

ANNUAL REPORT 2023



LELAN acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live, work and play on. We pay our respects to elders – past, present and emerging; and we pay our respects to the long and ongoing connection and relationship they have with this Country. We acknowledge that this land was never ceded. We are grateful for the privilege of sharing this land and recognise and are sorry for the historic and continued cost of that sharing to First Nations People.

LELAN recognises the lives and work of people with lived experience of mental distress, social issues and injustice. Particularly those that intentionally, passionately and skillfully use their lived experience for change. We thank those that came before, and stand in solidarity and allyship with our communities now and into the future. We are stronger together..

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*LELAN embodies the knowing
that lived experience matters.*

*We drive change through our
voice, our influence and our
leadership.*

Chair and Executive Director Report



The 2022/23 year has been a momentous one for LELAN, again.

The recognition of and investment in LELAN as the independent peak body for people with lived experience in South Australia guarantees our footprint for the next four years. This provides a foundation on which to build in ways that we have been unable to so far. This is particularly through being able to strengthen our financial processes, governance structures, and exploration of additional funding sources. These all work to ensure that we are sustainable, strong and do hold services, 'the system' and government accountable.

LELAN entered the final year of our strategic partnership with the Fay Fuller Foundation. We offer sincere thanks to them for their initial belief in and championing of LELAN, which enabled our transition from being a volunteer to a funded organisation in 2019.

This year, a core LELAN team has formed to deliver on our promise to community and our partners. A group of passionate people with various lived experiences; bringing their personal, professional and socio-political selves to the table to be a part of the change we seek as an organisation.

LELAN pushes the edge in what we do, particularly through the persistent determination required to bring the Alternatives to Suicide (Alt2Su) approach to South Australia and to lead the conversation in embedding new ways of doing things that centre the rights and humanity of people experiencing distress.

Because of the standard of work within our core projects, LELAN has been recognised as thought leaders nationally and are continually called into that space. This is evidenced most clearly through the commissioned work on Lived Experience Governance that will continue to be leveraged over time to bring real shifts in power and how decisions are made within services.

We thank our members, the LELAN Board, team, lived experience communities, funders, partners, collaborators, allies and friends. None of this would be possible without you.

Danielle Bament (Board Chair) and Ellie Hodges (Executive Director & Founder)

OUR FUNDED PROJECTS

*They might not have fixed me,
but they've listened. And I think
once you've been listened to,
you're one more step closer to
the winning side.*

[Community member talking about their
experience with Alt2Su Peer Groups]

Embedding Alternatives to Suicide (Alt2Su) Across SA



LELAN is bringing the Alt2Su approach to South Australia. These peer-led community-based groups centre mutual connection and meaning-making around suicide distress, thoughts and experiences. They offer non-clinical spaces where people can be honest about their experiences without fear of forced treatment, other forms of coercion, or risk assessment that shuts conversation down.

Alt2Su responds to suicide differently, not trying to fix or eliminate suicidal thoughts, but sitting with them however uncomfortable that may be. This allows for conversation that focuses on why someone might be feeling that way, instead of on the act of suicide itself.

Whilst the focus of the project is to support the establishment and ongoing running of Alt2Su groups, another core component is using this model as evidence that community-based lived experience-led initiatives work and can be scaled.

Project Highlights 2022/23:

- Eight groups have been offered over the course of the year including 6 in person (Adelaide, Salisbury, Mile End, Cummins, CALD, Southern Youth) and 2 online (SA Online, LGBTQIA+ Online).
- Two 3-day Alt2Su Peer Group Facilitator trainings were held in September 2022 and Feb/Mar 2023 resulting in 20 more South Australians with a personal lived experience of suicide being trained as Alt2Su facilitators.
- An external evaluation with ethics approval is being led by a lived experience team. To date they have delivered a 'Rapid Literature review' and an 'Interim Evaluation Report'.
- LELAN completed a train-the-trainer program with Wildflower Alliance to be able to deliver their 'When Conversations Turn to Suicide Training'. This training is open to community members and people working in the space to learn how to use the Alt2Su approach 1:1 with people in distress. This training has subsequently been delivered by LELAN with several NGOs.
- LELAN secured further funding from Wellbeing SA, Adelaide PHN and Country SA PHN to extend the Alt2Su Pilot Project until June 30th 2024.

