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AND AFFECTED COMMUNITIES FOR 22 YEARS



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PLWHA VICTORIA IS THE PEAK BODY FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV (PLHIV), PROVIDING EDUCATION, INFORMATION AND REPRESENTATION FOR ALL PLHIV IN THE STATE OF VICTORIA.

OUR VISION

All people with HIV live in dignity and are able to lead valued and meaningful lives as full participants in society.

OUR MISSION

PLWHA Victoria is a community-based organisation that works to advance the human rights and wellbeing of people living with HIV.

Our mission is to educate, support and advocate on behalf of all people living with HIV in Victoria, as part of a society-wide response that seeks an end to the HIV epidemic.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT PAUL KIDD

WELCOME TO THE 2009/10 ANNUAL REPORT FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS VICTORIA. THIS HAS BEEN ANOTHER BUSY AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR OUR ORGANISATION, AS THIS ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS.

Our organisation continues to present a range of high-quality programs to support, educate and advocate for people living with HIV. Our Positive Speakers' Bureau, Treatment Interactive Events, peer education forums and the Connect Line are highly regarded and professionally delivered – the hard work of our EO and staff in delivering these programs, and a huge range of other activities ranging from festival stalls to direct advocacy for positive people in crisis, must be acknowledged. More details about the agency's core activities are contained in this report.

We have had a successful year financially, posting a significant surplus, which will offset the small loss posted last year and help to build up the organisation's finances. A rigorous budgeting and financial accounting process, as well as some cost efficiencies, made this surplus possible.

For the Board, the major area of work this year has been the development of our new strategic plan. We established a thorough process, across the full financial year, to develop not just a new planning document, but a whole new approach to planning the work of the organisation. The Board formally adopted the Strategic Plan 2010-2013 in June and an action plan for 2010-2011 is now in place to begin delivering an ambitious set of initiatives.

As part of the strategic planning process, we have developed new vision and mission statements that more accurately reflect the changing role of our organisation. You can read these statements in this report, and I hope you will note the changed language, which is reflected through the strategic plan.

We have consciously adopted a model that speaks about supporting positive people in wellness as well as illness. The differences are subtle, but they are more than semantic; we believe this change of emphasis will enable us to speak more meaningfully to the majority of positive people who are living well with HIV, without losing sight of those who are not.

We will help positive people develop self-advocacy skills, support financial independence and economic participation, build social inclusion and advocate for HIV-specific and mainstream services to evolve to meet the changing needs of a positive community that is living long-term with HIV.

At the same time we will still be there for those who need us most. Positive people continue to face significant stigma and discrimination, often from within their own communities. Many people are still living on the margins, dealing with poverty, welfare dependence and social isolation. As positive people grow older and have been living with HIV for ever-increasing periods, the health and social pressures that give rise to this kind of social exclusion will grow, and we need to build resilience within our community in response.

The strategic plan re-centralises advocacy, health education and social inclusion as the core business of PLWHA Victoria, and sets out high-level goals in each of these areas.

The plan articulates a range of challenges to which we want to respond in coming years: challenging HIV stigma; supporting an ageing population of PLHIV; responding to social challenges around sex, relationships, community participation and drug and alcohol use; helping PLHIV achieve financial independence; resisting moves to greater criminalisation of HIV exposure and transmission; and sustaining our organisation for the long-term challenge of supporting and advocating for PLHIV.

These are big challenges and will require intensive effort from our organisation and our community partners in coming years. They show that, despite all the good news about HIV treatments, HIV has not gone away and there is still much work for the community sector to do.

We are fortunate to have an excellent working relationship with a core funder that understands and supports our work, as well as a growing number of pharmaceutical industry partners, donors and supporters without whose invaluable assistance many of this year's activities would not have been possible.

We continue to work in partnership with more than 50 other organisations within and beyond the HIV sector. Maintaining and nurturing these partnerships enables us to contribute to a 'big picture' response to HIV in Victoria which makes the most efficient use of resources, skills and funding to deliver the best possible value for people living with HIV.



A major disappointment this year was the failure of the proposed colocation of PLWHA Victoria with Straight Arrows and Positive Women Victoria. A lengthy negotiation on the proposal had been completed when Positive Women chose to withdraw from the process at the eleventh hour. We acknowledge and support Positive Women in the decision they have made, but it is disappointing that the opportunity presented by the proposed colocation has been lost. We will continue to work with Straight Arrows on a new colocation proposal and with the Department to ensure our own accommodation issues are resolved as soon as possible.

Finally I want to acknowledge the hard work and energy of the PLWHA Victoria Board. We have a new team who represent a diversity of positive experiences and who are eager to examine the issues facing PLHIV in an open-minded and spirited way. Their energy and passion is reflected in our new Strategic Plan, and will be invaluable as we undertake the work of delivering on its goals. I particularly want to acknowledge and thank Paul Baines, Brett Hayhoe and David Stephens, who left the Board during the year.

Paul Kidd
President

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT SONNY WILLIAMS

THE DEPTH AND DIVERSITY OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY PLWHA VICTORIA IS REFLECTED IN THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL REPORT. 2009/2010 HAS PRESENTED A NUMBER OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE ORGANISATION.

Three key highlights have been the production and distribution of the DVD *Changing Voices* which depicts 12 short personal narratives from HIV positive Victorians; *Closer*, a book communicating the realities of living with HIV and produced by positive speakers; and our World AIDS Day Launch in the grounds of Parliament House with the Victorian Health Minister Daniel Andrews.

The Victorian Department of Health continues to contribute the bulk of the funding we require to administer the organisation. Supplementary operating dollars are negotiated on an annual basis from a variety of sources; pharmaceuticals in the form of a consortium model, national agencies for partnership programs and there is the valuable support provided by individuals, members and community and corporate businesses. Without contributions from other avenues we would not provide the current depth of our work.

A key contributor to moving our work forward is the establishment and maintenance of partnerships and relationships which are contributing to building a resilient agency, a stronger voice and community. Partnerships require dedication, patience, a belief in the development and in the desired outcomes. All these partnerships move through different levels of process and phase, but we would not be able to deliver the diversity and depth of programming without these relationships.

In the following table is a brief snapshot of some of our activities and programs delivered by the organisation over the last financial year.

