australia and ensuring their voices are heard and strengthened.

Kristin Board Member



I am passionate about volunteering and hope I bring humour to my position. I am honest and caring and quite the sci-fi nerd. I have been with the organisation for approximately 5.5 years. First, I was the nervous client. Then, through a lot of prompting joined the Board 3.5 years ago. Between being a client and a board member, I became a volunteer in the HIVE - this enabled me to tackle the loneliness I was feeling and gave me a sense of purpose. I am looking forward to empowering our community via our Health Promotion Model. My achievements include an Award for Outstanding Year 12 Student to learning to live well with peripheral neuropathy and everything kooky in between. I like baking, bicycling, painting, drawing, movie critiquing, Sci-Fi, reading, swimming and laughing.

Derick Board Member



I have been HIV positive since 1988 when I was infected at the age of 16 years old. Being HIV positive was the impetus for me to embark on a career in healthcare as a Registered Nurse and health industry trainer. Early in my nursing career (1993 and 94) I nursed patients in St Vincent's Hospital (Sydney) who were dying or who were extremely sick with HIV/AIDS related complications. Following this, my career saw me define myself as a drug and alcohol nurse and an emergency department nurse. I have an Advanced Certificate in Nursing and a Bachelor of Nursing. I also have a number of other professional qualifications. I am currently undertaking further tertiary study at present. I am passionate about education and self determination with regards to decreasing stigma, discrimination, housing, income, education and health care.

David Board Member



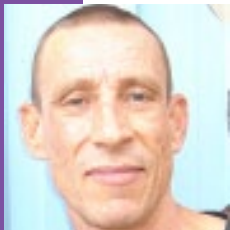
I have always worked in service industries of one kind or another. Both in the "field" and also in management. This also includes operating my own business for a number of years. After a number of years of using some of the great services provided by PLWHA SA, I decided to volunteer and try to give back some of the help that I had been given. In 2006 I started as a transport driver one day a week. I was invited to consider joining the Board. I have found the Board to be a very interesting and rewarding experience and would recommend it to any other eligible member of Positive Life SA.

Ian Board Member



Hi guys, my first year on the Positive Life Board and I'm looking forward to it immensely. I've been working in the HIVE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and really enjoy it. I think its possibly the most important project here. So if you'd like to say hello or have anything to contribute just come in and do so. You'll find me friendly and approachable so I look forward to helping you with any questions you may have and possibly be able to help you out. Having been HIV+ since 1981 and sharing my pad with Bob Goldsmith I think I know how it is to deal with being a long-time survivor. I've a lot of interest in the HIV arena and worked with many groups, boards etc in NSW and here.

Matthew Board Member



I have always enjoyed volunteering, and being benevolent. My involvement with the HIV community started not long after the 'Grim Reaper' campaign. Gay men swung into action; closely followed by LGBTI people from 'all walks of life'. My calling was to answer phones at Gayline. The year was 1987. Six years ago I became a client and a volunteer at PLWHA -SA. As a transport driver, I was able to give back something to the organization that supported me then as it does now. I was rewarded with a sense of purpose and much satisfaction. Now that organization is known as Positive Life SA. Its main role is education, and a connection with the wider HIV+ community. I've had 15 years living with HIV and previous service to the Board (2008-2009). That allows me to bring a wealth of knowledge, experience and passion to the boardroom. My commitment and dedication is as strong now as ever. I look forward to my role on the board, and service to PLSA as a challenging adventure.

Geoff Board Member



After 42 years of continuous service with the Education Department of SA, in mid 2010 I decided it was time to move on to the next phase of my life...retirement. Since August 2010 I've been involved in a number of PLSA activities: the Accreditation Committee, working in the HIVE on Tuesdays, The Planet Positive committee the community lunches on Fridays and as a Board Member. I was diagnosed HIV+ more than 22 years ago, but have been fortunate enough to remain well and want to continue to make a meaningful contribution to our community organisation while I still have the energy. I'm a bit of a perfectionist (alternatively I've been told I am a control freak and a Kitchen-Nazi), but I hope I bring some humour to my various roles.

Joe Board Member



I have been a PLSA Board member for many years and strongly believe in the value of peer networks. I am currently an Ordinary Board member and when we were PLWHA I held the position of Secretary. I had an extensive history on the ACSA Board until this year. While I am proud of the fact that the PLSA board members cover a diverse background it would be good to mentor more future board members. I strongly believe my role on the board is to advocate for injustices and speak on behalf of those who feel silenced or are not heard. I have two adult children and thanks to my daughter I am now Poppa to the smartest 18 month old grandson in Australia. My interests include watching all sports but playing golf and spending time with my family and helping people in simple ways by fixing or mending stuff.

Mark Board Member



Hi everyone, I am an West Australian man who moved to Adelaide with my partner in 2011. I have been HIV-positive for 12 years and am a father of two, and grandfather of one. I joined the PLSA Board in 2012 following a short term as the Executive Assistant while a staff member was on maternity leave. I have had an extensive history within the disability field and in a variety of roles, including management. I look forward to another interesting year on the Board.

Greg Board Member



I am an Aboriginal man from Port Augusta. My Dad was a railway worker, and so our family (I'm the youngest of five) moved around the state a great deal during his childhood. I have a long history in retail hardware and moved back to Adelaide with my partner in 2011. I joined the PLSA Board in 2012.

Kym Former Board Member



The Board wish to thank Kym and convey their heartfelt thanks for undertaking this role on our behalf. Kym has been, and will remain, integral to the history and success of our organisation and have provided invaluable support, advice and guidance to Positive Life SA, and the HIV positive community, especially in our early days when we were People Living With HIV/AIDS SA (PLWHA SA).

Staff

Rob *Executive Officer*



As Executive Officer, I oversee the operational matters for Positive Life SA (PLSA) such as staffing, the services and programs being provided and how the PLC is working and being looked after. It is also my job to work with the Board of Management in its Governance role. I largely provide advice and guidance to the Board (when requested) about strategic and bigger picture matters affecting the organisation and PLHIV more generally. In the current environment I also provide a range of day to day functions ie backfill for The HIVE, reception duties as needed, registration of new members to the organisation, access to the CNP and even providing individual support for people as needed. I am also the person who represents the organisation on many Government and HIV sector working parties or committees. I started work (for PLWHA) in August 2009.

Suzi *Community Officer*



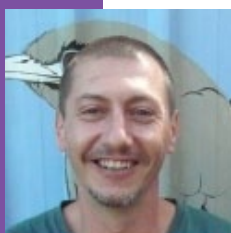
As Community Officer, I develop programs and services that promote peer information and support, which is a central Positive Life SA role. I also provide individual support, and develop information and resources to meet individual and positive community needs. I manage the Positive Speakers Bureau, which gives positive people a voice, educates others and reduces stigma and discrimination. And ... I write lots of funding submissions and promotional documents to try to make PLSA more financially secure. I joined the PLSA staff in February 2011.

Michelle Administrative Officer



As the Administrative Officer I am responsible for the organisation's financial management and administrative matters as well as coordinating NILS, Clean Needle Program and Small Loans programs. I joined Positive Life SA as volunteer in May 2001 and became a staff member in November 2002.

