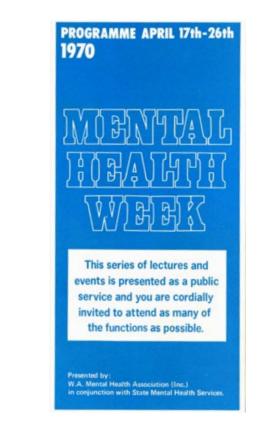
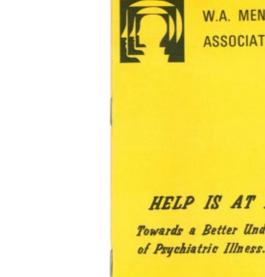
WAAMH History Timeline

50 Years of Building Fulfilling, Contributing Lives



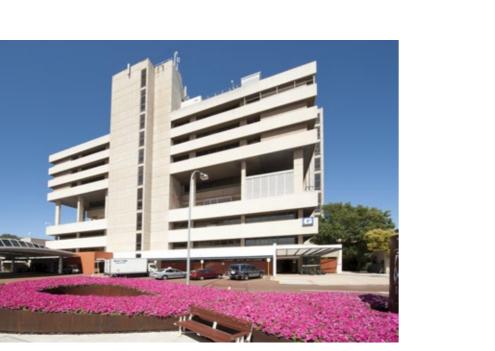
Early milestones included the establishment of Mental Health Week, becoming a parent body for NGO's, the publication of educational materials, and undertaking advocacy on behalf of individuals. WAAMH also launched a range of projects for people living with mental health issues during this decade, but many did not continue beyond 1980 due to a lack of funding.

Promotion, education advocacy & representation began



During the 1980s, WAAMH's focus turned to education, advocacy, lobbying and fundraising. There were many concerns around the lack of support for mental health services, as people began moving out of psychiatric institutions to live in the community. Fear and prejudice about mental illness was high in a community which lacked the necessary support services.

Lobbying for more community based services



In 1986, WAAMH petitioned the Health Minister for facilities for involuntary patients at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital.

Mental health services in mainstream hospitals



and internationally during the 1990s. Mental Health Week also grew in this decade, in addition to other projects and events. WAAMI organised a national conference on mental health in 1992 and undertook a joint project about depression in the WA community in 1993.

Growing community awareness



Western Australian Association for Mental Health

WAAMH became aware a peak body for the community managed mental health sector was needed in WA. WAAMH reorganised as a confederation of organisations with a counci of delegates from member bodies. A Board of Management and four-member executive took office in March 1996.

WAAMH restructured as a peak body



The state government made a substantial commitment to the mental health reform agenda, appointing Dr Graham Jacobs as the Minister for Mental Health in 2008 and Hon. Helen Morton as Minister for Mental Health in 2010. The Mental Health Commission was the first created in Australia, in 2010, with the responsibility to set policy, plan and purchase all mental health services in WA.

> **Dedicated Minister** and Commission driving reform



In 2011, CMHA was incorporated as a coalition of the eight state and territory peak community mental health organisations, including WAAMF It was established to provide leadership and direction promoting the benefits of community mental health and recovery services across Australia in a unified way.

> Incorporation of **Community Mental Health Australia**



WAAMH's constitution was revised to ensure people with lived experience had membership and governance authority alongside community organisations in the rules of association.

Governance authority **National review of** for lived experience mental health services and programs



With the support of the Mental Health Mental Health Conference in 2016 The Conference engaged the full spectru of the WA mental health sector and the community, and WAAMH envisage it becoming a regular event on the calendar.

WA's inaugural Mental **Health Conference**



Act 1996 was reviewed, and in April, recommendations released WAAMH is lobbying all parties in the 2017 state election to address the most fundamenta recommendations to protect the human rights of those subject to the Act and to provide better service options to meet their needs

Report on the Criminal Law (Mentally Impaired Accused) Act 1996

1966

1960s & 1970s

1973

Early 1980s

1986

1989

1990s

1993

1996

2008-2010

2011

2011

2013-2015 2014

2015

2015

Australian Government

Response to tributing Lives, Thriving Commu - Review of Mental Health

Programmes and Services

WAAMH welcomed the Federal Governmen

response to the National Review of Mental

Health Services and Programs, with nine key

actions aimed at reforming mental healthcare

WAAMH was particularly supportive of the focu-

on children, youth, regional and remote

indigenous, and digital mental health.

