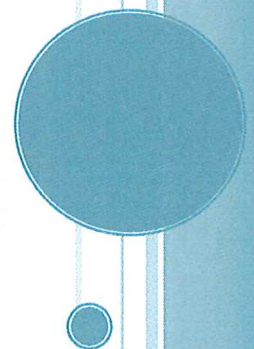




Australasian Youth Justice Administrators *Annual Report 2020-21*

July 2021



AUSTRALASIAN YOUTH JUSTICE ADMINISTRATORS

Acknowledgements

This is the fifteenth annual report of AYJA and covers the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

AYJA membership had several changes during the year. I would like to acknowledge those members who are no longer with AYJA.

- Jodie Robinson, long-standing member for the ACT 2017-20
- Bob Gee, member for Queensland 2019-2020
- Katherine Hawkins, member for South Australia 2020-21

AYJA would like to extend appreciation to you for your commitment and contribution and wish you all the best.

I would like to acknowledge Tina Brendas Executive Branch Manager Bimberi Residential Services for providing interim AYJA membership for the ACT from August 2020 to June 2021. Silvia Lopic Executive Group Manager assumed membership for the ACT in June 2021.

Ann-Marie Hayes Executive Director Family and Community Service, and Fiona Curnow Director Communities and Justice assumed shared membership for South Australia in March 2021.

A very warm welcome to you all.

I thank the NT for hosting the June 2021, face-to-face AYJA meeting. This was the first face-to-face meeting AYJA has held since November 2019 due to COVID travel restrictions.

Achievements and Activities

The AYJA Work Plan for 2020-21, continued to be disrupted by COVID-19 priorities. While there were periods of calm and a sense of normality restored, states and territories and New Zealand experienced second, third and fourth waves of COVID. In May 2021, the Delta variant was discovered in Australia and changed the game.

The comprehensive youth justice response to COVID-19 jurisdictions put in place to keep COVID out of detention centres was not sufficient to prepare for the rapid spread and resilience of the Delta variant. For some jurisdictions a significant portion of 2021 was spent developing hard and fast responses to Delta amid extensive community lockdowns.

However, despite the ongoing challenges AYJA continued to work collaboratively with the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) and the Productivity Commission to deliver on the youth justice program of research, and youth justice performance indicators for the Review of Government Services (RoGS) respectively.

AYJA also completed and progressed several priority tasks during the reporting year, that I would like to highlight:

- AYJA and AIHW completed a comprehensive review and revision of the enduring AYJA-AIHW MoU.
- AYJA endorsed Schedule 4 of the MoU – the next three-year program of data collection and reporting 2021-24.
- Significant planning tasks for the 4th Australasian Youth Justice Conference (AYJC or the Conference) have been progressed and is on track for delivery as a virtual event from 16-18 November 2021.
- The AYJA Spotlight Series initiative was established in May 2021, to provide a platform for video content to publicly showcase some of the good work being done in youth justice across Australia and New Zealand.
- Significant progress has been made on the AYJA Standards Review project by the National Youth Justice Policy Forum (NYJPF). Initial drafting is well advanced and will be launched in 2022.
- The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and Māori Advisory Group (IAG) was established in May 2021, and subsequently held its first meeting in June 2021.

- The Detention Centre Management Community of Practice (DCM) continues to meet quarterly to discuss operational themes of national importance.
- Jurisdictions continue to progress implementation tasks for OPCAT and Child Safe Standards.
- AYJA continues to be the youth justice sector representative on the Child Safety Sector Leadership Group (CSSLG) facilitated and led by the National Office for Child Safety.
- AYJA continues to keep a watching brief on the work being progressed for raising the minimum age of criminal responsibility.
- Jurisdictions continue to share challenges, learnings and good practice to assist in pandemic planning and implementation tasks in response to COVID-19 Delta variant.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank members for your continued support and I look forward to working with you all to progress the AYJA Work Plan for 2021-22.

I am pleased to provide to you with the annual report for the period of 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.