The Lived Experience Development, Governance & Education (LEDGE) Project



LEDGE aims to increase the involvement of people with lived experience of mental health issues and/or psychosocial disability in advocacy, leadership and governance opportunities in South Australia. It does this by providing training, support and connection opportunities to people and organisations. Funding for LEDGE, initially due to end June 2022, has been extended until June 2024.

I found it valuable to hear from others who were actively participating in this space and had navigated through some of the same barriers I had... I was able to gain strategies and some important education about how to be a more effective advocate. I didn't realise the areas my skills were lacking in until doing this training.

[Community member talking about their experience with LEDGE]

Project Highlights 2022/23:

- A total of 443 people have accessed LEDGE training either face-to-face or via the self-paced online training modules, exceeding total project deliverables.
- Four 2-day face-to-face workshops were delivered throughout the year, these were in Adelaide CBD (*2), Murray Bridge and Mt Gambier.
- Two self-paced introductory online modules, four online lived experience leadership modules and four lived experience governance modules are now available on the LELAN website.
- Interest in and uptake of the online modules both within South Australia and nationally has been high. The integrity and usefulness of the online modules has been confirmed through feedback, providing a strong foundation for the future sustainability of the LEDGE training beyond its funding period.
- The matching register continues to be refined and promoted, connecting people with lived experience to advocacy, leadership or governance roles across SA.
- LERN (Lived Experience Reflection Network) reflective circles have been co-facilitated by LEDGE community members providing an opportunity for people in the LEDGE community to attend and hold space for each other and connect.

OUR ADVOCACY AND CONTRIBUTIONS

We don't always have those really strong, articulate, clearly defined voices in spaces where its coming from a consumer perspective. LELAN is an organisation that represents the interests and advocates for those in the lived experience space.

[Shaun Sweeney (NALHN Divisional Director Allied Health & Community) speaking about the importance of a peak body like LELAN at our 'official launch' May 2023]

LELAN Recognised and Funded as the Peak in SA for People with Lived Experience



During the 2022 state election period the Malinauskas Labor party committed to funding LELAN if they won. The Labor government were elected, and LELAN's promised funding came into effect during the 2022/23 year.

LELAN is now recognised as the independent peak body for people with lived experience of mental distress, social issues and injustice in South Australia.

We can't improve mental healthcare for people if we don't listen to people with lived experience... We need to speak to you, and we might not always agree, let's be clear, but having you providing that voice is ultimately going to enable us to deliver better outcomes.

[The Hon Chris Picton (Minister for Health and Wellbeing) speaking at our 'official launch' May 2023]

An 'official launch' – which is actually the 4th launch event held by LELAN linked to our commencement as an organisation or to various pieces of work – was held in May 2023 to celebrate this recognition and impact to date.

The lived experience sector in South Australia has benefited from LELAN's presence in more ways than just one person can observe or know. Because it is a community that has changed a community... LELAN became an ongoing example that there are so many ways for lived experience to influence and drive change. It showed that there was trust to create a safe-enough space, and trust that what was shared in that space would not be diluted when fed back through systems change processes.

[Emrys Temple-Heald (LELAN community member) speaking at our 'official launch' May 2023]



Other Ways We Connect and Contribute



Connecting with People with Lived Experience:

- Holding space for our community to create and share 'December Letters'. December Letters bring messages of hope and solidarity to those who are spending the holidays in Mental Health Wards, from people that care and may have been there themselves previously. These anonymous messages provide support and connection for people in a situation which can feel isolating and lonely.
- Increasingly regular formal events and informal opportunities to connect with LELAN members and the broader lived experience community.

Ensuring Lived Experience Perspectives are Considered:

- Holding Focus Groups and interviews specifically for people with lived experience to contribute to policy reform and service re-design: two of many examples were to inform a submission into the Review of the Mental Health Act (final report available [here](#)) and a piece of work for the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist to interview people within residential rehab settings about their experiences to inform the new 72 Rehab Beds Model of Care being rolled out.
- Continued involvement as a member of the Steering Group for the Northern Mental Health Alliance and regularly attending gatherings.
- Showcasing our Care, not Treatment film to 4th and 5th year medical students and exploring what helps, harms and could be done better to support people experiencing suicide distress and crisis. This film is also used within a Virtual Reality environment to highlight different approaches to supporting people compassionately.
- LELAN partnered with the Critical and Ethical Mental Health Research Group at Adelaide University to appoint a short-term contract lived experience research position to contribute a critical lens to their work.
- Panel Member for the Suicide Prevention Community Grants Program with Wellbeing SA.
- Judging Panel for the Mental Health Coalition of SA's Lived Experience Workforce Program Lived Experience Awards.