Mark Treatments Officer



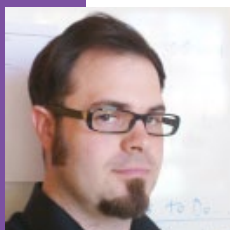
I was employed as part time (0.8) Treatments Officer throughout 2012-13. I played a key role in improving the quality, currency and relevance of the published information available throughout the PLC. I also ran Treatments Forums, provided individual support, developed packaging for newly diagnosed PLHIV and wrote new resources to fill information gaps.

Katia Projects Support Officer



As the Projects Officer I provide high level executive support service to the Executive Officer and Board of Management as well as identifying diverse short and long term funding sources. I joined the Positive Life SA staff in 2010. *Katia left PLSA on Maternity Leave in April 2012. Mark Vandenhurk took up her duties from April to November 2012.*

Tom Publications Officer



In my role as Publications Officer, I work to provide visually based publishing and marketing solutions for Positive Life SA. My duties involve maintaining and updating the PLSA website, editing and layout of Positively Talking and creating a look for PLSA numerous programs. I joined Positive Life SA in February 2012.

Reports



President's Report

Tony Minge

During the reporting year of 2012/2013 Positive Life SA has been running on full steam with minimal staff to meet the Governments requirements.

For my report this year I thought I would present a snapshot narrative on what has been happening.

Significant projects run in the last twelve months

Positive Life SA designed a new packaging of the FC2 (Female Condom). We trialled and focus tested the new design through diverse networks and it is being cited as the most appropriate and user friendly packaging nationally. There is clearly a unmet demand for FC2 and we encourage access to a health based tool for HIV prevention.

The SA HIV Disclosure Guide was an exciting project to be involved with. We held 2 consultative workshops with the positive community and HALC(HIV/AIDS Legal Centre) to provide some context on HIV disclosure. This format has been flagged as being used as a template for a W.A. version and the update of the NSW guide.

Highlights and milestones

The Board endorsed the EO to invite a group of Politicians from the ALP, Liberals, Greens and Dignity for Disability for an informal Afternoon Tea as a PR exercise to highlight the diverse work of PLSA. We were surprised to find that some of the politicians were operating from out-dated information believing we were either located or auspiced under ACSA. This opportunity led to not only a good connection with key people but increased the knowledge about PLSA and opened the door for further partnerships. Subsequently some of the politicians attended one of our mental health forums greatly adding to their personal knowledge of HIV in 2013.

The 10th birthday celebrations for our food store, the HIVE was a significant milestone. This program has been a huge benefit to relieving some of the financial burdens of positive people as the cost of living continues to rise along with the cost of utilities, food and medications, more than any other State or Territory.

Emerging or ongoing issues in the work of the organisation

High on the agenda is mental health within the HIV community and our response is to continue our interactive involvement with like minded professionals and work in partnerships to find a way forward.

Free HIV medication for all people living with HIV has been an ongoing theme and our collective response is to support a national drive to make this happen.

PLSA led the first sector wide collaboration looking at barriers to (HIV) testing amongst gay and other MSM.

Individuals or groups we would like to acknowledge

We would like to acknowledge MAC cosmetics for supporting us with their offer of a contract to provide fundraising money via the sales of Viva Glam products. This money will provide security for The HIVE and current Ambulance Subscription expenses for PLHIV.

We would also like to acknowledge the excellent sponsorship offered by Gilead and Merck Sharp & Dome for the treatments forum series.

Other information that is important to be shared

Dispensing of HIV meds in SA has recently changed (finally) with 2 for the price of 1 meds on offer, this is of major assistance to all positive people in this current climate of rising costs of living.

There has been a significant number of individual support sessions provided to PLHIV with Suzi Quixley our Community Development Officer. Being able to meet this need is of benefit for our positive community.

Collaborations of note include:

Exciting involvement with NAPWAHA leaders group developing a range of papers on topics for national agreement within PLHIV orgs.

We are currently hosting SWAGGER (sex Workers Action Group-Gaining Empowerment- Rights & Recognition) meetings each month.

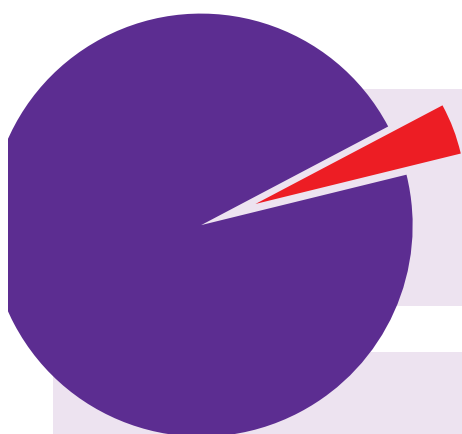
Hepatitis SA provided a peer educator to attend Friday Lunches once a month for 3 months which was great partnership and helpful, as we have many people with HIV/Hep C co-infection.

The Board is excited to have adopted the UNESCO Human Rights Based Prevention Education Guide as one of a suite of Guiding Documents for PLSA.

