



Action for More Independence and Dignity in  
Accommodation

# Annual Report 2015



*Advocacy, Self-Advocacy, Rights, Accessibility, and Community Living  
for People with a Disability*

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**AMIDA**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**13<sup>th</sup> October 2015**  
**AGENDA**

- 10.00      Welcome  
             Present/Apologies  
             Endorsement of new members  
             Confirm Minutes of the Previous AGM  
             Chairperson's Report  
             Activities Report – AMIDA advocacy, SARU, ARG  
             Treasurer's Report

Chair is handed over to Returning Officer for election of committee members

- 11.00      Guest Speaker – People with Disability Australia  
12.30      Lunch  
1.30      Close of meeting



**AMIDA**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**14<sup>th</sup> October, 2014**

**Present:** Norrie Blythman, Jane Rosengrave, Luke Stone, Simon Chong, Heidi Peart, David Craig, Tess McCarthy, Mark Feigan, Peta Ferguson, Esther Harris, Lachlan Jones, Trudy Ryall, Jacqui Ward, Heather Forsyth, Graham Williams, Jan Coles, Kate Kennedy, Carmel Laragy, Felix Neighbour, James Teeken, Virginia Richardson, Timothy Elson, Daisy Serong, John Harrowell, Amanda Milleear, Susan Arthur, Peter Waters, Ray Groves, Sue Smith, Pam Geoghegan, Pauline Williams, Koula Sarimichaelidis,

**Apologies:** Lauren Rosewarne, Colin Hiscoe, Rosie Furmeister, John Slattery, Janice Slattery, Brenda Lacey, Mary Reid, Gabrielle Dickinson, Elizabeth McGarry ACD, Steve Reidy-Jones, Adriane Dyke DSS, Michael Cromie OoD, Kelly Geoghegan

Pauline Williams welcomed everyone to the land of the Wurundjeri and paid respects to elders past and present.

Norrie Blythman chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**Endorsement of New Members:** Luke Nelson and Carmel Leragy

**Motion:** ‘that the above be accepted as new members of AMIDA’

**Moved** – Tim Elson    **Seconded** – Luke Stone    **Carried**

**Minutes of Previous AGM:**

“that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record”

**Moved** – Tim Elson    **Seconded** – Luke Stone    **Carried**

**Chairperson’s Report:** Presented by Norrie Blythman

**Activities Report:** Presented by Pauline Williams

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Pauline apologised for Brenda's absence and presented the Treasurer's report.

**Moved** – Peter Waters      **Seconded** – Jane Rosengrave      **Carried**

Barco and Co auditors be appointed as auditors for 2014-2015

**Moved** – Peter Waters      **Seconded** – Jane Rosengrave      **Carried**

Peter Waters spoke about the Audit process and thanked everyone for their work. He commended Norrie Blythman on his Chairmanship.

Amanda Hiscoe congratulated AMIDA on its work over the years.

**Elections:**      The Chair was handed to Returning Officer, Pauline Williams.

Pauline declared 8 vacancies in accordance with the Constitution as there were 8 continuing members from 2013:

Norrie Blythman  
Luke Stone  
Brenda Lacey  
Graeme Williams  
Peter Waters  
Simon Chong  
Kay Forstner  
Ray Groves

Pauline asked for nominations from the floor:

Trudy Ryall nominated  
James Teeken nominated

“that the above nominations for the committee be accepted”

**Moved** – Luke Stone      **Seconded** – Tim Elson      **Carried**

Pauline and Norrie welcomed our Guest Speaker Colleen Hartland who spoke to the meeting about the upcoming State Election

**General Business:**

Amanda Millear presented a historical photo to Norrie with herself, John Slattery and the Minister of the time from when AMIDA started out.

Peter Waters thanked the AMIDA staff for their great work. Pauline then thanked the AMIDA committee (all volunteers) for their hard work and support of the workers.

**The meeting was closed 11.30am**

## **Chairpersons Report - Peter Waters**

For the last 34 years AMIDA, Action for More Independence and Dignity in Accommodation, has been providing people with disabilities with advocacy assistance and help with accommodation and other issues in their lives.