PLWHA Victoria website contacts	6,372
Planet Positive	180
PosLink distribution	7,200
Information & resource mail outs	1,314
Speakers Bureau talks	137
ConnectLine contacts	870
ConnectLine website contacts	3,126
ConnectLine email inquiries	40
Campaign/Resource distribution	10,100
Phoenix (support group for newly diagnosed)	40
Emergency & Distress Fund financial assistance	82
Treatment Interactive Events (education/information events on a range of medical, social and psychological issues)	150
Positive Education Programs	1,660
Electronic/phone contacts	6684
Quit Smoking participants	10
External community events	8
Volunteer contacts	125
World AIDS Day Launch	106

We are conscious of the need to adapt our work to supporting positive people in both times of wellness and times of illness, the need to identify changes within community and analyse where programs and services are meeting needs. We need to understand how best to meet the challenge of addressing the gaps and to also meet the changing needs of a positive community that is living long-term with HIV.

A new organisational strategic plan, vision and mission statement that reflect the changing role of our agency have been developed and adopted by the Board for the next three years and as the President states, *'The strategic plan re-centralises advocacy, health education and social inclusion as the core business of PLWHA Victoria, and sets out high-level goals in each of these areas.'*

As an organisation we will have a range of challenges to respond to over the life of the new strategic plan – an ageing population of PLHIV, continued community participation and the financial independence of PLHIV, to name just a few. Included within this framework is the expectation we will be called on to respond to new situations and events as they occur. The agency is committed to and continues to make contributions on a number of levels within the HIV sector and broader community using a number of methods including professional development, the ongoing evaluation of our work, a place on advisory or steering committees and the opportunity to present papers at conferences. All these processes add to the voice of positive people being heard.

The year ahead will see the agency continuing to negotiate a relocation process. We will continue to work with Straight Arrows and with the Department to ensure our own accommodation issues are resolved as soon as possible. Positive Women have made the choice to relocate elsewhere.

Finally I would like to thank all the staff at PLWHA Victoria for their hard work and dedication to the agency and community; the roles that staff have taken on have at times had unique and unusual challenges attached and I am pleased to say they have always been acquitted with the utmost professionalism.



Sonny Williams
Executive Officer



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TREASURER'S REPORT NEIL SHEPHERD

PLWHA VICTORIA HAS CONTINUED TO INCREASE ITS ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS IN WHAT MAY BE CONSIDERED A RESTRAINED BUDGET OVER THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR. WE REMAIN IN A GOOD POSITION TO CONTINUE THE WORK OF PLWHA VICTORIA INC.

2008/2009 saw a small deficit of \$2,055 to the organisation; for the financial year 2009/2010 we have been able to turn that deficient around to produce a moderate surplus. This is in part due to an increase of 'in-kind' support to the organisation which translates into lower expenditure costs for designated programs; a review of budgets and account keeping processes conducted by the Executive Officer, Book Keeper and myself as Treasurer on a regular basis; and the provision of regular reports to the PLWHA Victoria Board on the financial well-being of the organisation.

INCOME

The Operating Grant received from the Department of Health continues to be PLWHA Victoria's main source of funding. Supplementary income of a one-off nature is sourced from pharmaceuticals, partnership programs from national agencies, and specified donations from the community, all of which impacts on our ability to provide additional programs.

Total income received for the financial year was \$792,646, an increase of revenue by \$71,392 compared to the previous year's income of \$721,254.

EXPENDITURE

Our organisational and employee related expenditure is in line with the increased program delivery of the organisation. Core activities have increased which indicates an increased output of work and materials. I commend this and hope that we have the capacity to keep building on the increased activities. I am happy to report staff numbers remain constant.

BALANCE SHEET

The balance sheet illustrates the net worth of PLWHA Victoria for the financial year 2009-2010.

Current total assets are	\$360,391
Liabilities for the period are	\$301,658
The results are net assets of the organisation for the financial year end totalling	\$58,733

In summary, it has been a good year for the organisation; the activities of PLWHA Victoria saw an increase in funding to the organisation. Our main obligation continues to be the costs of the day-to-day operation through an increasing range of activities being produced by the agency.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, I would like to thank our auditors Clements Dunne & Bell who have provided an extremely thorough and detailed audit service.



Neil Shepherd
Treasurer

WHO IS OUR COMMUNITY?

As President of the National Association of Positive People (NAPWA) and also as a member of PLWHA Victoria, I recently had the chance to talk to a group of HIV positive advocates about the issue of who our organisations actually represent. We have very clear definitions at both a state and national level that we are peak organisations representing positive people. There are no caveats, no exceptions or exclusions to such a simple statement but there are many challenges to understanding the full implications and nuances implicit in such a generalised statement.

At a very direct level our organisations represent the membership of the organisation; this is who we are accountable to and who ultimately sets the activities and direction of the work of the organisation through both consultative and governance mechanisms. At a national level NAPWA's members are the state-based positive organisations and our links to the positive population is through these state PLHIV organisations. At a state level the membership does not encompass every HIV positive person in that jurisdiction – the membership of a positive organisation is a voluntary decision and there will always be people who do not wish to become members of our positive organisations. Our community is any person who is infected with HIV whether they are a member of a positive organisation or not.

So there are positive people who do not become members of the organisation yet who have a relationship to or access and use the services of our organisations; they too are part of our community. Through our contact with them we are able to understand their requirements and expectations of our organisations, and thus are able to undertake our primary role which is to be advocates for their issues.

There is yet another group of the positive population which does not have any links to our organisations, but as positive people they are entitled to become members and so are also part of the community we represent. The problem for our organisations then is how do we know what their issues are – and have we a right to claim them as part of our community and advocate for them? Who are these positive people and why are they not members of our organisation?

These are the questions that are often raised both within our organisations and by people from the general community when we undertake our advocacy work.

There are several groups of these positive people that are often cited in the context of these discussions. The first group are those that identify themselves in a more specific cultural way and thus utilise services which target their specific needs or identity. The second major group are those positive people who do not utilise our specific HIV services – either because they do not need to use the services provided by our organisations or they do not wish to be associated through fear of stigmatisation. The final group are those people who do not know that they are infected with HIV and thus do not identify as part of our community.

WE HAVE VERY CLEAR DEFINITIONS AT BOTH A STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL THAT WE ARE PEAK ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTING POSITIVE PEOPLE

The common element to those people who choose to access specific services are that they often are from communities that are minorities in the HIV epidemic in Australia and examples of this include women, heterosexuals and people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities. It is essential for our organisations to develop an understanding of their issues and to be inclusive of their needs when advocating on behalf of positive people by ensuring that there are reciprocal mechanisms for dialogue with the organisations that they utilise. It is important to develop and maintain inter-organisational relationships that are respectful of the roles and responsibilities that each has to their own membership if effective advocacy on behalf of the whole HIV positive population is to be undertaken. The preeminent consideration must always be the needs of positive people, not that of any agenda or organisation.