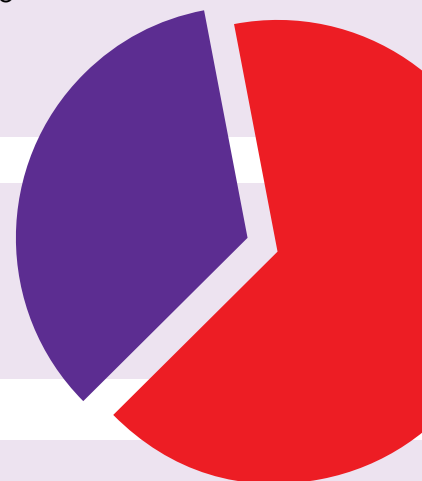
PLSA Statistics

2012 - 2013

MEMBERSHIP



27 New Members 2012-2013
626 Total Membership



412 HIV Positive People

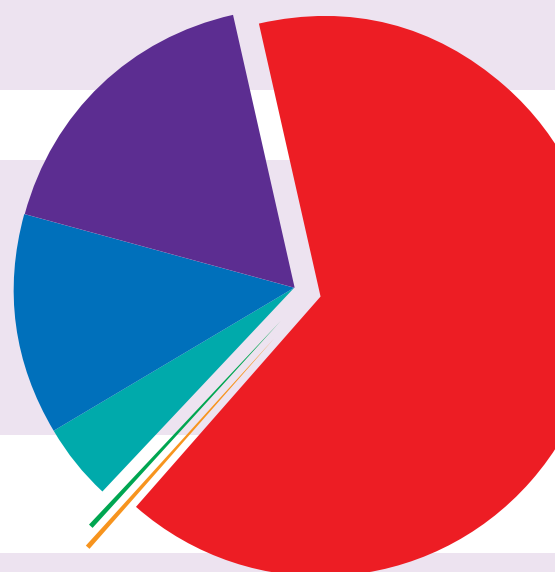
214 HIV Negative / Status Unknown



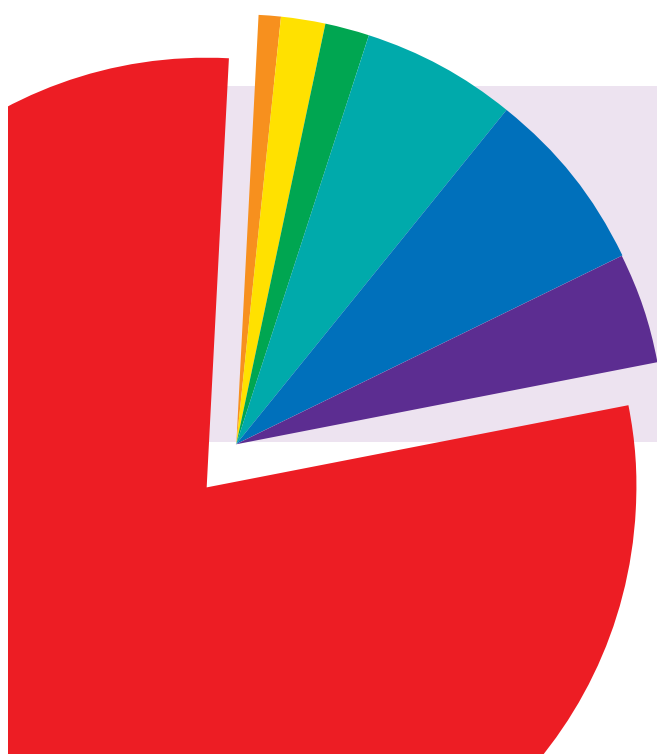
367 HIV+ Men
45 HIV+ Women
1 HIV+ Transgender



408 Gay
28 Bisexual
107 Straight
2 Other
80 Unknown
1 Transexual



494 Anglo Australian
27 African
44 Unknown
36 European/UK
10 Aboriginal
10 Asian
5 Other



*During 2012-13, PLSA experienced a data crash resulting in an estimated loss of approximately 100 participant records. Efforts to reconstruct these records are continuing. The actual number of people registered with PLSA in 2011/12 was 405 HIV-positive and 234 HIV-negative/unknown. With additions and deletions known to have occurred in 2012-13, records should now show 427 HIV-positive and 236 HIV-negative/unknown. The demographic data is based on the 412 people for whom detailed records exist.



Vice President's Report

Katherine Leane

"It is often said that the best leaders are those who serve" - Justice Michael Kirby

In the financial year and reporting period for July 2012 to June 2013, Positive Life SA (PLSA) continued to deliver highly effective, quality, peer initiated and driven health and wellness programs and events. This period of time was across a landscape challenged by funding constraints and a reduction in resources and coincided with Australia's largest single year increase in new HIV diagnosis.

PLSA continued to consult, listen and communicate with our diverse membership which enables the continued success of events such as our topical *HIV Treatment forums, Planet Positive, POZ Day Out* and the Friday community lunch (which is in partnership with the Glandore Community Centre).

As highlighted in the HIV National Strategies leadership and partnership have always been a successful approach to addressing the many challenges of working across such a diverse number of marginalised groups. Often the shared commonality is around the negative experiences of stigma and discrimination and the detrimental impact this can have on ones overall health and wellbeing.

Our continued facilitation of the Mental Health Professional network has resulted in PLSA leading a much needed focus on educating service providers on HIV and mental health combined with a valuable

network of strategies and knowledge generously shared. The PLSA Community Officer developed a practical mental health, counseling and support services hand out, invaluable when working in this challenging area. It is vital that the current trend of mainstreaming services finds an innovative way to promote the community voices of PLHIV and this is an ongoing advocacy challenge and role that the PLSA see as a priority.

During this year the board continued to advocate on our commitment to the provision of free HIV medication for all PLHIV. We can report this has been supported at a national level through NAPWHA and their member organisations. PLSA board believes that by working as a national collective this "POZ Action" will enable us to address key or emerging themes or issues thereby increasing our capacity and effectiveness.

At PLSA we have followed closely the scientific and medical knowledge that has led to "treatment as prevention". A global shift in the promotion of HIV testing and treating may lead to a unintended

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increase in HIV related stigma and discrimination and unfortunately the criminalisation of PLHIV. The PLSA criminalisation position paper sits on our website.

Being a small organisation PLSA understands the benefits in working collaboratively in effective partnerships. PLSA continues to value our connections with relevant and like minded organisations or groups including the HIV Women's Program, Hepatitis SA, ACSA, GLCS, SIN, SACOSS, NAPWHA, AFAO, RDNS, HALC, SaBS, RASA, Port Adelaide TAFE, M.AC. Cosmetics, Gilead Services, MerckSharpeDome, Bristol-Myers-Squibb and key individuals.

In the foundation years of positive people organisations and groups the Denver Principles were developed (1983). From this term "Nothing for Us without Us" was coined and refers to the right to self determination and participation in the process of decision making that affects the lives of PLHIV. PLSA has in its constitution that all board members are people living with HIV. To conclude my Vice President report there are two other programs and one event that I believe are key to the uniqueness and success of PLSA and have a dynamic impact on the heart and soul of our 400 members and demonstrates they are productive members of, and contributors, to society.

The Food Store or "HIVE" celebrated ten years this year and continues to be one of the most powerful projects assisting with food insecurity. Next the Positive Speakers Bureau continues to educate and provide HIV and STI prevention awareness and health information combined with the personal impact of living with HIV to a broad audience of 823. Then there was the Candlelight Memorial Event with a history that spans over 30 years. I have personally

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experienced and witnessed the impact and the way these peer run initiatives are changing people's lives as they learn new skills, mentor others, build resilience and build strong peer networks or friendships.

The PLSA board, staff, volunteers and membership all share a vision to improve, refine and grow everyone's capacity to participate meaningfully in community life. Now is the time to act and stand up and be counted in a show of solidarity and make our voices be heard loudly. I encourage and invite you to attend the forums, send us an email, visit the website, drop in and share your experience on any issue that may affect your quality of life. I believe that until we can safely and with limited risk share about our HIV status in a stigma free environment then we still have work to do.

To all the amazing Staff, board, volunteers, members and supporters of our work at PLSA thank you for your passion and commitment throughout the past financial year.

PLSA are serious about our engagement at the local, State and National level and our leadership role as we approach the Global Conference AIDS 2014 in Melbourne.



Executive Officer's Report

Rob O'Brien

Services and Activities

Throughout 2012-13, Positive Life staff and volunteers provided a wide range of programs and activities to the Positive community and other communities of interest. This extensive work was detailed in our *Annual Evaluation Report* for 2012-13, totalling over 300 pages, and reporting on the 22 activities from our Annual Workplan currently funded by SA Health. Other services such as *Complimentary Therapies*, *The Newsletter*, *The HIVE* and *\$5 Friday lunches* are funded courtesy of the M.A.C. AIDS fund, Gilead Sciences and other individual and/or company donations.

With a very small team of staff (4.5 FTE - Full Time Equivalent) and a dynamic team of volunteers, PLSA staged 25 individual events involving PLHIV, people closely affected by HIV, the HIV workforce, mental health workforce, clinicians, politicians, companies and broader community members. We also developed 11 new resources, distributed 3136 resources and participated on 7 state and interstate committees. The *Positive Living Centre* had 2215 visits, including 1551 *HIVE shops*. 27 HIV positive people newly registered with us this year.

