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NORTHERN TERRITORY
**MENTAL HEALTH
COALITION**



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout the Northern Territory and Australia, and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to their Elders both past and present.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LIVED EXPERIENCE

We acknowledge those with a lived experience of mental ill-health. We recognise that we can only provide quality care through valuing, respecting and drawing upon the lived experience and expert knowledge of consumers, their families, carers, friends and communities.



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Anne Gawen,
Chairperson, NTMHC

“Community mental health is services delivering a range of therapeutic and practical supports; helping people to live in their community; walking alongside people on their journey of recovery”.

Chairpersons Report

What a busy year for the NT Mental Health Coalition and the community mental health sector. We've welcomed a new team alongside the first full year with our CEO working within our new strategic framework. The board have worked on strengthening our governance structures to support this path ahead, with proposed amendments to the Constitution being a key undertaking.

The community mental health sector is in a state of reform on both a State, Territory and national level with a bilateral agreement on mental health and suicide prevention the catalyst for regional planning. The Coalition have consolidated policy work into key position statements.

Each formed the advocacy in the lead up to the Federal Election and ongoing push to advocate on behalf of Territorians. The Coalition and board collaborate with national and state peaks, keeping the unique challenges and significant need in the Northern Territory front of mind for decision makers in the national conversation.

A key focus is elevating the voice of lived experience; by embedding the views of consumers and people with lived experience of mental ill health and suicide in the NT mental health system. It's vital that all Territorians can access support, wherever they live. The community mental health sector needs the resources to support people in the early stages, when they start to feel unwell.

Good mental health should be a community focus and needs to be driven by the community, in the community. The community mental health sector is collaborative and innovative, especially when it comes to important work tackling the stigma associated with mental illness and encouraging Territorians to seek help.

The theme for Mental Health Week in 2021 was *Connect to Wellbeing*. Each October, the sector uses this initiative to raise awareness, and the Coalition hosts the NT Mental Health Awards. It was a great time to stop and celebrate all the people, programs, and organisations who work so hard to improve the lives of others. We will continue to use mental health week as a platform so that everyone feels empowered to participate and to celebrate the outstanding work in mental health and wellbeing in our communities, right throughout the Territory.

The Coalition would like to acknowledge the funding and support of the Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs Branch of the Northern Territory Department of Health. The Department demonstrates their commitment to integration and reform through maintaining strong relationships across the community mental health sector and with the Coalition as the peak body.

Thanks to Geoff and the team at the Coalition. They are a strong and dynamic small team that provides great outcomes for the NT Mental Health sector.

I would also like to thank the board members for their diligent work, leading the Coalition to achieve the strategic plan, above and beyond their roles as Executives and leaders in the community mental health sector.





"I look forward to forging ahead, supporting the sector, growing our influence, expanding our member base, and purposefully working together for the mental health and wellbeing of all Territorians".

Geoff Radford
Chief Executive Officer, NTMHC

CEO's Report

In my first year in the role of CEO we have focussed on creating, developing, growing, and establishing communication channels, networks and strategic relationships that are central to our work. We have reached out to all our members in the community mental health sector, seeking feedback on our direction and activities, and discussing what priorities are most relevant in the re-articulation of our value proposition to reflect the direction we are heading in.

Our members have confirmed for us that our key value is in:

- Advocacy – to ensure that challenges, issues, and solutions in the community mental health sector are raised at the highest levels
- Sector development – supporting the sector to increase connection and collaboration, promote professional development, lived experience models, student pathways and supervision opportunities
- Access to evidence-based information, tools, resources and research that is useful and relevant to the NT context
- Removing stigma and discrimination – promoting conversations about mental health across all NT communities, elevating the voice of people with lived experience, and shining a light on the benefits of recovery for everyone in the community
- Mental Health Week – continuing to raise community awareness, encouraging practical engagement across all communities and contexts, and raising the profile of help seeking and support pathways

NTMHC has also looked inward to examine and revise the constitution to ensure that we can forge ahead with our aims and purpose, within a governance framework that stable, rigorous, and fit for purpose. Working with the board throughout the past year, I present the re-drafted Constitution to members at the 2022 AGM with confidence that the amendments will serve us well into the future.