I would firstly like to thank all the committee members, staff and other supporters for all their input and support throughout the last year. I would also like to thank the other organisations who we work closely with managing the SARU (Self Advocacy Resource Unit) such as, Reinforce, Brain Injury Matters and Start Community Art for their on-going support and collaboration throughout the year.

There is no doubt in my mind that the biggest highlight was attending along with about 10 others from the above organisations the Victorian Disability Sector Awards. SARU was nominated in the category of Excellence in Advocacy and Rights Promotion where we, as an organisation, were Highly Commended and received an award. Congratulations must go to Sue Smith, Jacqui Ward, Dean Dadson and Jan Coles. Also thanks to Michael Buckley our fantastic filmmaker who has moved onto better things.

Also congratulations must go to the SARU Project Management Group for their diligent work over the year and the award belongs to you guys too.

AMIDA continues to get stronger and stronger. In May of this year we were independently audited against the National Standards by SAI Global. May I report back to you that I am proud to be the chairperson of AMIDA as our report back was simply fantastic. And we continue to get better and better every audit we do.

May I congratulate our workers Pauline Williams, Gabrielle Dickinson, Koula Sarimichaelidis, and Pam Geoghegan on their hard work and preparation for the audit. Without you guys none of it would have been possible.

Raising Our Voices radio show again is getting better and better every year. The number of shows we do cover a wide range of topics concerning living well in the community. Our team gets bigger every year. Welcome to all those new presenters and let's have another great year of shows ahead.

Getting all the good stuff out of the way leads me to something serious and sad matters.

During the year we lost 2 of our long term members in Des McIntosh and Graeme Williams. They were both characters in their own way but most of all they were great self-advocates and great activists. May their legacies live on in our hearts and may we all as we go forward remember the example they gave us. Three words spring to mind: gutsy, courageous, and inspirational. May you both rest in peace.

I have already congratulated AMIDA on their great work but and there is a but, we at the organisation cannot afford to get complacent. We are funded to July next year and our biggest goal has to be obtaining more funding. I am sure if we band together we can achieve something very special in the next year.

In closing I have been on the committee for over 15 years and I love it. I encourage new people to get on board and ride that roller coaster with us. There are a lot of challenges ahead but new ideas always go a long way to make the organisation better. I will leave you with my two mottos in life; never give up and always do your best. If AMIDA can live by these mottos we will be here advocating for many years to come.



Peter Waters BA  
Chairperson



AMIDA acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government

AMIDA also acknowledges the support of the Commonwealth Government.



## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Peter Waters	Chairperson
Luke Stone	Vice Chairperson
Brenda Lacey	Treasurer
Graeme Williams	Assistant Treasurer
Norrie Blythman	Secretary
Simon Chong	Committee Member
Trudy Ryall	Committee Member
James Teeken	Committee Member
Kay Forstner	Committee Member
Ray Groves	Committee Member



## AMIDA WORKERS

Gabrielle Dickinson	Housing Rights/Coordinator
Pauline Williams	Housing Rights/Coordinator
Pam Geoghegan	Housing Rights Advocate
Koula Sarimichaelidis	Administration/Finance
Gab Reade	Radio Technical Producer
Jane Rosengrave	Peer Educator/Advisor

## Self-Advocacy Resource Unit

Sue Smith	SARU Project Worker
Jacqui Ward	SARU Project Worker
Jan Coles	SARU Project Worker
Dean Dadson	SARU Project Worker
Michael Buckley	Film maker and Project Worker ARG
Rebecca Biddle	Peer Advisor





# **Activities Report – July 2014- June 2015**

## **Systemic Advocacy**

In AMIDA's view despite the fact that Australia has signed the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with a Disability, we are very far from complying with it. A number of the articles in the Convention relate to people being able to live in the community. Article 19 is the right to live independently and be included in the community, choosing where you live and who you live with. In Australia there is no real choice for most people with a disability requiring support. Group homes and Institutions for people with a disability are places where around 15,000 Victorians with a disability live in order to receive needed support. With thousands waiting for a support service, people are forced to accept any vacancy that is offered. We continue to lobby for more person centred support provision and affordable, accessible housing, which is managed separately from support.