Andrew Beck
AYJA Chair

Contents

<u>AYJA Chair Acknowledgement</u>	
<u>AYJA Membership</u>	1
<u>Publications</u>	2
<u>Principles of Youth Justice in Australia</u>	2
<u>COVID-19</u>	3
Impacts on AYJA Business.....	4
AYJC 2021 Online.....	5
AYJA Work Plan	6
<u>2020-21 Financials</u>	7
<u>AYJA Contacts 2020-21</u>	8
<u>Glossary of Acronyms</u>	9
<u>Appendix A: 2020-21 Jurisdictional Contributions</u>	10
<u>Appendix B: AYJA Financial Statements 30 June 2021</u>	10

AYJA Membership

AYJA's membership comprises a minimum of one senior executive officer from each of the Australian state and territory departments, and New Zealand who are responsible for the delivery of youth justice services.

During 2020-21 AYJA members were:

Andrew Beck, Department of Justice (AYJA Chair), WA

Tanya Castellanos, Department of Justice, WA

Katherine Hawkins, Department of Human Services, SA (4/20-3/21)

Ann-Marie Hayes, Department of Human Services, SA

Fiona Curnow, Department of Human Services, SA

Jodie Robinson, Community Services Directorate, ACT (9/16-8/20)

Tina Brendas, Community Services Directorate, ACT (8/20-6/21)

Silvia Lopic, Community Services Directorate, ACT

Paul O'Reilly, Department of Communities and Justice, NSW

Chris Simcock, Territory Families, NT

Darren Hegarty, Department of Youth Justice (AYJA Deputy Chair), QLD

Bob Gee, Department of Youth Justice, QLD (11/19-6/20)

Pam Honan, Department of Communities, TAS

Jane Wood, Department of Communities, TAS

Bill Burton, Department of Justice and Community Safety, VIC

Allan Boreham, Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children, NZ

Phil Dinham, Oranga Tamariki - Ministry for Children, NZ

Publications

AYJA continues to fund and support the development of youth justice data collections and reporting.

AYJA reviewed and revised the enduring MoU with AIHW to better reflect the evolution of youth justice since the first MoU was established in 2004.

The fourth Schedule to the MoU was also confirmed which will provide the program of data collection and reporting for 2021-24.

During the reporting year, AYJA has contributed to and/or funded the development of the following reports and/or research projects:

- *Youth Justice in Australia*
- *Returns to Sentenced Youth Justice Supervision*
- *Young People Receiving Child Protection Services and Under Youth Justice Supervision*
- *Youth Detention Population in Australia*
- *Health After Youth Justice Linkage Project*
- *National Crime and Justice Data Linkage Project.*

AYJA also continues to provide data and technical advice for the publication of RoGS.

Principles of Youth Justice in Australia

AYJA continues to acknowledge and promote the Principles as the foundation document for youth justice in Australia.

AYJA was approached by publishing company Spinney Press to use the Principles in an educational resource book entitled *Youth Crime and Justice* as part of the *Issues in Society* series. This will be released in early 2022.

The Principles products are publicly available and accessible via the AYJA website www.ayja.org.au



COVID-19

Since the onset of COVID in 2020, jurisdictions have developed a series of staged contingency and continuity plans to manage and maintain youth justice service delivery in a pandemic environment.

Over this period youth justice has experienced peaks and lulls with COVID outbreaks and varying restrictions, to operating close to 'business as usual' with community cases stabilised and/or eliminated. While some youth justice facilities have been impacted by COVID the spread has been contained fairly efficiently, other jurisdictions remain untested.

AYJA continued to convene ad hoc sessions focused on COVID updates, innovations, and reform programs. AYJA's Detention Centre Management Community of Practice (DCM CoP) also engaged to discuss and share experiences, identify practice and procedural efficiencies, lessons learned, and best practice models for containing outbreaks in centres and managing staff shortages.

Going forward, AYJA will continue to convene COVID-related meetings and report-backs as necessary.

Impacts on AYJA Business

An essential component of AYJA business is attending face-to-face meetings twice a year. Generally, meetings are held over two days to

provide an important opportunity for members to come together to share knowledge and information and progress the AYJA Work Plan.



Photo: AYJA hybrid meeting with some members able to attend in person and others joining via Teams. Hosted in Darwin at the Department of Territory Families, Communities and Housing.

With ongoing travel restrictions and requirements, AYJA continues to meet virtually. However, with a lengthy lull in COVID community cases across Australia and New Zealand AYJA was able to hold a face-to-face meeting for the first time since November 2019.



Photo: Site visit at Don Dale Youth Detention Centre.