In May, we had a change of government at the federal level, and not long afterwards an NT Cabinet reshuffle where for the first time in the history of the NT, we have a Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, signalling an increased focus and appetite for reform. The bilateral agreement between the Commonwealth and NT government has provided a significant investment into mental health and suicide prevention in the NT, with joint regional planning being a key platform for collaboration between tiers of government in partnership with Aboriginal communities and the Community Mental Health sector.

In the past year, with the support of our funding body and key stakeholders, the Coalition has made a strategic shift to focus on sector development, communications, and advocacy. A new team has formed to align with our new direction, with Max Taylor, and Tina Griffith coming on board in April 2022 to help us forge ahead with our renewed purpose. As a skilled, motivated, and supportive team, we are well positioned to achieve our goals while remaining adaptable and strategically focussed.

Our membership has grown by 25% in the past year as we welcome Grow, Ermha365, and Standby Support for Suicide as members, and Menzies School of Health Research and RUOK as associate members. By expanding our membership, we expand opportunity for greater collaboration, and a stronger united voice for the sector. We will continue to grow our membership base and welcome the insights and inputs of all our members into the work that we undertake as a peak, and that we all undertake as a sector.

Finally, I would like to highlight our position statements that have been developed and discussed over the past year and that have now been ratified by the board as representing our key positions on a range of issues that are central to the work we undertake. By having clear position statements, we can articulate clearly what we stand for and what we are working towards. This creates a clearer path for the purposed of advocacy for NTMHC, our members, and community members across the NT.



POLICY POSITION STATEMENTS

Our positions (soon to be made available on our new website) are the following:

1. Elevate and embed the voice of lived experience in policy development, design and delivery of mental health services.

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2. Address the social determinants of mental health by:

- Embedding trauma-informed care in all mental health service delivery
- Legislation, policy, and funding must focus on addressing housing, child and family sexual abuse, incarceration rates of First Nations Youth, and food insecurity
- Building effective partnership across sectors to develop a dual diagnosis framework which optimizes holistic supports for people throughout their recovery journey

I'd like to thank the board, the membership and the sector for your support and generosity with your time and insights across the year. I look forward to forging ahead, supporting the sector, growing our influence, expanding our member base, and purposefully working together for the mental health and wellbeing of all Territorians.

3. Invest in, develop, and support a stable, collaborative, community-based workforce in regional, rural, and remote communities that provides culturally secure best practice mental health services on a step-up/step down continuum.

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4. All Territorians need to be able to access culturally appropriate and supportive services where they live

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5. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people must lead all policy development, service design, implementation and evaluation of mental health services targeting First Nations communities

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Address the gap in psychosocial supports for the estimated 150,000+ Australians who need support to manage their psychosocial disabilities, vital to their recovery.





Jade Gooding,
Treasurer, NTMHC

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present the NT Mental Health Coalition financial accounts for the 2021-22 year. The NTMHC remains compliant to Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission as well as the NT Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade. As recommended, NTMHC has adopted accounting standard AASB1058.

The Special Purpose Financial Statements are presented for the financial year ended 30 June 2022; with a deficit of (\$69,633). The expected deficit is explained by a change to the reporting of unspent funds (as per accounting standards) as well as the Board approved commitment to increase salary expenditure to reduce the carry-forward from the previous financial year.

Total revenue has reduced in the 2021-22 financial year compared with 2020-21, due to the completion of the Peer-Led Education Pilot (PLEP) project and the result of carry-forward funds into 2020-21 (impact of COVID-19). As reported in the previous annual report, funds carried forward for the PLEP project were fully expended and the core funding underspend proposal was accepted by the NT government Department of Health.