## **Supported Living**

We partnered La Trobe University in research into supported living for people with an intellectual disability to find out how people who are living independently in the community are supported and what successful support looks like. The aim is better support and community living for people with a disability so they can have an improvement in their lives. This research concluded and was release this year.

[LivingwithDisabilityResearchSupportinginclusionofpeoplewithcognitivedisabilities](#) (pdf)

## **Closure of Institutions**

After much lobbying, including a letter writing campaign started by AMIDA, the previous State government made a number of commitments such as the closure of Sandhurst and the Oakleigh centre. They also made allocated money for 20 residents of Colanda to move into group homes in the community. However there will still be around 60 people living at Colanda and we must pressure the new State Government to finish the job by closing Colanda.

We will continue to advocate for all people with a disability living in congregated segregated settings to be supported to live in the community and given the choice of where they live and who they live with.

## **Violence and Abuse in residential services**

This year we made written and verbal submissions to a number of inquiries that are confronting this terrible reality. We made submission to 7 different inquiries with our experience and that of people with a disability and our views on safeguarding rights, the need for advocacy and self-advocacy and the structural changes we believe are needed. Our submissions were referred to in the findings of the Ombudsman on Investigating Abuse and the Parliament of Victoria report into Abuse in Disability Services. Some of our points were picked up in recommendations such as the importance of advocacy and the need for an independent body to oversee incident reporting and complaints. We will continue to participate in this process and urge action to follow up these inquiries.

## **Improving Accommodation**

We also continued to lobby for more and better Public Housing. We are concerned that the State and Federal Governments have not funded this adequately. We have urged the new State government to build more accessible affordable housing at meetings and in submissions.

## **Tenancy Rights**

We lobbied for better residential tenancies rights for renters including the right to make modifications for accessibility in renter premises. The new State Government has initiated a review of tenancy law so we are hopeful this will be changed.



## **The National Disability Insurance Scheme**

With the introduction of this new Australia wide program we have been busy putting our views into the development of the scheme. We wrote submissions on the Quality and Safeguarding Framework and the Information, Capacity building and Linkages program. We are also making sure the NDIA and both Federal and State governments know about the importance of advocacy and self-advocacy.

## **Raising Our Voices Self advocacy Group -the radio show**

2014/15 has been our 28<sup>th</sup> year of supporting people with a disability having the opportunity to be involved in the Raising Our Voices self-advocacy group who produce their own radio show on 3CR 855am. This is a self-advocacy group gives people the opportunity to air their views, their own



stories and also tackles systemic issues. The show goes to air on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm and is supported by a dedicated team of broadcasters from Reinforce and AMIDA. Topics this year have included:

- Live Radiothon show
- Ria, Janice and Amanda talk about women, disability and technology
- Luke N discusses the NDIS and Housing
- Sue Smith from the Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU) joins Tim and Pauline from AMIDA to explain how the self-advocacy model works and why it matters
- James tells us all about the Branching Out art show and his new job selling the Big Issue
- Sue Smith, Self-Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU) Coordinator live session from the Strengthening Disability Advocacy Conference 2014. Change with No Change: ideas for making change happen when you have little or no money.
- The National Disability Awards where Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU) were finalists in Improving Advocacy and Rights Promotion Award. Jane and Lisa talk with winners First Peoples Disability Network and Federal Minister for Disability, Mitch Fifield
- Graeme Innes was the Disability Commissioner and was recently dismissed by the Federal Government. He talks at the 2014 Strengthening Advocacy Conference
- Jane recently told her story to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse. Talking openly about the violence, abuse and neglect many people with a disability suffered in institutions is something AMIDA has been advocating about for years. Jane explains the different ways people with disabilities can speak out and have a say.
- Peter, James and Pauline discuss travel, disability and access. Peter travelled to the US in 2014 and he shares his experience and ideas on how access could be improved here in Australia
- Ria and Amanda discuss Human Rights and Justice. What does justice mean for people with disabilities, and how is our real life experience different to our vision of a just world?