We also provided over 7300 episodes of service - including lunches served, individual support given, clean injecting equipment accessed, massages given, and attendances at forums, activities and events. 416 people attended 17 program specific events eg Planet Positive, Poz Day Out etc

This level of productivity and success has only been possible by having such a highly dedicated group of volunteers, board members and staff, to whom I say a huge thank you.

Highlights

While all of our events and activities are worthy of discussion, I would like to mention a few specific highlights. Some of these are not as prominent within the *Annual Evaluation Report* because they are either not directly funded by SA Health or not the main focus of a report, while some are just worthy of extra attention.

The HIVE

In February 2013 *The HIVE* celebrated its 10th Birthday. A small group of volunteers and staff put up

decorations, sang happy birthday, and ate cake. Over the decade, *The HIVE* has provided thousands of dollars worth of food and groceries to PLHIV on a low income, thus playing an important role in offsetting the associated costs of HIV treatments and other medications.

The HIVE continues to also play a significant role as a point of connection for PLHIV with our organisation and with other HIV-positive people. As our *HIVE* volunteers are also HIV-positive people, the accessibility to informal *peer* support for other PLHIV, is invaluable.

Politicians Afternoon Tea

February was also the month in which PLSA held an afternoon tea for politicians. In 2012, we attended a *World AIDS Day* leadership breakfast that was attended by a number of politicians from all major parties. Politicians present were keen to find out more about PLSA and our community, so we held an afternoon tea event in February 2013. This was a great opportunity for all of the Board to talk informally with the small group of politicians and advisors who came along. It proved an effective way to provide a more comprehensive picture of who we are and issues for community.

Holding this event has established some very supportive, ongoing relationships with some of the politicians present – some have even attended our mental health forums! It is crucial that we get the message across to politicians about the central role of PLHIV in the response to HIV, and the uniqueness of PLHIV community organisations such as our own.

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M.A.C. Cosmetics Partnership

In May 2013, Positive Life SA signed an ongoing contract with M.A.C Cosmetics who provide financial support to HIV-positive people around the world through the M.A.C. AIDS Fund. We started discussions with M.A.C. in 2011 following the transfer of the Red Ribbon/Bobby Goldsmith Fund from the AIDS Council of SA to Positive Life SA. These discussions culminated in the signing of a contract between M.A.C. and PLSA commencing 01 May 2013. 70% of funds raised from the sale of all *Viva Glam* products in South Australia come to PLSA – the remaining 30% of funds go directly to UNICEF. Our first donation (almost \$52 000) was received on 29 July 2013. These funds operate The HIVE and pay for Ambulance subscriptions for PLHIV on low incomes. M.A.C. are very enthusiastic about working with PLSA and supporting the community.

Australian Executor Trustees

This year PLSA once again received a generous donation from the Australian Executor Trustees Ltd of \$4000. This donation was put to good use in *The HIVE*. AET's donation further ensures our *HIVE* project continues to provide food assistance and quality of life improvements for people living with HIV. Australian Executor Trustees provides a comprehensive range of investment management, estate planning and administration, superannuation, accountancy and trustee services. If you'd like to know more about AET or would like to make use of their services, visit their website - www.aetlimited.com.au



Other Sponsors

PLSA would like to also thank Gilead Sciences Pty Ltd and Merck Sharpe and Dome who both sponsored a *HIV Treatment Forum*. Gilead also sponsor the publication of our newsletter - *Positively Talking*.

Volunteers

Throughout 2012-13, Positive Life SA volunteers (including Board members) provided almost 4000 hours of work to the organisation. This is equivalent to around \$100k in wages or just on 27% of our existing budget. Around 76% of this work was undertaken by HIV-positive people.

I would like to specifically acknowledge the volunteers who provided 1355 hours of their time to run the \$5 Friday lunches. Our lunches are very tasty, very affordable, very well organised and provide another way for community to connect with each other.

Similarly, our HIVE volunteers worked 1864 hours during the year shopping for groceries, serving customers, and re-stocking shelves. This PLSA service is not funded by SA Health and relies entirely

on donations from individuals, companies (MAC Cosmetics, AET) and fundraising efforts eg Red Ribbon sales, recycled cans courtesy of 431 Sauna. The ongoing success of *The HIVE* is directly due to the commitment of our volunteers.

The PLSA Board of course are also volunteers and this year provided over 470 hours of time to the Governance of our organisation. While being on a Board may not seem like much work from an external perspective, the opposite is the reality. While members turn up each month for meetings, they also represent PLSA on committees, working groups and research projects, at a state and national level. Board members attend program events such as Planet Positive, HIV/ Mental Health Forums, Treatments Forums, and Poz Day Out. Board members are also the people who stage the annual Candlelight Memorial. Board also oversee the operations of the organisation and work in partnership with my role as Executive Officer.

I believe that a good relationship between a Board and their EO is crucial for the success of any organisation. I would like to thank the Board for their ongoing energy, dedication, professionalism and hard work (and keeping me on the right path!!).

The other large number of volunteer hours occurs with our Complimentary Therapies service. TAFE students and one longstanding volunteer (Bronte) have provided over 200 hours of massage and reflexology over the year. Thank you to TAFE for their commitment and generosity in recruiting people to provide massage. Thank you also to Bronte who has been volunteering his hands for 13 years for HIV-positive people.

There are a number of other ways that volunteers work within our organisation ie Planet Positive, Candlelight Memorial, AIDS Awareness Week/ World AIDS Day, Poz Day Out, Administration support. Without people generously donating their time and energy to the organisation, many of the services we provide would cease or would be provided less often, less well or to less people. Our volunteers are an integral, and highly valued, part of our organisation.

Female Condom Packaging

Special mention must be made of our newly designed *Female Condom packaging*. This work was led by our Community Officer (Suzi), who worked closely with Kath (Board Vice-President) and Tom (Publications Officer) to design packaging for female condoms. This work attracted positive national attention from Glyde Australia and the (very) bright pink packaging has been very well received by a diverse range of women.

Treatments Forums

In 2012-13, we ran a very successful series of HIV Treatments forums covering a range of topics such as *sexual function and HIV treatments*, *HIV and hepatitis c co-infection*, *Latest Developments in HIV*, and *You and Your Doctor* – a discussion around people's relationships with their Doctor. These forums have

provided a very effective opportunity for discussion around HIV Treatment relevant topics with a large number, and range, of PLHIV.

125 people attended the year's four forums, which always included time for people to share their own experiences, understandings and knowledge. In this way, the forums uniquely involved HIV-positive people as both the *learners* and *educators* within the topic.

Thank you to our Treatments Officer (Mark) for his expertise and energy in pulling together the forums and their topics and information. Our Treatment Forums will continue during 2013-14.

HIV and Mental Health forums

Similarly, we have had a very successful year with our series of HIV and Mental Health forums. Held four times during the year, these events are primarily a 'workforce development' activity for people within the HIV and mental health sectors. All forums receive sponsorship from the national Mental Health Professionals Network. Along with HIV and mental health clinicians, mental health workers, HIV sector workers and even some politicians, members of our Board of Management also attend. This ensures a good balance of workforce experiences balanced with the lived experience of HIV-positive people.