As indicated previously, unexpended grants are no longer being recorded as such; instead, all grant funding has been recognised as revenue. Surplus balances for grants are to be utilised and are not necessarily carried as earnings. For visibility, the unspent grant balance of \$185,671.05 was bought forward from the 2020-2021 year and all grant funding has been recognised as revenue as of 30 June 2022.

Seeking a high standard of reporting to the Board, this year NTMHC began working with KAS Accounting. A change to accounting software has also resulted in a greater visibility of expenditure. The information presented has also supported the Board in actioning recommendations further improving NTMHC's financial position.

NT Mental Health Coalition maintains a strong financial position with a high liquidity ratio and can repay debts as they fall due. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank Jodie Silvester and Meena Shresthra from KAS Accounting for their work described above throughout the year and to Casmel Taziwa from BDO for completion of the audit.

Our year in review...

Mental Health Week 2021

The launch of Mental Health Week 2021 was held at Parliament House with a number of dignitaries and stakeholders attending. Numbers were limited due to the COVID-19 pandemic requirement for physical distancing however the event was booked out in advance. The event received positive feedback from attendees with award winners across four categories. Prior to Mental Health Week the online calendar was established. During Mental Health Week the staff attended and supported the events hosted by members and mini-grant recipients.

Ten mini grants were awarded to not-for-profit organisations, schools and businesses who delivered a range of activities encompassing the 2021 Mental Health Week theme “Connect to Wellbeing”. The number of attendees varied by activity with some targeting small groups of 15-30 and others larger cohorts or multiple events that meant 80-100 people attended. Several activities were aimed at specific populations such as youth, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, parents and carers, NDIS participants, people with lived experience of mental illness.

NT 2021 Mental Health Week Awards Ceremony



Community engagement

Coalition staff travelled, met regularly and consulted with the membership to gather feedback, data and information to offer a Northern Territory perspective to the following policies, plans and strategies:

Workshops:

- National Eating Disorders Strategy
- Gayaa Dhuwi (Proud Spirit) Declaration Implementation Plan
- Being Equally Well Report and Road Map (Victoria University)
- Royal Darwin Hospital Mental Health Inpatient Unit focus group
- Mental Health Australia policy roundtable
- NT Mental Health Workforce Solutions Planning Workshop
- Northern Territory Skilled Occupation Priority List (ISACNT)
- NT Peer Workforce Advisory Group (TEMCHO)
- NT Peaks Policy Roundtables
- Member of the Disability Strategy Steering Committee
- Strategic Planning for Community Mental Health Australia Executive Leadership Group
- National Mental Health Commission Connections tour in multiple sites of the NT and with a broader mix of stakeholders including the Lived Experience Network.



4 consultations and presentations with membership



6 written submissions



12 Workshops



25% membership growth

Written Submissions:

Existing networks and concurrent engagement led by other stakeholders informed submissions by the Coalition.

- Draft National Safety and Quality Mental Health Standards for Community Managed Organisations.
- Proposed NDIS legislative improvement and the Participants Service Guarantee
- Breaking the Barriers to people living with psychosocial disability applying for NDIS support
- National Mental Health Workforce Strategy
- National Mental Health Commission: Connections

Media engagement

The media engaged with the Coalition on five occasions following media releases during the year.

- The Coalition prepared media releases about 2021 Mental Health Week; and a member organisation presented to ABC Online
- NT News and The Australian published Suicide Rates top the Nation;
- The CEO presented with other community services peaks to ABC TV in a response to the NT Budget;
- The CEO spoke on ABC Radio Darwin Breakfast is follow up commentary regarding the NT budget announcement.



Geoff Radford, CEO of NTMHC with NTCOSS and other community services peaks in an interview with ABC TV



Chief Minister Fyles presents an award at the 2021 NT Mental Health Week Awards ceremony



Larrakiah Traditional Owner Mary Williams performing a Welcome to Country at 2021 NT Mental Health Week Awards Ceremony

Digital media engagement

Developing, growing and establishing networks, communication channels and relationships has been a key focus of the Coalition in achieving Objective 3 of the Strategic Plan during 2021-22. The Coalition has created a Communications and Advocacy Officer role and have written a communications plan which is in early stages of implementation. Reinvigorated social media presence and engagement is a sub-section of the communications plan.

