

AMIDA

Action for More Independence and Dignity in Accommodation

Annual Report 2014



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

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AMIDA
Annual General Meeting
14th October 2014
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 –
- 12.00 Lunch
- 1.00 Close of meeting



AMIDA
Annual General Meeting
10th September, 2013

Present: Jonathan Dickinson, Norrie Blythman, Jane Rosengrave, Luke Stone, Simon Chong, Robert Munro, Maree Tucker, Timothy Elson, Kay Forstner, Sara Stevens, Daisy Serong, John Serong, Amanda Hiscoe, Susan Arthur, Brenda Lacey, Peter Waters, Ray Groves, Mary Reid, Nadia Shaw, Sue Smith, Pam Geoghegan, Pauline Williams, Gabrielle Dickinson

Apologies: Lauren Rosewarne, Graeme Williams, Koula Sarimichaelidis, Colin Hiscoe, Rosie Furmeister, John Slattery, Janice Slattery

Jane Rosengrave welcomed everyone to land of the Wurundjeri and paid respects to elders past and present.

Norrie Blythman chaired the meeting.

Minutes of Previous AGM:

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

Moved – Norrie Blythman **Seconded** – Ray Groves **Carried**

Chairperson’s Report:

Presented by Norrie Blythman

Moved – Norrie **Seconded** – Peter Waters **Carried**

Activities Report:

Presented by Pauline Williams

Treasurer’s Report:

Presented by Brenda Lacey

‘Special thanks to Koula, Pauline and Committee’

Moved – Brenda Lacey **Seconded** – Jane Rosengrave **Carried**

Peter Waters spoke about the Audit process and thanked everyone for their work. 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 16 vacancies in accordance with the Constitution.

The Constitution states that the term for committee members is 2 years, and the term for the committee roles (decided at the first meeting after the AGM) is 1 year.

Nominations have been received from:

Peter Waters
Brenda Lacey
Norrie Blythman
Simon Chong
Luke Stone

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

Kay Forstner
Ray Groves

“that the above nominations for the committee be accepted”

Moved – Amanda Hiscoe **Seconded** – Tim Elson **Carried**

The meeting was closed and our guest speaker, Sue Smith introduced

Chairpersons Report

Norrie Blythman

This year AMIDA is 33 years old. And we continue to be better and better each year.

So far the federal government continues to fund us through the National Disability Advocacy Program but we have been put on notice that change is in the air. We have also received funding from the Myer Foundation \$9,000 for AMIDA's Housing Know Your Rights Project and funding from the State government for the SARU (Self-Advocacy Resource Unit) with a further increase of \$50,000 recurrent funding.

The Raising Our Voices Radio Show continued into its 27th 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. The Raising Our Voices planning group enjoy getting together to plan for future shows.

We continue to be part of the peak body for advocacy organisations in Victoria, Disability Advocacy Victoria (DAV), with Simon Chong attending as the AMIDA representative.

This is our 6th 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, providing support, training and information to self-advocacy groups within Victoria.

AMIDA participated in the celebration of 21 years since the closure of the institution, Caloola. This was a great success bringing many people together and with many catching up with people they hadn't seen in years. Our goal as always is to improve the lives of people

with a disability. Since planning the Caloola 21 began, the State government has given money to close the Oakleigh Centre, Sandhurst and more 20 residents of Colanda into the community.

AMIDA has done a lot of work this year on improving the quality of our work, the Committee has worked really hard reviewing all of our policies and planning and reviewing our priorities on a more regular basis. 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. We talk about this at most meetings. 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 again this year, and we had an excellent response from the auditors for the work we do. We would like to thank all of those we provided advocacy to who participated in the audit this year as their comments have ensured our successful audit outcome.

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. We are a good team and work hard.

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 Chairperson
Brenda Lacey	Treasurer
Peter Waters	Secretary/Public Officer
Simon Chong	Committee Member
Tim Elson	Committee Member
Lauren Rosewarne	Committee Member
Kay Forstner	Committee Member
Luke Stone	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
Mary Reid	Project Worker CRU Rights
Jane Rosengrave	Peer Educator/Advisor
Amanda Milliar	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
Rebecca Biddle	Peer Advisor

Activities Report – 2013/14

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. We continue to lobby for more person centred support provision and affordable, accessible housing, which is managed separately from support.