Thanks to everyone who participated, supported and produced shows on issues important to people with a disability. There are always many people with a disability who are part of this group and directly involved in the planning, presentation and interviewing for the show and in our training this year. Thanks to Gab Reade, our wonderful technical producer. Thanks also to 3CR. Copies of the shows are available on CD. Shows can be listened to live on your computer if your radio doesn't pick up 3CR. Just go to [www.3cr.org.au/raisingourvoices](http://www.3cr.org.au/raisingourvoices) We also have podcasts of the show on our website [www.amida.org.au](http://www.amida.org.au) Don't forget our special anniversary CD to celebrate Raising Our Voices, 25 years strong on 3CR 855am. We still have a few free copies you can get from AMIDA.

### **Information, Advice, Referral and Individual Advocacy**

During 2014/15 we continued to provide information, advice, referral and individual advocacy to people with a disability. We were able to provide information, advice and referral to 116 people with a disability and community organisations. Hundreds of people were provided with information as part of 8 separate presentations, at forums, conferences and education sessions. 30 people were provided with direct individual advocacy, family advocacy or self-advocacy support.

### **Disseminating information about AMIDA and improving access to AMIDA**

We again produced 4 newsletters. We have tried to include important information that we receive from government and the community as well as our own activities. Thanks to all the members who made contributions as these are most welcome. The newsletters and lots of other information including our recent submissions are on our web site [www.amida.org.au](http://www.amida.org.au)

### **The Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU)**

AMIDA continues to support the SARU and the last 12 months have been very busy.



SARU and self advocacy groups have been very busy in the last 12 months. Here are just some of the things we have done . . . .



## Why Self Advocacy Matters Forum Geelong



SARU ran another very successful *Why Self Advocacy Matters* forum this time in Geelong. The audience included people from government, service providers, advocacy services and even the police. Ten self advocates presented at the forum including members of Reinforce, United

Brains, DnD, New Wave, and BIM. SARU also worked with groups and supporters to make ten videos to show at the conference including Sister Rocks, All Abilities Advocacy, Have a Say group and various Geelong based groups. The videos also

included Glynn Evans DHHS Morwell and the CEO of AMICUS. There was lots of great feedback about the forum including:

*"It was a remarkable, informative and eye opening event. I have been the parent of a child with a disability for 18 years, and yet, listening to the adult participants, I realise our challenges have only just begun. I was also made to feel so very grateful to all the advocates who have already paved the way for my daughter to "be heard".*



## Voice At The Table Funding



In May this year SARU received the good news that the NDIA was going to fund the Voice at the Table project. The project aims to increase the number of people with intellectual disabilities or with an Acquired Brain Injury sitting on boards, committees and advisory groups within government, services and community organisations at a local, state and national level. SARU will be running training for 24 people in February and January next year.

## National Disability Awards

SARU were finalists in the 2014 National Disability Awards - Advocacy and Rights Promotion category. On 25<sup>th</sup> November Pauline, Jane from reinforce, Lisa from BIM and Sue flew to Canberra for the awards ceremony. Unfortunately, we didn't win but we were thrilled to be finalists.

As the front cover shows SARU recently received a Highly Commended in the 2015 Victorian Disability Sector Awards.



## Two New Self Advocacy Groups Up and Running

SARU supported two new self advocacy groups to get up and running they are Speak Up Bayside and Speak Up Alexandra. Speak Up Bayside is a self advocacy group run by and for people with an Acquired Brain Injury. In May 2015 Speak Up Bayside received a grant from the Bayside Council to help them to get started and do some planning. Speak Up Alexandra have hit the ground running. They have lots of plans and ideas and members are already on local and regional Disability Advisory Councils. They are planning on making a video, a radio show and hold a building projection event in Alexandra.

## Self Advocacy and the NDIS

SARU has been working with self advocacy groups to make sure they have the chance to have a say in the NDIS some of the things that have happened include:

- NDIS Self Advocacy Working group meeting with David Bowen CEO of the NDIA, Liz Cairns NDIA General Operations Manager and Stephanie Gunn Barwon Trial Site manager. David has agreed to meet with the working group every six months.



