# harm reduction victoria.

annual report. 2017-2018

# formal acknowledgment of traditional owners.

Harm Reduction Victoria (HRVic) acknowledges Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first peoples of Australia.

We pay our respects to and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we workthe people of the Boon Wurrung, Woi Wurrung and the Kulin Nation as a whole.

We pay our respects to them, their culture and their Elders both past and present.

# in memoriam.



# jenny kelsall. 04.02.1950 -27.01.2018

With love we remember Jenny Kelsall, an integral part of Harm Reduction Victoria (prev.VIVAIDS) from 1996 til 2018.

Her extraordinary commitment to the fight for drug user rights, dignity and health will never be forgotten.

Her significant contribution to the harm reduction movement has left a legacy that we will continue to honour in all the work that we do.

# nothing about us. without us.

Harm Reduction Victoria (HRVic) is a peer based, not for profit, community organisation that represents the needs and concerns of people who use or have used drugs- past & present- in Victoria.

Harm Reduction Victoria is the authentic voice of and for Victorians who use drugs

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We bring drug users' perspectives and the reality of what drug users actually experience into all of our harm reduction initiatives as well as our partnerships with other organisations & services and our advice and advocacy to governments.

As a 'peer based' organisation, Harm Reduction Victoria is run by and for people who use or have used drugs and we encourage our constituents to participate at all levels of the organisation.



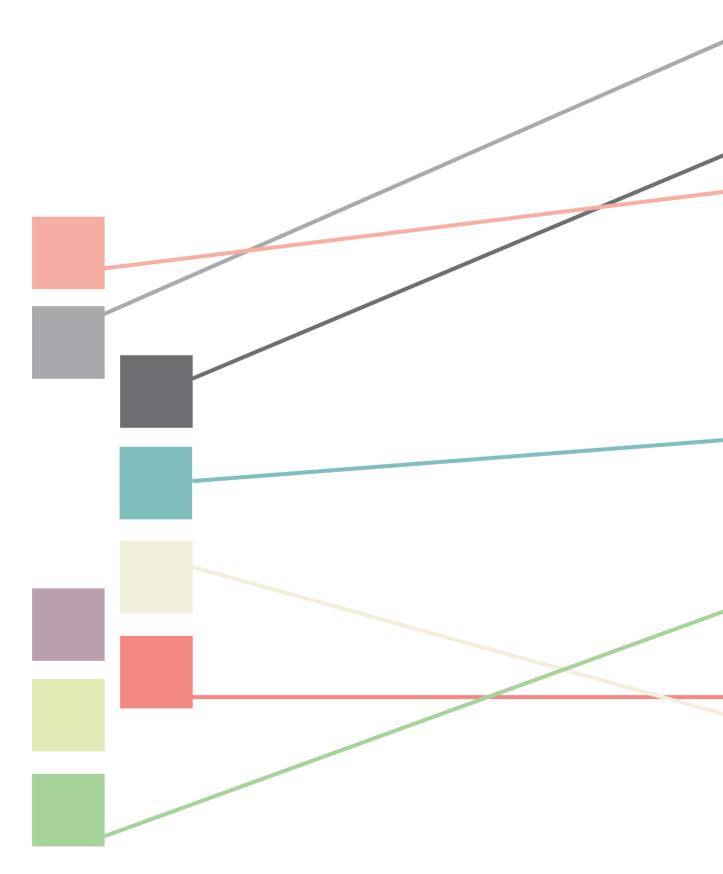
Harm Reduction Victoria neither condemns nor condones the use of drugs.

Put simply, we work to ensure that people who choose to, can use drugs as safely as possible - with minimal harm to themselves and others. We strive to improve access to quality health information and services and to reduce the stigma & discrimination regularly encountered by people who use drugs.

Harm Reduction Victoria operates within a health promotion framework as articulated in the Ottawa Charter for Health Promotion (1986) which defines health promotion as 'the process of enabling people to increase control over and improve their health'. With this framework in mind, HRVic provides a range of health promotion programs and peer driven interventions, including peer education, peer support and peer advocacy for people who use drugs across the state of Victoria. One of HRVic's primary aims is to reduce the transmission of blood borne viruses such as hepatitis B & C and HIV among people who inject drugs and to address the negative impact among those already positive. Whilst we represent all people who use drugs in Victoria, HRVic maintains a priority focus on injecting drug users due to the higher levels of harm and marginalisation routinely experienced by people who inject drugs.

Harm Reduction Victoria has a non-judgemental approach to drug use and acknowledges the fundamental role that drug use has played throughout history. Harm Reduction Victoria believes that people who use drugs have the right to be treated with dignity and respect and to live their lives free from stigma & discrimination. As an organisation, Harm Reduction Victoria is committed to fundamental reform of current drug policy and drug laws.

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# president's report.

# robyn dwyer

This has been a year of significant change for Harm Reduction Victoria (HRVic). At the beginning of the year we experienced the profound sadness of the loss of Jenny Kelsall, our long-serving CEO, who passed away in January 2018. Jenny made an extraordinary contribution to the mission of HRVic and to drug user health and human rights generally – as staunch activist, role-model, mentor, a pioneer of harm reduction, a truth-teller, and an inspiration. I take the time here to acknowledge and honour her remarkable life of substance.