Representing People with Lived Experience:

- LELAN has been an ongoing key partner in the visioning, implementation and governance of the Salisbury Safe Haven Cafe that has been funded and supported by Adelaide PHN, NALHN and Sonder. The Safe Haven is staffed by Peer Workers and offers a friendly, compassionate and non-judgemental place for people experiencing distress or wanting information to support their mental health and wellbeing. The service is free, drop-ins are encouraged, and no appointment is necessary.
- In the new peak role LELAN represents lived experience perspectives and strategic contributions on a number of state-level committees, key ones throughout 2022/23 have been:
 - Mental Health Strategy and Planning Advisory Group.
 - 72 Rehab Beds Steering Group, 72 Rehab Beds Model of Care Working Group and 72 Rehab Beds Workforce Planning Group.
 - Human Rights and Coercion Reduction Committee.
- LELAN represented the National Mental Health Consumer Alliance at the Better Access Roundtable in Canberra.
- LELAN was part of early conversations for the joint Red Cross and SACOSS convened People at Risk in Emergencies Policy and Strategy Group and the Disability, Isolation, Household Working Group that formed as part of that work.
- Providing advice and input into the Fay Fuller Foundation Discovery Grant process and being a core member of the Our Town Advisory Group.
- LELAN contributed to the Lived Experience Workforce Development component of the National Eating Disorders Strategy.

Completing LEDGE training has helped me realise and value specific skills and strengths which has supported me in taking the next steps, specifically towards further lived experience training (Alt2Su), approaching boards in mental and public health fields (and the wider community) as well as applying for paid roles in representation and peer work.

[Community member talking about their experience with LELAN]

Additional Recognition for LELAN and the Work we Do:

- Winner at the SA Community Achievement Awards 2022 (Breakthrough Mental Health Research Foundation Innovation in Mental Health, Social and Emotional Wellbeing Award) for spotlighting the experiences of people accessing support for suicide distress and crisis and bringing the Alt2Su approach to SA.

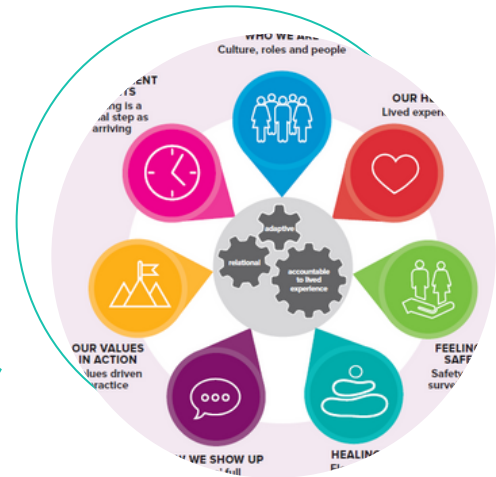
OUR FEE-FOR-SERVICE WORK

spotlight examples only

LELAN's work is recognised on a national scale in the centre of national reform. That's purely because they're bold, courageous and, at their core, work from the heart.

[Katie Larson (Mind Australia now-Executive)
Director Lived Experience)
at our 'official launch' May 2023]

Updating the Philosophy of Care that Speaks for Itself



The Office of the Chief Psychiatrist (OCP) invited the SA Lived Experience Leadership and Advocacy Network (LELAN) and the Australian Centre for Social Innovation (TACSI) to lead co-design conversations with lived experience representatives in March 2020. The intention was to discuss and design what a Philosophy of Care needed to say in order to inspire the experience we want people to have when they come to the Urgent Mental Health Care Centre that has since opened on Grenfell St in the Adelaide CBD.

More recently the Northern Adelaide Local Health Network (NALHN) saw an opportunity to adapt the Philosophy of Care for the establishment of a Head to Health Centre and Crisis Stabilisation Centre in Adelaide's North. These centres are components of the Bilateral Agreement, and the Adelaide Primary Health Network (PHN) and the OCP are commissioning partners.