The Northern Territory volunteered to host the meeting given they had

been living COVID-free at the time. Members who attended the meeting in person reiterated the value of AYJA face-to-face meetings and site visits.

The AYJA working groups also meet at least once a year for a face-to-face meeting. The National Youth Justice Policy Forum (NYJPF) is scheduled to have their first face-to-face meeting in August hosted by Queensland, and the DCM is scheduled to meet in September hosted by Victoria - travel permitting.

AYJC 2021 Online



Conference planning was well advanced to deliver a face-to-face event that highlighted community-led innovation. However, after much deliberation and uncertainty over the COVID-19 situation in New Zealand and Australia and the impact on international travel, AYJA decided to pivot the conference to an exclusively virtual format.

The decision was made to ensure the safety of those taking part in the conference during COVID and their communities as well as enabling more people to be involved.

AYJA is excited to be entering the digital space for the first time and delivering AYJC 2021 Online. The University of Auckland uses a well-established online platform to deliver a quality virtual interactive experience.

The conference will include the same exceptional line-up of keynote speakers and concurrent streams of oral, panel and poster presentations that we would have in person. There will also be opportunities for interactive Q&A sessions and discussion forums during presentations, networking hubs, social walls and access to recorded presentations and program content during and after the Conference.

The DCM Feeder Forum event that was scheduled to be piloted in August 2020, has been postponed until further notice.

AYJA Work Plan

While COVID continued to be the primary priority for all states and territories, and New Zealand AYJA progressed national priorities and commitments. Of note is the Conference that is on track to be delivered from 16-18 November.

As a promotional initiative in the lead up to the conference AYJA established the Spotlight Series (SLS). The intention of the SLS is to publicly showcase some of the good work being done in youth justice across Australia and New Zealand to spark interest in

conference participation. AYJA intends to continue this initiative in the future.

This financial year also saw AYJA enter the contemporary realm of social media for the first time. AYJA has set up a YouTube channel to host the SLS videos and to eventually host all the recorded content from the Conference. AYJA can now provide a publicly accessible on-demand youth justice video repository for any conferences, forums and webinars it delivers.

Another significant piece of work AYJA has progressed is the review and revision of the AYJA Standards for youth justice. This project is on track to be completed and launched in 2022.

AYJA established an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and Māori Advisory Group (IAG) to provide cultural advice and ensure information and decisions made by AYJA are culturally informed to assist in addressing the overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and Māori young people in the youth justice system.

AYJA's capability and capacity will be enhanced significantly with the introduction and involvement of the IAG in AYJA. I look forward to seeing developments in the partnership between AYJA and the IAG.

The Work Plan for 2022, will be considered and confirmed at the AYJA meeting in November.

2020-21 Financials

In 2020-21, AYJA finances were administered by the Department of Justice, Western Australian Government.

The independent audit of AYJA finances was undertaken by BDO Audit (NT).

The purpose of the audit is to formalise financial management arrangements for AYJA, as well as to establish in its own right financial governance processes to meet best practice standards.

Please refer to Appendix A for *Jurisdictional Contributions* and Appendix B for the auditor's *Financial Statement*.

AYJA Contacts 2020-21

Jurisdiction	Representative
ACT	Silvia Lopic, Executive Group Manager (Deputy) Child and Youth Protections Services Community Services Directorate
NSW	Paul O'Reilly, Executive Director Youth Justice Department of Communities and Justice
NT	Chris Simcock, Executive Director Youth Justice Operations Territory Families
QLD	<u>Deputy Chair</u> Darren Hegarty, Senior Executive Director Youth Justice Department of Youth Justice
SA	Ann-Marie Hayes, Executive Director Community and Family Services Department of Human Services
TAS	Pam Honan, Director Strategic Youth Services Department of Communities
VIC	Bill Burton, Director Policy and Strategy Youth Justice Department of Justice and Community Safety
WA	<u>Chair</u> Andrew Beck, Deputy Commissioner Women and Young People Department of Justice
NZ	Allan Boreham, Deputy Chief Executive Youth Justice Services Oranga Tamariki – Ministry for Children