The second group that do not have direct contact with our organisations are those whose needs and issues are the most difficult to identify and this must often be done in indirect ways. They are generally well and

do not require the services that our organisations offer as their needs with regard to HIV are primarily at a medical level. They are also more likely to be recently diagnosed and able to maintain both their own health and social support needs and consequently do not become members of our organisations as HIV is not such a central part of their identity. So to understand their needs and issues our organisations need to rely on research and discussions with HIV medical practitioners get a broad understanding of their experiences and expectations.

Do we need to do more to encourage their involvement with our organisation in order for us to do more advocacy on their behalf? I believe that this question is based on a false premise – that is, that they have unmet needs that need addressing, or that they are unaware of the work our organisations carry out. This question can be answered from the feedback from new contacts with our organisations which reflect knowledge of and the work of our organisations and a pattern of service delivery to them that is need driven. The need for more engagement with this group is more beneficial to our organisation as it provides a more representative membership of the HIV population, but clearly they are a part of our community that don't feel a need to actively engage with us and we should celebrate this fact.

Of greater concern are those positive people who choose not to engage with our organisation because they fear stigma and discrimination. Firstly we need to ensure that there is no real or perceived discrimination occurring within our organisation towards any positive person. Our organisations need to lead by example and build trust with those people that fear stigma in whatever form it takes; it is only from this basis that we can truly challenge and stop stigma and discrimination more broadly in the general community. We need to continue to implement service delivery to this group that addresses and reduces their fears in order to encourage their engagement with our organisations.

Addressing stigma and discrimination is also an integral part of encouraging people to get tested for HIV. Our organisation must always advocate for people to know their HIV status in order that positive people can minimise the impact of the disease through regular monitoring and appropriate treatment.

Our organisations should play a critical role in supporting people who are newly diagnosed and we need to ensure that this role is widely understood by the general community and that those newly diagnosed are encouraged to become members.

Having identified some of the groups who are not part of our membership we need to address the issue of why they do not become members and how should we encourage them to do so? The solution to this issue is that our organisations need to demonstrate to these people the relevance to them of our organisations. We need to not only make them aware of the services that we offer, but also to encourage their participation in our organisation in order to strengthen our collective advocacy. A barrier to this is the perception of bias towards gay men in our services and structure and whilst this may have been true at the start of the epidemic, it is no longer the case and every effort has been made to eliminate those biases. Another perception that needs to be challenged is that only those needing our services become involved. The breadth of the work that we have undertaken demonstrates that through our advocacy the lives of every positive person has changed and improved.

So I challenge every member of our organisations to act as advocates of the benefits of belonging to a peak positive organisation, and to those who are not members I encourage them to join and participate in the organisations advocating on their behalf.

Robert Mitchell
President NAPWA

POSITIVE SPEAKERS BUREAU PATRON'S MESSAGE

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ONCE SAID THAT EVERY NEW YEAR SHOULD FIND YOU A BETTER PERSON. CONSIDERING THE SCOPE OF FRANKLIN'S ACHIEVEMENTS, IT SEEMS THAT HE HAD LITTLE TROUBLE LIVING BY THIS MAXIM. HE WAS A TRUE POLYMATH; AN ACCOMPLISHED POLITICIAN, DIPLOMAT, AUTHOR AND SCIENTIST.

Franklin invented the lightning rod and established the first public lending library in America. Even in 1731, the importance of learning being accessible to everyone was considered by Franklin to be a necessity, and our endeavours in educating and informing the wider community about HIV are just as important today. So as we face a new decade, we might consider whether we have become better year-by-year, as individuals, or as a society.

I can proudly say that the individuals who make up the PLHIV Speakers Bureau have again shown their betterment, through their achievements, and the energy and spirit they have expended on their personal development. As a result, we are seeing increasingly higher quality presentations delivered to audiences through a range of technologies throughout Victoria.

Highlights of speakers' achievements include the many presentations given in schools, workplaces and community groups, and to no greater or lesser extent, the inspiring presentations of our speakers at Parliament House on World AIDS Day. Each of these speaking engagements demands skill, insight and a hearty measure of courage.

As if speaking to a live audience is not enough of a challenge, PLHIV speakers were asked to front the video camera recently, to share their personal stories. Now, the 'television studio' environment is harsh and intimidating, and for our speakers to have delivered their disarmingly honest and touching stories with such professionalism and honesty, is a tribute to the agency's and the speakers' growth.

Our speakers are becoming better presenters, and through their work helping achieve greater understanding and tolerance in our communities – yes, like Benjamin Franklin, better year by year. You can now share their presentations on DVD and biographies on the PLWHA Victoria website. I have watched these on-screen testimonials many times, yet am still deeply

moved by the selflessness and honest motivations of each speaker. What is unspoken in the stories is the trust that the speakers have shown in us – trust that we will cherish their words, and put them to good use.

A good measure of our meeting Franklin's challenge may be, whether we have become more caring and tolerant as a society. Are we free of the prejudices and discriminations that diminish our communities, and have we made real progress in education and fostering tolerance? As a society, we have shown some improvement from the dark days of unabashed intolerance, but we still have a long way to go in protecting the health of existing and future generations. The current rate of HIV infection can be partly attributed to the lack of attention given to preventive health education in the past.

Still, in the case of Australia's HIV Positive community, there is much to be celebrated. Here we have a group of people who have provided a vital support system, effective advocacy and who work tirelessly to disseminate knowledge that will help positive members, as well as educating the wider community.

Our family of speakers includes mums, dads, teenagers, medical professionals, academics, theologians and athletes.

To quote another of Franklin's maxims, an investment in knowledge pays the best interest. PLHIV speakers are part of that investment, and working to better themselves, and society, year by year.



Jo Pearson
Positive Speakers Bureau

POSITIVE SPEAKERS BUREAU

THE POSITIVE SPEAKERS BUREAU (PSB) IS A HIGHLY COMMITTED AND DIVERSE GROUP OF VICTORIAN PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV WHO EDUCATE THE WIDER COMMUNITY ON THE ISSUES OF LIVING WITH HIV & AIDS.

Our speakers are the human face of HIV and help to reduce fear and myths, as well as challenging stigma and discrimination. PLWHA Victoria's PSB is run by and for HIV positive people who are highly trained as public speakers. Key health promotion messages are delivered on prevention, education, harm reduction and safer sexual behaviour for the people of Victoria.

In the 2009-2010 funding period, the PSB successfully delivered 137 individual talks by 76 male speakers and 61 female speakers to an audience of 3870 people.

PSB HIV & SEXUAL HEALTH RURAL PROGRAM

A Positive Speakers Rural Road Show was funded by the Department of Health and utilises our speakers to deliver HIV & sexual health information as well as their personal narratives. Agency and speakers' steering groups were established to build the program, comprehensive training was delivered to the speakers and new administrative functions and marketing strategies developed. We formed a collaboration with Brophy Family and Youth Services who assisted in the coordination of talks into schools (Government, independent and Catholic) using their local knowledge and networks. Brophy Family and Youth Services have been strong advocates for rural youth and accessibility to health services.