- Liz Cairns speaking at the Geelong *Why Self Advocacy Matters* Forum
- Working with Toni Van Hammond from the NDIA to help make the forum happen
- SARU invited on to the NDIA CEO Forums
- NDIA funding the Voice at The Table project
- Susan Arthur invited on to the NDIA Intellectual Disability Reference Group

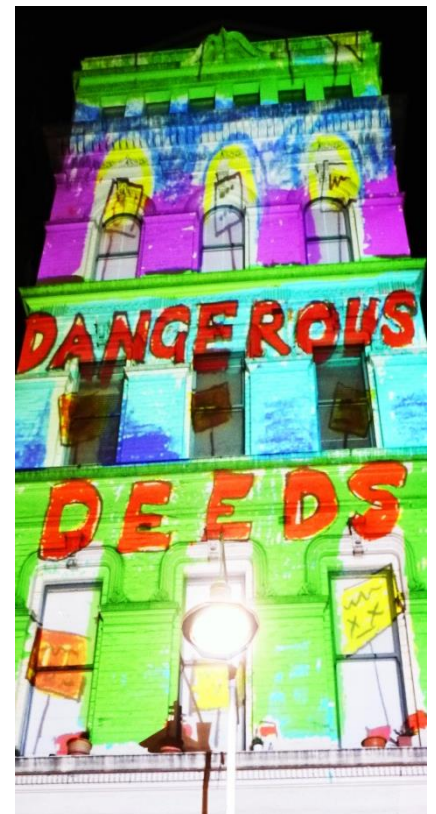


## **Strengthening Disability Advocacy Conference**

In August 2014 the Strengthening Disability Advocacy Conference was held. Sixty three self advocates representing eighteen groups attended the conference. Self advocacy groups presented at the conference. Presentations included a VSAN Forum, Deafblind World, Self Advocates making change happen, Bully or Victim, Champion of Change and Let's Talk about Sex.

## **Dangerous Deeds**

SARU is working in partnership with stART Community Art and Diversity and Disability to create an arts exhibition that tells the story of the disability movement and advocacy and self-advocacy in Victoria. In 2014 and 2015 SARU supported self advocacy groups to take part in the project. Brain Injury Matters worked with SARU to hold a building projection event in Flinders lane, New Wave Self Advocacy Group worked with a Anne Ferguson to make a town out of clay, Colin Hiscoe worked with film maker Michael Buckley, DND worked with Larissa MacFarlane to make an Arts book and DeafBlind Victorians worked with Birra-li Ward to create clay tablets.



All of the art work went into an accessible exhibition. Minister Martin Foley agreed to launch the exhibition and attended along with about 70 guests.

## Group Round Up

Some of the great work groups have been doing includes:

- *Victorian Self Advocacy Network* up and running with 18 members and they also ran a forum at the Strengthening Disability Advocacy Conference
- *Powerful Parents Self Advocacy Group* completing their video “*How Would You Feel?*” and running the hugely successful forum “*It Can Happen If . . . .Creating Positive Change for Parents with an Intellectual Disability*”
- *Reinforce* producing a CD of songs about self advocacy
- *Deafblind Victorians* – running DeafBlind World for Public Transport Corporation staff and the police.
- *Brain Injury Matters* making their Hitchhikers Guide Through the Brain Maze kit.
- *New Wave* – continues to spread the word about self-advocacy and how it can change lives.
- *Shout Out Shepparton* – running a self advocacy film night
- *NDIS Self Advocacy Working Group* - working hard to make sure groups have a say in what happens in the NDIS and also to make sure self advocacy groups get funding in the future.
- *United Brains* continuing to support a network of ABI self advocacy and support groups.
- *Raising Our Voices* planning to run a Q&A in November called “Self Advocacy . . . .on the Map?”
- *DND* working with SARU and stART to run the Dangerous Deeds project

And lots more . . . . .



For more information go to the SARU:



Web Page [www.saru.net.au](http://www.saru.net.au)



Face Book <https://www.facebook.com/groups/102307067022/>



Twitter <https://twitter.com/saruoz>

### **Treasurers Report - Brenda Lacey**

AMIDA finished the financial year 2014/15 in a healthy position. Our reports are consolidated into one report as this is a requirement of Consumer Affairs. The reports show a net loss of \$43,721 but this is because we have been funded in previous financial years for projects we spent money to operate this year. We have retained profits of \$141,773 which includes grants that are being spent over more than one year, provisions for workers and donations received.

AMIDA continues to receive funding from the Commonwealth Department of Social Services under the National Disability Advocacy Program. We receive funding from the State Department of Human Services through the Office for Disability for the Self Advocacy Resource Unit.

Overall the financial position of AMIDA, and the projects it supports, is a healthy one and we are in a position to meet all our obligations.



**AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED ABN 32 993 870 380**

Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2015

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**AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED ABN 32 993 870 380**  
**Committee's Report**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2015**

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

**Committee Members**

The names of committee members at the date of this report are: Norrie Blythman, Luke Stone, Peter Waters, Trudy Ryall, Simon Chong, Brenda Lacey, Ray Groves, James Teeken,

**Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were: PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED.

**Significant Changes**

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

**Operating Result**

The deficit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

Year ended	Year ended
30 June 2015	30 June 2014
\$	\$
(43,721)	(81,977)

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on:

8<sup>th</sup> September 2015

*N Blythman*

*Bacey*

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**AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED ABN 32 993 870 380**  
**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2015**

	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	300	300
Interest received	3,135	4,927
Other income	9,254	973
Sydney Myer Fund Grant		9,000
Saru Management Income	16,631	15,119
Saru Grant - Ongoing	225,591	195,361
Federal Grant	136,796	129,463
Total income	391,707	355,143
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising and promotion	1,698	2,297
Saru Management Costs	16,631	15,119
Audit fees	4,270	4,769
Bank Fees And Charges	650	421
Computer Expenses	2,951	4,869
Conference/seminar costs	20,958	2,196
Consultants fees	13,708	11,289
Delivery	31	31
Depreciation - plant	2,164	2,708
Depreciation - office exps	38	1,890
Donations		235
Gift Vouchers	2,001	
DVD expenses		70
Radio Show Fees	1,857	640
Filing Fees	106	103

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**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
Hire - Meeting Room		2,592
Internet Access	1,146	289
Interest - Australia		120
Long service leave	13,298	9,000
Meeting Room Costs	6,174	3,124
Parking	424	592
Postage	839	1,484
Photocopy	2,126	1,454
Printing	5,604	4,662
Production of Information	2,085	4,991
Project Workers		18,145
Rates & land taxes	543	
Rent on land & buildings	34,988	32,066
Repairs & maintenance	77	1,373
Staff amenities		941
Staff training	48	479
Storage Fees		50
Stationery		743
Subscriptions	792	962
Sundry expenses	1,665	1,998
Superannuation	25,081	26,113
Telephone	2,281	2,346
Travel, accom & conference	6,828	8,197
Wages	259,324	262,981
Workcover	5,041	5,780

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**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2015**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Total expenses	435,428	437,120
<b>Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax</b>		
	<b>(43,721)</b>	<b>(81,977)</b>
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
<b>Net profit (loss) attributable to the association</b>		
	<b>(43,721)</b>	<b>(81,977)</b>
<b>Total changes in equity of the association</b>	<b>(43,721)</b>	<b>(81,977)</b>
Opening retained profits	185,494	267,472
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(43,721)	(81,977)
<b>Closing retained profits</b>	<b>141,773</b>	<b>185,494</b>

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**AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED ABN 32 993 870 380**  
**Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2015**

	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash Assets</b>		
Cash At Bank - A/c 00901238	9,435	2,138
Saru Bank Account 10409017	31,809	23,498
Cash at Bank A/c 00901211	15,192	28,406
Cash at Bank A/c 10568886	16,000	16,000
Cash at Bank A/c 10568851	55,000	55,000
Cash at Bank A/c 10568843	42,000	72,000
Cash on hand	102	41
Petty Cash	(110)	8
	169,429	197,091
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>169,429</b>	<b>197,091</b>
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Plant & equipment - at cost	42,317	42,317
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(34,576)	(31,204)
Office equipment	6,411	6,411
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(6,411)	(6,402)
Plant - Other	1,627	1,627
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(1,596)	(1,445)
	7,773	11,305
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>	<b>7,773</b>	<b>11,305</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>177,202</b>	<b>208,395</b>