Many thanks to our guest speakers, Dr Jon Jureidini (*'Healthy Unhappiness'*), and Dr Chris Lemoh (*HIV and CALD Communities*) for their expertise at three forums. Thanks also to three other guest speakers, Kristin, Greg and Stephen, for their lived experience expertise on mental health and living with HIV for our final forum for 2012-13. Our HIV and Mental Health forums will continue during 2013-14.

HIV Disclosure Guide

Another highlight for the year included the ongoing work with the HIV/AIDS Legal Centre (HALC) on a South Australian Edition of the *HIV Disclosure Guide*. We have been eagerly awaiting the printing of *The Guide* for use here in SA. PLSA had significant input into the design and format of *The Guide* working closely with a HALC's worker who visited Adelaide to talk with HIV-positive people about how the new guide could look and read. The resulting *Guide* format has since been used as the template for the new *WA*

Guide, and for the next edition of the *NSW Guide*. HALC found the opportunity for comprehensive (PLHIV) community input, both invaluable and unique. We anticipate the guide will be ready to launch in time for World AIDS Day. Thank you to the PLSA Board, PLSA community members and PLSA staff for their time and energy towards developing the *SA Guide*.

Staff changes during 2012-13

Staff-wise, this year has been a relatively stable one for us, with only one significant *going and coming*. Mark Vandenhurk resigned in November 2012 for health reasons. Mark was working as our Executive Assistant while Kat McAteer was on maternity leave. Sally Deluca filled in for a short while after Mark left and into early 2013. Then in April 2013, Kat returned from leave with a new baby daughter, Ava (who actually did come to work for a day or two!) and to a new position title of *Projects Support Officer*. The change in position title more accurately reflected the diversity of roles that Kat was undertaking across the organisation including support to the Board of Management to working with volunteers and market shopping for fresh goods for *The HIVE*. Thank you to Mark for all of his work and commitment to the organisation as Executive Assistant while Kat was away. A similar thank you also to Sally Deluca for her short time with us!

Mark has continued his involvement with Positive Life SA as a Board member since the 2012 AGM.

2013-14

The future for our organisation and many other small community orgs is uncertain to say the least. We are increasingly being directed to finding alternative sources of funding... to be multi funded and not reliant on SA Health. The dilemma for PLSA is that over the past few years we have experienced declining funding which in turn means reduced staff and therefore reduced resources to direct to non-service delivery work. Looking for significant funding sources requires much time and energy – resources that are already *maxxed-out* so to speak. However, we have been successful in our new (funding) partnership with M.A.C. Cosmetics, and we recently heard we were successful in gaining a small grant to run a HIV and Ageing project in 2014. We have also applied for significant funding through the Department of Communities and Social Inclusion. We will hear about our success or otherwise in December. Meantime, we are looking for other funding opportunities whilst still maintaining a high level of services to the positive community.

Thank you to everyone who has been to an event, read the newsletter, let us know what they think about what we do, talked about us to other people or just come to the PLC for a visit. We hope you will continue to do this all again in 2013-14.

Cheers - Rob

"Meantime, we are looking for other funding opportunities whilst still maintaining a high level of services to the positive community."

PLSA Website Analysis

2012 - 2013

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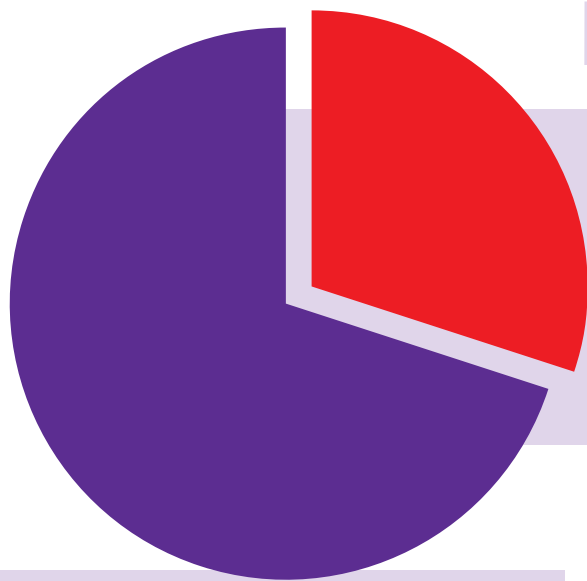
people accessed

www.hivsa.org.au between

July 2012 & June 2013

5662

Total Website Visits



30.2% Returning Visitors

69.8% New Visitors

this year
featured

visits **5662**

unique visitors **4035**

page views **12,527**

pages per visit **2.21**

average visit duration **00:02:35**

bounce rate **59.73%**

percentage of new visits **69.8%**

Australia: visits **4724** | pages per visit **2.33** | visit duration **02:35**

new visits **64.99%** | bounce rate **56.35%**

United States: visits **174** | pages per visit **1.44** | visit duration **01:05**

new visits **95.40%** | bounce rate **83.91%**

Unlisted: visits **148** | pages per visit **1.30** | visit duration **00:50**

new visits **97.30** | bounce rate **83.78%**

South Africa: visits **70** | pages per visit **1.86** | visit duration **01:12**

new visits **87.14%** | bounce rate **58.57%**

United Kingdom: visits **65** | pages per visit **1.68** | visit duration **00:52**

new visits **92.31** | bounce rate **76.92%**

Other countries of note:

India: **60** visits | Germany: **48** visits | Singapore: **36** visits | Canada **27** visits



Treatment Officer's Report

on behalf of Mark Stephens

Running Treatments Forums

Mark ran 4 Treatments Forums during 2012-13. The topics were determined by input from PLHIV through a variety of sources, including: PLSA staff conversations with individual PLHIV (e.g. at Friday Lunches) and discussion at events earlier in 2012 (e.g. *Rural.Life+* weekend; the May 2012 *Treatment Issues Forum*). Each event included provision of HIV treatments information, coupled with peer education and support amongst participants. The Forums were:

- *Getting it Up* – exploring relationships between sexual performance and HIV/treatments (August 2012).
- *Recent developments in HIV* – including recent ART trials, new medications, benefits of early treatment and the quest for a cure (November 2012).
- *HIV & Hepatitis C Co-infection* – transmission, Hepatitis C treatment and the interface with HIV treatment (February 2013).
- *You and Your Doctor: Stories from beyond the stethoscope* – including routine monitoring and checks, lifestyle influences and building a working partnership with your doctor (May 2013).

These events were very successful, with a total of 125 total attendances and the majority of PLHIV participating in more than one forum.

Supporting Individuals

Whilst PLSA is no longer funded to provide ongoing counselling, we always provide short term support – especially when there is no other service able, or willing, to meet someone's needs. Overall, the number of sessions PLSA provided almost doubled in 2012-13.

This year, Mark provided 112 support sessions, of which 51 included provision of treatments information. Others included everything from answering quick questions to providing practical crisis support, and lasted from 15 minutes to over an hour. Treatments-related sessions often required considerable time spent undertaking customised research on issues such as particular drug interactions and side effects, finding appropriate consumer product information and supporting PLHIV to plan their next medical appointment to optimize the value of their conversation with their doctor. Many sessions were with new members or newly diagnosed PLHIV.