Statistics for June 2022:



A new website is under development with a local service provider with a timeline to launch in early 2023. The shape of the content is to be sharp and professional and to increase the Coalition's profile by providing clear, engaging content.

Strategic Plan 2019-2024

Objective 1: Sustaining and building the organisation

- Further grow and diversify the Coalition's funding, in order to develop and benefit the community mental health sector.
- Grow the Coalition's membership, achieving strong representation of its core organisational constituency.
- Continue to develop the Board's capability, ensuring continuity through governance, knowledge and expertise to support the Coalition's strategic direction.
- Undertake CEO development and succession planning, in order to maintain progress and development of the organisation.

Objective 4: Influencing others through advocacy, policy and program development

- Represent, contribute and advocate for policy and program development.
- Provide credible, evidence-based information and advice to government and its agencies that are representative of the Northern Territory's needs.
- Develop a sustainable response to strategic and emerging policy and program development opportunities for the NT.
- Expand the Coalition's advocacy and awareness activities.
- Ensure that the Coalition effectively represents the interests of the NT at a local and national level for mental health and suicide prevention.
- Build the evidence-base and promote community mental health and wellbeing services.

Objective 2: Supporting our members and the community through sector development and awareness

- Support and develop a vibrant, responsive, innovative community mental health sector.
- Undertake mental health and suicide prevention awareness and promotion activities.
- Expand the range of services that the Coalition provides either directly or through partnership, ensuring alignment with our members and the needs of communities.
- Undertake continuous improvement processes to ensure the views of our members are represented.

Objective 3: Working with others through collaboration, consultation and in partnership

- Facilitate mutually respectful, broad stakeholder input, consultation and collaboration.
- Continue to develop strategic partnerships and collaborations.
- Ensure the Coalition has a visible profile in the NT.
- Support an effective, coordinated response to mental health and suicide prevention in the NT.
- Support a strong voice for people with lived experience.

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Financial reports

Special Purpose Financial Statements - 30 June 2022

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NT Mental Health Coalition Incorporated
Committee members' report
For the year ended 30 June 2022

The Committee Members of the NT Mental Health Coalition Incorporated for the purposes of Northern Territory of Australia Act and Australian Charities and Not-For Profits Commission Act 2012 , presents its report for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

Committee members

The following persons were Committee members of the Association during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise stated:

Anne Gawen	Chairperson / Public Officer
Judie Davis	Vice President
Jade Gooding	Treasurer
Paul Royce	Secretary
Lorraine Davies	Ordinary Members
Helen Day	Ordinary Members
Dira Horne	Ordinary Members

Principal activities

During the financial year the principal continuing activities of the Association consisted of:

- To be representative of member organisations providing mental health services across the Northern Territory;
- To provide advice and policy input on Northern Territory mental health service provision and any associated challenges to all levels of government;
- To contribute a Northern Territory perspective on the provision of effective and accessible mental health services to national mental health network and associated peak bodies;
- To promote and facilitate the dissemination and discussion of contemporary information, government policy positions and initiatives to member organisations;
- To ensure, where possible within available resources, the provision of sector development service and support to member organisations;
- To actively network with local and national with local and national organisations to promote awareness of the role of the Coalition and issues related to the provision of quality mental health service provision across the Northern Territory.

Performance measures

The net deficit of the Association for the financial period was \$69,633 (2021: Surplus \$266,429)

The deficit for the year is mainly attributed to spending on program activities where the income was received and recognised in the previous year financial year. This arose from the Association adopting *AASB 1058 Income for Not-For-Profit Entities* in 2021 for the first time. Where funding is received where the activities are not sufficiently specific, the Association is obliged to recognise the income upon receipt rather than when the related activities are undertaken.

Changes in Nature of Activities or Financial Affairs

There were no significant changes in the nature of the activity occurred during the year.

Subsequent events

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transactions or event of a material or unusual nature, in the opinion of the Board of the Association, to significantly affect the operations of the Association, results of those operation, or state of affairs of the Association in future financial years.

Proceedings on behalf of the Association

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Association or intervene in any proceedings to which the Association is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Association for all or any of those proceedings.

Winding up

In the event of winding up, the constitution requires the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities and the surplus assets to be transferred to another association incorporated under the Act that has similar objects or purposes, is not carried on for profit or gain to its individual members and is determined by resolution of the members.

Indemnification of officers and auditors

Since the end of the previous financial period, the Association has not indemnified or made a relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability any person who is or has been an Officer or Auditor of the Association.

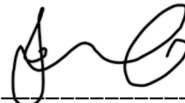
NT Mental Health Coalition Incorporated
Committee members' report
For the year ended 30 June 2022

On behalf of the Committee members



Anne Gawen
President

10 November 2022



Jade Gooding
Treasurer

NT Mental Health Coalition Incorporated
Committee members' declaration
For the year ended 30 June 2022

In the Committee members' opinion:

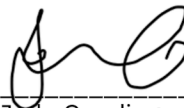
- the Association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. Accordingly, as described in note 1 to the financial statements, the attached special purpose financial statements have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Northern Territory legislation the Associations Act 2003 and associated regulations;
- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Accounting Standards as described in note 1 to the financial statements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the Committee members



Anne Gawen
President

10 November 2022



Jade Gooding
Treasurer

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of NT Mental Health Coalition Incorporated

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of NT Mental Health Coalition Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Committee members declaration.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report of NT Mental Health Coalition Incorporated, is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

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 Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (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.

Emphasis of matter – Basis of accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Association's financial reporting responsibilities under the ACNC Act. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.



Responsibilities of Committee members for the Financial Report

The Committee members of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act. The Committee members responsibility also includes such internal control as the Committee members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a 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 Committee members are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee members either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website (<http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx>) at:

http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

BDO Audit (NT)

C. Taziwa

Partner

Darwin, 10 November 2022

NT Mental Health Coalition Incorporated
Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
For the year ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Revenue			
Revenue	3	384,558	678,111
Other income	4	2,178	63,949
		<u>386,736</u>	<u>742,060</u>
Total revenue		<u>386,736</u>	<u>742,060</u>
Expenses			
Depreciation expense	5	2,746	-
Employee benefits expense		306,822	287,010
Consultants		26,586	80,728
Accounting and audit fees		16,328	14,250
Insurance		5,463	4,476
Mental Health Week		8,107	9,045
Computer and IT		4,383	5,487
Advertising and promotion		1,899	8,334
Meeting expenses		18,443	5,473
Printing and stationery		13,272	10,182
Travel and accomodation		8,589	4,220
Other expenses		38,350	43,646
Doubtful debts expense		431	686
Legal Fees		4,950	2,094
Total expenses		<u>456,369</u>	<u>475,631</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	14	(69,633)	266,429
Other comprehensive income for the year		-	-
		<u>(69,633)</u>	<u>266,429</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>

The above statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

NT Mental HealthCoalition Incorporated
Statement of financial position
As at 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6	335,845	434,845
Trade and other receivables	7	-	4,200
Prepayments	8	8,779	7,310
Total current assets		<u>344,624</u>	<u>446,355</u>
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	<u>23,153</u>	-
Total non-current assets		<u>23,153</u>	-
Total assets		<u>367,777</u>	<u>446,355</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	13,201	1,227
Employee benefits	11	14,884	15,748
Other creditors	13	<u>14,598</u>	<u>34,653</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>42,683</u>	<u>51,628</u>
Total liabilities		<u>42,683</u>	<u>51,628</u>
Net assets		<u>325,094</u>	<u>394,727</u>
Equity			
Retained surpluses	14	<u>325,094</u>	<u>394,727</u>
Total equity		<u>325,094</u>	<u>394,727</u>