Despite the difficult times, the incredible staff of HRVic worked hard throughout this period to continue their vital work providing peer education and advocacy to promote the health and wellbeing of our constituents – Victorians who use drugs. My fellow Board members also deserve special acknowledgement and thanks. Working alongside the staff, they gave even more generously of their valuable time to keep the organisation going while we undertook the process of recruiting and appointing a new CEO.

It is my great pleasure to report on our success in this regard and to introduce you to HRVic's CEO, Sione Crawford. Sione brings a wealth of skills, knowledge and experience to the role. He has an outstanding career in peer-based harm reduction and health promotion for people who use drugs and extensive knowledge, management and leadership experience in drug user organisations in Australia. Most importantly, Sione shares the vision and purpose of Harm Reduction Victoria. Sione joined the team at HRVic in April this year. Under his guidance and leadership, the staff and Board have continued to build on HRVic's strong performance.

This strong performance is evident in the pages of this Annual Report, where you will read about the diverse and innovative harm reduction activities undertaken by our talented and committed staff and peer volunteers.

Throughout the year, HRVic has continued to work with a range of partners and stakeholders to address the issues that impact on the health and wellbeing of people who use drugs. On behalf of the Board and HRVic, I thank our partners and stakeholders. We look forward to continuing and expanding these valuable and productive relationships in the coming year.

We remain deeply grateful to our funders in the Department of Health and Human Services for their warm and generous support through the challenges the organisation faced in the first half of the reporting period, and for their continuing support of our various harm reduction projects.



This year we say farewell to one of our serving Board members, Sally Watkinson, as she steps down to focus on other work and life commitments and opportunities. We are grateful for Sally's contribution to the Board and we wish her well into the future. I also look forward to welcoming and working with the new and the continuing Board members in the coming year.

It's been an honour to serve as President of HRVic's Board of Directors throughout this reporting period and, along with my fellow Board members, to support the work of this incredible organisation and staff

I'll close by acknowledging once again, the outstanding work done throughout the 2017-2018 year by Acting Executive Officer, Charles Henderson, Acting Manager, Jane Dicka, CEO, Sione Crawford, and our skilled and dedicated HRVic staff and peer volunteers.

On behalf of the Board, I wish you all a happy and successful year ahead.

-Robyn Dwyer, President

# chief executive officer's report.

# sione crawford

It is with great pride that I deliver my first CEO report to the Harm Reduction Victoria membership.

The past year has been a significant one for the staff and volunteers here at HRVic.

Sadly, this is the first time in many years that the CEO's Report is not written by Jenny Kelsall in her eloquent prose. As many of you will know, Jenny passed away in January this year but the legacy that she left at HRVic will continue to be felt for years to come.

Naturally enough, Jen's illness and passing cast a shadow across HRVic and our 30-year anniversary in 2017 was not celebrated like we might usually. Nevertheless, this milestone is a significant one and serves to remind us just how long Harm Reduction Victoria has been fighting and working with our community. Around the world, organisations like ours come and go and very few have the staying power that we have shown.

Both paid staff and volunteers comprise a committed workforce that have delivered on this commitment to our community by unfailingly continuing to complete the activities outlined in this Annual Report even as they processed Jenny's illness.

Charles Henderson and Jane Dicka both stepped up to lead the organisation in Jenny's absence, and the HRVic Board endured many long evening meetings and out of meeting work to ensure that HRVic remained viable and well governed.

We are currently funded primarily by two sections of the Victorian Department of Health & Human Services: the Sexual Health & Viral Hepatitis along with the Drug Policy & Reform sections. We are tremendously grateful for the support they have shown us over the years, and particularly as we have transitioned this past year.

The months since I began at Harm Reduction Victoria have been spent getting to know the team, coming to understand the range of amazing programs that we run and the community that we serve. We have made some changes to the structure within the organisation that we hope will help us build upon these programs and give greater opportunities for professional development and advancement to the team over the coming years.

These next few years may pose some potential challenges as well as offering us opportunities. We have a solid connection with people from a range of communities and subcultures that many other services find "hard to reach." For us these are our friends and peers. Being able to represent these groups to other services, to government and to researchers is highly valuable to them and really important to us as well, if we are to ensure that systems and services are effective for us.



# board of directors.

Leaders must be close enough to relate to others, but far enough ahead to motivate them. -John C. Maxwell







danny jeffcote. vice president



joel murray.



emily lenton.



sally watkinson.

# team mem

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team." -Phil Jackson



sarah lord. pams coordinator.

"You cannot conquer what you are not committed to" -TD Jakes



leora robertson.

pams officer.

"Never think that what you have to offer is insignificant.

There will always be someone out there that needs what you have to give." -Patricia Leora



lily fraser. administration officer.

"I am a chaos magician. Working at HRVic allows me to express all the best parts of my professional experience, while having loads of fun. Social justice and equality are my passion- I get to enact my values daily."

-Lily Fraser



sam sejavka. hepalogue.

"HRVic gives me the perfect platform to fight the good fight. I'm a musician, a writer, a dad, and, thanks to this esteemed organization, an activist. I also care for a special needs galah, and hold the world record for the number of interferon treatments." -Sam Sejavka









greg chipp.

penny hill

jarryd bartle.

jarrod mcmaugh.

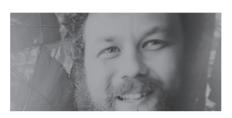


stephanie tzanetis.

dancewize coordinator.

"The life-blood of our team is the volunteers. DanceWize exemplifies what an authentic and thriving peer-led network looks like."

-Stephanie Tzanetis



nick wallis. dancewize officer.

"If you have come to help me, you are wasting your time. If you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together." - Lilla Watson 1965



linda cowan.

dancewize officer.

"No pun - No fun." -Linda Cowan



samantha jones. communications officer.

"You see us as you want to see us in the simplest terms, in the most convenient definitions. But what we found out is that each one of us is a brain...

...and an athlete...

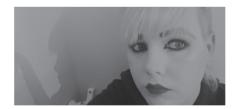
..and a basket case...

...a princess...

..and a criminal...

Does that answer your question? Sincerely yours......

-The Breakfast Club



hunter morgan. health promotion officer.

"Excuse my beauty" -Stephanie Yellowhair, COPS tv show



jane dicka. health promotion officer- d.o.p.e

"No pain- No Jane." -Jane Dicka

# harm reduction victoria - 30 years on.

We had our 30 year anniversary in 2017, but given Jenny's illness we didn't feel a celebration was in order right then. Nevertheless it is an amazing achievement for an organisation run by and for people who are criminalized and marginalized to last this long. An important part of this longevity is the commitment of the staff and the community that rally around us when we need it.

We may be criminalized but we know we are resilient and tough and that the work we do is important.

We began as a Needle Exchange in Smith St but always kept engagement with our peers front and centre. The name VIVAIDS gives a clue to our early funding - to help IV users avoid HIV. We still pride ourselves on the connection with this aim, but as Harm Reduction Victoria our aims and work are wider now. From dance party peer education and care through hepatitis C treatment and prevention engagement to overdose prevention and pharmacotherapy advice we are all about doing what our community want us to.

Looking back through the archives of Annual Reports is striking. So often the Coordinator, Manager, EO or CEO report details some difficult phase that nearly knocked us out. But we are still here and stronger than ever.

1991

vivaids needle exchange: 67% of clients under the age of 30. hrvic peer networker program 20% of clients under the age of 30 2018

1996

vivaids total income. 144.026

hrvic total income. **\$1.4 Million**  2018

dancewize program 104 active kpe 27 events annually. 2018

2004 pacs has

362 cases. 1 full time equivalent employees

pams has 1057 cases. 1.6 full time equivalent employees

2018

#### onto the future.

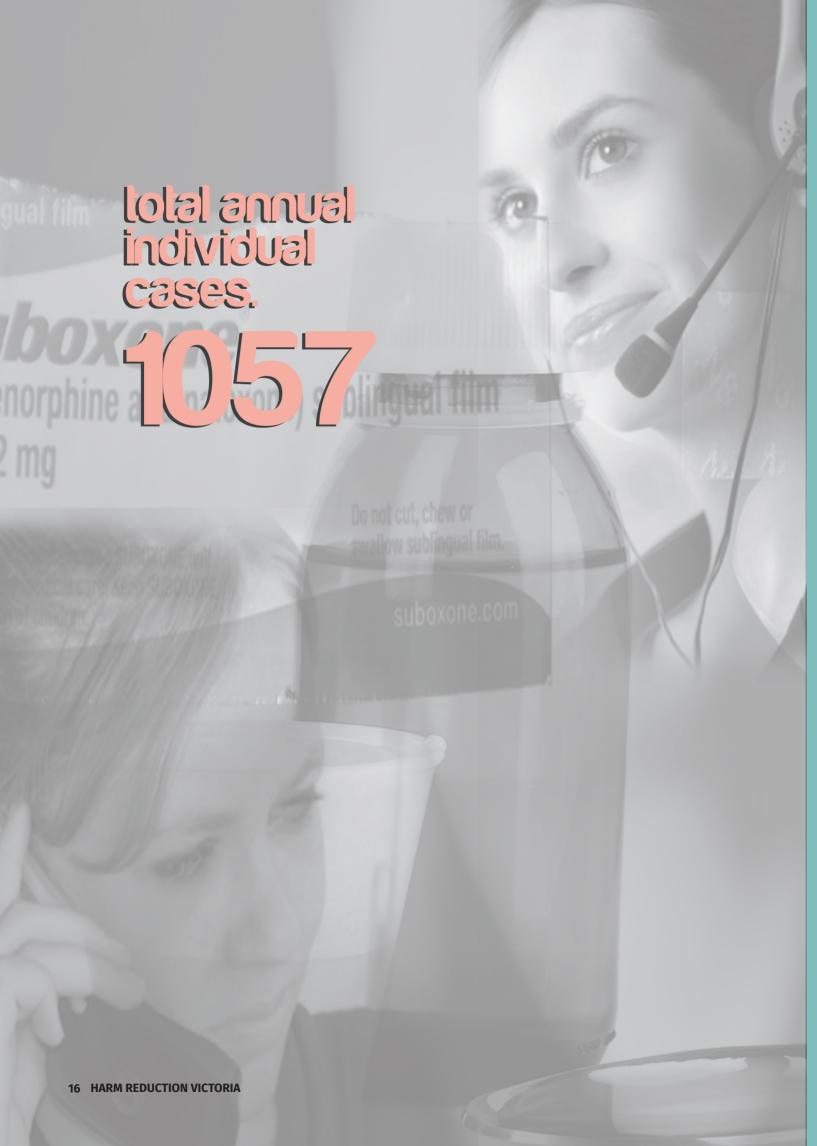
These are exciting times for peer-based organisations.