Comprehensive monitoring and evaluation by the schools and speakers indicate we are delivering HIV & sexual health information in a readily understood format.

The program has been an outstanding success. In 2009/2010 the response rate from schools was above expectations and of interest was that the most remote schools were the first to respond. The majority of schools immediately wanted to re-book the speakers.

LAUNCH OF CLOSER AND CHANGING VOICES DVD

March 2010 saw the launch of two new PSB resources: *Closer* is a collection of creative stories written by members of the PSB. It was published with sponsorship from Oz Showbiz Cares Equity Fights AIDS in a beautifully

illustrated book. *Changing Voices* is a DVD of 12 speakers being interviewed about the realities of living with HIV and how they have adapted their lives to become outstanding HIV and sexual health educators in the broader community. The resources were launched at the State Library of Victoria by Chief Medical Officer Dr John Carnie, who praised the contribution of the speakers, their willingness to be the public face of HIV in Victoria and their collection of engaging interviews and stories.

PLWHA Victoria acknowledges the valuable contribution of the speakers, Jo Pearson and Spencer Franks for producing and directing *Changing Voices* and Peter Davis for editing the book *Closer*.

THE NEUROLOGY OF AIDS

Professor Ian Everall is a co-author of the acclaimed medical textbook *The Neurology of AIDS* which was written when he was based in the USA. He is now working at Melbourne University as Cato Professor and Head of Department of Psychiatry and is involved in the re-editing of the 2nd Edition. Four speakers were asked to contribute patient perspectives of living with HIV and the mental health ramifications associated with HIV to be incorporated into the revised edition. It is a major accomplishment for our speakers to be included and acknowledged in this textbook.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP TRAINING

In May 2010, PLWHA Victoria was approached by the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations' (AFAO) International Program to provide speaker training in advanced communication techniques to community leaders in Lae, PNG.

A MSM and Transgender Leadership Development Group (LDG) was established at the outset of the project and included existing and potential MSM and transgender community leaders in PNG. This group participated in a number of capacity development activities aimed at strengthening MSM and transgender community leadership skills.



In addition, the LDG also aimed to:

- Provide input into the project by drawing on their individual experiences and expertise.
- Act as points of communication for MSM and transgenders across PNG so that the project was informed by, and able to effectively reach, the broader MSM community.

Diversity criteria was applied in selecting members of the LDG to ensure representation from the different 'identities' and experiences within the MSM and Transgender communities, including male sex workers, gay men and bisexual men. HIV+ MSM were also represented. The PSB,, Queensland Association of Healthy Communities (QAHC) and AFAO provided LDG members with training and support over the duration of the project with the intention to develop and strengthen their capacity to offer leadership to MSM and Transgender communities in PNG.

This leadership project is funded by AusAID and has been implemented in a partnership between Poro Sapot Project, Save the Children PNG, AFAO and QAHC.

TREATAWARE SHORT COURSE IN HIV MEDICINE

In partnership with NAPWA's Treataware program, PLWHA Victoria hosted the very successful Short Course in HIV Medicine in May 2010 in Melbourne. PSB members played a very active role in the delivery of the program by educating participants about the realities of living with HIV, anti-retroviral treatments and other co-morbidities. Additionally, two speakers formed part of a treatments panel and five speakers presented personal narratives to the course participants.

WORLD AIDS DAY 2009

For the fifth consecutive year, PLWHA Victoria and the Health Minister Daniel Andrews launched World AIDS Day (WAD) at the Victorian Parliament Gardens in front of more than 100 people. The WAD theme was *Take Action – No Discrimination*. Powerful and poignant

speeches by Susan Paxton PhD and Glenn Ryall highlighted the impact of an HIV diagnosis, and firmly articulated the need for ongoing vigilance and testing. Morning tea followed the proceedings and gave many of those present an opportunity to meet and network. PLWHA Victoria would like to thank Abbott Virology for sponsorship of the event.

SPEAKER TRAINING

The Bureau remains committed to recruiting trainee speakers and contributing to their professional and personal development – both crucial components to our ongoing success with a focus on inter-generational renewal. We continue to deliver the *Basics of Public Speaking* workshop and the *Advanced Communication* workshop. In addition to these workshops we have developed a new training calendar to reflect the evolution of speakers' training requirements including individual coaching.

In collaboration with Hepatitis C Victoria, we have continued working in partnership with their speakers who benefit from developing new skills and peer support through delivery of our program training.

POSITIVE SPEAKERS BUREAU SPONSORSHIP FOR 2009-10

The ability of the Bureau to attract and maintain sponsorship substantially increases the amount of talks and training that we are able to carry out each year. We have successfully secured unrestricted community educational grants for the Bureau for 2009-2010 from three companies: Abbott Virology sponsored talks to non-Government organisations; Merck Sharp & Dohme sponsored talks to financially disadvantaged schools in the metropolitan area; and Tibotec (Janssen-Cilag Pty Ltd) sponsored talks to financially disadvantaged schools in rural and remote areas. We sincerely thank the companies for their enduring support.

HIV & SEXUAL HEALTH CONNECT LINE

THE HIV & SEXUAL HEALTH CONNECT LINE IS A STATE-WIDE TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDING INFORMATION, SUPPORT AND REFERRALS FOR EVERYONE IN VICTORIA WHO HAS QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS RELATING TO THEIR SEXUAL HEALTH. THE SERVICE IS A PROGRAM OF PLWHA VICTORIA AND HAS BEEN OPERATING SINCE 2007.

This year is the third year of operation for the HIV & Sexual Health Connect Line and the number of enquiries has stabilised at approximately 900 telephone and e-mail enquiries per year.

As part of our strategic marketing approach, advertising has continued in the gay and lesbian press, on Joy FM radio station, and more widely in the Leader Newspapers and the university-based publication, U-times.

At the beginning of 2010, new promotional banners and leaflets for the Connect service were developed to be distributed at a number of festivals, including Midsumma, Chillout, the Lunar Festival and Big Day Out. For the first time, we also had a presence at Monash University's four-day Orientation Week at the Clayton campus and distributed hundreds of resources to a large group of mostly international students. International students have been identified as a group at risk of being exposed to sexually transmissible infections (STIs) as they often have very limited sexual health education provided in their country of origin and also may be experiencing a new level of freedom while living in Australia. As the HIV & Sexual Health Connect Line is a confidential and anonymous service, international students who may be reluctant to talk about issues relating to their sexual health can discuss their concerns confident that their privacy will be respected.

