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**Annual
Review
2016/17**





CEO Connie Digolis

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It has been another incredibly busy and productive year for the Mental Health Council. We've focused on building stronger connections with government and key stakeholders, improving our engagement with our members and strengthening the capacity within our organisation to deliver all of the above and more.

The focus in the first half of the year was to develop a new strategic plan to take us to 2020 and beyond. I would like to commend the Board and staff who were willing to work through the challenging conversations that were necessary to develop, what I believe, is a strong purpose, vision and plan for the future of this organisation and for the mental health and wellbeing of all Tasmanians.

Under the new strategic plan, we have redefined and restructured the roles within the organisation and welcomed new members to the team. This has enabled a renewed focus on member engagement, improving internal processes, strengthening consultation mechanisms and enhancing our capacity to voice the needs of the community managed mental health sector.

It's been a year of challenges – many of which we took on gladly, determined to not lose sight of our aim for all Tasmanians to have better mental health and wellbeing outcomes. With the dedicated work of the staff and the support of the board and our members, I look forward to continuing our work towards achieving our vision that all Tasmanians have awareness of and value their mental health and wellbeing.

Connie Digolis, CEO



MHCT Staff Members



Shareen Pearson
*Business Development
& Support*



Catherine Delpero
Media & Communications



Elida Meadows
Policy



Elinor Heard
Sector Reform



Sallie Neilson
Finance



Brittany Szlezak
Member Services



“ It has been a period where we have been fortunate to see state and federal mental health policy align”

MHCT Board Members



Jane Carlson
Deputy Chair

MHCT Board Chair, Debbie Evans

Over the past 12 months I have had the privilege of holding the position of Chair of the MHCT Board. It has been an honour to chair the Board during a time of growth and progression for the organisation.

In the context of significant changes in the mental health sector that we have been experiencing since the beginning of 2016, the Board chose to defer a new strategic plan. In hindsight, this was a sound decision as the landscape we found ourselves in was significantly different even over the space of half a year. This allowed us to establish a clear understanding of the changes and the way that we could better support our members and the sector.

It has been a period where we have been fortunate to see state and federal mental health policy align, and where establishing strong lines of communication between government and the community sector has been a crucial element of our work. Our role in this has been enhanced with renewed focus through the support from DHHS and PHT to co-fund a role within the organisation that is solely focused on sector reform.

This work has strengthened our capacity to ensure the voice of the community sector is heard and that service providers, consumer and carers have a recognisable stake in the future design and delivery of a Tasmanian mental health system.

I would like to acknowledge the work and support of my fellow Board members. It has been a pleasure working with each of you and I appreciate the skills and knowledge you have each brought to the organisation.

As CEO, Connie has bought rigour and accountability to the organisation ensuring that the Council provides the best possible support to the mental health sector.

My congratulations and thanks goes to Connie and the MHCT team who have embraced the new direction and continue to deliver high calibre work that ensures a strong future for MHCT and its role as the peak body for community managed mental health services.

Debbie Evans, Chair



Andrew Little
Treasurer



Lance Skelton
Board Member



David Tilley
Board Member



John Edwards
Board Member

Who we are

The Mental Health Council of Tasmania (MHCT) is a member based peak body. We represent and promote the interests of community managed mental health services and have a strong commitment to enabling better access and outcomes for every Tasmanian.

Our purpose

Improving mental health for all Tasmanians.

Our vision

All Tasmanians have awareness of and value their mental health and wellbeing.

Our role:

- Provide leadership by advocating for continuous improvement across all facets of mental health and mental health services.
- Provide trusted advice to our members and decision makers to enable a robust and sustainable mental health system.
- Be a collective, representative voice to ensure future sustainability of the sector, the community and the MHCT.
- Form and support strong networks and collaboration to support sector development and capacity building.
- Promote the reduction of stigma and champion mental health awareness and the value of good mental health.
- Influence policy development and implementation in the interests of our members and the needs of the broader population.

What We Do

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Influencing, Reform & System Improvement

- Appointing and commencing a role focused on sector reform with the explicit objective of facilitating interagency collaboration on state and federal mental health reforms, and to provide a mechanism for identifying emerging issues and opportunities as shifts in mental health policy and practice occur.
- Encouraging best practice and systemic development through facilitating sessions with SANE CEO Jack Heath, the Black Dog Institute and Global Health.
- Developing a glossary of terms around the language of reform with the view to make high level policy more accessible to all.
- State and federal advocacy regarding the impacts of the transition of federally funded programs to the NDIS.