Glossary of Acronyms

AIHW	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
AYJA	Australasian Youth Justice Administrators
AYJC	Australasian Youth Justice Conference
CoP	Community of Practice
CPC	Conference Program Committee
CPYJWG	Child Protection and Youth Justice Working Group
CSSLG	Child Safety Sector Leadership Group
DCM	Detention Centre Management
FF EC	Feeder Forum Event Committee
IAG	Indigenous Advisory Group
NYJPF	National Youth Justice Policy Forum
OPCAT	Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture
PC	Productivity Commission
SLS	Spotlight Series
YJ DIG	Youth Justice Research Information Group
YJ NMDS	Youth Justice National Minimum Data Set
RoGS	Report on Government Services

Appendix A: 2020-21 Jurisdictional Contributions

	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	NZ	Total
Research ⁱ	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Secretariat ⁱⁱ	\$10,651	\$18,343	\$10,651	\$17,161	\$17,161	\$10,651	\$17,161	\$17,161	\$11,050	\$129,990
AIHW MoU ⁱⁱⁱ	\$6,483	\$126,398	\$4,058	\$79,297	\$28,182	\$8,572	\$98,522	\$42,998	N/A	\$394,510
Total	\$17,134	\$144,741	\$14,709	\$94,149	\$45,343	\$19,223	\$115,683	\$60,159	\$11,050	\$524,500

Note:

Figures are GST exclusive.

ⁱ The last contributions to the research budget were made in the 2018-19 financial year. Members agreed to a top up to fund the RCNT Rec 23.01 project. No further contributions to the research budget have been invoiced since.

ⁱⁱ CPI: 2.5%. Contributions to the Secretariat budget are used for Secretariat wages, oncosts, travel expenses, and any other role-related expenses.

ⁱⁱⁱ Schedule 3 to the MoU covers the three-year period 2018-21. This is the final year of data collections and reporting for Schedule 3. Funds have been used for YJ NMDS coordination, the YJ DIG Secretariat role, and the publication of annual reports *Youth Justice in Australia*, *Youth Detention Population in Australia*, *Returns to Sentenced Youth Justice Supervision*, *Young People Receiving Child Protection Services Under Youth Justice Supervision*.

Refer to Schedule 3 of the AYJA-AIHW MoU for further information.

Appendix B: AYJA Financial Statements 30 June 2021

Australasian Youth Justice Administrators

Financial Statements

30 June 2021

Contents

	Page No
Secretariat's Report	2
Statement by Representative Members	4
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income	5
Statement of Financial Position	6
Statement of Cash Flows	7
Notes to the financial statements	8
Independent Auditors Report	13

AUSTRALASIAN YOUTH JUSTICE ADMINISTRATORS

Secretariat's Report

Your Secretariat submits the financial report of the Australasian Youth Justice Administrators (AYJA) for the year ended 30 June 2021

Representative Members

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

- Andrew Beck, AYJA Chair, Western Australia
- Chris Simcock, Northern Territory
- Darren Hegarty, Queensland
- Ann-Marie Hayes, South Australia
- Fiona Curnow, South Australia
- Tanya Castellas, Western Australia
- Paul O'Reilly, New South Wales
- Bill Burton, Victoria
- Silvia Lopic, Australian Capital Territory
- Pam Honan, Tasmania
- Jane Wood, Tasmania
- Allan Boreham, New Zealand
- Phil Dinham, New Zealand

Terms of Reference

Purpose: AYJA works collaboratively to lead and influence the development of youth justice systems to provide for better outcomes for young people and community.

This will be achieved by:

- promoting the national principles and standards of youth justice
- providing youth justice data and information to relevant committees
- promoting and maintaining relevant benchmarks for the youth justice administration through national principles, standards and guidelines for states and territories to model
- sharing relevant information among youth justice jurisdictions
- providing a mechanism for information exchange.

In order to meet its objectives AYJA undertakes to:

- make use of data and research available to progress jurisdictional agendas on youth justice issues
- identify and advise on efficiencies and effectiveness in practice
- support and contribute to building the evidence base for effective youth justice responses
- maintain and enhance information and research partnerships and reporting authorities
- maintain a focus on issues of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island young people, Māori young people, other cultural groups and vulnerable groups throughout the work AYJA pursues
- establish links with relevant forums and key partners to ensure consideration of youth justice issues
- provide oversight and strategic direction to the Youth Justice Data and Information Group (YJ DIG)
- continue the development of the Youth Justice National Minimum Data Set (YJ NMDS)
- deliver a youth justice conference on a biennial basis.

Significant changes

Apart from disclosures elsewhere in this report, there were no significant changes in the state of the affairs of the Organisation during the year.