Packaging for Newly Diagnosed PLHIV

Mark was responsible for assessing the information needs of people recently diagnosed with HIV, to enable PLSA (and other services) to better assist them to make the adjustments required to live with HIV. He conducted 10 informal interviews with a variety of PLHIV about their needs at the time of diagnosis, and reviewed the available literature, resources and services available in Australia for newly diagnosed HIV-positive people. He also drew on the individual support he provided to 11 recently-diagnosed PLHIV and consulted HIV sector workers (through the Interagency Workers Forum), to ensure that his assessment of information needs was current and relevant to the South Australian context.

During consultation with frontline HIV Sector workers, it was clear that information was not generally a high priority for people when first diagnosed with HIV. Accordingly, a complete list of resources available through the PLC and order form was made available to all sector workers likely to engage with newly diagnosed people, so they could access further specific information when they were ready for it.

Newly diagnosed PLHIV vary enormously in terms of their information needs, literacy levels and the complexity of their needs. Most sought information specific to their immediate needs, rather than a wider 'pack' of information. Mark directly distributed 2 full information packs to PLHIV, with specific information relevant to their individual needs being provided to a further 11 individuals. A further 10 full information packs were provided to other SA HIV Sector workers. (The information was packed in shoulder bags donated by Merck Sharpe Dome (MSD) – which were also used for trial distribution of *HIV & HCV Co-infection* information packs – 32 of which were taken by participants at the February Treatments Forum.)

Treatments Information Provision

During 2012-13, Mark wrote 8 **PT articles** on topics which were a high priority for PLHIV – either the topics of

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Treatments Forums or issues raised at these forums about which participants sought further information. These included information about the impact of HIV treatment on sexual function, the viability (or not) of treatment breaks, research innovations (the truth about purported cures and new treatments), women's sexual health and treatment best practice.

Four of these articles were developed into **PLSA Fact Sheets**:

- *HIV Treatment and Half-Lives*
- *Sex and Hepatitis C for Gay Men Living with HIV*
- *Erectile Dysfunction in Men Living with HIV*
- *Testosterone Replacement Therapy in Men Living with HIV*

He also drafted a fact sheet on *ART Guidelines in Australia* (produced by ASHM), which should be finalised and published this year.

Mark led, or contributed, to the South Australian implementation of several national **campaigns**, all of which are designed to contribute to achieving state, national and international *treatment as prevention* goals. PLSA aims to provide the information PLHIV need to make informed decisions about beginning and maintaining HIV treatment – which relies on building genuine partnerships with their doctors. The national campaigns Mark contributed to were:

- *Start the Conversation Today* – a NAPWA campaign, encouraging PLHIV to talk with their doctor about the benefits of early treatment.
- *ENUF* – a campaign encouraging PLHIV to contribute their stories and experiences of HIV stigma and resilience in the lead-up to the International AIDS Conference 2014 in Melbourne.
- *The New Deal* (gay men, sex and hepatitis C) campaign – promoting the website to PLHIV.
- *Your Body Blueprint for HIV and Healthy Living* – a joint AFAO/NAPWA campaign encouraging PLHIV to access this interactive website with tips on healthy living with HIV, including reducing the risk of developing other chronic conditions and enhancing quality of life.

And he also promoted key national **activities**, including encouraging PLHIV to:

- Register for the joint NAPWA/NCHSR study of attitudes toward HIV treatments for people not currently taking ART.
- Ask their doctor about *two for the price of one* HIV prescriptions.
- Consider joining the *Opposite Attract* Kirby Institute study of sero-discordant gay relationships.
- Consider participating in a Centre for Social Research in Health (CSRH) study of gay and bisexual men with Hepatitis C.
- Engage with Heart Foundation information about HIV and cardiac health

He also maintained displays of a variety of other state and national health promotional materials with ongoing relevance, at strategic points throughout the PLC.

- Participate in the *Positive Outlook* study – the multi-agency trial of an online program designed to improve the health of HIV-positive men.

Mark did a fabulous job reviewing and refining all the information available on **display** throughout the PLC. He removed out-of-date information and selected the most accessible and accurate available information for display. As a result, our displays are now more visually appealing, and all staff and volunteers can confidently recommend any of the resources they contain.

He also maintained displays of a variety of other state and national health promotional materials with ongoing relevance, at strategic points throughout the PLC. These included posters from *The Stigma Project* (USA), *Fear Less Live More*, cervical screening flyers (customised to HIV-positive women in women's toilets), *The Drama Downunder* (in the men's toilets) and a variety of state and national STI/BBV materials access through SHine-SA, Hepatitis SA and Women's Health Statewide on the relevant noticeboards.

Other Contributions

Alongside other staff, Mark contributed to whole-of-organisation events such as Poz Day Out, Planet Poz, and AIDS Awareness Week activities. He represented PLSA on the Interagency Workers Forum and the South Australian WAD/AAW Committee. Outside his job at PLSA, Mark also administered the gay HIV-positive men's *Facebook* site and was a speaker with the Positive Speakers Bureau.



Community Officer's Report

Suzi Quixley

2012-13 was a busy year for me ... I only work 3 days per week!

Running Poz Community Events

Many of the HIV-positive people I talk to, feel like a 'minority within a minority' in the positive community. Newly diagnosed heterosexual men, women and people from various cultural backgrounds often feel like (or even believe that) they're the 'only one' in the positive community. A lot of my work involved helping these positive people connecting with other people they share more in common with.

A new program this year was **Poz on Poz** events for specific groups. We had a BBQ and forum for HIV-positive carers and carers of positive people: this included plenty of time to share experiences of being a carer, and an opportunity to hear about practical respite support available to carers (including partners who co-care for each other). A **BBQ lunch and get-together for Straight Positive Men** went really well, and provided a great chance for men to share their experiences and talk about the kind of services that would be useful for them. (These included more opportunities to talk with heterosexual positive women, so we've organised a mixed event for 2013-14.) And, we had a small but fun lunch for Aboriginal positive people and their families.

Our two **Poz Day Out** events, as always, were a great success – with a record 75 people attending the October 2012 event! (Numbers were down in April 2013, because it was raining.) This year, I coordinated **Poz Day Out**, which is the only event we run which involves all Positive Life SA and HIV Women's Program staff. This event plays a particularly important role in involving marginalised groups of positive people (e.g. women, and people from small cultural groups) to get together in a relaxed, friendly, family environment. It's also great because of the incredible range of family members people bring – sometimes several generations of

the same family; some people bring nieces and nephews for a school holiday treat; some bring long term friends that they consider family.

Another new project for Positive Life SA in 2012-13 was **HIV Women's Forums**, which we run jointly with the HIV Women's Program. These Forums are designed to do 2 things – to connect up positive women and give them an opportunity to share experiences; and to 'consult' with women about the issues that concern them, so these can be written down and acted on. The October 2012 Forum was open to all HIV-positive women. This event focused on sharing women's experiences at all stages of their *HIV Journey*: these were documented and contributed toward a kit for newly diagnosed women (now published) by Positive Women Victoria. The April 2013 Forum was specifically for newly diagnosed, or newly engaging, women. Again, their experiences were shared and documented, and will help improve our understanding of the current realities of HIV diagnosis for women. Three **Women's Peer Education Groups** were also held at the Positive Living Centre this year.