Long Term Sustainability

- Establishing a role specific to member engagement and services. This position is integral to maintaining our current member relationships and diversifying and expanding the membership base now including the new category of associate membership.
- Expanding the position of office management to business development and support in order to provide a structured focus on sustainability within the organisation.
- Development of the strategic plan implementation strategy which included role restructures and role clarification work as well as specifically aligning KPIs with the strategic plan.

The Leading Voice in Mental Health

- Ensuring a Tasmanian voice is heard at a national level through submissions to the Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme, the response to the draft of the Fifth National Mental health plan, Code of Conduct for Health Workers, Productivity Commission on NDIS costs and Disability Framework for Action.
- Expanding our work in reducing stigma and increasing mental health promotion through our media work specifically throughout *The Mercury's* 'Can We Talk' campaign.
- Mental Health Week had over whelming state-wide participation in 2016 and embraced the theme 'Mental Health Begins with Me'.
- We worked hard to ensure that the evidence base for moving away from a hospital focused mental health system is a message heard loud and clear through our 'Beyond the Beds' campaign. This involved structured work with media, politicians from all parties and key stakeholders. This is an ongoing challenge and focus for MHCT into the future.



MHCT has had another successful year engaging with existing members and welcoming new ones.

Following the review of our membership categories, we expanded our membership and welcomed a new staff member in a dedicated Member Services role, providing direct member supports and facilitating engagement with the wider mental health sector.

This role reflects MHCT's ongoing commitment to connect meaningfully with our members and provides us with further opportunities to share in the diverse conversations that are happening around the state in relation to mental health. We would like to acknowledge and thank all our members for their continued support of our organisation.

MHCT Members

Individuals

Daryl Lamb (Life Member)

Emmy Bostock

Jane Bower

Patrick Carlisle

John Nyagua

Therese Ryan

Sonia Cook

Organisations

Advocacy Tasmania

Anglicare Tasmania

Australian Red Cross

Baptcare

Bethlehem House

Carers Tasmania

Caroline House

CatholicCare

Causicare Inc

Choose Life Services

Club Haven

Colony 47

CORES Australia

Cornerstone Youth Services
(headspace Launceston)

Flourish

GROW

Langford Support Services

Lifeline Tasmania

Life Without Barriers

Mental Health Carers Tasmania

Migrant Resource Centre
(Phoenix Centre)

Mission Australia

OzHelp Foundation

Relationships Australia Tasmania

Richmond Fellowship Tasmania

Rural Alive & Well

Salvation Army Bridge Program

Tasmania Recovery from Eating
Disorders

Teen Challenge

The Hobart Clinic

The Link Youth Health Service
(headspace Hobart)

Wellways

Wise Employment

Working it Out

Youth, Family and Community
Connections

Associate Members

Epilepsy Tasmania

Lambert Training & Events

RESPECT Occupational Therapy





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Mental Health Council of Tasmania Inc

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

Mental Health Council of Tasmania Inc

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

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Mental Health Council of Tasmania Inc

Board of Governance Report

30 June 2017

The Board of Governance members submit the financial report of the Association for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

1. General information

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Association during the year were:

- representing the interests of community mental health consumer organisations, carer organisations and service provider organisations;
- providing a public voice for people affected by mental illness and the organisations in the community sector that work with them; and
- advocating for effective public policy on mental health for the benefit of the Tasmanian community as a whole.

Significant changes

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

2. Operating Results and Review of Operations for the Year

Operating result

The net surplus/(deficit) of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$ (1,932) (2016: \$ 24,537).

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Board of Governance Report 30 June 2017

Meetings of members

During the year, 6 meetings of members were held. Attendances by each member during the year were as follows:

	Number eligible to attend	Number attended
Debbie Evans	6	5
Jane Carlson	6	4
Andrew Little	6	4
Lance Skelton	6	5
David Tilley	5	3
John Edwards	5	5

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Board of Governance:

Board of Governance Member: 

Dated this 23 day of October 2017.

Mental Health Council of Tasmania Inc

Board of Governance's Declaration - per section 60.15 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013

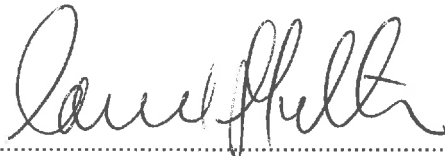
The Board of Governance declare that in the Board of Governance's opinion

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that Mental Health Council of Tasmania Inc is able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable; and
- the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth).