The above statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

NT Mental Health Coalition Incorporated
Statement of changes in equity
For the year ended 30 June 2022

	Retained surpluses \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2020	128,298	128,298
Surplus for the year	266,429	266,429
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	266,429	266,429
Balance at 30 June 2021	394,727	394,727
	Retained surpluses \$	Total equity \$
Balance at 1 July 2021	394,727	394,727
Deficit for the year	(69,633)	(69,633)
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	(69,633)	(69,633)
Balance at 30 June 2022	325,094	325,094

The above statement of changes in equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes

NT MentalHealth Coalition Incorporated
Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1. Significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The Association has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

Basis of preparation

In the Committee members' opinion, the Association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements.

These are special purpose financial statements that have been prepared for the purposes of complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Northern Territory legislation the Associations Act 2003 and associated regulations. The Committee members have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the Committee members of NT Mental Health Coalition Incorporated.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements', AASB 108 'Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors', AASB 1048 'Interpretation of Standards' and AASB 1054 'Australian Additional Disclosures', as appropriate for not-for-profit oriented entities. The Association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for, where applicable, the revaluation of financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income, investment properties, certain classes of property, plant and equipment and derivative financial instruments.

Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Association's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 2.

Revenue recognition

The Association recognises revenue as follows:

Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Association is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the Association: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the 'expected value' or 'most likely amount' method. The measurement of variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraint continues until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are recognised as a refund liability.

NT Mental Health Coalition Incorporated
Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 30 June 2022

Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Sales revenue

Events, fundraising and raffles are recognised when received or receivable.

Rendering of services

Revenue from a contract to provide services is recognised over time as the services are rendered based on either a fixed price or an hourly rate.

Donations

Donations are recognised at the time the pledge is made.

Grants

Government grants are recognised under AASB 15 for not-profit-entities when a contract includes enforceable rights and obligations as well as whether a contract includes deliverables which are sufficiently specific. For a contract to include enforceable rights and obligations, the customer (relevant funding department) has the final authority over the use of the money, and whether it is required to be repaid, or approved for alternative use. A contract is considered sufficiently specific when the deliverables are clearly specified within the agreement. Where funds are received in advance of the services being provided, these funds are recognised as a contract liability on receipt, and revenue is recorded over time as performance obligations are met. Where the funds are received after the services have been provided, a contract asset is recorded, and the revenue is recognised as the performance obligations are met. Performance obligations are based on measurable services defined in the contract, and revenue is recognised as the service is provided using the output method.

Where these conditions are not met, grant income has been recognised at a point in time (on receipt). In accordance with AASB 1058.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Other revenue

Other revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

Volunteer services

The Association has elected not to recognise volunteer services as either revenue or other form of contribution received. As such, any related consumption or capitalisation of such resources received is also not recognised.

Income tax

As the Association is a tax exempt institution in terms of subsection 50-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended, it is exempt from paying income tax.

Current and non-current classification

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is classified as current when: it is either expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in the Association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within 12 months after the reporting period; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is classified as current when: it is either expected to be settled in the Association's normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within 12 months after the reporting period; or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions, other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

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Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for expected credit losses. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

The Association has applied the simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses, which uses a lifetime expected loss allowance. To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables have been grouped based on days overdue.

Investments and other financial assets

Investments and other financial assets are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs are included as part of the initial measurement, except for financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Such assets are subsequently measured at either amortised cost or fair value depending on their classification. Classification is determined based on both the business model within which such assets are held and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the financial asset unless an accounting mismatch is being avoided.

Financial assets are derecognised when the rights to receive cash flows have expired or have been transferred and the Association has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership. When there is no reasonable expectation of recovering part or all of a financial asset, its carrying value is written off.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets not measured at amortised cost or at fair value through other comprehensive income are classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss. Typically, such financial assets will be either: (i) held for trading, where they are acquired for the purpose of selling in the short-term with an intention of making a profit, or a derivative; or (ii) designated as such upon initial recognition where permitted. Fair value movements are recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment of financial assets

The Association recognises a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets which are either measured at amortised cost or fair value through other comprehensive income. The measurement of the loss allowance depends upon the Association's assessment at the end of each reporting period as to whether the financial instrument's credit risk has increased significantly since initial recognition, based on reasonable and supportable information that is available, without undue cost or effort to obtain.