We continued our partnership with 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.

Closure of Institutions

After much planning and preparation, including assistance from AMIDA, the Office of the Public Advocate event commemorating 21 years since the closure of the institution known as Caloola took place in November 2013. It included presentations by Graeme Williams, an AMIDA committee member, who lived in Caloola and happily has had



an improved life in the community for many years.

Chris Borthwick, Graeme Williams and Kate Kennedy



The event was well attended and was 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.

Since planning began for the event the State government has announced funding for the closure of Sandhurst and following the event they have announced funding for the closure of the Oakleigh centre and for 20 residents of Colanda to move into group homes in the community. While there will still be around 60 people living at Colanda the Parliamentary secretary, Ms Andrea Coote said at the event that, "Colanda will close."



Kaye Setches, the government Minister who closed Caloola greets Daisy Serong who lived in Caloola.

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. We must finish the job of closing all institutions but for now we are celebrating the closure of two more Victorian institutions, Sandhurst and the Oakleigh Centre and that 20 residents of Colanda are getting out into the community very soon.



Celebrating 21 years since Caloola closed

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 and are selling it off and handing 12.000 units over to Housing Associations.

Tenancy Rights

Although our Department of Human Services (DHS) funding was not renewed we continued to inform and empower people living in Group Homes. This was done with a \$9000 grant from the Myer foundation and AMIDA contribution from our own fundraising. 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.



Raising Our Voices radio show

2013/14 has been our 27th 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 show
- Interview with Jane and members of Open Place about children who grew up in institutions.
- James interviews a member of the Stroke Foundation
- Amanda and Susan talk about Public Housing and the Carbon Tax Supplement
- Susan and Andrew talk about the Powerful Parenting self-advocacy group.



- Institutions and why they should close. James talks to Ray and Terry who are survivors.
- Highlights from the 21st Anniversary celebration of the closure of Caloola and institution for people with a disability including Graeme Williams, Chris Borthwick and Kate Kennedy.
- Kay Setches was the Minister responsible when Caloola closed and she talks about that time and the barriers to closure.
- Lisa and Peta from Brain Injury Matters, a self-advocacy group, talk about the issues they address.
- Art and Accessibility with Brenda and the United Nations Convention on the rights of Persons with a disability with Jacquie.
- Norrie, Luke and Tim talk to public transport users and look at the issues in detail.
- Maria, Norrie and Tim talk to Kairsty from Association of Employees with a Disability (AED) about discrimination of workers with a disability.

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 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 We also have podcasts of the show on our 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 2013/14 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 104 people with a disability and community organisations. 39 people were provided with information as part of 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 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 been very busy.

As well as our ongoing project workers Sue Smith and Jacqui Ward we are

thrilled to let everyone know that project worker Dean Dadson has accepted a permanent part-time position with SARU.



Why Self Advocacy Matters Forums



One of the big successes for the year was the two “Why Self Advocacy Matters” forums. The first forum was held in Melbourne in November last year and over one hundred people attended. Andrea Coote Parliamentary Secretary for Family and Community Services opened the forum by

announcing an increase in funding for SARU. At the forum self-advocates gave presentations about ‘*Why self-advocacy matters*’.

The audience included government, service providers, and advocacy services. The second forum held in Bendigo was also very successful and has led to lots of great things happening for self-advocacy in that area.

Self-advocacy roadshow

In November and December last year SARU took the Self Advocacy Roadshow to Shepparton, Bendigo and Kyneton. We supported self-advocacy groups to hold events including forums, information sessions, presentations and poster making.

Victorian Self Advocacy Network

Another fantastic thing that happened in 2013 was the launch of the Victorian Self Advocacy Network or VSAN. The VSAN was launched by Arthur Rogers Deputy Secretary Social Housing and NDIS Reform and Director of Housing. The VSAN now has 10 members and hopes that more groups will join soon.



Thanks to the VSAN start up committee Colin Hiscoe, Luke Nelson, Susan Arthur, Peta Ferguson, and Christian Astourian for all their hard work in getting the VSAN up and running!



Pssst!! Have you heard about the Convention?

The Pssst!! Kit was finally finished and given out to all of the self-advocacy groups supported by SARU. The kit provides information about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD). The kit includes a fantastic and fun DVD, a UNCRPD word

game book, UN Bingo, a book that explains all about the UNCRPD using easy English and interesting fact and information sheets.

Dangerous Deeds

SARU is working 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. Self-advocacy groups and self-advocates will be involved in the project. All of the art work will go into an accessible exhibition.

Other highlights

Other highlights over the past 12 months have included:

- A forum about how self-advocates can use the Victorian State Disability plan for advocacy.
- Supporting new groups to start in Lower Hume region and Southern region.
- Supporting groups with strategic planning
- Supporting groups to make their own resources

Group Round Up

Some of the great work groups have been doing includes:



- *New Horizons* – produced a video about bullying.
- *Self-Advocacy NDIS Group*- is working to make sure people with a disability have a

real voice in the NDIS and that funding and support for self-advocacy groups continues into the future.

- *Deafblind Victorians* – presented at the 10th Helen Keller World Conference held in the Philippines.

- *Having A Say* - worked with SARU to run the *Bendigo Why Self Advocacy Matters* forum
- *United Brains* - got their website up and running
- *Brain Injury Matters* - held a very successful event in the Melbourne town hall as part of Brain Injury Awareness week.
- *New Wave* – continues to spread the word about self-advocacy and how it can change lives.
- *Reinforce* - successfully getting funding to run rights training for staff working in group homes

For more information about the SARU go to www.saru.net.au

Act Resources Guide (ARG) Project

Another of the projects AMIDA auspices for the Self Advocacy Re-Born Consortium is the Act Resources Guide Project (previously called the Act Resources Group). The project is about creating accessible information for people with a disability about the Victorian Disability Act 2006. The main resource is a website which has a lot of information about the Act and people’s rights. The site includes videos, written information and links to other resources. The website www.actresources.com.au is also a great resource for families, carers and workers.

The website is continually updated This year the project workers Dean Dadson and Michael Buckley have worked with people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities to create more videos about their stories; linked in and partnered with the First People’s Disability Network and the Victorian Aboriginal Disability Network to look at how to get information to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a disability and find out what resources might be developed; worked with VicDeaf to get more videos Auslan signed; put together a travelling mini exhibition and promoted the project at various conferences and forums including the Why Self Advocacy Matters forums in Melbourne and Bendigo and the Having a Say Conference in Geelong.

Treasurers Report

Brenda Lacey

AMIDA finished the financial year 2013/14 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 \$81,977 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 \$185,495 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 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.



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ABN 32 993 870 380

Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2014

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AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED ABN 32 993 870 380
Committee's Report
For the year ended 30 June 2014

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

Committee Members

The names of committee members at the date of this report are: Norrie Blythman, Luke Stone, Peter Waters, Graeme Williams, Simon Chong, Brenda Lacey, Ray Groves, Kay Forstner, Lauren Rosewarne

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 2014	30 June 2013
\$	\$
(81,977)	(119,734)

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

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AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED ABN 32 993 870 380
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Income		
Donations	300	
Interest received	4,927	10,629
Other income	973	14,051
Sacs Funding		1,359
Sydney Myer Fund Grant	9,000	
Saru Management Income	15,119	15,985
Saru Grant - Ongoing	195,361	165,451
Federal Grant	129,463	139,148
Total income	355,143	346,623
Expenses		
Advertising and promotion	2,297	
Saru Management Costs	15,119	15,985
Audit fees	4,769	5,705
Bank Fees And Charges	421	259
Computer Expenses	4,869	4,065
Conference/seminar costs	2,196	3,588
Consultants fees	11,289	14,934
Delivery	31	
Depreciation - plant	2,708	3,388
Depreciation - office exps	1,890	1,952
Donations	235	90
DVD expenses	70	
Radio Show Fees	640	3,444
Filing Fees	103	44
Hire - Meeting Room	2,592	1,545