As a result of enquires made through the Connect Line, a one day workshop entitled *Connected* was organised in February 2009 and March 2010 in partnership with the Counselling Services of the Victorian AIDS Council/ Gay Men's Health Centre (VAC/GMHC). *Connected* is an educational workshop for the friends, partners and family members of people living with HIV and provides a safe environment for them to discuss HIV and how it affects their relationships. It also covers topics such as transmission, monitoring disease progression, treatments, stigma and communication skills.

These sessions are provided and facilitated by professional HIV workers, including counsellors and educators. Feedback about the *Connected* workshops has been extremely positive with many participants feeling that it provides an excellent opportunity to learn accurate and comprehensive information about HIV while doing so in a supportive and social environment.

In February we also completed the HIV & Sexual Health Connect Line staff training for six new staff members. The service operates with professional health educators from PLWHA Victoria and the Victorian AIDS Council/Gay Men's Health Centre.

This training included:

- Call management skills
- HIV and STI education
- Risk assessment
- Making appropriate referrals
- Victorian and federal legislation regarding privacy, HIV and sex
- Reckless endangerment
- Managing callers with irrational anxiety

As well as providing assistance to the general public, the HIV & Sexual Health Connect Line continues to be an initial point of contact for people living with HIV about the services available to them and a source of support for those who have recently received a positive HIV diagnosis. We have been able to assist many callers to gain perspective and discuss suitable medical and support options.

THE HIV & SEXUAL HEALTH CONNECT LINE OPERATES FROM 10AM TO 6PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

**TELEPHONE: 1800 038 125
WWW.CONNECTLINE.COM.AU**

HEALTH PROMOTION

PLWHA VICTORIA'S HEALTH PROMOTION TEAM CONTINUES TO DELIVER PROGRAMS TO ENHANCE THE PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV IN VICTORIA.

This is done within a framework of the health promotion principles as set out in the Ottawa and Bangkok Charters, and includes developing individual capacity through workshops and courses, as well as creating supportive environments at a community level.

PHOENIX

The Phoenix workshop continues to build capacity and confidence for people newly diagnosed with HIV. This interactive weekend provides information to support people in managing HIV and an opportunity to meet others to share and validate experiences. The six-month follow up provides an opportunity for participants to come together to explore and reflect on the strategies that they have adopted to deal with their diagnoses, and in the process reinforces the value of the program in terms of outcomes. The success and recognition of the workshop has also seen it evolve into a program that has been readily adapted to meet the needs of other demographics of the HIV population as well as affected communities, including e.g. the adaptation, design and delivery of the program to the Tasmanian Council on AIDS, Hepatitis and Related Diseases (TasCAHRD) at one of their retreats with the view to contribute at future retreats.

Partnerships remain an important element of Phoenix, with the continued engagement of the HIV Peer Support Group Facilitators (VAC/GMHC HIV Services Program) in the development, implementation and evaluation of the Phoenix workshop. Delivery of specialist aspects of the program have been given by doctors from the Centre Clinic, Prahran Market Clinic and Carlton Clinic, with further support from sexual health nurses from the Melbourne Sexual Health Centre and counsellors from the Counseling Services Program of VAC/GMHC.

QUIT PROGRAM

In partnership with QUIT Victoria, PLWHA Victoria held three QUIT Fresh Start courses to assist PLHIV to stop smoking and enhance their health. According to the sixth HIV Futures survey conducted by the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health & Society Survey (2009), 42.3 % of people with HIV smoke, more than twice the rate of the general population. Smoking cessation is one of the most important health prevention strategies people with HIV can undertake to reduce the incidence or impact of other health conditions associated with long-term HAART (e.g. heart disease, strokes, cancer), and this course continues to provide support and information to facilitate this change.

PEER SUPPORT

This was a significant component of our health promotion work for 2009/2010, and involved the delivery of information and advice on treatments, travel, legal issues, health/life insurance and immigration while providing an opportunity to speak to someone as a peer. Peer Support is a concept where there is more than just empathy with the client. The worker can speak from their own personal experience of living with HIV thereby enhancing the client's feelings of validation.

OUR PARTICIPATION... ENSURES THAT POLICIES, SERVICES AND RESOURCES STAY RELEVANT TO OUR CONSTITUENCY IN AN EVER-CHANGING ENVIRONMENT



NEGATIVE PARTNERS' GROUP

In October 2009, PLWHA Victoria and VAC/GMHC jointly held a Negative Partners' Group to provide HIV negative gay men in serodiscordant relationships with a supportive and therapeutic environment in which to focus on their needs and learn to manage the challenges HIV presented in their relationships. While the group had previously run as an eight week therapeutic group, a shorter two day version was to be held in 2009.

Despite a registration of only three participants, a decision was made with them to hold a one day information based program instead rather than cancelling the workshop altogether. The issues raised during the session included transmission, communication, openness about HIV and sex, HIV disease progression, staying healthy and partying. Participants commented that the workshop was informative and relevant and that the relaxed approach of the facilitators helped them to feel comfortable discussing their situations within the group. Further evaluation highlighted the need to hold a workshop with more participants and to run it on a second day to discuss additional issues. PLWHA Victoria and VAC/GMHC Counselling Services are currently evaluating the relevance of the Partners' Workshop and will look at potential improvements for this program in the 2010/2011 financial year.

PLANET POSITIVE

Planet Positive is a regular social networking event for HIV-positive people and their friends. This group aims to reduce isolation and enhance the social networks of people living with HIV. In partnership with VAC/GMHC, Straight Arrows and Positive Women, we have held three events this year that have each attracted a total of 180 people from a diverse range of the community.

POSLINK

Our bi-monthly magazine continues to keep PLWHA Victoria members and associate HIV organisations up to date with the latest HIV information and organisational

activities. From its simple beginnings as a black and white newsletter produced in-house, Poslink has been transformed into a colour magazine of enhanced quality that promotes HIV services and activities and reports on relevant issues about living with HIV. This year has marked many changes for the magazine, with new regular features including, *Change One Thing*, *Get the Facts and Eat, Drink and be Positive*, helping readers to make informed healthy lifestyle changes. We are grateful to the team at Fragile Design who volunteered their time and expertise to create a new layout and style guide for the magazine.

HEALTH INFORMATION FACTSHEETS

Following the success of Positive Life NSW's Health Promotion Factsheets, PLWHA Victoria has commenced the development of a similar set of resources with a particular focus on PLHIV in Victoria. Renamed the 'Information Series for PLHIV', these new resources aim to improve access to information and to raise awareness and knowledge of current information and/or research on issues that impact on the health and wellbeing of people with HIV and affected communities. Fact sheets on a wide range of topics including Cancer, Hepatitis C and Disclosure are being developed and will be launched next year. A Resource Development Reference Group has been established, with key members of the HIV community health sector on board to review these resources and provide expert opinion on their development and scope.