2015

Biggest ever

Mental Health Week

The community's ever growing focus on

the importance of good mental health was

on show as the biggest Mental Health

Week WA to date brought more than

15,000 people together in community

events and awareness raising activities

across the State.

2016

2016

2016

WAAMH founded



WAAMH began as an umbrella organisation for church and charitable bodies that provided community mental health services outside of institutions. It was recognised that achieving good mental health required addressing social determinants of health including housing, employment, education, cultural factors and social attitudes

World Mental Health Congress – Sydney

WAAMH attended the World Mental Health Congress in Sydney in 1973. This was the first time Australia had hosted the congress, signalling the growing importance of international knowledge in informing Australian practice. WAAMH has had continued connection to international mental health reforms since.



New Mental Health Act

In the early 1980s WAAMH was involved in drafting a new Mental Health Act.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

ACTS AMENDMENT

PART VII.—SUPREMB COURT ACT 1985-1979.

PART VIII.—UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA ACT 1976.

PART IX.—UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL TEACHING HOSPITALS, ACT 1955.

(MENTAL HEALTH) ACT 1981. (No. 52 of 1981) Health Service. . Operation of section 14 of the Interpretation Act 191 PART I.—CHULD WELFARE ACT 1947-1979. Citation.
Section 4 amended.

PART II.—CONVICTED INCHRIATES' REHABILITATION
ACT 1963-1974. PART III.—THE CRIMINAL CODE. PART IV.—MINE WORKERS' RELIEF ACT 1932-1986.

11. Citation.

12. Section 34 amended. PART V.—OFFENDERS PROBATION AND PAROLE ACT 1963-1980 Section 34C repealed and substituted.

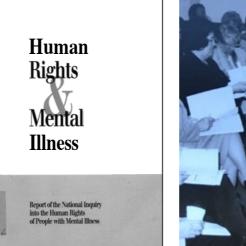
A health focus to forensic mental health

In 1989, WAAMH produced a policy statement on the need to establish a forensic unit at Graylands. The unit is now called the Frankland Centre and is operated by the State Forensic Mental



Burdekin report

Illness (Burdekin inquiry) exposed the devastating personal impact of inadequate mental health and welfare services and served as a catalyst for reform. In WA, the 1995 Mental Health Task Force was established to prepare a blueprint for the future management of mental health.





the universal principles of recovery, consumer empowerment and human rights. WAAMH continued to advocate for policy changes for the benefit of consumers, families and carers, and for services to support people with

The National Inquiry into Human Rights and Mental



Recovery and reform

The 2000s brought a renewed impetus for reform built on

mental illness to lead positive, contributing lives.

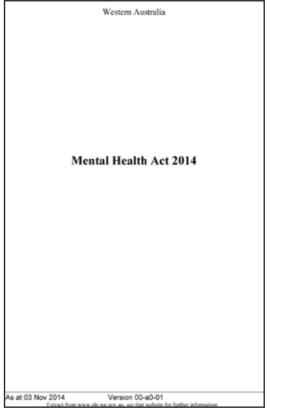
Federal government lifts its commitment to mental health

Although the first national mental health strategy was endorsed by state and federal ministers in 1992, it wasn't until 2006 that the Howard government made a substantial, direct commitment to mental health in the budget. Mental health was the centrepiece of 2011's federal budget with a \$2.2 billion dollar commitment over the following five years. The federal Minister for Mental Health, Mr Mark Butler visited Perth to discuss details of the budget at a meeting convened by WAAMH.



The long awaited Mental Health Bill 2013 was

tabled in parliament and WAAMH was heavily involved in the implementation group and the various sub-committees. The bill passed in 2014 and came into effect in November 2015. The Attorney General also released the discussion paper into potential reforms of The Criminal Law (Mentally Impaired Accused) Act 1996 in 2013



Release of the WA Mental Health Alcohol and **Other Drug Services** Plan 2015-2025

The WA Mental Health Commission's long awaited release of the Western Australian Mental Health Alcohol and Other Drug Services Plan 2015-2025 was welcomed by WAAMH. The plan blueprinted significant investment in prevention and early intervention with a focus on growth in the community-managed mental health sector.

Government of Western Australia
Mental Health Commission



New Minister

Andrea Mitchell as the new forward to her driving further reform within the sector.



effective public policy, delivering workforce training and sector

Western Australian Association

50 Years

Half a century on, WAAMH

continues to support the

community-managed mental

health sector by advocating for

for Mental Health

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS