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Annual Report



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## Who Are We - Positive Life SA Inc (Formerly PLWHA SA Inc)

Positive Life SA Inc was established by a series of community meetings in early 1995 and was successfully incorporated on the 26th April 1995. The organisation thus became an independent voice for HIV positive people in South Australia to ensure their lived experiences directed the provision of effective health and wellbeing support services and activities.

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

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

Positive Life SA adheres to the keystone principles and practices of the Ottawa Charter (1986) and the Jakarta Declaration (1997), and actively works to balance the wishes and needs of individuals with the longer term issues affecting the wellbeing, longevity and quality of life for all positive people.

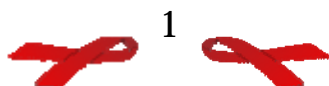
Additionally, Positive Life SA is committed to the principles underpinning 'GIPA' (Greater Involvement of People Living with HIV; UN 1994) and actively seeks to involve and sustain HIV positive people across all aspects of the Organisation.

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



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# Board Members 2010-2011



## Tony - President

I have been a dedicated and active member within the HIV Positive community since 1996. I started at Rosemont in the PLC kitchen as the Dessert Chef, Retreat Coordinator & Co-Editor of Positively Talking (PT). I nominated for the Board as an Ordinary Board Member and eventually took on the role as Secretary and full-time Editor of PT. I have held roles as Vice-President, Acting President, to my current role as President. For the last 7 years I have been an active representative for South Australia at the National Association of People with HIV/AIDS (NAPWA). I have been passionate and committed to my role as a Board Member and President of Positive Life SA. This has been evident with my receiving the GALA Award for leadership in 2006. As an openly HIV positive person I believe I am approachable and a majority of the community know me and I hope they trust me.

## Katherine - Vice-President



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



## Kristin-Board Member

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

## Steven - Board Member



For the past 26 years I have been a fundraiser for the original Carrington Street, volunteering for 16 years at ACSA from switchboards to GMH outreach programs to chairing the RRBGF and board member on both the ACSA and PLWHA SA Boards. I have had a few years off to get over health issues and now back on the PLSA board and in my spare time I am a Positive Speaker. Over the past three years I have received a Cert3 for a Personal Care Worker in Aged Care, Cert4 and Diploma in Leisure and health, A Qualified Instructor for Easy Movement for Active Aging for Sports SA. I love gardening, cooking, great times with friends, bush walking, camping, painting and living everyday to the fullest and with the constraints of HIV/AIDS the challenge is to see the light at the end of the tunnel.... there is always light.



## Kym-Board Member

Kym worked for Bank SA for 10 years traveling the State in his capacity as relief staff. At the same time he attended University part time to study Accounting and Commerce. After moving to Sydney he worked for Canon Australia as the Assistant to the Chief Accountant and Finance Director for a further 10 years. While in NSW he finished his degree at Macquarie University and also gained a Diploma in Foreign Currency Management. He likes studying and numbers! After moving back to Adelaide in 1998 Kym retired from 'professional' work and began his long volunteering career. Kym has been volunteering for PLSA since 2003, first as driver and also as receptionist. Kym has been on the Board of the organisation since 2004, first in the Office Bearer role of Treasurer until 2010 when he became an Ordinary Board member.

## Derick - Board Member



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



### David-Board Member

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



### Mark-Board Member



My name is Mark Stephens and I am a single gay male living with HIV. I believe in happiness and good health for all people and this is why I joined the Board of Positive Life SA. I believe all people deserve the right to have access to good food, clean water, appropriate medical care and shelter. I believe HIV positive people deserve to have access to credible information regarding the medications they take and their side-effects so we can make informed decisions about our treatment and care. I believe the relationship between a medical professional and their client is an equal partnership. Positive Life SA is a warm and ethical organisation and this is why I stay.

# Staff Members 2010-2011



### Rob - Executive Officer

As the Executive Officer (EO) I am responsible for the achievement of Positive Life SA's strategic goals. As the senior employee, I undertake key advocacy, health promotion and coordinating roles within and across government and non-government agencies towards improved service coordination and health outcomes for positive people. I have worked for Positive Life SA previously as the Change Manager and rejoined the staff as Executive Officer in May 2010

### Suzi - Health Promotion Officer



As Health Promotion Officer I develop programs and services that promote peer information and support which is a central PLSA role. Strengthening the voice of HIV positive people not only educates others; it also helps to reduce the stigma and discrimination faced by HIV positive people every day. I focuses on building up the peer capacity of Positive Life SA. So far, much of my work has involved further developing the Positive Speakers Bureau. I joined the Positive Life SA staff in February 2011



### Michelle - Administrative Officer

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

### Katia - Executive Assistant



As the Executive Assistant I provide high level executive support service to the Executive Officer and Board of Management as well as identifying diverse short and long term funding sources. I joined the Positive Life SA staff in July 2010.



### David - Reception and Information Officer

As the Reception and Information Officer I provide 'front of house' access into Positive Life SA and I am the hub for information collection and distribution, including website and publication development. I joined the Positive Life SA staff in September 2006

### Georges - Health Promotion Officer



As Health Promotion Officer I develop programs and services that promote, treatment awareness issues and I am a representative on the Treataware Outreach Network. I also co-support the implementation of our quarterly Planet Positive event. Furthermore, I am the worker for Poz Café, a quarterly informal forum that discusses topical HIV related health issues. I joined the Positive Life SA staff in June 2011

**Ilektra - Health Promotion Officer (Resigned June 2011)**

**Zitlaly - Health Promotion Officer (Resigned Dec 2010)**



# President's Report

## Tony Minge



This year has been challenging, rewarding and exciting. At Positive Life SA we strongly believe in the power of community and working as a Positive, Powerful and Proactive team. Without the dedication of staff, board, volunteers and community we could never achieve our mission of Opportunity, Equity and Acceptance, as we focus on our advocacy role and improving healthy wellbeing.

Throughout the 30 years of HIV in Australia, there have been many changes across the sector. At Positive Life SA we need to hear from the voices of our diverse positive and affected community to ensure we are aware of your needs and expectations of the body positive-“nothing for us without us”.

On the 24 August 2010, PLWHA-SA held a Special General Meeting (SGM) to update our constitution, as part of the update it was decided to change the name of our organisation. The members present at the SGM unanimously voted to change our name to Positive Life South Australia Incorporated. Positive Life SA (PLSA) has come about to reflect the move away from direct client services to health promotion and to broaden our role with community towards a healthy (HIV) positive life, and for a quality positive life for all. Also, for the first time in our organisation's history we have a Board of Management made up entirely of HIV positive people as voted at the SGM.

The departure of our Health Promotion Officers Michael and Zitlaly saw us recruiting once again. Our first new recruit was Suzi Quixley; she is working with us for 3 days a week and is well known within our community. Suzi has been involved with writing and editing for non-government organisations in Australia and internationally. Suzi also facilitated our 3 year developmental review, name it, own it, deal with it and move forward in 1999. Our second new recruit was Georges Oteng, Georges was born in Nairobi and raised in Zambia. He trained as a scientist in the USA. Moving to Adelaide in February 2010 has been refreshing, according him the flexibility to study medicine and work in a field passionate to him.

The last year has seen PLSA working with the National Mental Health Professional Network. This is a Federal Government initiative to support the building of professional networks and support systems for people working within the mental health field. PLSA has been successfully coordinating the Collaborative HIV and Mental Health Care Workshops, with events held on a quarterly basis. The ideology behind this network is to get together as a like minded group to discuss mental health and HIV issues that affect many HIV positive people. Attendees have included Psychologists, HIV/AIDS Clinical Nurses, Public Health Students, CALD representatives, HIV/Hep C Counselling Team leaders, Dental Hygienists, Doctors & Dental Lecturers. Attendees came from 14 different agencies and five private practices.

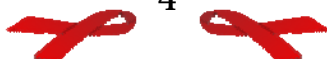
We have had discussions on the need for our community to discuss issues other than at an AGM/SGM. This will form part of the community forums for the year. Our first forum held June 2011 attracted a varied range of members, a broad choice of topics were raised and will form the basis for four further forums.

A review process for updating our 2011/2014 Strategic Plan has been progressed. Our values and principles formed most of the discussion with Board and Staff at a workshop.

Last year the SA Government released its State Budget and there was a broken promise unveiled. Originally the \$30+ a week Federal age pension increase was to be excluded from Housing SA rent calculations. I spent many hours writing letters and advocating with regards to this issue. Unfortunately the South Australia Government remained unwavering in its stance and has included the \$30+ a week Federal Government increase in its rent calculations. This meant South Australians on a pension having to pay up to an extra \$18 a fortnight in rent as of May 2011.

Our new website has been designed by David Kavanagh, (Reception & Information Officer). A two month test run had been successfully trialled with clear and positive feedback gathered, the final version has been officially posted.

HIV criminalisation has been a huge theme for PLSA this year, we held a community group forum in February and it was organised with the help of Sally Cameron (consultant to AFAO). In June this year Sally once again came to Adelaide to run a set of workshops with the Board, the aim was to develop a position statement by PLSA on Criminalisation and



HIV. Following Sally's presentation, the Board responded with a range of issues and thoughts around where it stood or should stand. The decision to include reference to the UNAIDS statement on criminalisation was in contention. We thought we should make a local statement and also an international one. Other people thought it may give our position more strength to include it. While Sally was here she also ran community sessions for HIV positive Sex workers and sector workers.

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the Board, Staff and volunteers who have contributed to this organisation over the past year.

I would also like to thank our Sponsors, Funding Body, Members and Organisations throughout the sector for their continuing support.

I would like to make a special mention to Australian Executor Trustees Ltd for the generous donation of \$5000 for our HIVE project. Positive Life SA is privileged to have been selected as a recipient of the

AET Discretionary Charitable Trust program. This contribution will ensure our HIVE project continues to provide food assistance and improve the quality of life for people living with HIV. Australian Executor Trustees provides a comprehensive range of investment management, estate planning and administration, superannuation, accountancy and trustee services. If you'd like to know more about AET or would like to make use of their services, visit their website; [www.aetlimited.com.au](http://www.aetlimited.com.au)



## Vice-President's Report Katherine Leane



The annual reporting period for 2010 to 2011 for Positive Life SA enables me to highlight some key activity's important in our history, which can be different to those reported on by our President and Executive Officer. During this period the organisation officially changed

its name from People Living With HIV/AIDS South Australia or PLWHA-SA to Positive Life SA. Alongside this change and other constitutional changes, was another exciting amendment that all Board members would now be people openly living with HIV. As VP I consider this is a valuable approach in how we work as a peer driven, community based organisation that is "positive, powerful and proactive". By working from an inclusive human rights framework that highly values and strives for "opportunity, equity

and acceptance" this has been an important part of our cultural history and a success worth celebrating. As agents advocating and driving change from a grass roots and a systems level we remain committed to enhancing the capacity and resilience of the people living with HIV (PLHIV) community and those closely affected.

Within its leadership role, Positive Life SA continues our priority focus on health promotion work. As a result of our genuine commitment to partnerships and collaboration we have successfully developed and strengthened a range of programs and events that will contribute or enhance the quality of life for PLHIV.

Within our 5 year Strategic Directions document 2009-2014 we committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing of PLHIV. The July 2010-June 2011 extensive work plan describes how our organisation is meeting both funding requirements and providing opportunities for PLHIV and their networks to participate at all levels and across social, cultural and geographical barriers.

The dedicated team on the accreditation committee has worked hard towards quality improvements and I acknowledge their energy and input. Having a good



policy framework enables Positive Life SA to be clear in what we believe and value about our work and the protocols, practices and procedures that guide how we work.

Under our Services and Programs we have had an increase in successful social events and activities that have targeted opportunities for social inclusion, participation and building connections. To name a few there is Planet Positive, Poz Day Out, Poz Café, Poz on Poz and other programs like the HIVE food support, the Complementary Therapies Clinic, the dynamic Positive Speakers Bureau, \$5 Friday Lunch. Information about all we do is available on our web site [www.hivsa.org.au](http://www.hivsa.org.au) along with “Positively Talking”, the voice of positive people.

At a national level we remain strongly connected to our national organisation NAPWA, our peak national advocacy body. Board and staff from Positive Life SA

attended a national think tank on HIV and Ageing facilitated by NAPWA with a panel of expert speakers. Other important priorities on the national agenda include the impact of the criminalisation of HIV, the financial burden of rising cost of living and the implementation of e health strategies.

At Positive Life SA we strongly believe in the immense value of our volunteers who will always be recognised as vital to our work. In the 10th anniversary of International Year of the Volunteer I would like to acknowledge it is the passion, the commitment and the dedication of our ongoing volunteers that adds to the positive culture of the organisation and provides us a richness from which we can continue to connect with people from many walks of life.



## Executive Officer's Report Rob O'Brien



This report includes content from the Health Promotion Officers and the Executive Assistant.

Highlights from our programs and services

The outgoing financial year has consistently provided the organisation with many changes, challenges and successes. The Positive Living Centre (PLC) continues to be a significant success for access to services and programs, for positive people to connect with others, access support and participate in health promotion activities. We recorded 2132 people visits to the centre during the year, with almost half of those visits including access to the HIVE food support service.

“Planet Positive” (PP), our quarterly social night at a city pub, has continued to be a popular event with 138 people attending the four nights last year. Each event has attracted several previously unknown positive people to the organisation. The focus for PP is to support positive people to build connections with

others and to reduce social isolation.

Our other success story that warrants a mention is “Poz Day Out” (PDO). This event occurs twice each year in April and October and coincides with the school holidays. The focus of PDO is to provide a safe social opportunity for positive people to connect with family and friends and with other positive community members. The two Poz Day Out events during the last year had 67 people attend with many people bringing their nieces, nephews, mothers, aunties, partners, closest friends etc.

There are many other activities and services provided during the year for positive people including our tried and true HIVE food support service. In this financial year, The HIVE carried out 1025 shopping ‘events’ with a total spend of 67,843 points (roughly equivalent to \$33,500 worth of groceries). Completely staffed by volunteers, the HIVE provides a crucial supplementary food support service to people on a low income.

During this financial year our Positive Speakers Bureau (PSB) has undergone developmental changes to clarify its purpose and function. Alongside its role to provide audiences with an insight into the lived experience of HIV (i.e. positive people’s stories) the PSB has three roles: dissemination of HIV information, education around HIV, and as a means to affect change in other peoples’ attitudes and/or behaviours. Much of this work has already been happening, but not named or



resourced as separate areas of need.

Training of new speakers commenced in June 2011 and concluding in August 2011 with further training occurring when new speakers are recruited.

Another significant mention must be made of our \$5 Fridays Community Lunch program run entirely by a highly dedicated, hard working team of volunteers. Lunch is on from 12.00 – 13.30 each Friday, but of course the volunteers put in a great deal more time than that. The lunches are open to all people from the Glandore Community Centre, Positive Living Centre and general Glandore area. With around 50 lunches sold each week, it is great to see our regular group of around 15 positive people coming along to catch up with friends in the same way they did when lunches were held in the Clark Building until December 2009.

Special thanks must go to Claude, James, Kathy, Pam, Geoff, Desi, Matayo and Baden for a superb lunch each week.

### Highlights from our governance and management

How the organisation is running itself impacts significantly on the success of services, activities and programs and their meaning and value in the lives of positive people.

The organisation's accreditation process has taken up a large amount of time and energy this year, but the process has been incredibly rewarding for the perspective it brings to how we work and the quality of our work. It has also brought together staff, volunteers, board members and other positive community members to form our Accreditation Committee. The process is an ongoing one of 'continuous quality improvement' with the committee meeting fortnightly since October 2010 (except during December and January). Special thanks must go to Geoff, Kristin, Derick, Steve, Baden and Dave for their time and commitment (along with staff) towards this enormous task!

Speaking of enormity, PLSA has also been working on a complete re-write of all its Policy and Procedures this past year. Over time, some policies and procedures become less relevant, forgotten or simply redundant as new ways of doing things occur. We have been working to bring all of our policies and procedures to a consistent and complete format and 2011 looks set to be the year this happens.

Some of the work in this area has been done by the

Accreditation Committee as this task aligns perfectly with accreditation. While much of the procedural writing in the next financial year will be undertaken by staff, the Accreditation Committee's role will be around "quality control".

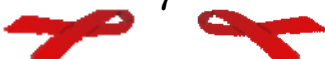
Throughout 2010 - 2011 we applied for a range of grants from various sources i.e. government initiatives, philanthropic organisations and commercial businesses. With each application we submit, we enter a very competitive market and pitch our projects against that of equally worthy causes. Funders always receive a much larger number of submissions than they have monies available for. This means that unfortunately we don't get every grant we apply for, no matter how much work and preparation goes into the submission nor how important the project is to us. Nevertheless, we were successful in winning a grant for our new Telecommunication System and we have been supporting individual people to access grants for arts projects and other 'personal development' opportunities.

Ongoing, our main funding priority has been, and will continue to be for the immediate future, the securing of significant sums of money for the Red Ribbon/Bobby Goldsmith Fund (RRBGF). We have been in contact with various funders and continue talking with all HIV Pharmaceutical drug companies and philanthropic organisations in order to set up partnerships that might guarantee a regular source of money for the fund.

### Highlights about our partnerships

The National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS (NAPWA) continues to provide invaluable support and guidance around many of the bigger picture issues for PLHIV e.g. Rapid Ageing. They also continue to support the managers of all PLHIV organisations nationally. Two meetings are held each year in April and November to provide think tank and network time to Executive Officer/Managers.

Throughout 2010 – 2011, we have been working with a Masters student from Flinders University to develop a new survey mechanism for the organisation as a replacement/upgrade to the previous 'Client Survey' that was run every few years. Emma Jeffs (Masters student) hopes to have a final draft ready by December 2011, with our first run of the survey possibly early in 2012. Once the draft is completed, Emma will have interviewed a number of PLSA members and HIV sector workers to support the development of the new survey framework. The survey will concentrate on two



areas: people's experience of PLSA services and, the needs of HIV positive people.

Another highlight this year was the partnership with SA Sex Industry Network (SA SIN), held in June and focussed around HIV positive sex workers and the criminalisation of HIV positive people. This involved three forums here at Glandore in collaboration with Ari Reid from SA SIN and Kane Matthews from Scarlett Alliance (National Sex Workers support organisation) and Sally Cameron (consultant on HIV and Criminalisation). Forums were held for HIV sector workers, workers in the sex industry and for HIV positive sex workers. These events provided invaluable insight into yet another dimension of the lived experience for positive people and the criminalisation of HIV positive people. Some areas of common interest between SA SIN and PLSA were identified for future work in 2011 - 2012.

### Challenges during 2010 - 2011

There have been many operational challenges during the past year, but it is worthwhile noting some specifics that occur either as recurring themes or will continue to be ongoing matters requiring significant attention by the organisation.

The capacity of the organisation to keep up to date with the issues impacting on its communities of interest and their identified needs, alongside requirements of funding bodies, as well as investing significant developmental time and energy into our sustainability, has been and will continue to be a challenge for us, particularly as we are such a small organisation. This is where the time, energy and commitment provided by volunteers and the Board is keenly appreciated and central to our success.

Finding the right approach to how we promote ourselves, our events, our services and activities continue to challenge us. We rely heavily on people reading Positively Talking each quarter, PT Extra and in between our electronic mail and trust they actually read them! However, we always consider strategies on how to get the right information to the right people by the right time. We trust we will continue to get the mix right in the coming year. If we don't, then please let us know!

In November and December our two Health Promotion Officers (Michael Thomas and Zitlaly Pena) left Positive Life SA resulting in a recruitment process in February 2011 which brought us Suzi

Quixley. We recruited again in June and employed Georges Oteng and Ilektra Zabanias. Recruitment and retention of personnel is an ongoing matter that the organisation finds challenging from time to time. Sometimes these challenges are to do with retaining staff, sometimes it is about recruitment and other times it is about the right mix of personnel. We offer thanks to all of the staff that have come and gone during this year and know that we will no doubt have more comings and goings in the year to come.

### Closing the year

This annual report for 2010 - 2011 cannot adequately reflect the work and energy provided to the organisation through its board, volunteers, staff, other agencies and individuals. Nor does it cover everything we have been doing during the year, but can only highlight some of our key activities.

Positive Life SA exists because people "go the extra mile" in everything we develop, implement and evaluate. This 'extra' work can never be fully accounted for, but often means the difference between things being on time or being held at all. Certainly, without the voluntary contribution to the organisation, Positive Life SA would not even have made it this far. Nor could it do much of what it currently does e.g. people to serve in The HIVE, people to provide massage, people to undertake extra research or people to display health materials right through to the people who govern the organisation.

We all work as a team for a common purpose and that's what makes a community organisation unique and is not something that can be replicated within a mainstream service model.

Don't be a stranger to us - phone, email, turn up and let us know your experience of our organisation and help us continually improve how we work for, and with, HIV positive people.



# Acknowledgements



Positive Life SA once again thanks and acknowledges the many organisations and businesses for their generous support and assistance to the HIV positive community of South Australia

\* Blaze Media - Advertising support

\* Foodbank SA - Supply to

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- \* Port Adelaide TAFE - Volunteers for Alternative Complementary Therapies Clinic
- \* Community Centres SA *formerly CANH (Community and Neighbourhood Houses)* Assistance with Grants
- \* ACSA
- \* QPP
- \* ACON
- \* TASCARHD
- \* NTAHC
- \* PLWHA (ACT)
- \* WAAC
- \* Red Ribbon/BGF
- \* Cheltenham Place
- \* Hepatitis C Council of SA
- \* Women's Health Statewide
- \* HHPP
- \* NAPWA
- \* AFAO
- \* SHine SA
- \* Royal Adelaide Hospital
- \* Special Needs Dental Clinic
- \* Flinders Medical Centre
- \* Royal District Nursing Service
- \* MOSAIC
- \* Relationships Australia SA
- \* Drug and Alcohol Services Council
- \* Clinic 275
- \* SACOSS
- \* O'Brien St Clinic
- \* Peter Hall Chartered Accountants
- \* Entertainment Publications
- \* Wallis Cinemas

- \* Transgender, Gay and Lesbian, Bi-sexual Community of SA
- \* Pulteney 431
- \* Royal Adelaide Show, The Royal Agricultural & Horticultural Society of SA
- \* Wallis Cinemas
- \* Camatta Lempens Lawyers
- \* Australian Executor Trustees
- \* Community Business Bureau—funding for the HIVE through Community Developments Grant
- \* ACP Magazines for our monthly free magazines for the HIVE.
- \* Hepatitis C Council of SA - collaboration on CREW project, providing HIV & Hep C training in rural areas
- \* Sex Industry Network of SA (SIN) - collaboration on Criminalisation, HIV & Sex Work workshops
- \* Sally Cameron (consultant to AFAO) - contribution to Criminalisation Forum and Criminalisation, HIV & Sex Work workshops
- \* Scarlet Alliance (through Kane Matthews) - contribution to Criminalisation, HIV & Sex Work workshops
- \* Workforce Development Project, Relationships Australia - providing PSB basic speaking training and being particularly active in using HIV positive speakers for their training programs.
- \* Dept of Public Health, Flinders University of SA - joint post-graduate student studies (community attitudes program and client survey).
- \* Glandore Community Centre - in-kind support and access to facilities.
- \* Gilead Sciences - donation for PSB and Positively Talking
- \* AIDS Trust of Australia - Donation to the HIVE (through ACSA)
- \* Community Benefits SA - grant for phone systems
- \* Mental Health Professional Network - financial support for network meetings
- \* Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service - Department of Families and Housing, Community Service and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) One of Grant for NILS Administration
- \* Department of the Premier and Cabinet (Smart State PC Donation Program) - donation of computers
- \* Several anonymous donors





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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### POSITIVE LIFE SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

We have audited the accompanying financial report of **POSITIVE LIFE SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**, which comprises the Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Financial Position and Income & Expenditure Statement for the year then ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

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

The Board of Management are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations). This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

#### *Auditor's responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

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

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

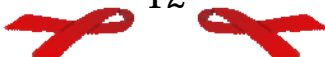
*Auditor's Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of **POSITIVE LIFE SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED** as of 30 June 2011, and of its financial performance in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations).