Where there has not been a significant increase in exposure to credit risk since initial recognition, a 12-month expected credit loss allowance is estimated. This represents a portion of the asset's lifetime expected credit losses that is attributable to a default event that is possible within the next 12 months. Where a financial asset has become credit impaired or where it is determined that credit risk has increased significantly, the loss allowance is based on the asset's lifetime expected credit losses. The amount of expected credit loss recognised is measured on the basis of the probability weighted present value of anticipated cash shortfalls over the life of the instrument discounted at the original effective interest rate.

For financial assets mandatorily measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, the loss allowance is recognised in other comprehensive income with a corresponding expense through profit or loss. In all other cases, the loss allowance reduces the asset's carrying value with a corresponding expense through profit or loss.

Property, plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Motor vehicles	5 years
Computer equipment	3-8 years
Furniture and fittings	3-8 years

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the Association. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

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Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Impairment of non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value-in-use. The value-in-use is the present value of the estimated future cash flows relating to the asset using a pre-tax discount rate specific to the asset or cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Assets that do not have independent cash flows are grouped together to form a cash-generating unit.

Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Association prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

Employee benefits

Short-term employee benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave, long service leave and accumulating sick leave expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Non-accumulating sick leave is expensed to profit or loss when incurred.

Other long-term employee benefits

The liability for annual leave and long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are measured at the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on corporate bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

Defined contribution superannuation expense

Contributions to defined contribution superannuation plans are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Fair value measurement

When an asset or liability, financial or non-financial, is measured at fair value for recognition or disclosure purposes, the fair value is based on the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date; and assumes that the transaction will take place either: in the principal market; or in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market.

Fair value is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming they act in their economic best interests. For non-financial assets, the fair value measurement is based on its highest and best use. Valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, are used, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs.

Goods and Services Tax ('GST') and other similar taxes

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included in other receivables or other payables in the statement of financial position.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority.

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Note 1. Significant accounting policies (continued)

New Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet mandatory or early adopted

Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, have not been early adopted by the Association for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2022. The Association has not yet assessed the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations.

Note 2. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic

Judgement has been exercised in considering the impacts that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has had, or may have, on the Association based on known information. This consideration extends to the nature of the products and services offered, customers, supply chain, staffing and geographic regions in which the Association operates. Other than as addressed in specific notes, there does not currently appear to be either any significant impact upon the financial statements or any significant uncertainties with respect to events or conditions which may impact the Association unfavourably as at the reporting date or subsequently as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Allowance for expected credit losses

The allowance for expected credit losses assessment requires a degree of estimation and judgement. It is based on the lifetime expected credit loss, grouped based on days overdue, and makes assumptions to allocate an overall expected credit loss rate for each group. These assumptions include recent sales experience and historical collection rates.

Fair value measurement hierarchy

The Association is required to classify all assets and liabilities, measured at fair value, using a three level hierarchy, based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the entire fair value measurement, being: Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date; Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and Level 3: Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Considerable judgement is required to determine what is significant to fair value and therefore which category the asset or liability is placed in can be subjective.

Estimation of useful lives of assets

The Association determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

Impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets

The Association assesses impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the Association and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions.

Impairment of property, plant and equipment

The Association assesses impairment of property, plant and equipment at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the Association and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions.