Operating Result

The operating deficit for the year amounted to \$33,204 (2020: surplus \$20,236).

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the members of the Representative Members of the Australasian Youth Justice Administrators.



Representative: Andrew Beck, AYJA Chair
Australasian Youth Justice Administrators



Representative: Justine Maynard, Secretariat
Australasian Youth Justice Administrators

Dated this day of February 2022

AUSTRALASIAN YOUTH JUSTICE ADMINISTRATORS


Statement by the Representative Members

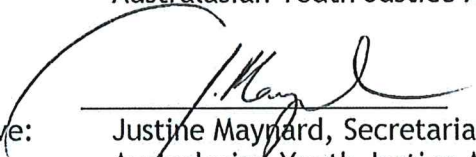
The Representative members has determined that the Australian Youth Justice Administrators is not a reporting entity and that these special purpose financial statements should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In our opinion:

- a) The accompanying financial statements and notes attached thereto as set out on pages 5 to 12 are drawn up so as to present fairly the financial position of the Australian Youth Justice Administrators as at 30 June 2021 and its performance for the year ended on that date;
- b) The accounts of the Australian Youth Justice Administrators have been properly prepared and are in accordance with the books of account of the Association; and
- c) At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Australian Youth Justice Administrators will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

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

Representative: 
Andrew Beck, AYJA Chair
Australasian Youth Justice Administrators

Representative: 
Justine Maynard, Secretariat
Australasian Youth Justice Administrators

Dated this day of February 2022

Australasian Youth Justice Administrators
Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income
for the year ended 30 June 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Secretariat Contributions	129,992	126,822
Conference Surplus	-	48,124
Other Revenue	-	-
	129,992	174,946
EXPENSES		
Secretariat Salaries	153,458	140,607
Professional Service Expenses	2,953	3,099
Travel & Transport	2,093	8,399
Administration Costs	-	-
Information Technology Costs	1,392	405
Audit fees	3,300	2,200
Training Expenses	-	-
	163,196	154,710
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	(33,204)	20,236
Other comprehensive income for the year	-	-
Total Comprehensive Income for the year	(33,204)	20,236

The Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**Australasian Youth Justice Administrators
Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2021**

	2021 \$	2020 \$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash at Bank	151,010	183,114
Seed Funding Receivable	-	-
Other Receivables	-	-
Total Current assets	151,010	183,114
Total Assets	151,010	183,114
 LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Other Payables	3,300	2,200
Total Current liabilities	3,300	2,200
Total Liabilities	3,300	2,200
 NET ASSETS	 147,710	 180,914
 Equity Aksum. Funds	 147,710	 180,914

The Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**Australasian Youth Justice Administrators
Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 30 June 2021**

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Contributions revenue	129,992	126,822
Receipt of Seed Conference Secretariat	-	48,124
Other Receipts (GST from prior period)	-	-
	129,992	174,946
Total Receipts for Operating Activities	129,992	174,946
Payments to Suppliers and others	(8,538)	(14,103)
Payment of Secretariat Salaries	(153,458)	(140,607)
Payments of Seed Conference Secretariat	-	-
	(161,996)	(154,710)
Total Payments for Operating Activities	(161,996)	(154,710)
Cash flow movement	(32,004)	20,236
Cash at the beginning of the reporting period	183,114	162,878
Cash at the end of the reporting period	151,110	183,114

The Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**Australasian Youth Justice Administrators
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2021**

1. Significant accounting policies

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

(a) New, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

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

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

(b) Basis of preparation

In the Representative member's opinion, the Australasian Youth Justice Administrators is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements.

The Representative members have determined that the accounting policies adopted are appropriate to meet the needs of the members of the Australasian Youth Justice Administrators.

These special purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 'Presentation of Financial Statements', AASB 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', as appropriate for not-for-profit oriented entities.

Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Critical accounting estimates

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

Australasian Youth Justice Administrators
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2021

(c) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to Australasian Youth Justice Administrators and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

Contributions

Revenue from contributions is accounted for on an accrual basis and is recorded as revenue in the year to which it relates.

Interest

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

(d) Income Tax

Australasian Youth Justice Administrators considers that it is exempt from income tax.

(e) Current and non-current classification

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

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

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

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

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

(g) Trade and other receivables

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any provision for impairment.

Australasian Youth Justice Administrators
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2021

(h) Trade and other payables

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

(l) Financial Instruments

Recognition

Financial instruments are initially measured at cost on trade date, which includes transaction costs, when the related contractual rights and obligations exist. Subsequent to initial recognition these instruments are measured as set out below:

Financial Assets

Loans and Receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Financial Liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities, including loans and borrowings, are recognised at amortised cost, comprising original debt less principal payments and amortisation.

Derecognition of financial assets

The Australasian Youth Justice Administrators derecognises a financial asset only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or when it transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset to another entity. If the Australasian Youth Justice Administrators neither transfers nor retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership and continues to control the transferred asset, it recognises its retained interest in the asset and an associated liability for amounts it may have to pay. If the Australasian Youth Justice Administrators retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of a transferred financial asset, it continues to recognise the financial asset and also recognises a collateralised borrowing for the proceeds received.

On derecognition of a financial asset in its entirety, the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the sum of the consideration received and receivable and the cumulative gain or loss that had been recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity is recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment

At the end of each reporting period the Australasian Youth Justice Administrators assesses whether there is any indication that individual assets are impaired. Where impairment indicators exist, recoverable amount is determined and impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss where the asset's carrying value exceeds its recoverable amount. Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purpose of assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

Australasian Youth Justice Administrators
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2021

(m) Goods and services tax

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 authority. 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 are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included as a current asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

2. Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

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

Provision for impairment of receivables

The provision for impairment of receivables assessment requires a degree of estimation and judgement. The level of provision is assessed by taking into account the recent sales experience, the ageing of receivables, historical collection rates and specific knowledge of the individual debtors financial position.

3. Contingent assets and contingent liabilities

There are no contingent assets or contingent liabilities of the Australian Youth Justice Administrators at 30 June 2021 and 2020.

4. Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2021 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the Australian Youth Justice Administrators' operations, the results of those operations, or the association's state of affairs in future financial years.

5. Related Party Transactions

All transactions between the members of the Committee and the Australian Youth Justice Administrators are on normal commercial terms.

Australasian Youth Justice Administrators
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2021

6. Financial Instruments

(a) Financial risk management

The Australian Youth Justice Administrators principal financial instruments comprise cash balances maintained by the Secretariat. These financial instruments arise through the ordinary operations of the Australian Youth Justice Administrators. The Australian Youth Justice Administrators does not have any derivative financial instruments as at 30 June 2021 and 2020. It is and has been through the 2021 and 2020 financial year, the Australian Youth Justice Administrators' policy that no trading in financial instruments shall be undertaken.

The main risks arising from the Australian Youth Justice Administrators financial instruments are interest rate risk, liquidity risk and credit risk. The policies adopted by Australian Youth Justice Administrators for the management of these risks are summarised below:

Interest Rate Risk

The Australian Youth Justice Administrators is not subject to interest rate risk as cash balances are maintained by the Secretariat.

Liquidity Risk

The Australian Youth Justice Administrators has no external funding or facilities in place. The Australian Youth Justice Administrators manages liquidity risk by monitoring interim financial reports and ensuring that adequate cash balances are maintained for its operational requirements.

Credit Risk

The Australian Youth Justice Administrators does not provide credit.

(b) Net Fair Values

The net fair values of financial assets and liabilities approximate the values shown in the statement of financial position and the notes to financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Australian Youth Justice Administrators

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Australian Youth Justice Administrators, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year then ended and the statement of cash flows, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the Statement by the Representative Members.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Australian Youth Justice Administrators as at 30 June 2021, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial report.

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 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 report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Representative Members' financial reporting responsibilities. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the Financial Report

The Representative Members of Australian Youth Justice Administrators are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements and the needs of the members and for such internal control as the Representative Members determine 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 Representative Members are responsible for assessing Australian Youth Justice Administrators' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as

applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate Australian Youth Justice Administrators or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Representative Members are responsible for overseeing Australian Youth Justice Administrators' financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

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

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

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

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

BDO Audit (NT)

C J Taziwa
Partner

Darwin: February 2022



PROVIDING FOR BETTER OUTCOMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY

Cover photo is of AYJA members visiting the building site in Holtze Darwin NT for the new Don Dale Youth Justice Detention Centre – 21 June 2021.