

AMIDA

Action for More Independence and Dignity in Accommodation

Annual Report 2013



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

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AMIDA
Annual General Meeting
10th September 2013
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
- 11.30 Guest Speaker – Sue Smith, SARU – “Arts & Advocacy”
- 12.00 Lunch
- 1.00 Close of meeting



AMIDA

Annual General Meeting

Minutes - 11th September, 2012

Present: Norrie Blythman (Chair), Graeme Williams, Ainsley Smith, Timothy Elson, Jane Hauser, Christina David, Nadia Shaw, Mary Reid, Esther Harris, Luke Stone, Peter Waters, Michael Buckley, Lauren Rosewarne, Janice Slattery, Simon Chong, James Teekan, Cynthia Pilli, Amanda Hiscoe, Gab Reade, Koula Sarimichaelidis, Pam Geoghegan, Pauline Williams, Gabrielle Dickinson

Apologies: Daisy Serong, John Serong, Lisa Brumtis, Alan Burchill, Des McIntosh, Paul Ramcharan, Brenda Lacey, Colin Hiscoe

Norrie Blythman welcomed everyone.

Endorsement of new members:

Dr Lauren Rosewarne, Simon Chong, Timothy Elson, Christina David

“That the new members applications for membership be endorsed”

Moved – Cynthia **Seconded** - Luke **Carried**

Minutes of Previous AGM:

Read by Pauline.

“That they be accepted as a true and correct record”

Moved – Amanda **Seconded** - Jane **Carried**

Chairpersons Report:

Presented by Norrie

Peter congratulated Norrie as a great Chair, and the committee on a great year.

Moved – Peter **Seconded** - Amanda **Carried**

Act Resources Group ipad/iphone App:

Michael Buckley at ARG has developed a new application on the Disability Act, which he demonstrated.

Activities Report:

Pauline presented the Activities Report.

Treasurer's Report:

In Brenda Lacey's absence Norrie Blythman presented the Treasurer's Report.

Moved - Peter Waters **Seconded** - Tim **Carried**

"That Barco & Associates be endorsed as auditors"

Moved – Janice **Seconded** – Peter **Carried**

"That Peter Waters continue as Public Officer"

Moved – Tim **Seconded** – Cynthia **Carried**

Elections:

The Chair was handed to Returning Officer, Esther Harris
Esther thanked AMIDA for inviting her to be Returning Officer again.
Esther declared 16 vacancies in accordance with the Constitution.

Nominations have been received from:

Christine David
Simon Chong
Norrie Blythman
Brenda Lacey

Nominations were called from the floor, and were received from:

Peter Waters
Tim Elson
Luke Stone
Graeme Williams
Lauren Rosewarne

"That the above nominations for the committee be accepted"

Moved - Cynthia **Seconded** - Janice **Carried**

Peter thanked Esther for attending as Returning Officer.

Launch of CD Raising Our Voices – 25 Years Strong

The artwork for the CD was created by Larissa Macfarlane, who presented the original artwork to AMIDA.

Amanda Hiscoe, as foundation member of Raising Our Voices, presented a framed original pamphlet from the first show, in remembrance of 25 years. Peter Waters, Jane Hauser, Janice Slattery and Norrie Blythman all spoke of the history of ROV.

The CD was launched and played at the meeting, and copies were distributed to everyone.

Cynthia suggested that the new committee consider contacting Radio National, Life Matters and Eastern Radio to do a story on Raising Our Voices.

The meeting closed at 12.00 and we then enjoyed a celebration lunch.

Chairpersons Report Norrie Blythman

This year AMIDA is 32 years old. And we are getting better and better each year.

The federal government continues to fund us through the National Disability Advocacy Program. We have also received funding from the State government for the SARU (Self-Advocacy Resource Unit).

The Raising Our Voices Radio Show continued into its 26th year with a variety of stories and people involved. The radio show continues to be important to our committee and to our members and the wider community, bringing information and entertainment to listeners.

We continue to be part of the peak body for advocacy organisations in Victoria, Disability Advocacy Victoria (DAV), with Norrie Blythman and Gabrielle Dickinson attending as AMIDA representatives.