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Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Hire/rent of Plant & Equipment		824
Internet Access	289	616
Interest - Australia	120	273
Long service leave	9,000	1,000
Meeting Room Costs	3,124	1,668
Parking	592	963
Postage	1,484	1,288
Photocopy	1,454	1,924
Printing	4,662	8,041
Production of Information	4,991	24,107
Project Workers	18,145	
Rent on land & buildings	32,066	28,443
Repairs & maintenance	1,373	2,230
Staff amenities	941	2,145
Staff training	479	532
Storage Fees	50	50
Stationery	743	
Subscriptions	962	927
Sundry expenses	1,998	3,189
Superannuation	26,113	22,143
Telephone	2,346	2,947
Travel, accom & conference	8,197	10,173
Wages	262,981	295,253
Workcover	5,780	2,620
Total expenses	437,120	466,357
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax		

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Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 30 June 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
	(81,977)	(119,734)
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(81,977)	(119,734)
Total changes in equity of the association	(81,977)	(119,734)
Opening retained profits	267,472	387,205
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(81,977)	(119,734)
Closing retained profits	185,494	267,472

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Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cash Assets		
Cash At Bank - A/c 00901238	2,138	4,661
Saru Bank Account 10409017	23,498	15,972
Cash at Bank A/c 00901211	28,406	31,401
Cash at Bank A/c 10568886	16,000	11,000
Cash at Bank A/c 10568851	55,000	55,000
Cash at Bank A/c 10568843	72,000	147,000
Cash on hand	41	90
Petty Cash	8	150
	197,091	265,274
Total Current Assets	197,091	265,274
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant and Equipment		
Plant & equipment - at cost	42,317	42,317
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(31,204)	(28,664)
Office equipment	6,411	6,411
Less: Accumulated amortisation	(6,402)	(4,532)
Plant - Other	1,627	1,627
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(1,445)	(1,445)
Total Non-Current Assets	11,305	15,715
Total Assets	208,395	280,989

Current Liabilities

Payables

Unsecured:

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Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Other creditors	2,478	341
	2,478	341
Current Tax Liabilities		
GST payable control account	34,122	30,602
Input tax credit control account	(10,738)	(10,842)
GST clearing	(20,116)	(18,348)
Amounts withheld from salary and wages	4,156	7,764
	7,424	9,176
Total Current Liabilities	9,901	9,517
Non-Current Liabilities		
Provisions		
Employees entitlements	13,000	4,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities	13,000	4,000
Total Liabilities	22,901	13,517
Net Assets	185,494	267,472
Members' Funds		
Accumulated surplus (deficit)	185,494	267,472
Total Members' Funds	185,494	267,472

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 30 June 2014

	2014	2013
	\$	\$
Cash Flow From Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	350,216	335,994
Payments to Suppliers and employees	(423,018)	(486,483)
Interest received	4,927	10,629
Interest and other costs of finance	(120)	(273)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities (note 2)	(67,995)	(140,133)
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(67,995)	(140,133)
Cash at the beginning of the year	265,274	405,647
Cash at the end of the year (note 1)	197,279	265,515

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 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	2,138	4,661
Saru Bank Account 10409017	23,498	15,972
Cash at Bank A/c 00901211	28,406	31,401
Cash at Bank A/c 10568886	16,000	11,000
Cash at Bank A/c 10568851	55,000	55,000
Cash at Bank A/c 10568843	72,000	147,000
Cash on hand	41	90
Petty Cash	8	150
	197,091	265,274

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

Operating profit after income tax	(81,977)	(119,734)
Depreciation	4,598	5,340
Changes in assets and liabilities net of effects of purchases and disposals of controlled entities:		
Increase (decrease) in other creditors	2,137	(13,648)
Increase (decrease) in employee entitlements	9,000	1,000
Increase (decrease) in sundry provisions	(1,752)	(13,091)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(67,995)	(140,133)

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2014

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.

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 30/6/14

Signed:



Dated: 24.9.14

Signed:



Dated: 24.9.14

AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED ABN 32 993 870 380
Statement by Members of the Committee
For the year ended 30 June 2014

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 2014.

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 Act of the Australian Capital Territory 1991 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 a true & fair, in all material respects, the financial position of AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED as at 30 June 2014 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 Act of the Australian Capital Territory 1991.

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AMIDA - CONSOLIDATED ABN 32 993 870 380
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For the year ended 30 June 2014

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 Act of the Australian Capital Territory 1991. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Signed on :



22.9.14

Mrs Letizia Barco, FCPA

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