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Governance:

Chair.....

Board of Governance Member

Dated this 23 day of October 2017.

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Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Income		
CMHA projects	-	7,870
DHHS grants funding	519,031	492,861
DHHS grants carried forward	(35,729)	(29,987)
Eventbrite	3,804	-
Interest received	5,963	4,762
Member subscriptions	15,787	14,317
Miscellaneous income	6,367	4,784
Other grant funding	20,000	20,000
PIR grant funding	64,050	105,900
PIR grants carried forward	-	(64,050)
PHT sector reform	5,071	-
Reform coordinator	15,000	-
Total Income	619,344	556,457
Less: Expenses		
Accounting & audit fees	3,271	2,580
Advertising & promotion	8,936	6,230
Board/governance expenses	4,487	1,079
Cleaning and pest control	2,113	2,480
Client support services	44,399	53,431
Computer expenses	8,038	14,770
Depreciation	5,894	6,220
Electricity and water	2,019	2,028
Equipment hire/lease	2,336	2,376
Insurance	10,429	10,186
Loss on disposal assets	-	7,431
Membership fees paid	5,308	4,642
Motor vehicle expenses	2,470	2,161
Printing and stationery	4,761	3,977
Rent	30,109	29,236
Salaries and wages	406,482	322,005
Staff training and development	7,403	4,294
Sundry expenses	16,504	7,247
Superannuation	37,457	29,866
Telephone/internet and fax	6,886	9,049
Travel & accomodation	11,974	10,632
Total Expense	621,276	531,920
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	(1,932)	24,537
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	(1,932)	24,537

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Mental Health Council of Tasmania Inc

Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	299,620	270,302
Trade and other receivables		592	66
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		300,212	270,368
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	4	20,949	26,843
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		20,949	26,843
TOTAL ASSETS		321,161	297,211
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	5	19,218	13,429
Employee benefits		29,066	21,832
Unspent grant funds liability	6	106,896	94,037
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		155,180	129,298
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		155,180	129,298
NET ASSETS		165,981	167,913
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surpluses		165,981	167,913
TOTAL EQUITY		165,981	167,913

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

		2017	2016
	Note	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Receipts from customers		78,240	147,431
Receipts from government		596,435	492,861
Interest received		5,963	4,761
Other receipts		1,160	-
Payments to suppliers and employees		(652,480)	(509,640)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	9	29,318	135,413
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	14,100
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		-	(29,134)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		-	(15,034)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		29,318	120,379
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		270,302	149,923
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	3	299,620	270,302

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

2017

	Accumulated Surpluses	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2016	167,913	167,913
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	(1,932)	(1,932)
Balance at 30 June 2017	165,981	165,981

2016

	Accumulated Surpluses	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2015	143,376	143,376
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year	24,537	24,537
Balance at 30 June 2016	167,913	167,913

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Mental Health Council of Tasmania Inc

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

The financial report is for the as an individual entity, is incorporated in Tasmania under the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)*.

1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Preparation

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)*. The Board of Governance has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity. The Association is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the minimum requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (Cth)* and therefore comply with the following Australian Accounting Standards as issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board:

- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements;
- AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows;
- AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors;
- AASB 1048 Interpretation of Standards; and
- AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures.

No other Accounting Standards have been intentionally applied in the compilation of this financial report.

The financial report, except for the cash flow information, has been prepared on accruals basis, 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 amounts presented within the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

(b) Comparative Figures

Where appropriate, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

(c) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments.

(d) Trade and Other Receivables

The Association considers accounts receivable to be fully collectible, accordingly no allowance for doubtful debts is required.

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1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(e) Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost, independent or Board's valuation. All assets excluding freehold land and buildings, are depreciated over their useful lives to the Association.

Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the assets useful life to the Association, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class	Depreciation rate
Motor Vehicles	15%
Office Equipment	25% - 33%

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate.

(f) Trade and Other Payables

Trade and other payables are stated at cost, which approximates fair value due to the short-term nature of these liabilities.

(g) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Association's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than twelve months after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Cashflows are discounted using market yields on national corporate bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in surplus or deficit.

Contributions made by the Association to an employee superannuation fund are charged as expenses when incurred.

(h) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(i) 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 Australian 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 statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

(j) Economic Dependence

The is dependent on the Department of Health and Human Services for the majority of its revenue used to operate the Association. At the date of this report the Board of Governance has no reason to believe the Department of Health and Human Services will not continue to support the .