After decades of proving the value and strength of lived experience and peer education, the acceptance of peer workers and consumer engagement is more widespread than ever. While there are still challenges, with many mainstream services yet to fully embrace the value of peer workers and peer organisations, many of our partners support us to ensure the voice of people who use illicit drugs is heard.



Harm Reduction Victoria is well placed to forge into the future. We know that hepatitis C may well be eliminated eventually, but we also know that as long as people inject we will need to provide prevention messages and safer injecting equipment. DanceWize is a critical part of our future and HRVic was one of the first drug user organisations to fully embrace people who use drugs other than injectors and we continue to be proud of how much DanceWize is in demand.

here's to another 30 years.



# SMSQ

Another extremely busy year has flown by for the Pharmacotherapy Advocacy Mediation and Support, (PAMS) service at Harm Reduction Victoria, PAMS is funded by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, (DHHS) to resolve any pharmacotherapy clientrelated problem. Ensuring program continuity and increasing access to medication assisted treatment for opioid dependence (MATOD), in other words methadone or buprenorphine programs are our primary goals.

Our key performance indicator, (KPI) is to work an average of 35 client cases per month, however client demand over the past year has seen us average 88 cases per month with a maximum of 106 cases in May 2018.

treatment type.

60.6% methadone

35.2% buprenorphine -naloxone (suboxone)

3.2% buprenorphine (subutex)

0.8% pain relief/ other 0.2% naltrexone/ withdrawal

client income type.

86.2% pension or other govt. allowance

fulltime 9.2% employment

> part time 3% employment

other or n/a

of pams client base identifies as homeless.

client gender.

60.7% T

39.2%

0.1%

average client age. 38.2yrs

18.6 yrs minimum age 66.1yrs maximum age

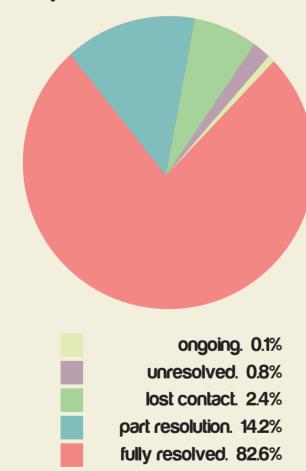
Leora Robertson and Sarah Lord responded to over 1000 cases of pharmacotherapy mediation or advocacy in 2017-18. With a 1.6 FTE staff complement PAMS outcomes are extraordinary. We all know that there are a range of structural issues with opioid pharmacotherapy treatment delivery both at a State and National level and PAMS continues to excel at ensuring as many people as possible are supported to continue to receive this most effective of drug treatments, should they wish to. The cost of pharmacotherapy continues to be one of the most commonly cited issues for PAMS cases. An increasing number of consumers dependent on prescription opioids for the management of chronic pain are continuing to contact PAMS seeking assistance to start a pharmacotherapy program.

This year PAMS was contacted directly by prisoners who were being reduced off their pharmacotherapy involuntarily.

Some of these prisoners still had a number of years left to serve and all had a long history of dependence. After many months of hard work and advocacy the decision was reversed and they were kept on an appropriate, clinically indicated pharmacotherapy dose.

Despite the challenges in advocating for MATOD consumers in prison, PAMS staff worked tirelessly to effect a positive influence on a policy that continues to affect many people in prisons all over Victoria.

# pams case resolution.



cases who identify as aboriginal & torres strait islander

average monthly cases.

71.9%

remained on ORT due to pams intervention.

The PAMS Service has been developing an updated data base which we plan to implement in early 2019.

We continue to work with the five, Victorian pharmacotherapy based networks, (PABN's), along with key stakeholders and the DHHS. We presented at the annual Australian Professional Society on Alcohol and Drugs, (APSAD) conference in 2017 and represented our service users on advisory groups and at forums throughout the last 12 months.

Work continues on the pharmacotherapy video project and we expect a launch in the first half of 2019.

Readying ourselves for the forthcoming DHHS SafeScript initiative, (real time prescription monitoring) and the new buprenorphine depot (an injection that lasts for up to a month) will continue to keep our 1.5 staff extremely busy in the upcoming year.



worked an average of

39 hours

over

days and nights



# dancewize.

## total annual events attended.

\* incl. 2 collaborations with event remedy

HRVic's DanceWize program's core funding is for 12-15 events per annum.

The limited time expansion funding under the Victorian Government's Ice Action Plan that DanceWize received has allowed us to attend more events.

newly trained key peer educators.

**total** brief interventions.

substance specific brief interventions.

total care interventions. With more than 20 years of peer engagement, development community and program development, DanceWize has arown to encompass over a hundred Key Peer Educators providing professional level care at 27 events. On top of this we have partnered with NUAA to support their adoption of the program model in a two-year pilot under the name DanceWize NSW. All this with just 2.0 FTE (full time equivalent) workers. DanceWize was able to attend a record number of events thanks in part to Victorian government's limited time expansion funding as well as considerable streamlining of service delivery. We are proud to know that at many events; the medical teams consider the presence of DanceWize a pre-requisite for their own attendance at the event. Steph, Linda and Nick, along with a grassroots Steering Committee and the scores of volunteer peer educators continue to go from strength to strength. In addition to their own work, HRVic's Steph and SSDP's Penny Hill (who is also on our Board) were involved in the STA-SAFE Consortium, which successfully and safely delivered the first drug-checking service at an Australian music festival - Groovin' the Moo in the ACT in April 2018.

events with under 2000 attendees.

events with over 2000 attendees.

workshops, seminars & forums attended.

## trends in drug use and behaviours...

- polydrug use is commonplace at victorian events
- an increase has been seen in pharmaceutical misuse - notably Xanax for recreation not just pain relief or side effect management

event, festival staff & contractors trained in person in the 'dancewize drug related first aid training course

126

event organisers & staff viewed the 'dancewize drug-related first aid at events' video

## dancewize key achievements.

• The Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry findings report acknowledged the work and appropriateness of HRVic's DanceWize program model, especially regarding the delivery of drug education in secondary schools and an early warning system for novel psychoactive substances.

See the report here:

https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/images/stories/committees/ Irrcsc/Drugs\_/Report/LRRCSC\_58-03\_Full\_Report\_Text.pdf

- Simultaneous service delivery at both Mornington Peninsula (returning from 2015 & 2016) and Bass Coast (debut), 25 Nov-1 Dec 2017.
- Gaytimes, 16-18 Feb 2018, was DW's first LGBTQ multi-day event. approx. 1000 attendees/sex on premises.

# dope.

The primary aim of DOPE is to reduce the incidence of both fatal and non-fatal overdose among current heroin, amphetamine type substances (ATS) and poly drug users in Victoria. We do this by designing and delivering peer education workshops to groups of up to ten, current injectors at a time

Harm Reduction Victoria believes that drug users are the most appropriate people to train in overdose response since they are the most likely people to be present at the time of overdose.

total annual workshops.

total people trained in 2017-2018. peers 281 staff 96

annual one on one training.

total naloxone only workshops.



annual workshop type.

opioid overdose

overdose

\*amphetamine type substance



Last year our President -Robyn Dwyer - along with Jane Dicka and other peer naloxone trainers across DUOs published a paper that showed comprehensively just how effective peer-based Take Home Naloxone programs are. Over the course of a few years our one worker - Jane - trained 1072 peers and delivered naloxone kits to every one of them. In the same time around 600 trained service workers delivered around 600 trainings to people at risk of opioid overdose. The reach of the program and number of hurdles that have to be jumped - including the fact that HRVic and Jane are not legally able to personally hand out kits but must coordinate with GPs and services – are testament to the commitment and problem-solving peers can bring to our work.



# health promotion.

people trained this year.

average participants per workshop.

<u>workshop engagement</u>

ongoing partnerships.



# workshop breakdown.

blood borne virus.

bloody serious facts (hep c specific)

intro to harm reduction

peer education & consumer participation.

safer injecting.

nsp training

stigma & discrimination.

working with pwud/pwid.

some workshops cover more than one topic.

Our health promotion team (and organisation as a whole) rely on maintaining successful partnerships with other community workers, health professionals, service providers and organisations to be able to gain access to members of our community and peers and the staff that work with them.

The 'health promotion program' covers blood borne virus (BBV), vein care, safer using, stigma & discrimination, working with people who use drugs (PWUD) and people who inject drugs (PWID), and other harm reduction education through workshops.

Our peer education workshops and staff training sessions are unique in that the information is presented from a drug user perspective. This year saw an increase in the number of requests for staff training which includes the very important topic of stigma and discrimination toward people who use drugs. Our Peer Networker Project is going great and in 2017/18 our volunteer peer networkers were responsible for the distribution of more than 70,0000 syringes to their communities.

The HPT has partnered with the Burnet Institute's Eliminating Hep C (EC) initiative which will focus on hepatitis C testing and treatment for people who inject drugs.

For much of the year Hunter Morgan has carried out much of the work of this team, with Jane Dicka and Sam Jones ably supporting Peer Networkers as well.

health promotion's

# peer network program.

75,691
needles & syringes
were given out in 2017-2018

# annual total contacts. 1,942

# annual returns. 46,666



# age of contacts

6% 16-21 years 14% 22-29 years 28% 30-39 years 29% 40-49 years 17% 50-59 years 6% 60-69 years 1% 70+ years

2014/2015

17

peer pnp networkers groups peer pnp networkers groups

2017/2018

meetings

total annual peer network

50

ats user = amphetamine type substance user

# pnp group annual totals.

peer network area	n & s out.	returns.	contacts.	return rate. %
richmond.	12320	6790	476	55%
footscray.	16590	10336	316	62%
geelong.	9999	8010	279	80%
frankston.	21845	16585	272	76%
st albans.	5154	2346	208	46%
ballarat.	6378	930	137	15%
hq. (inner melbourne)	3405	1669	254	49%

Without a doubt one of HRVic's more successful and growing programs is the Peer Network Program©. While it started without dedicated funding, we have managed to grow the peer network to see 7 base areas and 26 current peer networkers now operating throughout Victoria and expanding our reach from the Mornington Peninsula to Geelong, from the Melbourne city centre to Ballarat and Bendigo. We have done so the way we always have- enthusiasm, word of mouth, and networking with other like-minded and hard working services for pwid.