.....  
Peter Hall – Chartered Accountant

Dated ... 25<sup>TH</sup> ... October 2011



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FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011**

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**BOARD REPORT**

The Board members submit the financial report of the Positive Life South Australia Incorporated for the financial year ended 30 June 2011.

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

- Anthony Minge
- Katherine Leane
- Kym Eve
- Mark Stephens
- David Larrett
- Kristin Elliott
- Derick Burns
- Steven Dewhirst

In accordance with Section 35(5) of the Associations Incorporations Act 1985, the Board of Positive Life South Australia Incorporated hereby states that during the financial year ended 30 June 2011.


- (a) (i) No officer of the association;  
(ii) No firm of which the officer is a member;  
(iii) No body corporate in which an officer has a substantial financial interest;

Has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or body corporate and the association.

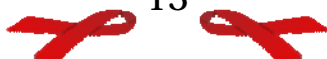
- (b) No officer of the association has received directly or indirectly from the association any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
PRESIDENT  
ANTHONY MINGE

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
VICE PRESIDENT  
KATHERINE LEANE

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2011



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STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board have determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

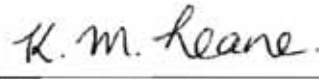
The Board have determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial report.

In the opinion of the Board, the financial report:

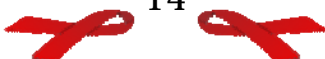
1. Presents fairly position of Positive Life South Australia Incorporated for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Positive Life South Australia Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
PRESIDENT  
ANTHONY MINGE

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
VICE PRESIDENT  
KATHERINE LEANE

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2011



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**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011**

**NOTE 1 : STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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

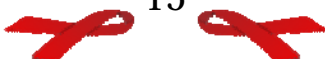
The Board has determined that the council is not a reporting entity. The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

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

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

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

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



**POSITIVE LIFE SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011**

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
<b>Revenues from ordinary activities</b>			
Revenues from government		396,667	406,612
Other grants		13,459	7,895
<b>Total Grants</b>		<u>410,126</u>	<u>414,507</u>
User charges		1,650	2,025
Other revenue		23,447	16,838
Interest received		5,547	3,269
<b>Total revenues from ordinary activities</b>	2	<u><u>440,771</u></u>	<u><u>436,639</u></u>
<b>Expenditure from ordinary activities</b>			
Employee benefits expense		275,906	258,655
Depreciation and amortisation expenses		12,827	14,624
Operating lease expense		26,080	33,647
Motor vehicle expense		6,308	8,903
Project Expenses		14,307	16,140
Other expenses from ordinary activities		84,163	99,042
<b>Total expenses from ordinary activities</b>		<u>419,591</u>	<u>431,011</u>
<b>Net operating (deficit) from ordinary activities</b>		<u><u>21,181</u></u>	<u><u>5,628</u></u>

To be read in conjunction with the attached notes.



**POSITIVE LIFE SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011**

	Note	2011 \$	2010 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash Assets		287,529	213,835
Receivables	3	5,890	4,719
Other	4	14,410	1,830
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>307,830</u>	<u>220,384</u>
 <b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	48,952	45,395
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<u>48,952</u>	<u>45,395</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>356,782</u>	<u>265,779</u>
 <b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables	6	116,768	54,582
Provisions	7	28,159	19,723
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>144,928</u>	<u>74,305</u>
 <b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Payable	8	28,892	33,162
Provisions	9	29,557	26,059
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<u>58,448</u>	<u>59,221</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>203,376</u>	<u>133,526</u>
 <b>Net Assets</b>		 <u>153,406</u>	 <u>132,253</u>
 <b>Equity</b>			
Retained surplus	10	153,406	132,253
<b>Total Equity</b>		<u>153,406</u>	<u>132,253</u>