This is our 5th year as lead partner in the SARU - Self Advocacy Resource Unit. The four partners are Start Community Art, AMIDA, Reinforce and Brain Injury Matters. For AMIDA, our role has included managing the finances, employing staff, attending meetings with the funding body and being represented on the Project Management Group. The SARU continues to be a very valuable service! From 13 groups when we started there are now 27 self-advocacy groups.

This year AMIDA became involved in three new projects. The first is looking at supported living for people with an intellectual disability; the second is developing a celebration of 21 years since the closure of the institution, Caloola. The third project is entitled 'Good Group Homes' and is looking at ways to enable community visitors to look for the good practices within the homes they visit, including production of a guide booklet. Our goal as always is to improve the lives of people with a disability.

AMIDA has done a lot of work this year on improving the quality of our work. We had to carefully look at how we work and make sure we are doing all that is required to provide a great service to people with a disability. Many of the people we worked with gave us feedback and we thank them for this. To check we are doing a great job AMIDA

was audited this year and after much work now has a Certificate of Registration that AMIDA operates a National Disability Advocacy Program complying with the Disability Advocacy Standards for the provision of systemic, individual, self and family advocacy.

Finally, I would like to thank the other Committee members for all their efforts and support throughout the year, and also the workers for the great work they have done. Thanks also to David Craig for his help with our strategic plan and Gillian Meldrum for her advocacy work and researching our committees training needs.

Norrie Blythman
Chairperson



AMIDA acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government

AMIDA also acknowledges the support of the Commonwealth Government.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Norrie Blythman	Chairperson
Graeme Williams	Vice Chair
Brenda Lacey	Treasurer
Peter Waters	Secretary/Public Officer
Christina David	Resigned 11 th June
Simon Chong	Committee Member
Tim Elson	Committee Member
Lauren Rosewarne	Committee Member
Kay Forstner	Committee Member
Luke Stone	Committee Member (Co-opted)
Kay Forstner	Committee Member (Co-opted)



AMIDA WORKERS

Gabrielle Dickinson	Housing Rights/Coordinator
Pauline Williams	Housing Rights/Coordinator
Pam Geoghegan	Housing Rights Advocate
Gillian Meldrum	Housing Rights Advocate
Koula Sarimichaelidis	Administration/Finance
Gab Reade	Radio Technical Producer
Mary Reid	Project Worker CRU Rights
Jane Hauser	Peer Educator/Advisor
Amanda Hiscoe	Peer Educator/Advisor
Nadia Shaw	CRU Rights support worker

Self-Advocacy Resource Unit

Sue Smith	SARU Project Worker
Jacqui Ward	SARU Project Worker
Jan Coles	SARU Project Worker
Dean Dadson	SARU Project Worker
Heidi Peart	SARU Project Worker
Michael Buckley	Film maker and Project Worker ARG
Lisa Brumtis	Actor/Peer advisor
Colin Hiscoe	Actor/Peer advisor
Peta Ferguson	Peer Advisor
Neil Cameron	Peer Advisor
Larissa MacFarlane	Peer Advisor
Andrew Maurice	Peer Advisor

Activities Report – 2012/13

Systemic Advocacy

Supported Living

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. For this reason and many others, AMIDA has endorsed the Shadow report on the UN Convention which lists all the ways Australia fails in its obligations. We continue to lobby for more person centred support provision and housing, which is managed separately from support.

This year we partnered La Trobe University in research into supported living for people with an intellectual disability. The aim of the research is to find out how people who are living independently in the community are supported, what the barriers to good support are and what successful support looks like. Hopefully this will lead to better support and community living for people with a disability so they can have an improvement in their lives.

Closure of Institutions

We have been assisting the Office of the Public Advocate to plan an event commemorating the closure of the institution known as Caloola 21 years

ago. This will be an opportunity to call for the closure of the remaining institutions in Victoria and to highlight the successful lives in the community that many former residents have led since the closure. We plan to hear from some of these people and to see some



of their stories from the Hidden Lives art installation which will be on display.