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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED ABN 32 993 870 380****Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2015**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Payables</b>		
<b>Unsecured:</b>		
Other creditors	1,264	2,478
	1,264	2,478
<b>Current Tax Liabilities</b>		
GST payable control account	37,164	34,122
Input tax credit control account	(10,513)	(10,738)
GST clearing	(23,741)	(20,116)
Amounts withheld from salary and wages	4,956	4,156
	7,866	7,424
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>9,131</b>	<b>9,901</b>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Provisions</b>		
Employees entitlements	26,298	13,000
	26,298	13,000
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>	<b>26,298</b>	<b>13,000</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>35,429</b>	<b>22,901</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>141,773</b>	<b>185,494</b>
<b>Members' Funds</b>		
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	141,773	185,494
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>	<b>141,773</b>	<b>185,494</b>

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**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>Cash Flow From Operating Activities</b>		
Receipts from customers	388,572	350,216
Payments to Suppliers and employees	(420,698)	(423,018)
Interest received	3,135	4,927
Interest and other costs of finance		(120)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities (note 2)		
	(28,991)	(67,995)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(28,991)	(67,995)
Cash at the beginning of the year	197,091	265,274
Cash at the end of the year (note 1)	168,099	197,279

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	2015	2014
	\$	\$

**Note 1. Reconciliation Of Cash**

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks and investments in money market instruments, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

Cash at the end of the year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:

Cash At Bank - A/c 00901238	9,435	2,138
Saru Bank Account 10409017	31,809	23,498
Cash at Bank A/c 00901211	15,192	28,406
Cash at Bank A/c 10568886	16,000	16,000
Cash at Bank A/c 10568851	55,000	55,000
Cash at Bank A/c 10568843	42,000	72,000
Cash on hand	102	41
Petty Cash	(110)	8
	169,429	197,091

**Note 2. Reconciliation Of Net Cash Provided By/Used In Operating Activities To Operating Profit After Income Tax**

Operating profit after income tax	(43,721)	(81,977)
Depreciation	2,202	4,598
Changes in assets and liabilities net of effects of purchases and disposals of controlled entities:		
Increase (decrease) in other creditors	(1,213)	2,137
Increase (decrease) in employee entitlements	13,298	9,000
Increase (decrease) in sundry provisions	443	(1,752)
<b>Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>(28,991)</b>	<b>(67,995)</b>

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**AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED ABN 32 993 870 380**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2015**

**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012 (Vic) . The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

**(a) Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)**

Leasehold improvements and office equipment are carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

The depreciable amount of all PPE is depreciated over the useful lives of the assets to the association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

Leasehold improvements are amortised over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

**(b) Impairment of Assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the entity reviews the carrying values of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying value. Any excess of the asset's carrying value over its recoverable amount is expensed to the income statement.

**(c) Employee Benefits**

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

**(d) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

**(e) Revenue and Other Income**

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Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

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

**(f) Leases**

Leases of PPE, where substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to the ownership of the asset, but not the legal ownership, are transferred to the association, are classified as finance leases.

Finance leases are capitalised by recording an asset and a liability at the lower of the amounts equal to the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments, including any guaranteed residual values. Lease payments are allocated between the reduction of the lease liability and the lease interest expense for that period.

Leased assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the lease term. Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

**(g) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Tax Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the assets and liabilities statement are shown inclusive of GST.

**(h) Trade and Other Payables**

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period, which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

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Schedule 1

Regulation 15

Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012

Sections 94(2)(b), 97(2)(b) and 100(2)(b)

This form is required to be provided to the association's members at the AGM, along with the associations finalised annual accounts.

Annual statements give true and fair view of financial performance and position of incorporated association.

We, Brenda Lacey and Norrie Blythman (names of two committee members of incorporated association),

Being members of the Committee of Action for More independence and Dignity in Accommodation, certify that-

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the association during and at the end of the financial year of the association ending on 30/6/15

Signed:



Dated: 8.9.15

Signed:



Dated: 8.9.15

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## **AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED ABN 32 993 870 380**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members**

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED (the association), which comprises the Statement by Members of the Committee, Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

### **Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report**

The committee of AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED is 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 of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic) and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibilities also includes such internal control as the committee 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.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial report presents truly and fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED as at 30 June 2015 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic)

### **Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution**

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Vic). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

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**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members**



Signed on : 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015

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Mrs Letizia Barco, FCPA.      BARCO & ASSOCIATES   45 Johnson Street Reservoir Vic 3073

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