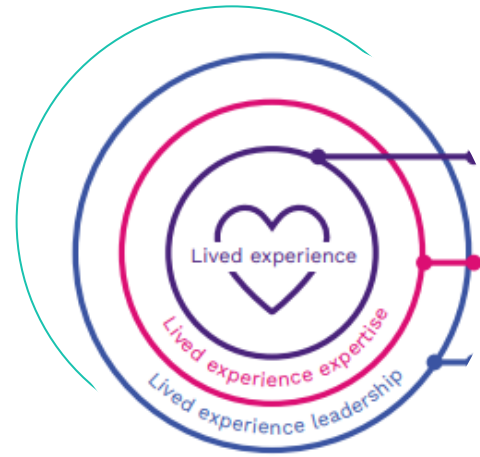
LELAN and TACSI worked with the lived experience community to co-design the Philosophy of Care. The Philosophy of Care shifts the lens from what services and professionals offer to truly centre the experience of people accessing support. It is increasingly recognised as a foundational approach for further reforms being led by the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist and other commissioning bodies in South Australia.

The Philosophy of Care is an invitation to do differently, and the community and people that access these spaces require all staff and people in governance and commissioning roles to be creative and courageous.

[The Philosophy of Care by LELAN and TACSI, for the OCP and NALHN]

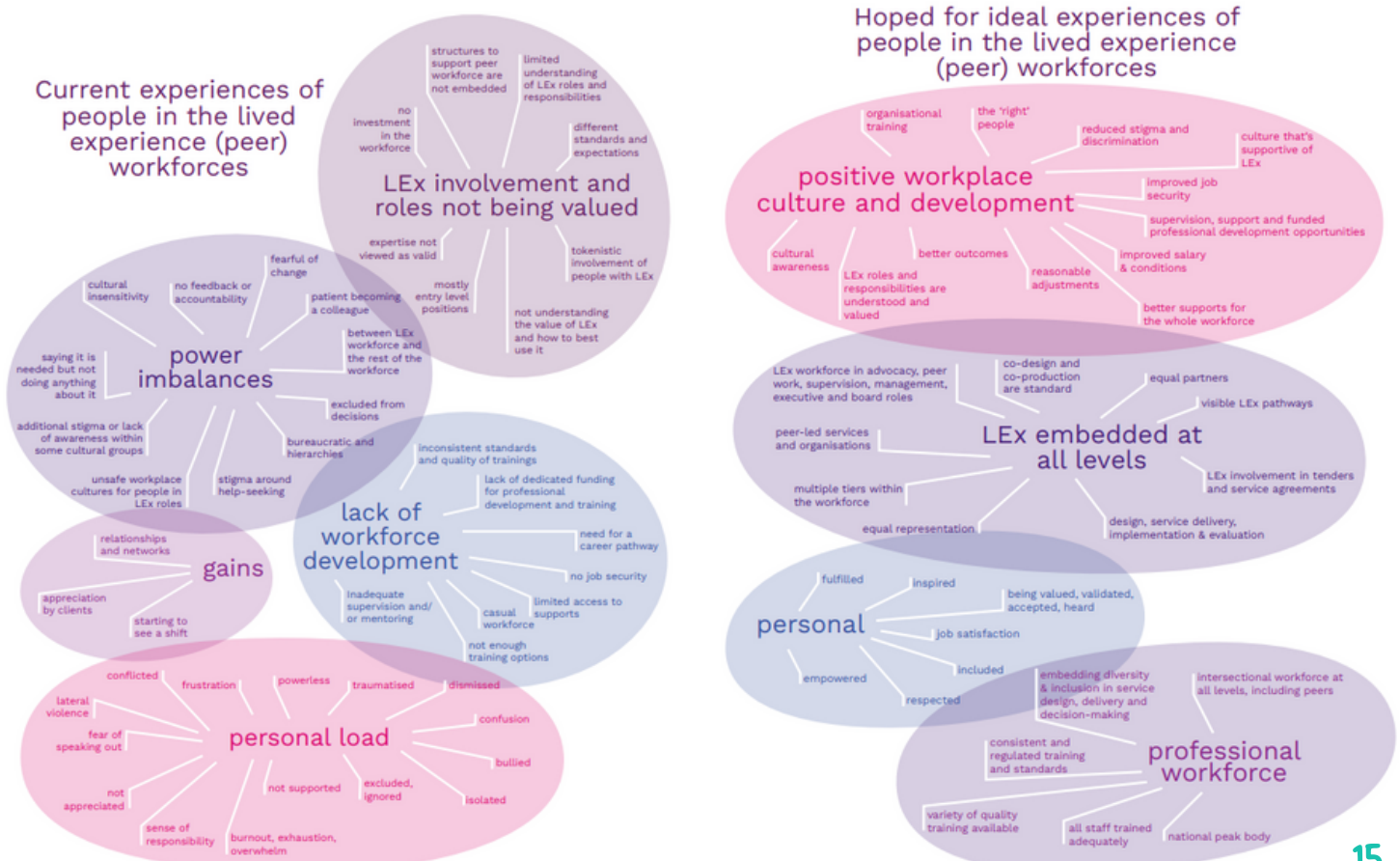
Key components of the Philosophy of Care (V2) are: Culture, roles and people (WHO WE ARE); Lived experience (OUR HEART); Safety, not surveillance (FEELING SAFE); Flexible options for respite and comfort (HEALING SPACES); Care full (HOW WE SHOW UP); Values driven practice (OUR VALUES IN ACTION); and Leaving is a crucial step as arriving (EVERY MOMENT COUNTS). Central to these components being realised is that they remain relational, adaptive and accountable to lived experience.

Partnerships that Centre and are Led by Lived Experience



The National Mental Health Consumer and Carer Forum (NMHCCF) and the National PHN Mental Health Lived Experience Engagement Network (MHLEEN) jointly commissioned LELAN to deliver two of their five lived experience leadership projects. These were a [Scoping Paper](#) for formal lived experience expertise training programs and supports as well as a [Lived Experience Governance Framework & Toolkit](#).

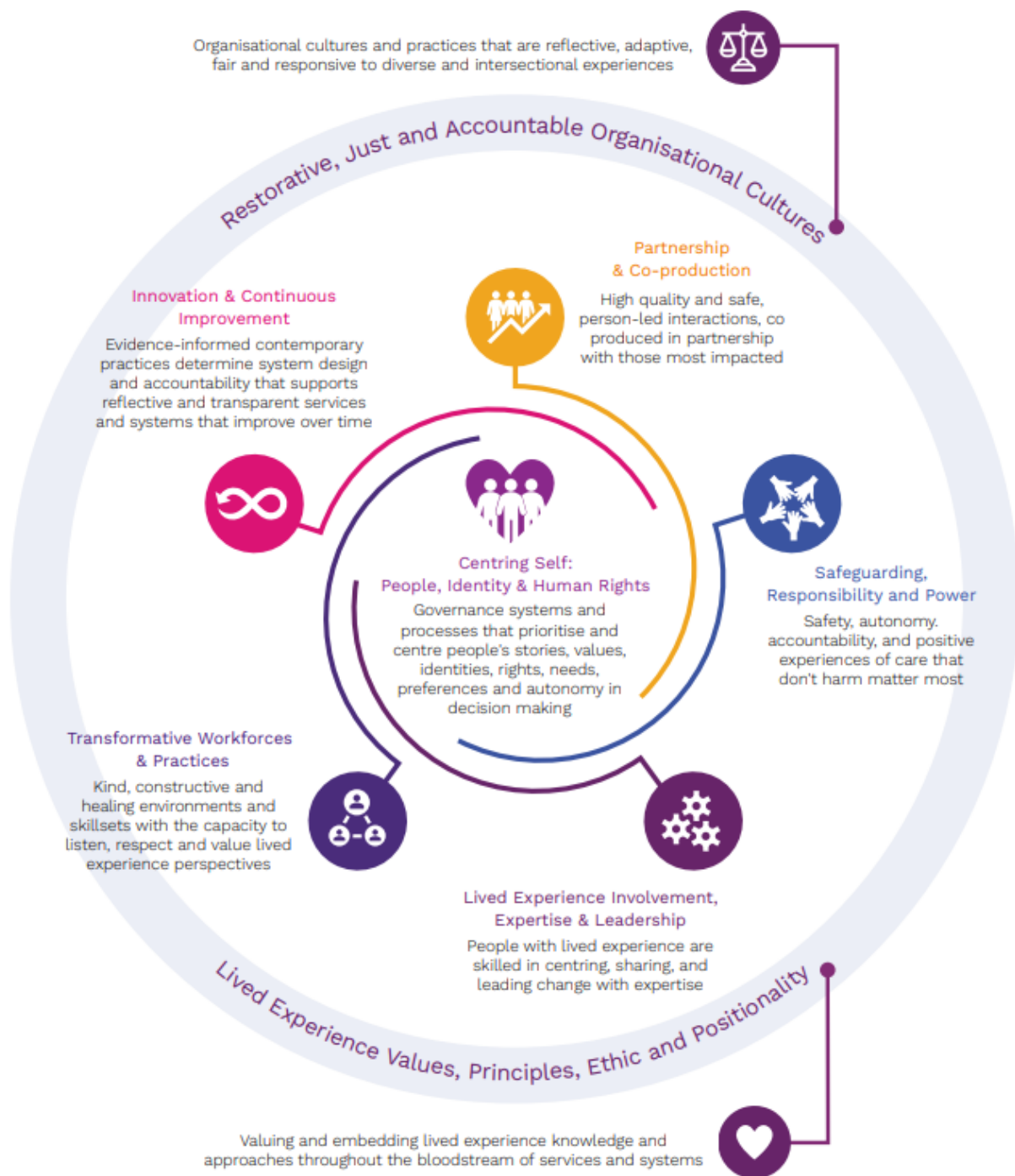
The resulting documents from these pieces of work are ground-breaking and will provide continued opportunities for LELAN and others to influence and lead systems transformations that centre and are led by people with lived experience.



Lived experience governance intentionally embeds organisational cultures and systems that give primacy to centring or being led by lived experience perspectives, principles, and ways of working in the decision-making, oversight and evaluation of systems, structures, policies, processes, practices, programs and services...

Lived experience governance is not just an accountability mechanism, it demands that the dignity, rights and self-determination of people, and the stewardship and leadership of people with lived experience are embedded in the bloodstream of an organisation which changes organisational cultures and, ultimately, changes lives.

[The Lived Experience Governance Framework by LELAN]



Other Ways we Work With and Support Our Partners



Expanding Our FREE, Paid and Bespoke Knowledge & Skill Development Offerings:

- Through our funded and commissioned projects LELAN has co-created, led and published innovative pieces of work that further the conceptualisation, application and innovation of this space. All of this is drawn on in the design and delivery of our training offerings. Over 400 people participated in LELAN training that was developed and delivered in collaboration with a variety of organisations across mental health and social sectors, including the SA Housing Authority and a youth homelessness organisation.
- LELAN has worked with a number of Board and/or Executive groups to 'audit' organisations on How Ready, Willing and Capable they are for Authentic Co-production with People with Lived Experience. This expands on the Reflective Resource published in partnership with TACSI and is accompanied by a bespoke 3-hour workshop.

When done well, consultation and other forms of involvement can yield great experiences and benefits. However, when something that is not co-design claims to be so, this can do harm and break trust between systems, services and people.

[[Reflective Resource](#) by LELAN and TACSI]

Walking Beside to Co-create New Ways:

- LELAN has formed a close partnership with Mind Australia to walk beside them as they establish the first lived experience-led residential service (the Healing Place) in Victoria. This includes the co-creation of a Philosophy of Healing for the Healing Place and a Peer-led Governance Framework for Mind.
- LELAN is a member of the core project team with NALHN, the OCP and Adelaide PHN for the design and establishment of the Head-to-Health and Crisis Stabilisation Centres in the North.

OUR FINANCIAL REPORT

This celebration of the work of LELAN and the next phase of LELAN's development in terms of making sure that it has that ongoing sustainable funding.

[The Hon Chris Picton (Minister for Health and Wellbeing) speaking at our 'official launch' May 2023]

Lived Experience Leadership & Advocacy Network Inc.

ABN: 98 469 662 123

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Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of the Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 to the Responsible Persons of Lived Experience Leadership & Advocacy Network Inc.

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2023, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 60-40 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Daniel Tai, CA
DIRECTOR

Dated this 29 day of November 2023

Lived Experience Leadership & Advocacy Network Inc.

