

# feminism is for everybody

bell hooks



Women's  
Health  
Tasmania



# Annual Report 2022/2023

## A mesage from the Chair and CEO

As we write this, we are celebrating the Australian women netballers’ World Championship win and the wonderful achievements of the Matildas in the FIFA World Cup. Everyone, but especially women and girls, are loving seeing strong, committed women working as teams to achieve their goals. We’re all dreaming of being strong and fast and being part of a knock out team.

So here is a team for you to join – feminists! ‘Feminism is for everybody’ is our theme this year.

At WHT our feminism embraces lots of ideas and people. We take an ‘intersectional approach’ in how we work. That means that we think about the way lots of issues intersect to affect people’s lives. We understand that gender is a major driver of health outcomes so it is a critically important lens to think about when we work with women, but it is not the only one. Women come from all different walks of life and have different experiences. We are deeply affected by our class, our visa status, our level of dis/ability, our race, where we live... you name it. In our work we try to be open to hearing from women about all these things.

Our feminism also embraces diverse understandings of sex, gender and sexuality. That is why you will see us talking about ‘women and other folk who menstruate’ in a menstrual health project, or promoting cervical screening by talking to ‘everyone who has a cervix’. Many diverse folk would appreciate information or resources we have to share, and we try to think about how to share these resources in ways that are accessible to them.

Talking to diverse people in diverse places takes us all over Tasmania, and we do this by delivering projects, partnerships and online resources. Some highlights of this year have been the final phases of the Rural Strength Training project in St Helens, Dunalley and Geeveston, and the Migrant Mother and Baby Group. We also grateful for the ongoing support from donors for the Undies Project.

Thank you to our great team of volunteers, and our wonderful donors, and everyone else who has been part of the WHT community over the last year. Women tell us our services have helped them get to the places they want to go in their lives. We know we couldn’t have done our work without you.

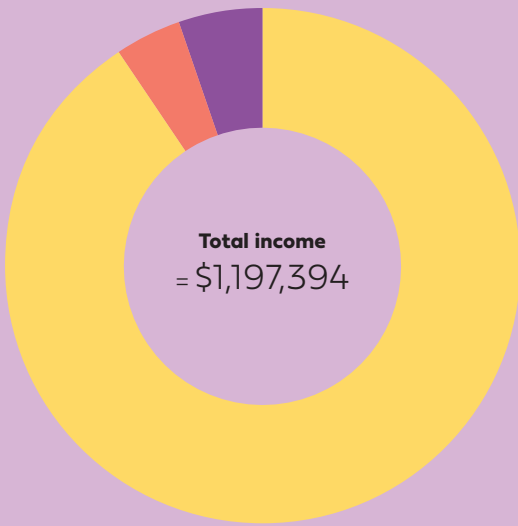
We had a vote on what famous quote we wanted to use on our poster and we settled on this one. We think it is generous, and inspiring, and optimistic. We hope you do too.

Thank you everyone,

Chair  
**NAOMI BRYANT**

CEO  
**JO FLANAGAN**

## Our finances

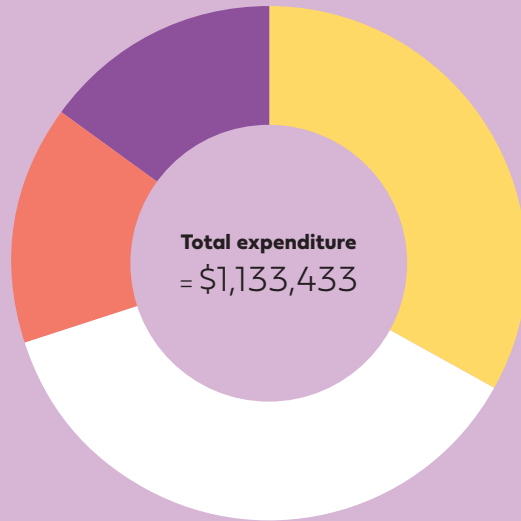


### Income

- Operating grants \$1,087,316
- Donations \$47,565
- Sundry \$62,513

### Expenditure

- Administration \$376,190
- Activities and allied health services \$418,654
- Health promotion \$171,441
- Research and policy \$167,148



## New projects

### Pregnancy Choices Tasmania website

This year we launched a new website — an online directory of Tasmanian sexual and reproductive health services. It can connect Tasmanians to their local health services, including pharmacists, GPs, hospitals, private specialists, radiologists and counsellors. WHT has been active in contacting and engaging with health service providers to sign up to the website, and to keep their information up to date.

### The Gambling Project

Over the last year we have worked with women from Tigrinyan-, Farsi- and Nepali-speaking communities to identify what those communities would like to know about gambling risk factors and how to protect themselves and their communities from developing problem gambling behaviours. Together we have co-designed audio and written resources for their communities in these community languages.

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## Our staff

CEO <b>JO FLANAGAN</b>	Finance <b>JULIE COOPER</b>
Health Workers <b>VIENT HANG CHU</b> <b>BJ HOOK</b> <b>GRACE MACKENZIE</b> <b>MAREE RANSLEY</b> <b>JEN VAN-ACHTEREN</b>	Administration <b>SOPHIE WOOD</b>
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Social Worker <b>HEIDI MORTON</b>	Health Promotion Activity Providers <b>VALERIE CAMERON</b> <b>JEAN GILBERT</b> <b>MAREE GRIMSDALE</b> <b>WENDY HARTSHORN</b> <b>ROSEMARY KERRISON</b>
Project Manager <b>MARGIE LAW</b>	Volunteers <b>LILY-SASSAFRAS</b> <b>BAIRD-GIBSON</b> <b>DIANE BRIGGS</b> <b>MABEL CLARKSON</b> <b>KATH MCLEAN</b> <b>JEN NEWTON</b> <b>MIRABAI PHILIPS</b> <b>FRANCES WILLIAMSON</b>
Policy Officer <b>ELINOR HEARD</b>	
Playgroup Facilitators <b>AMIRAH ONWUEGBUZIE</b> <b>BARB SMITH</b>	

## Our Board

Women’s Health Tasmania is a charity which is overseen by a Board of Governance. The Board meets regularly and maintains regular working groups to assist it in the performance of its functions. Other working groups are formed as needed.

Chair  
**NAOMI BRYANT**

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**REBEKAH MCWHIRTER**

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**JUSTINE BARWICK**

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**NADIA AYLIFFE**

Public Officer  
**LAKSHMI SUNDAM**

Chair of the Marketing and Fundraising Working Group  
**LAURA PURCELL** (resigned 2023)  
**EMILIE LINSOTT**  
**MEREDITH NASH**  
**JESS SHILL**  
**NGAIRE BURGESS** (resigned 2023)

16,131

occasions of service

8,508

attendances at classes  
and activities

4,776

attendances at  
webinars/workshops  
or events

608

calls to  
Women’s Health  
Information Line

97%

of Tasmania’s  
Local Government  
Areas accessed  
our services

300

counselling  
appointments

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Who was bell hooks?

**bell hooks was the pen name of Gloria Jean Watkins** (d 2021). She was an African-American who emerged from a poor, segregated community to become a famous author, academic, educator, and social critic.

She is best known for her work on race, feminism, and class.

She pointed out that unfair power relationships related to race, capitalism and gender work together to create exclusion and inequity.

We love her statement ‘feminism is for everybody’ because it tells us that what we at WHT value about feminism — inclusivity and respect — are important tools we can use to transform gender, race and social relationships.