We couldn't however do any of it without our peer networkers who are all volunteer. They are more than drug users who are passionate about sharing accurate and relevant information and safer using education to their peers, they are in many cases our only access point to other 'hard to reach' or not wanting to be reached community members who can tend to fall through society's cracks and miss out on healthcare and social care that they have a right to.



# communications.

Communications saw many changes over the past year like the other programs. We started 2018 off making our new website live. The website appearance and 'new look' WHACK magazine was the first of a long list of rebranding taking place across the organisation. As the landscape of Victorian drug use changes, so will the face of the organisation that represents Victorians who use drugs.HRVic will be there every step of the way- providing relevant, up to date harm reduction resources to keep our community informed and safe.

www.hrvic.org.au Website. page views.

59,966

users.

13,805

new users.

13,382



whack magazine.

3 issues in 2017-2018

## website visitor status.

13.6% returning visitors.

86.4% new visitors

# social media.

**facebook. -** HRVAUSE

1549 likes 1548 followers 2240 reach higt

twitter.- HRVic\_Aust

546 likes 1,860 tweets 297 following 1548 followers

instagram. - HRVic

145 followers 128 following 23 posts

youtube. - HRVic Oz

13 subscribers 3 videos 631 views



We are lucky enough to have Sam Jones' design and layout skills to ensure our resources and publications have a distinctive HRVic flavour. Sam's to-do whiteboard is always full of health promotion resources and posters, banners, flags and uniforms for DanceWize and of course drives WHACK magazine as well, not to mention keeping the website and the social media going. The stigma & discrimination project 'Straight Shooters' video and live peer 'Q&A' panel made for the INHSU conference in New York in Sept 2017 was one of Sam J.'s initiatives as is the 'End Stigma' photobooth that attends events throughout Melbourne. Most recently at Hepatitis Victoria's 'Street Shot' event on Hepatitis Day.

Meanwhile, the Golden Phaeton – aka Sam Sejavka – is supported by HRVic to produce the ongoing independent blog-The Hepalogue- which is focused on hep C but has opinions on many matters of interest to people who inject.

Sam S was also the driving force behind the Liver Tonic event in 2017, wherein multiple highly respected and celebrated Melbourne musicians came together to raise awareness of the Direct Acting Antiviral hep C treatments and of the disease ripping through their community.

# the hepalogue.

www.hepalogue.com

The Hepalogue, HRVic's voice on the subject of Hep C and its treatment, entered its second year, continuing to inform the community and the health sector on the state of the elimination effort. The blog has migrated to the Wix platform under its own URL, while maintaining a mirror on the HRVic site proper. Each blog post is shared through Twitter, the VAADA and AIVL email lists and a variety of Facebook pages. The Facebook page dedicated to the blog shows an average of 550 engagements per post.

We receive a continuous stream of enquiries from the public by which we are able to educate readers, and sometimes lead people into actual treatment. Recently, we have integrated an analytics tool that will provide us a clear picture of how often and how deeply the Hepalogue is accessed.

### liver tonic.



# special events.

On World Hepatitis Day 2017, HRVic hosted a tremendously successful concert at MEMO in St Kilda. Titled Liver Tonic it was designed as a Hep C treatment awareness event directed squarely at the Melbourne music community, a group which has suffered disproportionately under the disease.

The show featured Steve Kilbey (The Church) Ron Peno (Superstitions) Hugo Race, Harry Howard, Greg Fleet and others.

Thanks to the excellent work of the project team members, the event was cost neutral. Ultimately, we were able to host a truly memorable event where 330 people bought tickets (approx.) and many complimentary passes were distributed to community and HRVic members.

#### international overdose awareness day.

New 'Recognise & Respond'Overdose campaign for Drug Policy & Reform







International Network on Hepatitis care in Substance Users

### straight shooters video.





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C.S.Beh Certified Practising Accountant Melbourne

#### **INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
Revenue From Ordinary Activities:			
Service grant DHHS	3	1,145,595	996,120
Activities income	3	161,219	269,900
Donations received			200
Miscellaneous income		131,120	193,771
Interest received		10,543	9,522
		1,448,477	1,469,513
Expenditure			
Depreciation and amortization		(14,892)	(29,331)
Education and awareness programs		(98,553)	(44,137)
Other expenses from ordinary activities	4	(1,285,745)	(1,390,696)
·		(1,399,190)	(1,464,164)
Operating surplus from ordinary activities		, , , ,	( , , , ,
before income tax expense		49,288	5,349
Income tax expense	5	-	, <u> </u>
Surplus from ordinary activities after		***	
income tax expense		49,288	5,349
Accumulated funds at beginning of year		452,547	447,198
Accumulated funds at end of year		501,835	452,547

The Income Statement is to be read in conjunction with the notes to and forming part of the financial report.

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2018

	Note	2018	2017
		\$	\$
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds		501,835	452,547
General reserve	6	32,123	32,123
TOTAL EQUITY		533,958	484,670
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES  Motor vehicle finance liabilities	0		4.404
Motor vehicle imance liabilities	9		1,184
		<u>533,958</u>	485,854
Represented by:			
		\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets	7	744,099	670,288
Pledges receivable		29,111	22,670
Other accounts receivable		24,458	20,878
		797,668	713,836
NON OUDDENT ACCETO			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		00.004	40.400
Plant and equipment	8	22,991	48,438
		22,991	48,438
Total Assets		820,660_	762,274
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade & Other accounts payable		166 000	400 202
Motor vehicle finance liabilities	9	166,088 627	122,393
	9		13,672
GST payable	40	21,011	28,990
Provisions	10	98,976	111,365
		286,702	276,420
NET ASSETS		533,958	485,854

#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	<u>2018</u> \$	<u>2017</u> \$
Accumulated funds at the beginning of year	452,547	447,198
Surplus for the year	49,288	5,349
Accumulated funds at end of the year	501,835	452,547
General reserve	32,123	32,123
TOTAL EQUITY	533,958	484,670

### HARM REDUCTION VICTORIA INC. (REG. NO: A14792P)

#### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

CASH ELOMO EDOM ODEDATIMO ACTIVITIES	Note	<u>2018</u> \$	<u>2017</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Receipts from grants, members & other activities Interest received	i.	1,438,456	1,494,299 -
Payments to suppliers & employees		(1,360,971)	(1,474,652)
Net cash provided by operating activities		77,484	19,647
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Proceed from disposal of plant & equipment Payment for purchase of plant & equipment		10,555	(2,286)
Net cash provided by/ (used in) investing activities		10,555	(2,286)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Payment of finance borrowing		(14,228)	(12,736)
Net cash provided by/ (used in) financing activities		(14,228)	(12,736)
Cash held at the beginning of the year		670,288	665,663
Cash held at the end of the year	7	744,099	670,288

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2018

#### 1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a) Basis of Accounting:

These financial statements are a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with *Australian Accounting Standards* for the members of Harm Reduction Victoria Inc. using the accrual basis of accounting, except for the cash flow information, and to enable compliance with the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act* (2012).

The accounts have been prepared using historical costs and do not take into account changing money values.

The significant accounting policies are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

#### b) Plant and Equipment

The plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated to write off the asset over its useful life using the diminishing method and the straight-line method. The rates used for the year were 25% - 66.6% p.a.

#### c) Impairment of Assets

At each reporting date, reviews are undertaken by management on 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.

#### d) Income Tax

The economic entity, Harm Reduction Victoria Inc., is registered as an Income Tax Exempt organisation under Subdivision 50-5 of the Income Tax Assessment Act.

#### e) Payables

The payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided prior to the financial year end, and which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are paid in accordance with existing trading terms.

#### f) Employee Provisions

Provision is made for the employee entitlements. Employee entitlements are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly for which the employees have rendered their services, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Provision is also made for the employees' long service leave and annual leave entitlements.

#### g) Cash Assets

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash assets include cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, and investments in money market instruments maturing within two months, net of bank overdrafts.

#### h) Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognised in accordance with AASB118. In general, revenue is recognised where it can be reliably measured, in the period to which it relates.

#### i) Rounding

In this report, all the amounts have been rounded to the nearest dollar, unless otherwise stated.

#### j) Comparative Figures

Where necessary, the previous year's figures have been re-classified to facilitate comparison.

#### k) GST

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of GST except where the amount of GST is not recoverable, in which case it is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of an asset or part of an item of expense or revenue. GST receivable from and payable to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is included in the Balance Sheet. The GST component of a receipt or payment is recognised on a gross basis in the statement of cash flows in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB107.

#### 2. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

Harm Reduction Victoria Inc., which is a prescribed body and classified as Tier 3 under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act (2012), is principally engaged in the provision of health education and awareness services relating to intravenous drug use and AIDS to the community.

The economic entity, Harm Reduction Victoria Inc., is registered with the Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

#### 3. GOVERNMENT GRANTS

During the year the economic entity received government grants totalling \$1,306,814 (2017 - \$1,266,020). The amounts are for specific purposes and are to be expended in accordance with the terms of the grants. The balance of the amounts that are committed but have not been expended at balance sheet date are treated and recorded as a liability.

#### 4. OTHER EXPENSES FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

The other expenses from ordinary activities include the following items:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
	\$	
Rent – premises and halls	43,733	45,201
Salaries and on-costs	733,669	744,744
Meeting expenses	3,064	4,208

#### 5. INCOME TAX RELATING TO ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

No income tax is provided as the economic entity is tax exempt.

#### 6. GENERAL RESERVES

The General Reserve was created to meet future needs.

#### 7. CASH

(a) Cash Assets:

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Petty cash	329	776
Cash at bank and Credit Co-op	<u>743,770</u>	669,512
	<u>744,099</u>	<u>670,288</u>

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### (b) Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:

		2018 \$	2017 \$
	Surplus/(deficit) from operating activities Add/(Less) Non-cash Items:	49,288	5,349
	Depreciation and amortization	14,892	29,331
	Provision for employee benefits	<u>(12,389)</u>	<u>22,326</u>
		<u>2502</u>	51,657
	Changes in Assats and Liabilities:	51,790	57,006
	Changes in Assets and Liabilities: Decrease/ (increase) in trade and other receivables	(10,021)	24,786
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors and accrued expenses	35,715	(62,145)
	NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATIONS	<u>77,484</u>	<u>19,647</u>
		<u>///1.0 1</u>	
8.	PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
	36.4 11.1	\$ 32.25. <b>7</b>	\$
	Motor vehicles Disposal	80,365	80,365
	Less: Accumulated depreciation	(24,503) (59,877)	(53,047)
	Accumulated depreciation for disposal	16,438	(33,047)
		12,423	27,318
•	Office Equipment	50,184	47,899
	Addition		2,285
	Less: Accumulated depreciation	(39,616)	(29,064)
	N.D. 1371	10,568	21,120
	Net Book Value	<u>22,991</u>	<u>48,438</u>
9.	MOTOR VEHICLE FINANCE LIABILITIES		
		\$	\$
	Amount due – not later than 1 year	φ 628	³ 13,672
	-later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	-	1,184
	·	628	14,856
10.	PROVISIONS		
	Cl. CC. vtd	\$	\$
	Staff entitlements	98,976	111,365

#### 11. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

Amounts received or due and receivable by the auditor for:

Auditing of the accounts

\$ 1,800 1,800

#### 12. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The economic entity receives grants from the State government. The grants are generally made for specific purposes and are to be expended within the terms.

#### 13. CONTINGENT ASSET/LIABILITY

At the date of this report, management is not aware of any contingent liability or claim that is likely to become enforceable within the period of twelve months after the end of the financial year.

#### 14. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

#### (a) Interest Rate Risk

The economic entity has no material exposure to interest rate risk on its financial instruments.

#### (b) Credit Risk Exposure

The economic entity's maximum exposure to credit risk at balance date in relation to each class of financial assets is the carrying amount of those assets as indicated in the Balance Sheet.

#### STATEMENT BY BOARD MEMBERS

The Board has determined that Harm Reduction Victoria Inc. is not a reporting entity. The Board Members have determined that this general purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the *Australian Accounting Standards* and the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the Financial Statements.

In the opinion of the Board of Harm Reduction Victoria Inc.:

- (a) the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and of the performance as represented by the results of its operations, and the cash flows for the financial year ended on that date.
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association 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:

Joel Murray, Treasurer

Robyn Dwyer, President

Dated at Melbourne: 30 MNov 2018

#### C.S. BEH Chartered Accountant

(Registered Tax Agent & Company Auditor) ABN 26 267 448 627

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HARM REDUCTION VICTORIA INC. (Reg No. A147921P)

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Harm Reduction Victoria Inc. which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended on that date, statement of changes in equity, cash flow statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of Harm Reduction Victoria Inc. is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act (2012), including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of company's financial position as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii)complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent outlined in Note 1 of the Notes to the Financial Statements, and the Regulations.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

#### Other Information

The Board members and management of Harm Reduction Victoria Inc. are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Statement By the Board Members, which we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report.

#### C.S. BEH Chartered Accountant

(Registered Tax Agent & Company Auditor) ABN 26 267 448 627

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Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have, however, nothing to report in this regard.

#### Responsibilities of the Board and Management for the Financial Report

The members of the Board and management are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and the , and for such internal control as the directors determine 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.

In preparing the financial report, the Board and management are responsible for assessing the ability of Harm Reduction Victoria Inc. to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intend to liquidate Harm Reduction Victoria Inc. or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we have exercised professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit.

C.S. Beh Chartered Accountant

Dr Chooi S. Beh, CA

Dated at Melbourne:

e: 31. Dec 2011

#### DETAILED MANAGEMENT PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018

	2018	2017
	\$	\$
<u>INCOME</u>		
Service grant DHHS	1,145,595	996,120
Activities income	161,219	269,900
Donations received	~	200
Miscellaneous income	1 <b>3</b> 1, <b>12</b> 0	193,771
Interest received	10,543	9,522
	1,448,477	1,469,513
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Accounting fee	23,402	21,370
Activities income expended	161,219	269,900
Audit fee	1,800	1,800
Bad debt	5,222	1,800
Bank charges	3,222	- 810
Cleaning and supplies	5,778	
Compliance fee	228	6,371
		64.050
Consultancy Computer expenses	32,395	64,358
Computer expenses Council rates	28,255	24,548
Depreciation and amortization	5,612	20.004
•	14,892	29,331
Education and awareness programs	98,553	44,137
Equipment hire and purchase	7,496	9,493
Human resources & governance	2,349	2,745
In house publications	12,937	6,668
Infringement	525	2,265
Interest expense	442	1,555
Insurance	3,570	3,362
Legal and consultancy fees	8,133	12,076
Loss on disposal of motor vehicle	656	
Meeting expense	3,064	4,208
Motor vehicle expenses	22,842	26,394
Outreach support	7,792	7,096
Photocopier and material expenses	22,086	6,676
Postage and courier	5,205	7,987
Provision for staff entitlements	57,325	28,200
Public relations and entertainment	2,120	-
Rent	43,773	45,201
Repair and maintenance	5,457	6,426
Salary and on-costs	733,669	744,744
Security and inspection	644	1,160
Staff amenities	5,244	4,459
Stationery and office supplies	3,109	3,725
Storage hire	8,287	6,468
Subscriptions and membership	3,395	5,663
Telephone expenses	26,815	29,083
Travel expenses	23,647	21,035
Utilities expense	8,776	8,794
Website and branding	2,103	6,056
	1,399,190	1,464,164
Operating Surplus For The Year	49,288	5,349