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	\$	\$
Grant & Philanthropic	3	594,172	479,538
Earned Revenue	3	277,567	318,714
Finance income	4	2,156	482
Employee benefits expense		(368,165)	(492,789)
Project costs		(534,027)	(77,152)
Other expenses		(21,514)	(71,151)
Surplus for the year		(49,811)	157,642
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Prior year unearned income brought forward		(134,992)	-
Other comprehensive income for the year		(134,992)	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		(184,803)	157,642

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Lived Experience Leadership & Advocacy Network Inc.

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Statement of Financial Position

As At 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	194,882	384,637
Trade and other receivables	6	112,079	7,636
Other assets	8	5,544	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		312,505	392,273
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Plant and equipment	7	3,332	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		3,332	-
TOTAL ASSETS		315,837	392,273
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	9	83,313	45,117
Unearned income	10	53,780	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		137,093	45,117
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Employee benefits	11	45,119	28,728
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		45,119	28,728
TOTAL LIABILITIES		182,212	73,845
NET ASSETS		133,625	318,428
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		133,625	318,428
TOTAL EQUITY		133,625	318,428

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Lived Experience Leadership & Advocacy Network Inc.

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Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

2023

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2022	318,428	318,428
Deficit for the year	(49,811)	(49,811)
Prior year adjustment	(134,992)	(134,992)
Balance at 30 June 2023	133,625	133,625

2022

	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2021	160,786	160,786
Surplus for the year	157,642	157,642
Balance at 30 June 2022	318,428	318,428

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Lived Experience Leadership & Advocacy Network Inc.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

The financial report covers Lived Experience Leadership & Advocacy Network Inc. as an individual entity. Lived Experience Leadership & Advocacy Network Inc. is a not-for-profit organisation, registered and domiciled in Australia.

The principal activities of the organisation for the year ended 30 June 2023 were provide support for people who experienced mental distress, social issues or injustices.

The functional and presentation currency of Lived Experience Leadership & Advocacy Network Inc. is Australian dollars.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

1 Basis of Preparation

In the opinion of those charged with Governance the Organisation is not a reporting entity since there are unlikely to exist users of the financial statements who are not able to command the preparation of reports tailored so as to satisfy specifically all of their information needs. These special purpose financial statements have been prepared to meet the reporting requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations, and the disclosure requirements of AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, AASB 108 *Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors* and AASB 1054 *Australian Additional Disclosures*.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue and other income

Revenue from contracts with customers

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Organisation expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

Generally the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

None of the revenue streams of the Organisation have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2023

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Revenue and other income

Specific revenue streams

The revenue recognition policies for the principal revenue streams of the Organisation are:

Operating Grants

When the Organisation receives operating grant revenue, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15. When both these conditions are satisfied, the Organisation:

- identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant;
- recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement; and
- recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

Advisory and Project Income

When the Organisation received advisory and project fees, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficient specific performance obligations in accordance to AASB 15. Advisory and project fee income is recognised when the related service have been provided and it is probable that the Organisation will be compensated for serviced rendered, and the amount of consideration for such services can be reliably measured.

Prior Year Adjustment

Prior year grants of \$134,992 were receipted, however, these were unearned income which should have been carried forward to Financial Year 2023. This amount has been adjusted against retained earnings and other comprehensive income.

Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Organisation is entitled to it.

(b) Income tax

The Organisation is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

(c) Goods and services tax (GST)

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(d) Plant and equipment

Each class of plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured using the cost model.

Depreciation

Plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Organisation, 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
Computer Equipment	33%

(e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

(f) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Organisation's liability for employee benefits, those benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Long service leave is recognised after 5 years of service.

3 Other Revenue and Income

Revenue from continuing operations

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Revenue from contracts with customers (AASB 15)		
- government grant & philanthropic	594,172	478,415
- earned revenue	277,567	319,837
Total Revenue	871,739	798,252

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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4 Other Income and Expenses

Finance income	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Interest income		
- Interest	2,156	482
Total finance income	2,156	482

Finance expenses

5 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and on hand	194,882	384,637
Total cash and cash equivalents	194,882	384,637

6 Trade and Other Receivables

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
CURRENT		
Trade receivables	112,079	2,703
GST receivable	-	4,933
Total current trade and other receivables	112,079	7,636