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**POSITIVE LIFE SOUTH AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2011**

**2 INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT**

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
<b>Operating Income</b>		
Donations	1,633	6,922
Fundraising	756	3,190
Health Commission Funding	396,667	406,612
HIVE Income	12,276	1,695
Interest	5,547	3,269
Other Grants	13,459	7,895
Positive Speakers Bureau Fees	1,650	2,025
Sundry Income	8,256	5,031
Vitamin Coop	528	-
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<u>440,771</u>	<u>436,639</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Accounting Fees and Bank Charges	2,066	2,178
Advertising	1,499	9,012
Audit Fees	2,100	2,000
Bank Debts	294	163
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	4,383	7,446
Conferences, Staff Training & Development	3,293	7,674
Consultants	7,524	10,500
Consultants - Positive Speakers	1,455	1,880
Depreciation	12,827	14,624
Equipment/ Venue Hire	627	371
Food & Catering	7,360	5,450
Fundraising Expenses	396	649
Furniture & Equipment - minor purchases	692	251
Insurance	2,000	2,000
Legal Expenses	503	2,425
Operating Lease Expense	26,080	33,647
Project Expenses	14,307	16,140
Repairs & Maintenance	877	1,765
Salaries & on costs	275,906	258,655
Stationery, Postage, Printing, IT & Telephone	30,413	28,387
Subscriptions	969	904
Sundry Expense	6,187	4,990
Taxis, Travel, Accommodation & Allowances	2,288	3,020
Vehicle Expenses & Kilometer Allowance	6,308	8,903
Water, Power & Gas	9,238	7,977
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>419,590</u>	<u>431,011</u>
<b>NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<u>21,181</u>	<u>5,628</u>

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**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2011**

	2011 \$	2010 \$
<b>3 CURRENT RECEIVABLES</b>		
Sundry Receivables	2,479	1,465
Others	<u>3,412</u>	<u>3,254</u>
Total Current Receivables	<u>5,890</u>	<u>4,719</u>
<b>4 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Prepayments	14,410	1,830
Total Other Current Assets	<u>14,410</u>	<u>1,830</u>
<b>5 PROPERTY, PLANT &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>		
Motor Vehicles	53,416	53,416
Accumulated Depreciation	(20,601)	(16,223)
Furniture & Equipment	38,597	37,061
Accumulated Depreciation	(34,305)	(31,349)
Computer Equipment	55,751	40,904
Accumulated Depreciation	(43,906)	(38,414)
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	<u>48,952</u>	<u>45,395</u>
<b>6 CURRENT PAYABLES</b>		
HHPP - Grant in advance	67,747	25,814
Other - Grant in advance	21,142	7,912
Accounts Payable	2,579	1,134
Net GST & Payroll Liabilities	11,934	14,554
Sundry	13,366	5,168
Total Current Payables	<u>116,768</u>	<u>54,582</u>
<b>7 CURRENT PROVISIONS</b>		
Employee Entitlements	28,159	19,723
Total Current Provisions	<u>28,159</u>	<u>19,723</u>

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	2011 \$	2010 \$
<b>8 NON CURRENT PAYABLE</b>		
St George Car Loan	-	-
Capital Finance Car Loan	12,950	17,387
Sundry	15,942	15,775
	<u>28,892</u>	<u>33,162</u>
<b>9 NON CURRENT PROVISIONS</b>		
Employee Entitlements	29,557	26,059
Total Non Current Provisions	<u>29,557</u>	<u>26,059</u>
<b>10 RETAINED SURPLUS</b>		
Balance at beginning of financial year	132,253	126,625
Prior year adjustment	- 28	-
Net surplus/(deficit) this year	21,181	5,628
Balance at end of financial year	<u>153,406</u>	<u>132,253</u>

**11 ADDITIONAL ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION**

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

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

To be read in conjunction with the attached notes.







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