Improving Supported Accommodation

According to both the Disability Services Commissioner and the Office of the Public Advocate reports of abuse in residential services have been increasing. Together with Reinforce we met with the Public Advocate to discuss ways we could prevent abuse. She was happy to let services know about peer facilitated rights education that both AMIDA and Reinforce provide, as this empowering information can help prevent abuse. AMIDA is also proud to endorse the new IGUANA protocol developed by OPA. The Interagency Guideline for Addressing Neglect and Abuse (IGUANA) provides services with best practice steps to go through should abuse or neglect occur in services.

AMIDA is also represented on a steering group researching ways that Community Visitors can encourage positive support by staff in residential services. This is being done in conjunction with OPA and La Trobe University.

Tenancy Rights

We were invited by Youth Disability Advocacy Service to speak at a forum on housing held at the Arts Centre which was attended by 220 people with a disability and their families. Our federal funding allowed us to present information on rights in housing to 241 people in total.



We continued to expend our Department of Human Services (DHS) funding for our campaign to inform and empower people living in Community Residential Units. This funding has not been renewed for the new financial year, however AMIDA has made a commitment to continue the program for the time being from our own funds and continue to try to find a funding source for this successful program. Since the restructure of DHS and the abolition of the Disability services section, there is nowhere to apply for this type of funding within DHS. The Housing Know Your Rights presentations this year continued in group houses and day services following on from the mail out of around

1000 booklet/DVDs to all the Community Residential Units in Victoria. The DVD explains residential rights, how to ask for your rights and how to get advocacy support. Training has now been provided to an additional 122 residents bringing the total number of residents of CRUs who have participated in the training to 383. These people live at 85 different Community Residential Units and the majority of these sessions have taken place in country Victoria.

Raising Our Voices radio show

2012/13 has been our 26th year of supporting people with a disability having the opportunity to be involved in the Raising Our Voices radio show on 3CR 855am. This is a self-advocacy activity which 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
- Interview with James about moving out of a Community Residential Unit into supported independent living.
- Raising Our Voices 25th Anniversary show with highlights of the past 25 years
- Interview with Bernie Carolan from Transport ticketing about MYKI
- Peter “Muddy” Waters talks to Ray Groves about his plan to ride his Scooter from Sydney to Melbourne



- Lisa and Lara from Brain Injury Matters talk about Brain Injury
- Peter “Muddy” Waters returns triumphant from his 13 day scooter ride from Sydney to Melbourne now known as Muddy’s Wacky Scooter Bash
- More fantastic audio from our new 25th Anniversary CD of Raising

Our Voices

- Jane looks at some highlights from the 2012 Strengthening Advocacy Conference

- A Community Visitor to Caloola, shares her experience of and the problems with institutions for people with an intellectual disability
- Is Melbourne really the most liveable city for people with a disability. We talk to Travellers Aid Australia about this
- More Highlights from the 2012 Strengthening Disability Advocacy Conference

This year we also participated in an arts and advocacy program with people with a disability from Kirabati a group of islands in the Pacific. Many of the Raising Our Voices Team shared their skills and experience in using radio to raise issues. Thanks to everyone who participated and aired issues important to people with a disability. There are always many people with a disability directly involved in the planning, presentation and interviewing for the show. Thanks also to Gab Reade, our wonderful technical producer over the year. 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 We also have podcasts of the show on our new website www.amida.org.au . We produced a special anniversary CD to celebrate Raising Our Voices, 25 years strong on 3CR 855am. You can get free copies from AMIDA.

Information, Advice, Referral and Individual Advocacy

During 2012/13 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 65 people with a disability and community organisations. 145 people were provided with information as part of education sessions from our federal funding. As previously stated, this year 122 residents in supported accommodation participated in an education session about housing rights. 34 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 are on our web site www.amida.org.au

AMIDA website continues to evolve so check it out as we will provide more up to date information on our work and useful information from the community – www.amida.org.au

The Self Advocacy Resource Unit

AMIDA continues to support the SARU and the last 12 months have seen a lot of things happening.

As well as our ongoing project workers Sue Smith, Jacqui Ward and for a while Dead Dadson, SARU continued to employ Heidi Peart to provide self-advocacy groups with information on running Good Groups. The kits include activities that strengthen groups and the new good meetings kit that we prepared with Reinforce and Valid. Heidi also did Governance and Information technology training with some self-advocacy groups. We have had some great feedback from the kits including some great feedback from groups in China where Jacqui Ward has been working while on leave from the SARU.



The SARU has continued to employ Jan Coles to run training on the Disability Act for self-advocacy groups and this year we plan to deliver training on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). The training will use resources already

developed including posters, a DVD, a UNCRPD puzzle book, and a UNCRPD bingo game. With all SARU training, people with a disability from self-advocacy groups are employed to peer facilitate the training.

The Project Management Group continues to run a forum every two months and forum topics are decided by self-advocates and provide an opportunity to come along and talk about different issues and explore ideas. Forums have been held on the Evaluation of SARU and future SARU planning, the role of self-advocacy advisors, and issues in Public Transport.

The self-advocacy groups that SARU supports have been active in many ways but here are a few highlights;

Deaf Blind Victorians were supported by SARU to produce a DVD which they presented personally to the Prime Minister, Julia Gillard during a meeting she had with the group.



Brain Injury Matters, with SARU support, successfully applied to the Health Department for funding to produce a “Hitchhikers Guide to the Brain Maze: a kit made by people with a brain injury for people with a brain injury”.

SARU worked with New Horizons to create anti bullying resources.



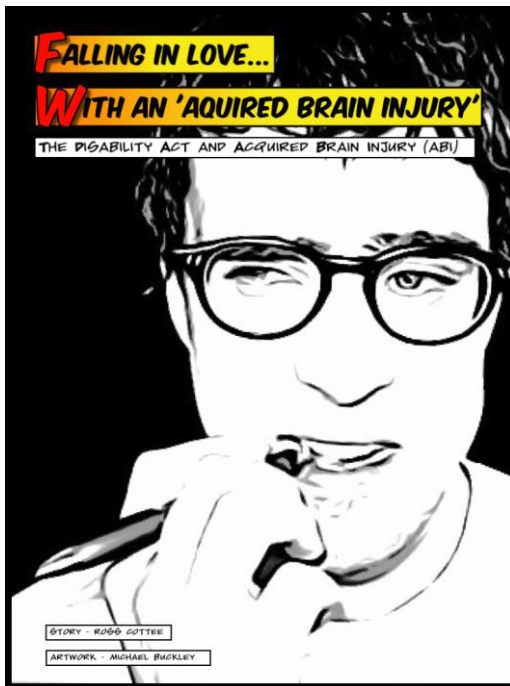
Disability and Diversity, with SARU and Start Community Art support, successfully applied for funding for an Arts project for self-advocates and disability activists to tell the story of the disability movement.

SARU worked with Reinforce to create a future plan for their group.

The Self-Advocacy groups have also been planning a state-wide network so the next twelve months should be an exciting time for self-advocacy in Victoria.

www.saru.net.au

Act Resources Group (ARG)



Another of the projects AMIDA auspices for the Self Advocacy Re Born Consortium is the Act Resources Group. This group has, with its project workers, Michael Buckley and Dean Dadson, created information on the Victorian Disability Act 2006 and the rights contained in it, for distribution to the Victorian community. The resource development includes – many DVDs, and a new website. www.actresources.com.au . Work this year has focussed on a magazine for people with a brain injury and an interactive DVD game.

Treasurers Report Brenda Lacey

AMIDA finished the financial year 2012/13 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 \$119,734 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 \$267,472 which includes grants that are being spent over more than one year and other provisions.

AMIDA continues to receive funding from the Commonwealth Department of Family, Housing Community Services and Indigenous affairs 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.



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Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2013

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AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED ABN 32 993 870 380
Committee's Report
For the year ended 30 June 2013

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED for the financial year ended 30 June 2013.

Committee Members

The names of committee members at the date of this report are:

Norrie Blythman, Luke Stone, Brenda Lacey, Graeme Williams, Peter Waters, Simon Chong, Timothy Elson, Lauren Rosewarne

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were: PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY.