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7 Plant and Equipment

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Computer equipment

At cost

10,469 6,471

Accumulated depreciation

(7,137) (6,471)

Total plant and equipment

3,332 -

Movements in carrying amounts of plant and equipment

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Computer Equipment	Total
	\$	\$
Year ended 30 June 2023		
Additions	3,998	3,998
Depreciation expense	(666)	(666)
Balance at the end of the year	3,332	3,332

8 Other Non-Financial Assets

CURRENT

Prepayments

2023 2022
\$ \$

5,544 -

5,544 -

9 Trade and Other Payables

CURRENT

Trade payables

50,392 24,238

GST payable

9,235 (121)

Accrued expense

23,686 21,000

83,313 45,117

10 Unearned income

2023 2022
\$ \$

CURRENT

Unearned income

53,780 -

53,780 -

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11 Employee Benefits

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Non-current liabilities		
Annual leave provision	45,119	28,728
	<u>45,119</u>	<u>28,728</u>

12 Auditors' Remuneration

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Remuneration of the auditor for		
- auditing of the current year financial statements	4,000	800
- auditing of the prior year financial statements	2,450	-
- other services	1,800	-
Total remuneration	<u>8,250</u>	<u>800</u>

13 Contingencies

In the opinion of those charged with governance, the Organisation did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2023 (30 June 2022:None).

14 Statutory Information

The registered office and principal place of business of the organisation is:

Lived Experience Leadership & Advocacy Network Inc.
217-219 Flinders Street
Adelaide
South Australia, 5000

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Responsible Persons' Declaration

The responsible persons declare that in the responsible persons' opinion:

- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the registered entity 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*.

Signed in accordance with subsection 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2022*.

Responsible person 
Danielle Barent

Responsible person 
Philip Chabrel

Dated this 20 day of November 2023

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Lived Experience Leadership & Advocacy Network Inc.

Independent Audit Report to the members of Lived Experience Leadership & Advocacy Network Inc.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Lived Experience Leadership & Advocacy Network Inc., which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the statement of profit or loss and other 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 responsible persons' declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Lived Experience Leadership & Advocacy Network Inc. has been prepared in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Registered Entity's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022*.

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 Registered Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

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

Responsibilities of Responsible Entities for the Financial Report

The responsible persons of the Registered Entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act and the needs of the members. The responsible entities' responsibility also includes such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the responsible persons are responsible for assessing the Registered Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible entities either intend to liquidate the Registered Entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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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 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 the financial report.

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Daniel Tai, CA
DIRECTOR

Dated this 29 day of November 2023

LELAN started as a safe-to-fail experiment. Big enough to matter, small enough that if it fails, whatever. That lives in me and it lives in LELAN whilst I am the leader here.

*We try things. We adjust.
We just keep going.*

[Ellie Hodges (LELAN Founder & Executive Director) speaking at our 'official launch' May 2023]

About LELAN

LELAN is the independent peak body in South Australia by, for and with people with lived experience of mental distress, social issues and injustice. Our purpose is to amplify the voice, influence and leadership of people with lived experience to drive systemic change. LELAN has led philanthropic, state and federally funded projects as well as completed commissioned pieces of work.



LELAN's systemic advocacy targets the mental health and social sectors in South Australia, whilst our thought leadership and expertise on lived experience expertise and leadership is borderless.

By centring the experiences, collective insights and solution ideas of people with lived experience in all of our work, as well as being immersed in the lived experience community from grassroots to strategic and governance levels, LELAN demonstrates the principles, practices and change dynamics that the social sector is calling for and desperately needs. Because of our strong and trusted relationships with people in the lived experience community we are able to have deeper conversations about things that matter, drawing our collective experiences and action together in purposeful ways.

LELAN has extensive experience and a proven methodology for leading lived experience-led and/or co-creation initiatives, frequently with a focus on sensitive issues and including groups that bring divergent perspectives to the conversation.

LELAN was founded in 2017 and the organisation received its first funding in 2019. Pivotal pieces of work completed in partnership and/or led by LELAN with the lived experience community include the groundbreaking Model of Lived Experience Leadership that launched in 2021, as well as The Lived Experience Governance Framework and A Toolkit to Authentically Embed Lived Experience Governance that were released in July 2023 (all available at www.lelan.org.au/shared-resources).



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