WEBSITE

Communication to our constituency and associated members has expanded with the redevelopment of our website (www.plwhavictoria.org.au). Since its launch in February 2010, the site has received an average of 520 visits a month. The website is a great tool for the distribution of HIV resources and increases our ability to educate, inform and provide support to PLHIV in Victoria. The site is well constructed, easy to navigate and now includes the technology to grow with the changing needs of the organisation.

FESTIVALS

We continue to extend our reach and visibility by having a presence at a number of events and festivals throughout the year and target a wide audience including young people, members from culturally diverse communities, gay men, men who have sex with men, international students, women and the wider community. In 2009/2010 we distributed over 5000 condom packs and resources promoting the HIV and Sexual Health Connect Line, and over 800 PLWHA Victoria water bottles and 3000 resources at festivals as diverse as Midsumma Carnival, Pride March, Chillout Festival, Vietnamese Lunar Festival, Big Day Out and Orientation Week at Monash and Deakin universities.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

For many PLHIV who have to spend the holiday period in hospital or alone at home without family or social support, our Christmas Hampers provided festive spirit to over 50 people last year. Now in its 10th year, the Christmas Hamper Appeal attracts an ever increasing range of generous individual, community and corporate sponsors who donate time, products, services and money to make Christmas Day a memorable day for members of our community. We are extremely grateful for their support and commitment to this program.

RAINBOW RODEO

In partnership with the Country Awareness Network and the ALSO Foundation we presented Rainbow Rodeo, as part of the Chillout Festival in Daylesford and hosted by Kaye Sera and Luke Gallagher. Set as a trivia quiz, it delivered information around HIV and sexual health in a fun and entertaining way.

SEXUALLY ADVENTUROUS MEN (SAM) PROGRAM

PLWHA Victoria was funded to undertake a program of community development activities focused on culture as it surrounds sexually adventurous practice among gay men in Melbourne. The 12 month pilot was designed to take a Positive in Prevention approach, treating the experiences and perspective of positive men as a valuable social learning resource for other positive and negative men.

The PLWHA Victoria Sexually Adventurous Men (SAM) Program is a partnership with the Australian Research Centre in Sex Health and Society (ARCSHS) and VAC/GMHC with the overall program of activities overseen

by a single reference group convened jointly by PLWHA Victoria and VAC/GMHC. The PLWHA Victoria proposal was positioned as a community-based communications development process that delivers specific methods of building and enhancing communication across and to sexually adventurous networks. The VAC/GMHC proposal was positioned as a community engagement and development process, with an emphasis on building relationships both within sexually adventurous networks and between the networks and HIV and gay community organisations. Jointly, the program has attempted to provide sexually adventurous men with opportunities for input into the development of their own health promotion initiatives. Extensive monitoring and evaluation processes have been built into the program and these processes have been documented in order to inform future work in this particular area.

REPRESENTATION

In 2009/2010, the Health Promotion Team continued to be represented on a variety of national and state based reference groups and committees. Our participation contributes to the development of models of good practice based upon consultation and consensus, and ensures that policies, services and resources stay relevant to our constituency in an ever-changing environment. These groups and committees include:

- Treatment Officers Network (NAPWA)
- Positive Living Magazine Reference Group (NAPWA)
- Interagency World AIDS Day Working Group (cross HIV related agencies)
- BBV/STI Multicultural Working Group
- Diversity Reference Group (ALSO Foundation)
- HIV Interagency Group (cross HIV agencies)
- Advisory Group – Diversity in Health Conference 2010
- ‘Top Tips’ Resource Development and Implementation Group (AFAO/NAPWA)
- ‘HIV Living Factsheets’ – Implementation and Distribution Group (AFAO/NAPWA)
- ‘HIV Tests and Treatments’ – Resource Development and Implementation Group (AFAO/NAPWA)
- Reference Group – Sexually Adventurous Men Program (VAC/GMHC, ARCSHS)

RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES



poslink

Calling for Action!

- The Newsletter of People Living with HIV/AIDS Australia
- Information, Education & Representation
- 1800 038 125

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POSITIVE

Speakers Bureau
Victoria

www.plhivictoria.org.au/speakers



CLOSER



This book contains creative writing by people living with HIV.

[PHOENIX]
Phoenix is an educational workshop for individuals who have been recently diagnosed with HIV in the last few years. Phoenix provides a safe and supportive environment to meet other positive people and receive the latest HIV information from qualified HIV health professionals.

[WHAT CAN PHOENIX DO FOR ME?]

- Learn strategies for managing and making sense of HIV
- Explore the issues of disclosure and relationships
- Gain the latest treatment information
- Find out how to maintain your sexual health
- Gain skills in negotiating sex
- Receive information about HIV support services
- Learn skills to plan for your future
- Learn strategies to manage your general health and wellbeing

Phoenix is a free workshop.

[PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK]
"It was fantastic. So much great information and support from the facilitators and speakers"
"What a confidence booster"
"Before doing the workshop I felt so alone. Now I feel so much more confident to deal with the challenges that lie ahead"

[HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?]
If you require further information about Phoenix or wish to book on the next workshop please phone 033 9653 4772 or email info@plwivaids.org.au

[PHOENIX PROVIDES A MESSAGE]
All people with HIV will live in dignity and are able to lead valued and meaningful lives as full participants in society.

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PHOENIX

Recently diagnosed HIV positive?



PHOENIX IS A FREE WORKSHOP FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN RECENTLY DIAGNOSED WITH HIV IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. PHOENIX PROVIDES A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT TO MEET OTHER POSITIVE PEOPLE AND RECEIVE THE LATEST HIV INFORMATION FROM QUALIFIED HIV HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

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BOARD AND STAFF

OUR MISSION IS TO EDUCATE, SUPPORT AND ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF ALL PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV IN VICTORIA, AS PART OF A SOCIETY-WIDE RESPONSE THAT SEEKS AN END TO THE HIV EPIDEMIC.

BOARD

Paul Kidd: President

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Leighton Browne

Jeffrey Robertson

David Stephens

Suzanne Lau-Gooley

Russell Varney (*appointed March 2010*)

Stephanie Raper: Positive Women Representative
(*appointed June 2010*)

Greg Iverson (*resigned Oct 2009*)

Paul Baines (*resigned December 2009*)

Brett Hayhoe (*resigned March 2010*)

Russell Varney: Straight Arrows Representative
(*resigned March 2010*)

Bev Greet: Positive Women Representative
(*resigned April 2010*)



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Shannen Myers: Health Promotion Officer

Akke Halma: Finance Officer

Carlos Sepulveda: Health Promotion Officer – Sexually Adventurous Men (*until March 2010*)



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FINANCIAL REPORT

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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT'S REPORT

Your Board of Management submits the financial report of People Living with HIV/AIDS Victoria Inc. for the financial year ended 30 June 2010.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The names of Board of Management members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

Jeffrey Robertson, Paul Kidd, Sam Venning appt Oct 2009, David Tonkin appt Sept 2009, Neil Shepherd appt Nov 2009, Suzanne Lau-Gooley, Russell Varney appt July 2009 and Stephanie Raper appt June 2010.

Brett Hayhoe res March 2010, Paul Baines appt Aug 2009 res Dec 2009, Greg Iverson res Oct 2009, David Stephens res July 2010, Bev Greet res April 2010, Jurgis Maleckas res July 2009.

INCORPORATION

The association was incorporated in Victoria on 7th December 1999.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the association during the financial year was to provide services and relief from suffering, alleviating poverty, distress and financial hardship, for people living with HIV/AIDS, with the aim of improving their life expectancy and also their quality of life.

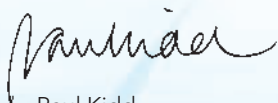
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

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

OPERATING RESULT

The operating result for the year was a profit of \$29,916 (2009: \$2,055 loss) and no provision for income tax was required as the Association is exempt from income tax.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Management.



Paul Kidd
President

South Yarra, 30 August 2010



Neil Shepherd
Treasurer

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STATEMENT BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of Management has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Board of Management the financial report as set out on pages 1 to 10:

- a) Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of People Living with HIV/AIDS Victoria Inc. as at 30 June 2010 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- b) At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that People Living with HIV/AIDS Victoria Inc. 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 of Management and is signed for and on behalf of the Board of Management by:



Paul Kidd
President

South Yarra, 30 August 2010



Neil Shepherd
Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

	NOTE	\$ 2010	\$ 2009
INCOME			
Donations		1,050	2,777
Emergency Distress Fund		3,200	8,736
Grants Received	1(a)	733,063	639,713
Interest Received	2	493	4,932
Other Income		-	9,175
Speakers Bureau Income		34,841	24,451
Sponsorship		19,999	31,470
		792,646	721,254
LESS: EXPENDITURE			
Administration Salaries and Superannuation		144,225	145,544
Administration		68,865	69,236
Board Expenses		10,086	7,671
Campaigns		49,950	75,042
Conferences		26,701	21,349
Depreciation	2	8,485	8,363
Employment Expenses		6,540	11,335
Entitlements and Provisions		16,705	26,574
Grants		4,400	4,800
Health Promotion		92,190	83,522
Health Promotion / Positive Education		43,724	98,062
Information Line		84,973	72,567
Poslink		22,735	18,465
Publications/Marketing/Promotions		2,549	48
Speakers Bureau		90,047	79,831
Sexual Adventurism		90,555	900
		762,730	723,309
Profit / (loss) before income tax		29,916	(2,055)
Income tax expense	1(d)/2	-	-
Profit / (loss) after income tax		29,916	(2,055)
RETAINED PROFITS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR			
		28,817	30,872
RETAINED PROFITS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR			
		58,733	28,817

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES STATEMENT AS AT 30 JUNE 2010

	NOTE	\$ 2010	\$ 2009
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	323,723	425,467
Trade and Other Receivables	4	25,994	29,387
Total Current Assets		349,717	454,854
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	5	10,674	9,439
Total Non-current Assets		10,674	9,439
TOTAL ASSETS		360,391	464,293
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and Other Payables	6	223,156	373,680
Provisions	7	78,502	61,796
Total Current Liabilities		301,658	435,476
TOTAL LIABILITIES		301,658	435,476
NET ASSETS		58,733	28,817
MEMBERS' FUNDS			
Retained Profits		58,733	28,817
TOTAL MEMBERS' FUNDS		58,733	28,817

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

	NOTE	\$ 2010	\$ 2009
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from sponsors, members, donations and fundraising		131,759	90,874
Operating grant receipts		535,718	888,581
Interest received		493	4,932
Payments to suppliers and employees		(759,994)	(674,819)
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities	B	(92,024)	309,568
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchases of plant and equipment		(9,720)	(1,864)
Proceeds on sale of plant and equipment		-	910
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(9,720)	(954)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
		-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(101,744)	308,614
CASH AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR		425,467	116,853
CASH AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR	A	323,723	425,467

The accompanying notes form part of this financial report.

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

	NOTE	\$ 2010	\$ 2009
NOTE A RECONCILIATION OF CASH			
For the purposes of the cash flow statement, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and investments in money markets. Cash at the end of the financial year is shown in the cash flow statement reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	323,723	425,467
NOTE B RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH PROVIDED BY / (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES TO PROFIT / (LOSS) AFTER INCOME TAX:			
Profit / (loss) after income tax		29,916	(2,055)
Non-cash flows in profit / (loss) after income tax:			
Depreciation		8,485	8,363
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:			
(Increase) / decrease in trade and other receivables		3,393	(19,024)
Increase / (decrease) in provisions		16,706	26,574
Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables		(150,524)	295,710
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		(92,024)	309,568

The association has no credit stand-by or financing facilities in place.

There were no non-cash financing or investing activities during the period.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Vic). The Board of Management has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

(a) Grants Received

Grants received have been allocated proportionately over the period covered by the grant and brought to account as income accordingly.

(b) Membership Subscriptions Income

In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for similar organisations, membership subscriptions are accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

(c) Plant and Equipment

Each class of plant and equipment are included at cost less depreciation and impairment losses or at independent valuation.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by the board to ensure that it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets.

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including capitalised leasehold improvements is depreciated on a diminishing balance value over their useful lives to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

CLASS OF FIXED ASSET	DEPRECIATION RATE
Computer Equipment	33.33%
Office Furniture	16.67% - 40%

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the income statement. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation relating to that asset are transferred to retained profits.

(d) Income Tax

The association has been granted exemption from income tax under Section 50-15 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997, as amended.

(e) Leases

Lease payments under operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

(f) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the assets and liabilities statement are shown inclusive of GST.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

	\$ 2010	\$ 2009		\$ 2010	\$ 2009
2. PROFIT / (LOSS) AFTER INCOME TAX			6. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Profit / (Loss) after income tax has been determined after:			Project Funds in Advance (Unexpended)	195,397	320,073
Crediting as income			Trade Creditors	24,659	50,657
Interest received	493	4,932	Accrued Expenses	3,100	2,950
				223,156	373,680
Charging as expenses			7. PROVISIONS		
Depreciation of plant and equipment	8,485	8,363	Annual Leave	36,457	26,889
Auditors' remuneration			Long Service Leave	42,045	34,907
- Auditing the accounts	2,400	2,300		78,502	61,796
- Other services	700	650	8. LEASE COMMITMENTS		
			Operating Lease Commitments		
3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS			Motor Vehicle & Photocopier		
Petty Cash	-	300	Payable – minimum lease payments		
Cash at Bank	256,386	357,093	- not later than 12 months	5,988	9,480
Emergency Relief & Distress Account	16,143	17,299	- between 12 months and 5 years	998	6,986
Interest Bearing Deposits	30,936	30,932	- greater than 5 years	-	-
Max-I Direct Account	20,258	19,843	Total Lease Liability	6,986	16,466
	323,723	425,467			
4. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES			The association had two operating leases, one for a motor vehicle and one for a photocopier. The photocopier lease expired on 30 June 2010 and has not yet been renewed.		
Trade Debtors	13,887	12,003	Summit Auto Lease Australia Pty Ltd hold a charge over the assets of the association for the operating lease on the motor vehicle.		
Prepaid Conference Expenses	12,107	8,615			
Prepaid Salaries	-	8,769			
	25,994	29,387			
5. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT					
Office Furniture at cost	63,936	58,046			
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(58,498)	(51,256)			
	5,438	6,790			
Computer Equipment at cost	42,921	39,091			
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(37,685)	(36,442)			
	5,236	2,649			
	10,674	9,439			

FINANCIAL REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of People Living With HIV / AIDS Victoria Inc. (the association) which comprises the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2010 for the year then ended, the income and expenditure statement, statement of cash flows, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by members of the board of management.

BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The board of management of the association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, which form part of the financial report are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Vic) and are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The board of management's responsibilities also include designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion of the financial report based on our audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, as described in Note 1, are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee of management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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STATEMENT BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the board of management's financial reporting under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Vic). We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

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

INDEPENDENCE

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

QUALIFICATION

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the associations to maintain effective systems of internal controls over donations and other fund raising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to donations and fund raising was limited to amounts recorded.

QUALIFIED AUDITOR'S OPINION

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial report of the matter referred to in the qualification paragraph, the financial report of People Living With HIV / AIDS Victoria Inc. presents fairly, in all material respects the financial position of People Living With HIV / AIDS Victoria Inc. as at 30 June 2010 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Vic).

Clements Dunne & Bell

CLEMENTS DUNNE & BELL PARTNERSHIP
Chartered Accountants

Melbourne, 30 August 2010

A. Wehrens

Andrew Wehrens
Partner

THANK YOU

Abbott Virology	De Ayers	Louise Naughton-Smith	Positive Women
Adria Sore	Dean Beck	Market Hotel	Victoria (Inc)
Affordable Trade Services	Dean Murphy	Mark Whearem	Prahran Market Clinic
AIDS Council of New South Wales	Deepak Malhotra	Dr Mark Choong	Pride March
AIDS Treatment Project Australia	Department of Health and Ageing	Mariangela Galtieri	Prue Marks
ALSO Foundation	Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	Margo Duff	Q Magazine
Amy Byrne	Dimitri Christou	Martin Foley MLA	Queensland Positive People
Andie Noonan	DTs Hotel	Maryanne McDermott	QUIT Victoria
Andrew Henshaw	Dunlop Sport Footwear	Matt Bottos	Riche Groner
Andrew Wehrens	Eleni and Rob @ Easy Executive Edge Travel	Matt Thomas	Robert Mitchell
Angela Costi	Family Planning Victoria BBV Program	Media Strategies	Royal District Nursing Service
Anglicare Victoria	Fowlers Vacola	Mel Robertson (OSCEFA)	Ryan Sherbrooke
Anna Georgiou	Fragile Design	Melbourne Queer Film Festival	Sarah Andrews
Anthony Brownrigg	Franz Kunz	Melbourne Sexual Health Centre	Sarah Garner
A Royale	Garrett Prestage	Melvin Wong	Sarah Leach
Ashish Dhareshwar	Gilead	Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific	Sarah McConville
Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations	Glasshouse Hotel	Merck Sharpe and Dohme	Sarah P
Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society	GlaxoSmithKline	Michael Hall	Sathish Poonath
Bambis Import co. Pty Ltd	Globe International Ltd.	Michael Hurley	Scott Murphy
Beng Eu	Grant Cook	Michael Scott	Shane Bridges
Big W	Grey Searle	Midsumma Festival	Sibel
Bill Gianoulas	Hampstead Dental	Monash University	Sircuit Bar
Boehringer Ingleheim	Howard Stoney	Multicultural Health and Support Service (Centre for Culture, Ethnicity and Health)	Sanyo Oceania
Brett Hayhoe	Igat Hope PNG	National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS	Soenke Tremper
Bristol-Myers Squibb	IRS Australia Pty Ltd Instant RockStar	Naomi Scott	Sophie Dutertre
Brophy Youth Services	Ivy Rose O'Connor	National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS	Spencer Franks
Burnet Institute	James May	Nicole Roy	Straight Arrows
Carlton Mayne Clinic	Jamie Ivarsen	Ography Pty Ltd	Susan Chong
Chris Driscoll	Jan Palethorpe	Oz Showbiz Cares/Equity Fights AIDS	Susan Paxton
Clements Dunne & Bell Partnership	Jen Johnson	Pat Garner	TasCAHRD
Club 80	Jenny McDonald	Pathways	The Alfred Education and Resource Centre
Coffee Club Group	Jenny Whelan	Paul Bangay Garden Design	The Alfred HIV Services
Commercial Road Pharmacy	Jo Pearson	Paul Howard	Tibotec (Janssen Cilag Pty Ltd)
Country Awareness Network	Jo Watson	Positive Life NSW	Tobin Saunders
Craig Willingham	Joe Borg	People Living with HIV/AIDS South Australia	Tony Lupton MLA
Currency Press – The Performing Arts Publisher	John Wain	Peter Alexander	Trish Thompson
Hon Daniel Andrews	Dr John Carnie	Peter Davis	Urban Films
Daniel Brooks	Jonathan Yee	Peter Geer	Victorian AIDS Council/ Gay Men's Health Centre (VAC/GMHC)
Dantes Restaurant	Joy 94.9 FM	Positive Living Centre	VAC/GMHC Peer Support Volunteers
David McCarthy	Julia Fisk	Positive Speakers Bureau	Vic Bears
David Menadue	Kathryn Sparks		ViiV HealthCare
David Westlake	Kent Bangay		Wanda Dopierala
	Kevin Brown		Warren Donald
	Larisa MacFarlane		Wayout Kyneton
	Laura Delaney		Wolfie
	Laird Hotel		