(k) Revenue and Other Income

Government grants are initially recognised as a liability and revenue is recognised as services are performed and conditions fulfilled. The unutilised amount of grants received is disclosed as a Government grant liability.

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised when received.

Interest revenue is recognised over the period for which the funds are invested.

Donation income is recognised when the Association obtains control over the funds which is generally at the time of receipt.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(l) Unexpended Grants

It is the policy of the Association to treat grant monies as unexpended grant liabilities in the statement of financial position where the Association is contractually obliged to provide the services in a subsequent financial period to when the grant is received or in the case of specific project grants where the project has not been completed.

2 Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The Board of Governance evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Association, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

Mental Health Council of Tasmania Inc

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

3 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Cash on hand	485	672
Cash at bank	25,873	34,449
Short-term bank deposits	273,262	235,181
	<u>299,620</u>	<u>270,302</u>

4 Property, Plant and Equipment

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Motor vehicles		
At cost	27,989	27,989
Accumulated depreciation	(8,372)	(2,791)
Total motor vehicles	<u>19,617</u>	<u>25,198</u>
Office equipment		
At cost	19,182	19,182
Accumulated depreciation	(17,850)	(17,537)
Total office equipment	<u>1,332</u>	<u>1,645</u>
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>20,949</u>	<u>26,843</u>

5 Trade and Other Payables

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Trade payables	792	1,554
GST payable	15,143	11,875
Superannuation Payable	3,283	-
	<u>19,218</u>	<u>13,429</u>

6 Unspent Grant Funds Liability

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
PIR unspent grant funds	-	64,050
DHHS unspent grant funds	65,717	29,987
PHT - Sector reform	6,179	-
Reform coordinator	35,000	-
	<u>106,896</u>	<u>94,037</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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7 Capital and Leasing Commitments

(a) Operating Leases

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Payable - minimum lease payments :		
- not later than one year	41,558	32,089
- between one year and five years	166,344	-
	<u>207,902</u>	<u>32,089</u>

(b) Finance lease commitments

There are no finance lease commitments as at reporting date to be disclosed.

(c) Capital expenditure commitments

There are no capital commitments as at reporting date to be disclosed.

8 Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

Under the funding agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services, in the event of cessation of the funded service, unexpended funds held at the date of cessation are repayable to the Department. Given the continuity of the services and the probability of repayment any potential future liability can not be reliably determined at this time. Any unspent grant funds relating to current funding agreements are separately recognised as a liability – refer also Note 6.

There are no other contingent liabilities or contingent assets as at reporting date to be disclosed.

9 Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(1,932)	24,537
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities		
Non-cash flows in profit:		
- depreciation	5,894	6,220
- loss on disposal of assets	-	7,431
Changes in assets and liabilities		
- (Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(527)	445
- Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	5,789	563
- Increase/(decrease) in unspent grant funds liabilities	12,859	94,038
- Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	7,235	2,179
Cashflow from operations	<u>29,318</u>	<u>135,413</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

10 Events after the end of the Reporting Period

There are no events after balance date affecting these financial statements to be disclosed.

11 Association Details

The registered office of the association is:
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SANDY BAY TAS 7005

Mental Health Council of Tasmania Inc

Auditors' Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for profits Commissions Act 2012 (Cth)

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2017, there have been:



- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commissions Act 2012 (Cth)* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Crowe Horwath Tasmania



Alison Flakemore
Audit Partner

Dated this  day of  2017.

Hobart, Tasmania.

Mental Health Council of Tasmania Inc

Independent Audit Report to the members of Mental Health Council of Tasmania Inc

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Mental Health Council of Tasmania Inc, which comprises of the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the Board of Governance Report.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (Cth), including:

- giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2017 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and Division 60 the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

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

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

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describe the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Mental Health Council of Tasmania Inc to meet the requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (Cth). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Mental Health Council of Tasmania Inc

Independent Audit Report to the members of Mental Health Council of Tasmania Inc

Other Information

The Board of Governance are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Board of Governance' Report the year ended 30 June 2017, but does not include the financial report and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Board for the Financial Report

The Board of Governance is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial statements is appropriate to meet the needs of the members in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as the Board of Governance determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board of Governance is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Governance either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so. Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Mental Health Council of Tasmania Inc

Independent Audit Report to the members of Mental Health Council of Tasmania Inc

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_files/ar3.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



Crowe Horwath Tasmania



Alison Flakemore
Audit Partner

Dated this 9th day of November 2017.

Hobart, Tasmania.