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Note 2. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions (continued)

Employee benefits provision

As discussed in note 1, the liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

Note 3. Revenue

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Grants	310,520	476,106
Fee for Service Income	13,000	13,000
Project Income	60,538	181,914
Membership Fee	500	7,091
Total revenue	<u>384,558</u>	<u>678,111</u>

Note 4. Other income

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Interest and finance	231	313
ATO Stimulus package	-	47,512
Gain on Sale of Asset	136	4,500
Miscellaneous income	1,811	11,624
Total other income	<u>2,178</u>	<u>63,949</u>

Note 5. Depreciation expense

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Depreciation expense	<u>2,746</u>	<u>-</u>

Note 6. Cash and cash equivalents

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Debit card account	1,485	-
Cash at bank	<u>334,360</u>	<u>434,845</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>335,845</u>	<u>434,845</u>

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Note 7. Trade and other receivables

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Trade receivables	-	4,955
Less: Allowance for expected credit losses	-	(755)
	-	4,200
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Note 8. Prepayments

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<i>Current assets</i>		
Prepayments	8,779	7,310
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Note 9. Property, plant and equipment

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<i>Non-current assets</i>		
Motor vehicles - at cost	24,910	16,694
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(2,713)	(16,694)
Total motor vehicles	22,197	-
Office equipment - at cost	990	9,682
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(34)	(9,682)
Total office equipment	956	-
	23,153	-
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Total Property and Equipment Note

10. Trade and other payables

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Trade creditors	13,201	1,227
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Note 11. Employee benefits

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Annual leave	12,657	11,217
Sick leave	2,227	3,518
Provision for TOIL	-	1,013
	<u>14,884</u>	<u>15,748</u>

The current provision for employee benefits includes all unconditional entitlements where employees have completed the required period of service and also those where employees are entitled to pro-rata payments in certain circumstances. The entire amount is presented as current, since the Association does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement. However, based on past experience, the Association does not expect all employees to take the full amount of accrued leave or require payment within the next 12 months.

Note 12. Unexpended grants

There are no unexpended grants in the current year due to the Association adopting AASB1058 Income for Not-for-profit entities. In applying the recognition criteria, the grant agreement review did not contain sufficiently specific performance obligation and as a result, all grant revenue has been recognised as revenue disclosed in Note 3.

Note 13. Other creditors

	2022 \$	2021 \$
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
ATO Integrated account	(5,481)	(164)
PAYG withholding from salaries and wages	13,719	25,192
Superannuation payable	6,360	9,625
Total other creditors	<u>14,598</u>	<u>34,653</u>

Note 14. Retained surpluses

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Retained surpluses at the beginning of the financial year	394,727	128,298
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	<u>(69,633)</u>	<u>266,429</u>
Retained surpluses at the end of the financial year	<u>325,094</u>	<u>394,727</u>

Note 15. Key management personnel disclosures

Committee members

The following persons were Committee members of NT Mental Health Coalition Incorporated during the financial year:

Anne Gawen	Chairperson / Public Officer
Judy Davies	Vice President
Jade Gooding	Treasurer
Paul Royce	Secretary
Lorraine Davies	Ordinary Member
Helen Day	Ordinary Member
Dora Horne	Ordinary Member

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Note 15. Key management personnel disclosures (continued)

Compensation

The aggregate compensation made to key management personnel of the Association is set out below:

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	100,152	45,970
Post-employment benefits	9,937	2,881
	<u>110,089</u>	<u>48,851</u>

Note 16. Contingent assets

There are no contingent assets at 30 June 2022 or 30 June 2021.

Note 17. Contingent liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities at 30 June 2022 or 30 June 2021.

Note 18. Commitments

The Association had no contingent liability as at 30 June 2022 (30 June 2021: nil)

Note 19. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2022 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Association's operations, the results of those operations, or the Association's state of affairs in future financial years.

The Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition
is the peak body for community mental health and wellbeing.

We represent NT community managed mental health organisations and work in collaboration with a wide network of organisations, people with lived experience, their families and supporters across the Northern Territory.

We work at both a national and local levels to improve the mental health and wellbeing of Territorians.

Vision

That all Territorians have the opportunity for the
best possible mental health and wellbeing.

Purpose

To be a strong voice for mental health and
wellbeing in the Northern Territory



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