I'm also responsible for building our relationship with people from **high prevalence countries** engaging with Positive Life SA. HIV-positive people from African and Asian backgrounds are often particularly isolated. We have worked hard to try to reach these positive people, and connect them with other positive people and our services. It's great to see more and more people from high prevalence countries joining PLSA, and using The HIVE, Ambulance Insurance, massage and individual

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support. Numbers at events such as *Poz Day Out* are also increasing, and we hope to involve these community members in many other PLSA events and activities over time. Rob (Executive Officer) and I have also done a bit of work with African community organisations – to try to improve their understanding of HIV in the Australian context, and encourage a more inclusive attitude toward their HIV-positive members.

Supporting Individuals

Whilst PLSA does not provide *ongoing/therapeutic counselling*, we are always able to offer people *short term support* – especially when there is no other service able, or willing, to meet someone's needs. Overall, the number of sessions PLSA provided almost doubled in 2012-13.

This year, I provided 66 support sessions. These included everything from answering quick questions to providing intensive crisis support. Sessions ranged in duration from 15 minutes to several hours. Some of the topics people talked with me about were discrimination complaints and advocacy, immigration, housing, family support/issues/violence, accessing carer support and home help, ageing, financial assistance, legalities of travel, work/study options, loss and grief, HIV services, mental health, basic treatments information and Centrelink benefits. Often, this involved doing research – about the topic, or (if possible) to find suitable services to refer people to. Many sessions were with new members or newly diagnosed people, who I linked up with other positive people for peer support. I also responded to HIV information requests and pre-test anxiety from members of the general public.

Wider Community Education

The Positive Speakers Bureau (PSB) continues to do a fabulous job of educating the community and, at the same time, challenging stigma and discrimination. Sadly, we haven't had the resources this year to promote the PSB, but we still continue to meet the many requests for speakers we receive – mostly from organisations that have had speakers before (a great testament to the quality of our speakers). This year, positive speakers did 21 presentations to a total of 824 people. These included trainee nurses, doctors and pharmacists; community services and health workers/volunteers; and school students. Hopefully, this 'investment in the future' will contribute to positive people having

“Hopefully, this ‘investment in the future’ will contribute to positive people having better service experiences – both now and later”

better service experiences – both now and later. All our speakers received overwhelmingly positive feedback, for example:

Absolutely invaluable at humanising the learning around HIV/Hep C

It is essential that HIV positive people have a central role in education

Students really engage in this presentation and take on board the sexual health, risk management and life choices messages conveyed in this personal narrative

The general consensus ... was that (the speaker's) story was one of the highlights of their training

In addition to managing the PSB, I provided education sessions with a variety of students doing placements in HIV services. I also managed two students on a long placement at Positive Life SA (one focused on researching criminalisation; the other on co-payments for HIV meds).

On a slightly different note, during 2012-13 I developed and trialled female condom (FC2) packaging. Female condoms are the only female-initiated method which provides protection from HIV, other STI's and pregnancy. Popular in many countries around the world, these are new in Australia. The packages are designed to both provide essential information about using a female condom and be very discrete (... the packaging looks just like a pack of tissues). I like the key message being promoted by Femfatales (national HIV-positive women's group) – this isn't about telling positive women that they should use female condoms ... it's just about *giving your vagina a choice!* We've had heaps of positive feedback on the resource from around Australia, and have already produced a Queensland version of the pack.

Writing! Writing! Writing!

I've done HEAPS of writing this year! Some of the practical resources I've developed are a series of *PLSA Info Updates*, which are kept up-to-date:

- *HIV Services in South Australia* (which includes a current list of S100 GP's and is also the back page of PT)
- *Changes to the Disability Support Pension* (July 2012)
- *Medicare-funded Allied Health Programs for People with Chronic & Complex Conditions* (July 2012 ... with a new update including changes to the Dental Scheme in Sept 2012)
- Mental Health, Counselling and Support Services in SA
- Support for Carers in SA

I've also updated *Positive Disclosure* (a fabulous guide originally published in 2008, and mainly using the voice of positive people) which is now reprinted. Every 3 months I update the list of *Hep C Happenings* ... resources for the many positive people who are also HCV positive. And, I did 2 major edits of the HIV Disclosure Guide for South Australia (being produced by the HIV/AIDS Legal Centre, Sydney), which we plan to launch in November.

I continue to maintain our research base on issues that affect the whole positive community (e.g. criminalisation of HIV, co-payments for HIV meds and mental health). This is so Positive Life SA is ready to respond and advocate when opportunities arise. I'm also continuing to develop an e-Library of HIV-related information – which we hope will eventually be available to all our members.

Working Together

Positive Life SA staff aim to ensure that our involvement on committees and working groups is purposeful ... we're not interested in being 'committee sitters'. I have 3 main committee involvements, and in each case I also contribute in a practical way outside committee meetings:

- (SA) Culturally and Linguistically Diverse HIV Interagency Committee (CHIC), which looks at prevention and support for people from high prevalence countries.
- (SA) Female Condom Committee, where I work with other organisations to promote FC2 in SA.

"I continue to maintain our research base on issues that affect the whole positive community..."

- (National) NAPWHA Poz Action Policy Group, where Rob & I work with staff from other positive organisations to address key issues affecting HIV-positive people in Australia. (Our current focus is on co-payments for HIV meds, criminalisation of HIV and the role of positive organisations in HIV prevention.)

I also spend lots of time providing advice and guidance on the needs of HIV-positive people – to other agencies, students, etc. I've worked closely on projects with most HIV services in South Australia. In addition to the HIV Women's Program, *Poz on Poz* activities for straight men were also run in conjunction with the HIV Liaison Nurses at Flinders and the events for carers were with the 2 metropolitan carer respite programs. Similarly, SA-SIN, RDNS, Centre Pharmacy, RAH HIV Liaison Nurse and PEACE Multicultural Services were all involved in the FC2 packaging project; and I've worked closely with the HIV/AIDS Legal Service (HALC) on the *HIV Disclosure Guide*.

Securing Our Future

After our big funding cut this year, I've put lots of time into writing funding applications. I've done several for small projects ... and a really big tender to the Department of Communities and Social Inclusion to try to get some money for staff (so Positive Life SA isn't completely dependent on SA Health funding).

I've also helped out with all our efforts to promote PLSA – the Politicians Afternoon Tea, promotional flyers, our paper called *Our Unique Contribution to A Future Free of HIV: A resource for decision makers*, and a super-huge Annual Report ... just to prove how much PLSA achieves with so little money!

Hopefully, all these efforts will help secure Positive Life SA's future!

Audit

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

POSITIVE LIFE SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

We have audited the accompanying financial report of **POSITIVE LIFE SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**, which comprises the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position and Income & Expenditure Statement for the year then ended 30th June 2013, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

The Responsibility of The Board of Management for POSITIVE LIFE SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED for the Financial Report

The Board of Management 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

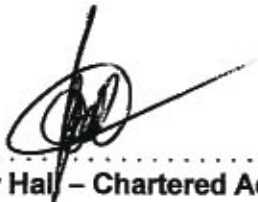
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit 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 Board of Management, 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 our audit opinion.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **POSITIVE LIFE SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED** as of 30 June 2013, and of its financial performance in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations).



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Peter Hall – Chartered Accountants

Dated . . . 9/10/2013 . . .

**POSITIVE LIFE SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

BOARD REPORT

The Board members submit the financial report of the Positive Life South Australia Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2013.

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

- Anthony Minge
- Katherine Leane
- Geoff Hood
- David Larrett
- Kristin Elliott
- Derick Burns
- Ian Frisby
- Matthew Turnbull
- Joe Fisi
- Mark Vandenhurk
- Greg Mann

In accordance with Section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporations Act 1985, the Board of Positive Life South Australia Incorporated hereby states that during the financial year ended 30 June 2013.

- (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:



PRESIDENT
ANTHONY MINGE



VICE PRESIDENT
KATHERINE LEANE

Dated this 24th day of September 2013

POSITIVE LIFE SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2013

	2013 \$	2012 \$
8 NON CURRENT PAYABLE		
Capital Finance Car Loan	-	8,049
Sundry	12,531	17,791
	<u>12,531</u>	<u>25,840</u>
9 NON CURRENT PROVISIONS		
Employee Entitlements	-	37,739
Total Non Current Provisions	<u>-</u>	<u>37,739</u>
10 RETAINED SURPLUS		
Balance at beginning of financial year	168,163	153,423
Net surplus/(deficit) this year	11,827	14,740
Balance at end of financial year	<u>179,990</u>	<u>168,163</u>

11 ADDITIONAL ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION

Positive Life South Australia Incorporated is an incorporated association and operates wholly in Australia. Business is conducted at: 16 Malwa Street, Glandore SA 5037.

The purpose of the Association is to provide a platform to maintain and develop quality advocacy for the HIV positive community in SA.

To be read in conjunction with the attached notes.

**POSITIVE LIFE SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

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 Positive Life South Australia Incorporated for the year ended 30th June 2013 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Positive Life South Australia 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 Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



PRESIDENT
ANTHONY MINGE



VICE PRESIDENT
KATHERINE LEANE

Dated this 24th day of September 2013

**POSITIVE LIFE SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

NOTE 1 : STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of Positive Life South Australia Incorporated the Associations Incorporation Act 1985.

The Board has determined that the council is not a reporting entity. The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AAS 5:	Materiality
AAS 6:	Accounting Policies
AAS 8:	Events Occurring After Balance Date

No other Australian Accounting Standard, Urgent Issued Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied. The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report:

- a) **Income Tax**
The Fund is exempt from income tax under the provisions of Section 50-40 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.
- b) **Plant & Equipment**
The depreciable amount of all Plant & Equipment is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.
- c) **Employee Entitlements**
Provision is made for the Funds liability for employee entitlements arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee entitlements have been measured at their nominal amount and include related on costs.
- d) **Investment Income**
Investment income is recorded on a cash basis only.

POSITIVE LIFE SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Revenues from ordinary activities			
Revenues from government		408,970	487,322
Other grants		12,408	13,459
Total Grants		<u>421,378</u>	<u>500,781</u>
User charges		-	2,840
Other revenue		49,752	32,079
Interest received		5,799	7,725
Total revenues from ordinary activities	2	<u><u>476,929</u></u>	<u><u>543,425</u></u>
Expenditure from ordinary activities			
Employee benefits expense		277,972	310,118
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		14,397	16,724
Operating lease expense		22,620	27,271
Motor vehicle expense		3,882	4,998
Project Expenses		70,725	65,616
Other expenses from ordinary activities		75,505	103,958
Total expenses from ordinary activities		<u><u>465,101</u></u>	<u><u>528,685</u></u>
Net operating (deficit) from ordinary activities		<u><u>11,828</u></u>	<u><u>14,740</u></u>

POSITIVE LIFE SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013

	Note	2013 \$	2012 \$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets		281,223	304,339
Receivables	3	4,656	5,890
Other	4	1,974	14,410
Total Current Assets		<u>287,853</u>	<u>324,639</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	41,909	48,952
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>41,909</u>	<u>48,952</u>
Total Assets		<u>329,762</u>	<u>373,591</u>
Current Liabilities			
Payables	6	30,719	116,768
Provisions	7	52,158	28,159
Total Current Liabilities		<u>82,877</u>	<u>144,928</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Payable	8	12,531	28,892
Provisions	9	54,364	29,557
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>66,895</u>	<u>58,448</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>149,772</u>	<u>203,376</u>
Net Assets		<u>179,990</u>	<u>170,215</u>
Equity			
Retained surplus	10	179,990	153,422
Total Equity		<u>179,990</u>	<u>153,422</u>

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2 INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
Operating Income		
Donations	7,270	12,136
Fundraising	24,528	6,658
Health Commission Funding	408,970	487,322
Interest	5,799	7,725
Other Grants	12,408	13,459
Positive Speakers Bureau Fees	-	2,840
Sundry Income	17,954	13,284
Total Operating Income	<u>476,929</u>	<u>543,424</u>
Expenditure		
Accounting Fees and Bank Charges	122	142
Advertising	-	1,576
Audit Fees	2,500	2,200
Bank Debts	-	576
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	4,015	2,953
Conferences, Staff Training & Development	587	4,048
Consultants	626	14,887
Consultants - Positive Speakers	2,260	3,678
Depreciation	14,397	14,324
Equipment/ Venue Hire	2,855	2,400
Food & Catering	-	14,111
Fundraising Expenses	130	161
Furniture & Equipment - minor purchases	1,026	4,340
Insurance	2,609	2,200
Legal Expenses	81	1,111
Management Fees/Meeting Expenses	9,266	5,239
Operating Lease Expense	22,620	27,271
Project Expenses	70,725	65,616
Repairs & Maintenance	3,115	736
Salaries & on costs	277,972	310,118
Stationery, Postage, Printing, IT & Telephone	26,551	27,864
Subscriptions	1,501	1,126
Sundry Expense	3,636	6,188
Taxis, Travel, Accommodation & Allowances	6,547	623
Vehicle Expenses & Kilometer Allowance	3,882	4,998
Water, Power & Gas	8,078	10,197
Total Expenses	<u>465,101</u>	<u>528,684</u>
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>11,828</u>	<u>14,740</u>

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	2013 \$	2012 \$
3 CURRENT RECEIVABLES		
Sundry Receivables	4,656	4,269
Others	-	5,261
Total Current Receivables	<u>4,656</u>	<u>9,530</u>
4 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS		
Prepayments	1,974	-
Total Other Current Assets	<u>1,974</u>	<u>-</u>
5 PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Motor Vehicles	53,416	53,416
Accumulated Depreciation	(29,358)	(24,980)
Furniture & Equipment	24,048	50,857
Accumulated Depreciation	(16,282)	(39,101)
Computer Equipment	42,653	55,751
Accumulated Depreciation	(32,568)	(49,057)
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	<u>41,909</u>	<u>46,887</u>
6 CURRENT PAYABLES		
HHP - Grant in advance	-	27,797
Other - Grant in advance	4,607	15,762
Accounts Payable	18,655	30,490
Net GST & Payroll Liabilities	7,457	15,895
Total Current Payables	<u>30,719</u>	<u>89,944</u>
7 CURRENT PROVISIONS		
Employee Entitlements	52,158	39,069
Total Current Provisions	<u>52,158</u>	<u>39,069</u>

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