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 2013	30 June 2012
\$	\$
(119,734)	19,734

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

5th September 2013

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AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED ABN 32 993 870 380
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2013
2013 2012
\$ \$

Income

Interest received	10,629	13,968
Other income	14,051	20,229
Sacs Funding	1,359	3,900
Cru Rights		28,860
Saru - Establishment	15,985	10,000
Saru Grant - Ongoing	165,451	233,995
Federal Grant	139,148	119,836
Total income	346,623	430,788

Expenses

Advertising and promotion		68
Saru Auspice cost	15,985	
Audit fees	5,705	1,700
Bank Fees And Charges	259	365
Computer Expenses	4,065	4,014
Conference/seminar costs	3,588	16,511
Consultants fees	14,934	11,957
Depreciation - plant	3,388	4,278
Depreciation - office exps	1,952	1,924
Donations	90	
DVD expenses		8,146
Faxes		135
Radio Show Fees	3,444	1,014
Filing Fees	44	43
Hire - Meeting Room	1,545	1,700
Hire/rent of Plant & Equipment	824	

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2013 2012
\$ \$

Internet Access	616	403
Interest - Australia	273	
Long service leave	1,000	2,000
Meeting Room Costs	1,668	
Materials & supplies		4,556
Parking	963	1,170
Postage	1,288	970
Photocopy	1,924	612
Printing	8,041	4,616
Production of Information	24,107	12,999
Project Workers		45,928
Rent on land & buildings	28,443	24,548
Repairs & maintenance	2,230	1,479
Staff amenities	2,145	2,447
Staff training	532	245
Storage Fees	50	
Stationery		2,320
Subscriptions	927	268
Sundry expenses	3,189	568
Superannuation	22,143	19,891
Telephone	2,947	2,336
Travel, accom & conference	10,173	5,152
Wages	295,253	220,597
Workcover	2,620	6,093
Total expenses	466,357	411,053

Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax

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Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2013

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
	(119,734)	19,734
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(119,734)	19,734
Total changes in equity of the association	(119,734)	19,734
Opening retained profits	387,205	367,471
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(119,734)	19,734
Closing retained profits	267,472	387,205

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Detailed Balance Sheet As At 30 June 2013

	Note	2013	2012
	\$	\$	
Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
Cash At Bank - A/c 00901238		4,661	11,789
Saru Bank Account 10409017		15,972	3,633
Cash at Bank A/c 00901211		31,401	21,090
Cash At Bank A/c 10568886		11,000	36,000
Bank A/c 10568851		55,000	55,000
Bank A/c 10568843		147,000	278,000
Cash on hand		90	84
Petty Cash		150	51
		265,274	405,647
Total Current Assets		265,274	405,647
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment			
Plant & equipment - at cost		42,317	42,317
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(28,664)	(25,489)
Office equipment		6,411	6,411
Less: Accumulated amortisation		(4,532)	(2,608)
Plant - Other		1,627	1,627
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(1,445)	(1,445)
		15,715	20,814
Total Non-Current Assets		15,715	20,814
Total Assets		280,989	426,461
Current Liabilities			
Payables			
Unsecured:			

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Detailed Balance Sheet As At 30 June 2013

	Note	2013	2012
	\$	\$	
Other creditors		341	397
		341	397
Current Tax Liabilities			
GST payable control account		30,602	40,933
Input tax credit control account		(10,842)	(6,162)
GST clearing		(18,348)	(16,660)
Amounts withheld from salary and wages		7,764	4,156
		9,176	22,267
Other			
Advance payments			13,593
			13,593
Total Current Liabilities		9,517	36,256
Non-Current Liabilities			
Provisions			
Employees entitlements		4,000	3,000
		4,000	3,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities		4,000	3,000
Total Liabilities		13,517	39,256
Net Assets		267,472	387,205
Members' Funds			
Accumulated surplus (deficit)		267,472	387,205
Total Members' Funds		267,472	387,205

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2013

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 Act . 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

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.

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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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Statement by Members of the Committee
For the year ended 30 June 2013

The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED as at 30 June 2013 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The Committee is responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the accounting records and the disclosure of all material and relevant information.

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



President



Treasurer

Report on the Financial Report

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 2013.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED are responsible for the preparation 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 Act 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 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 of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, 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.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents a true & fair, in all material respects, the financial position of AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED as at 30 June 2013 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 Associations Incorporation Act .

Basis of Accounting

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

Signed on : 5.9.13



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